

**St Anne's Church
Chasetown**

1160765

**Financial Accounts
for the
Period Ended
31 December 2024**

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31 December 2024**Independent examiners report**

In accordance with instructions given to us, we have prepared, without carrying out an audit, the attached Income & Expenditure Account and a Balance Sheet from your accounting records and from information and explanations received by us.



CHASE ACCOUNTING

9 May 2025

Independent examiner's report on the accounts

Section A	Independent Examiner's Report
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Report to the trustees/
Members of St Anne's Church

On accounts for
The year ended 31/12/24 Charity no (if any) 1160765

Set out on pages (remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)

Respective responsibilities
Of Trustees and examiner The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts.
The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144 Of the Charities Act 2011 (the Charities Act) and that an independent examination is needed.
It is my responsibility to:

1. examine the accounts under section 145 of the Charities Act,
2. to follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission (under section 145(5)(b) of the Charities Act, and
3. to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent
examiner's statement My examination was carried out in accordance with general Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from the trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair' view and the report is limited to Those matters set out in the statement below.

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention

1. which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in, any material respect, the requirements:
 - a. to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; and

Independent
Examiner's statement b. to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the Charities Act have not been met; or

2. to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper Understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Signed:



Date: 09/05/25

Name: Rebecca Scott-Clegg

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Qualification(s) or body AATQB

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Section B	Disclosure
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Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight material problems.

St Anne's Church**INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT YEAR ENDED****31 December 2024**

	31 December 2024		31 December 2023	
	£	£	£	£
INCOME				
Donations & Legacies				
Tax efficient planned giving (offerings)		5,931.79		6,772.52
Other planned giving (S/O)		28,805.23		29,604.69
Collections & services		0.00		69.45
All other giving Inc Gift Day		6,075.18		8,353.13
Gift Aid & Gift Day		6,210.21		5,288.75
Grants		7,968.00		9,318.00
Interest		415.97		
Activities for Generating Funds				
Church Model		1,506.16		2,272.87
Film Night		1,685.36		1,570.35
Christmas & Autumn Fayre				
Other fundraising		1,163.58		1,111.02
Place of Welcome/Cafe Church		100.40		364.04
Church Activities				
Funerals		8,493.44		9,522.02
Weddings		5,821.50		1,940.00
Church Hire		4,310.00		3,525.00
Messy Church		129.64		216.95
Stay & Play		151.30		216.90
Bookstall				
Parish Magazine		10.00		105.00
Other receipts		6,122.53		7,336.37
Charity		728.30		220.96
Copying & Laminating		10.00		25.00
Legacy		0.00		1,000.00
Memorial		588.00		132.00
Inscription		0.00		0.00
Cash banked		409.91		466.25
Adjustments		-417.53		-468.98
		86,218.97		88,962.29
EXPENDITURE:				
Cost of Generating funds				
Stewardship		275.83		0.00
Cost of Fund raising				
Coffee Morning				
Film Night				
Charitable Activities				
Mission Giving and Donations				
Diocesan Parish Share		46,096.00		45,196.00
Salaries & Wages		9,360.00		9,090.00
Music & Copying		817.60		320.42
Organ Repair/ Piano Tuning		0.00		110.00
Wedding & Funeral fees (LDBF)		4,838.40		4,713.00
Verger & Organist		3,390.00		1,630.00
Clergy & Staff Expenses		501.25		1,044.15
Church Expenses				
Mission & Evangelism		211.76		315.57
Running Expenses		3,739.70		3,282.91
Utility Bills		9,545.91		10,447.62
Web & Computer Software		705.28		344.33
Refreshment café church		104.41		
Clergy Conference		255.00		
Visiting Clergy				
Parish Magazine		0.00		3.50
Capital Expenditure				
Repairs to Church		6,765.19		7,917.70

Alarm & Security	407.00	538.00
New Building		
Gardening Project	64.98	600.90
Other Payments		
Inscription	35.00	639.00
Vicarage Decoration Fund	252.00	252.00
Other costs	8,663.46	5,225.56
Petty cash	60.00	180.00
Donation to local Community Groups	4,210.71	4,039.75
Kickstart		
Misc Costs	263.86	136.53
Insurance	3,112.74	2,893.51
Burntwood Be a Friend (BBAF)		
Equals Card	250.00	
Transfers		
Adjustments Payments from	50.86	36.53
	103,976.94	98,956.98
Surplus/(Deficit) For the Year	-17,757.97	-9,994.69

St Anne's Church
BALANCE SHEET AT
31 December 2024

	2024		2023	
	£	£	£	£
<u>Current Assets</u>				
Community Direct Account (65439784)		4,448.09		2,271.57
Community Direct Account -No2 Account (65593604)		659.18		988.64
Business Select Instant Access -Deposit (65531912)		9,126.93		28,731.96
Community Direct Account- Building Dev Fund-65862490		1,416.00		1,236.00
Community Direct Account -Roof (65636529)		2,250.52		2,250.52
Community Direct Account (65700235)		1.00		1.00
Cash		51.44		43.65
Overstated Bank balance Prev year		(60.00)		
<u>Total Current Assets</u>		17,893.16		35,523.34
<u>Net Assets</u>		17,893.16		35,523.34
<u>Financed By:</u>				
Opening Equity	35,523.34		45,518.03	
Surplus/(Deficit) for year	(17,757.97)		(9,994.69)	
		17,765.37		35,523.34
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Difference		127.79		0.00

2024 Annual Report of St. Anne's Church in the Parish of Chasetown
'The PCC of the Ecclesiastical Parish of Chasetown'
Registered Charity No. 1160765

Background

St Anne's Church is situated in Church Street, Chasetown. The correspondence address is St Anne's Church, Church Street, Chasetown, Burntwood, Staffs WS7 3QL. St Anne's Parochial Church Council (PCC) has the responsibility of promoting in the ecclesiastical parish, the whole mission of the Church: pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical. It also has maintenance responsibilities for the church building. This is done in co-operation with the Team Vicar, Revd. Richard Westwood and the wider Burntwood Chase Benefice. During 2024 St Anne's Church was served by the Chasetown Parish Ministry Leadership Team which comprised Revd Richard Westwood, Mr Chris Hawthorne and Mrs Jules Smith, an ordinand in training based at St Anne's. Many other members of the church generously offer their gifts, time and skill in the many and various ways that the church goes about its mission and ministry. The PCC thanks each of them for their generous and willing service.

Membership

Members of the PCC are respectively either ex officio/co-opted or elected by the Annual Parochial Church Meeting. During 2024 the following members of St Anne's served as members of the PCC:

Team Vicar:	Revd. Richard Westwood		
Reader:	Mr Christopher Hawthorne		
Wardens:	Mr Tony Guest		
	Mr Neil Woolley (until September 2024)		
Secretary	Mrs Anita Brookes		
Treasurer	Mrs Joanna Orlinska		
Representatives on the Deanery Synod:	Anita Brookes,	David Buckley,	Christopher Hawthorne
Elected Members:	Sheila Bott	Esther Allen	Carol Thomas
	Patricia Guest	Jordan McCallum	Sheila Murphy
	Stella Hawthorne	Terry Smith	

Church Services and Attendance during 2024

During 2024 many of the church's worship services were live-streamed via the churches' Facebook page and the 'Midweek Message' on our YouTube Channel continued to be a regular feature of St Anne's ministry. The PCC especially thanks David Buckley and all the contributors for their involvement in the Midweek Message ministry. Our usual Sunday attendance for adults in 2024 was for the first time in several years, higher than the year before (49 adults), although the usual number of children usually attending dropped from 5 to 4. So, there are grounds for encouragement and also for further prayer and action. There are 88 members on the Church Electoral Roll of St Anne's Church, 46% of whom are resident outside the parish. During 2024, there were some notable changes to the Church Family List (Those who attend the church, however frequently). There were 13 adults and children who stopped attending worship during 2024. However, there were 17 new adults and children who started attending our worship services. This may suggest that some of the significant changes the PCC initiated during the 2023 and 2024 are perhaps having a beneficial effect. The continuation of our Café Church in 2024 has seen it



St Anne's Cafe Church (after pew removal)

become a place where people can find their way into the worship life of the church and has been a welcome part of our worship offering. The PCC needs to take note of these changes and help those who have recently joined the church feel fully at home at St Anne's and grow in their faith and discipleship. Whilst there are good grounds for encouragement, it should also be noted that quite a number of longstanding church members are attending less frequently, especially in the colder months. This may be health related, but it is also likely that the ineffective and expensive heating system is failing to heat the church, and people perhaps do not come because they do not want to bear the cold. The PCC needs to note that the poor function of our heating may be undermining some parts of the church's mission

Review of the year

The full PCC met 11 times during the year. The meetings were well attended with many of them taking place with an option for members to join online via Zoom.

During 2023 the church continued to work in partnership with others in the local community as part of the Burntwood Be A Friend (BBAF) initiative. St Anne's building continued to be the administrative base for BBAF throughout the year. Seeing the church building well used for and by the community is a great encouragement and something which the PCC are pleased with. Our weekly 'Place of Welcome' coffee morning for anyone in the local area has continued to grow and the PCC thanks Sheila Murphy and a team of helpers who host this event. St Anne's Messy Church, weekly Ladybirds carer and toddler group all continued throughout the year as did the 'Strollers' buggy walking group. Our thanks go to a host of helpers who staff and support these wonderful community groups. St Anne's has continued to be the base for a guided weekly Wellbeing Walks and the Community Garden at the western end of the church grounds has been a welcome addition to our landscape. St Anne's monthly Film Night was running throughout the year and gives a great 'feel-good factor' to the members of the community who attend. Our thanks to Carol Thomas and David Buckley for managing this for the church. The PCC believes that St Anne's has continued to play a significant part in the life of local community and has served the residents of Chasetown well in this respect.

During the Summer of 2024, our Team Vicar, Revd Richard Westwood was on Extended Study Leave and the PCC wished to thank a wide group of people who helped to maintain the worshipping and missional life of the church during this time. Particular thanks are offered to Tony Guest and Neil Woolley who were Churchwardens during this time. Sadly, Neil took the decision to step down from his role as Churchwarden in September, but nevertheless, we thank Neil and Tony for their hard work and dedication during the time that they have each served. We thank them for all they have given in their service to God in these roles

The PCC wishes to thank the musicians and singers who help to arrange and lead sung worship during 2024, in particular Jean Spraggett, Caroline Woolley, Jordan McCallum, Gerald Harvey and Esther Allen. We are also grateful to the dedicated team of volunteers to lead our Sunday Morning Children's Church – their care and nurture of the children who come on Sundays is an important part of the children's growth in faith and we thank all the leaders for their hard work.

The PCC also offers sincere thanks to Anita Brookes for her commitment and hard work in her role as PCC secretary and sacristan throughout the year and to David Buckley who helps to manage the church website and its online ministry. The PCC also wishes to record its thanks to Joanna Orlinska as Treasurer during the year supported by John Spraggett, and Tony Slater for their work on the church's giving and finances. The Parish Administrator, Mrs Laura Newey works incredibly hard for us all and we appreciate her willingness and hard work in all the ways that she offers it.

In 2024 the church was granted permission from Lichfield Diocese a Temporary Minor Reordering for the removal of the back four rows of pews and the creation of a hospitality area and a children's area. The church is very grateful to Mr Neil Woolley who used his significant skills as a carpenter to expertly remove the back four rows of pews at the west end of the



Neil Woolley pauses for a rest after safely completing stage one of the pew removal

nave. He was aided by his wife Caroline and a team of people who helped to transfer the removed pews into a shipping container on site where they are safely stored. Neil and this team of people gave their time and skill generously and saved the church a great deal of money and we are very grateful to them. At the end of 2024 the church was still waiting to complete the other parts of the work to create the children's area.



A photo of the FunClub Christmas Lunch in December 2024 showing the versatile space which the removal of pews has provided

Nevertheless, the open space and flexible seating at the west end of the nave has transformed some of the hospitality ministry of the church and the removal of the pews has enabled a wider range of community groups to make use of the building and it has been especially welcome for our Café Church and Place of Welcome Community Café. The PCC are especially pleased that this newly available space has allowed us to offer to host a Youth Club organised by FunClub Youth Charity. The youth club was without a home venue and after the removal of the pews we have been able to offer St Anne's for this work and we have been delighted at the partnership which is emerging. This would not have been possible without the removal of the pews. The PCC now needs to seek faculty consent to allow the removal of the pews and creation of the children's area to become permanent as the benefit to the missional life of the church and the wider community is very clear.

The PCC is sad to report the deaths during 2024 of several longstanding members of St Anne's including Pat Woodward, Graham Mitchell, and Harry Swain. St Anne's continues to support a number of charitable organisations and in 2024 donations were made to Macmillan Cancer Care, The Children's Society (through the collection from the Christingle Service), Hands at Work in Africa, Pathway Project, MAF, Action Aid, and CMS. In total St Anne's donated £4,211 (2023 was £4,040) to charity, shared between local, national and international good causes.

Financial Review

During the year £103,977 (2023 was £99,957) was spent to provide the Christian ministry in Chasetown parish, including the full amount of £46,096 (2023 was £45,196) as the contribution to the diocesan Common Fund, which largely provides the stipends and housing for the clergy.)

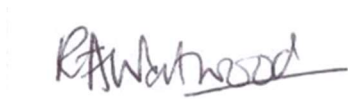
In 2024 as in previous years, giving from the regular members of the church provided the majority of the church's income £47,252 (2022 was £43,289) as part of an overall income of £86,219 (2023 was £89,962). This response from the congregation is wonderful and the PCC thanks all who gave in such a generous way. Added to this was the income arising from the hire of rooms to the Burntwood Be A Friend initiative. The net result for 2024 was a deficit of payments over receipts of £17,758 (2023 was a deficit of £9,995) Despite the challenges of the high cost of heating the building, the PCC was able to pay all the 2024 Common Fund request in full. However, in order to do this, the PCC needed to use a significant amount of its limited reserves which was given as a legacy gift, and this practice cannot be continued in 2025. The PCC needs to address this year on year shortfall in its finances in order to ensure that the church is financially viable

The PCC wishes to record its thanks to the grant making trusts and organisations who made awards to St

Anne's to fund our work with Burntwood Be A Friend:- Burntwood Town Council, The Community Foundation for Staffordshire, The Henry Payne Fund, The Coalfields Regeneration Trust and We Love Lichfield. The PCC encourages the church community to give thanks to God for his provision in 2024 in these challenging circumstances for our locality.

The PCC is now seeking earnestly to progress with plans for the redevelopment of the building and to continue to deepen its partnerships with the wider local community too. The balance carried forward in unrestricted funds on 31 December 2024 was £17,765 (2023 was £35,523)

On behalf of the PCC (Chairperson)

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'R Westwood', with a horizontal line underneath.

Revd. Richard Westwood 9 May 2025