

**Parochial Church Council of St Clement, Cambridge**

**Annual Report April 2024 to May 2025**

**Audited Financial Statement for the year ended 31 December 2024**

**Registered Charity No 1162638**

**Parochial Church Council of St Clement, Cambridge**  
**Report 2024-2025**

**PCC Members during the year:**

**Clergy**

Rev'd Andrew Day                      Vicar (Chair)

**Churchwarden**

Sarah Van de Weyer                      From April 24

**Deanery Synod Representative**

David Bailey                      2024-2027      Lay chair

**Elected PCC Members**

Robin Edwards                      2022 -2025

Jacob Power                      2022 -2025

Geraldine Moore                      2023 -2026      PCC Secretary, Parish Safeguarding Officer

Karol Jaworski                      2024 -2027

Alex Jenkin                      2024 -2027

Barry Johnson                      2024 – 2027      Treasurer

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# **The Trustees of the Charity present their report and financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2024**

## **STATEMENT OF TRUSTEES' RESPONSIBILITIES**

Law applicable to charities in England and Wales requires the Trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial period which give a true and fair view of the parent charity and its subsidiary undertaking's financial activities during the period and of its financial position at the end of the period. In preparing financial statements giving a true and fair view, the Trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- make judgments and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable Accounting Standards and Statements of Recommended Practice have been followed, subject to any departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements;
- prepare the financial statements on a going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the parent charity and its subsidiary undertakings will continue in operation.

The Trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy the financial position of the parent charity and its subsidiary undertakings and which enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the parent charity and its subsidiary undertakings and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

## **STRUCTURE AND GOVERNANCE**

The Parochial Church Council is a corporate body established by the Church of England. The PCC operates under the Parochial Church Council Powers Measure.

The appointment of PCC Members is governed by and set out in the Church Representation Rules. At St. Clement's the PCC consists of our vicar, churchwarden, deanery synod representative and six members elected by members of the congregation on the electoral roll of the church. All those who attend as members of the congregation are encouraged to register on the Electoral Roll and stand for election to the PCC.

The PCC members are responsible for making decisions on all matters of general concern and importance to the parish, including deciding how the funds of the PCC are to be spent. Given its wide responsibilities, the PCC has several formal committees which include the Strategy Group (general strategy, fabric and finance) Chancel Restoration Group, Liturgy and Music Committee, and the Liaison Group (representing the congregation of St Clement's and the Russian Orthodox St Ephraim's).

The PCC of St Clement's met on six occasions from April 2024 to March 2025. Meetings were held in church with a remote link. Attendance at meetings over the year was 80%.

During the period from April 2024 to April 2025 the PCC:

- Approved the restoration of the stained-glass window and masonry of the North aisle west window with memorial inscription to Fr Ian McMahon, former priest-in charge.
- Set up a Chancel Restoration group to plan to replace the organ, new choir stalls and restore the mural.
- Approved a programme of essential repairs, starting with urgent repairs to the plaster on the nave walls and redecoration to the nave.
- Received regular financial updates from the Treasurer.
- Approved the biodiversity hub in the churchyard and its use for classes with Park Street primary school
- Reviewed safeguarding and health and safety policies
- Received regular reports from Park Street primary school, within the parish

## **AIM AND PURPOSES**

St Clement's Parochial Church Council (PCC) has the responsibility of cooperating with the incumbent, the Reverend Andrew Day, vicar of the parish, in promoting in the ecclesiastical parish the whole mission of the Church, pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical.

## **OBJECTIVES AND ACHIEVEMENTS**

### **At the crossroads of history**

There has been a place of worship on this site since, we think, the ninth century. The parish nestled as it is on the banks of the River Cam. Bridge Street, a Roman Road, passes our West Door and connects us to the river, to the Quayside, at which the Viking Danes disembarked in the 9th century. The parish church has witnessed the shifts in ecclesiastical polity and tradition over the centuries. We have witnessed the vagaries of history and the suffering of people, through plagues and pandemic. The joys of reconciliation, of recuperation and of refreshment. We sit at the heart of a great university city.

For over 150 years St Clements has stood in the Anglo-Catholic tradition of the Church of England. The Sunday morning liturgy in traditional language, in the Prayer Book tradition and ethos: sacramental worship that is enhanced by well-ordered ritual and music. This speaks of a faithfulness to the eternal God who transcends the particularities of space and time. St Clement's hopes to be a flourishing and welcoming Christian presence in the Market ward (formerly the Bridge ward) of the city, and to offer the riches of the Prayer Book Catholic tradition of the Church of England to those in search of a form of worship that is

sacramental, spiritual and has a certain timeless quality in a world – and city - of rapid change and passing fashions.

Bearing in mind both our location and our history, we continue to develop two images to guide our thinking: **building bridges** and **opening doors**:

- *St Clement's commits itself to being a church actively engaged in the business of **building bridges** that enable friendship, good communication and better understanding – allowing the love of God to pervade its witness, and riches of its received Catholic Anglican faith and worship to meet and interact with the very diverse community and people of the parish and city.*
- *St Clement's is also committed to **opening its doors** to the many who pass by, allowing them to discover within a place of deep prayerfulness, sanctuary and welcome. The vision is – together with our partners – to continue to build the community of prayer, worship and mission at St Clement's as we continue to repair and restore the church, so that both the building and its people are a sacrament of the beauty and presence of Christ.*

This financial year (2024) saw the Parish of St Clement resume most of our activities and many of the objectives of our strategic plan were resumed.

There were changes in the leadership and staffing of the Church too during the course of the year:

- Mrs. Sarah van de Weyer returned as churchwarden.
- The PCC had a few changes after 2024 APCM. Mr. Barry Johnson retired as Churchwarden, but took over as the Treasurer. Dr Joshua Heath retired from the PCC to move to Durham to train for the priesthood. Mr. Jacob Power left our community to move to Ely and a new job. Dr David Bailey joined the PCC as our representative to Deanery Synod. He continues too to have some responsibility for the Churchyard.
- The parish continues to be very well served by associate clergy, Father Andrew Macintosh, Father Robert van de Weyer, The Reverend Ank Rigelsford, who leads Morning Prayer during the week, as well as celebrating fortnightly at the Midday Communion in the South Aisle Chapel. The Reverend Dr David Gosling has Permission to Officiate (PTO) within the parish, a shared ministry with Great St Mary's, Cambridge, and an ably-led and dedicated group of servers.
- It is with great sadness, that we report the death of Fr Andrew Macintosh at the end of 2024. We give thanks for his ministry among us, for his wisdom and his generosity.
- The Reverend Edward Cearns left the clergy team to develop his ministry in another parish, more suited to his churchmanship. We wish him well on this journey and ministerial formation. Our prayers accompany him.
- Our relationship with Westcott House has been sustained and we have had two ordinands join us during the course of the 2024: Dr Jacob Quick, who left us in June, and Sarah Fagg, who joined us in September 2024. We are most grateful for the richness they add to our community and to its worship.
- Our lay staff has changed during the year: Phil Hughes succeeded Dr Helen Johnson as our Parish Administrator during 2024. We are grateful to them both for all that they did and do for us; and similarly, Lynne Hughes continues as the Bells' administrator and tutor. Both posts generously supported by members of our community.

- We are grateful too to a very dedicated group of parishioners who have taken an active interest in developing the ministry and mission of the church in this place.

Our **service schedule** has been adapted during 2024 to deploy resources more effectively. These include:

- **At 11 am on Sundays, Sung Mass:** The Book of Common Prayer, in traditional language in the Anglo-Catholic tradition. Our principal act of worship during the week.
- **At 8.30 am, Mondays to Fridays,** our services are as follows:
  - Monday and Tuesday: BCP Morning Prayer;
  - Wednesday and Friday: BCP Morning Prayer followed by The Litany.
  - Thursdays: BCP Low Mass followed by the Rosary.
- **Midday Prayer:** Monday to Friday at 12 noon; followed by Holy Communion on Wednesdays.
- Monthly **Taizé** services, alternating Eucharistic and contemplative services, on the third Friday of the month at 7.30 pm.
- **Evensong and Benediction** termly.
- Occasionally, services of Evensong and Compline by visiting choirs, in particular the *Schola Cantorum*, the girls' choir of King's College School, and the Cambridge University *Schola Cantorum*.
- **Choral Services of Word and Music** termly.
- **Festal Choral Services** on major feast days during the week e.g. Ascension, Corpus Christi.

We have over the last year (2024) seen the number of those worshipping in the church on Sundays rising steadily. The number of communicants has risen significantly with over 50 communicants on some Sundays. We regularly now have more than 30 communicants and there have been significant changes in numbers attending services both on Sundays and during the week. Morning Prayer, for example, now has a small but dedicated group of worshippers, with lay leadership developing. There is a healthy commitment from the congregation to see the flourishing of the community and we continue to pray for growth within our community. There is healthy, if small, online community that meets every Sunday for Mass from as far afield as Sydney, Australia. The increase in numbers has also seen an increase in giving within the parish. For which we are extremely grateful.

Music is central to our worship, to the liturgy of this church. Our intention is to worship God in the beauty of holiness. Our choirs, our musicians, our Director of Music (Karol Jaworski) enable us to do just that by suffusing the Church, alongside the waft of incense, with soaring music, to enrich our spiritual experience of worship. It enables us to worship God in awe and majesty in the Anglo-Catholic tradition of *The Book of Common Prayer (1662)* in which we are firmly rooted. The sacramental nature of Sunday worship through the Sung Eucharist is embellished through the music, enabling us to praise and worship God in his holiness. It contributes to the contemplative Taizé services (including Eucharistic). It underpins, augments, and speaks in the Services of Word and Music. At Evensong and Benediction too. The recital series draws large audiences into the church on Saturday afternoons in term time too.

## **1. Building bridges and partnerships with other Christians that will enhance our ministry and mission.**

The parish continues to share our church with the Russian Orthodox Parish of St Ephraim the Syrian. Fr Joseph Skinner, Archpriest, has succeeded Fr Raphael as Parish Priest. It remains a joy to work alongside our Orthodox colleagues and to see their community grow and thrive during the year. Our relationship remains strong and constructive. We value their friendship. We continue to have a very collaborative relationship through our Liaison Committee to ensure that both communities are well served and that we can be truly Christian in our relationship of mutual flourishing.

The parish has broadened its relationship with Park Street Church of England Primary School, our parish school. The Parish now is engaged in a Parish/School Covenant and the school makes use of the church and participates in many of the things we offer that meet their educational needs, including enrichment activities (bell-ringing, gardening, outdoor learning, worship, rehearsal, theory and church). The Vicar continues as a governor of the school, chairs its Foundation Committee, as well as serving as its Vice Chair. The incumbent also serves *ex officio* as a trustee of Church Schools of Cambridge; Park Street being one of their schools. This year work with Park Street included:

- weekly acts of collective worship in the school.
- Services for the Park Street community at St Clement's, Eucharistic and for Easter, Christmas and other occasions.
- The school also uses the space for Nativity and Easter plays.
- The school has used the churchyard for nature study, outdoor education and there are plans to develop that work further.
- The Vicar also arranges for other clergy, particularly those in curacy training, to deliver Acts of Collective Worship at Park Street. We have assisted IME II curates from both Great and Little St Mary's and St Bene't's to work occasionally in the schools.

The parish also has connections with other schools, including King's College School. The girls' choir, *Schola Cantorum*, of King's College School sings for Evensong and Festal Eucharists in St Clement's. We continue too to work with the school on their history projects (e.g. Viking history).

We have good relationships within the North Cambridge Deanery. The Vicar serves on the Deanery Planning Committee and as Treasurer. Dr David Bailey is the lay representative of the parish to deanery synod.

The Vicar continues as an Associate Priest at the University Church of St Mary the Great with St Michael, and this has meant we are able to share resources, ideas and workload. Curates, lay ministers and ordinands have also been able to gain expertise in school chaplaincy and in leading Acts of Worship. The Vicar has also supported St Giles' community during a period of illness.

The Vicar also delivers training with Westcott House on training for ordinands in School Governance, Acts of Worship and Christian Distinctiveness in Church of England schools.

We continue to work with Church Schools of Cambridge on school-related spirituality projects.

The parish has sought to work alongside others of faith to enable our people to flourish.

## **2. Opening the doors of St Clement's to the outside world by restoring and enhancing the building, so that it can be visited and used throughout the week and be financially sustainable.**

Opening our doors is now our default position. With the increase in clergy numbers, lay staff, the bells project, this has meant the church is now open daily Mondays to Fridays from 8.30 am - 4 pm. This has seen a surge in visitor numbers. The guide to the church has renewed interest in the church, and a group of dedicated welcomers and volunteers make this sustainable over time.

Opening our doors has enabled workshops, tours, meetings, recitals, lecture series to flourish and grow. The recital series, in term time, has seen regular audiences of anywhere between 50 and 120 at lunch time on a Saturday. For the performance of *Messiah*, celebrating the 10th anniversary of the choir, the audience exceeded 200 people. These have continued to be popular and well attended events. Our Lent Lecture series, led by parishioner, Libby Howie, an art curator and former Sotheby's auctioneer, drew large numbers as we explored the Lenten and Easter journeys through beautiful representations in art. Dr Jacob Quick, our ordinand from Westcott House, led an excellent series of talks, well attended, on Simone Weil.

The building has been transformed and provides venues for U3A meetings regularly, architects, outside choral groups, to name but a few. Our lettings during the course of the year have seen some moderate growth. The significant aspect of all of our lets to outside entities is that we encourage the use of our kitchen for refreshments, which means that we have conversations and more. Some have joined us for worship prior to meetings.

The *Bells of St Clement's* continues to flourish as an opportunity and has included ringing for special occasions, as a teaching community, for those who wish to learn to ring, and for those who simply walk in off the street and want a taster session. The bells' team has also opened up opportunity for children from our primary school (Park Street) with a bell-ringing club on Thursday afternoons.

The refurbishment of the church over the last five years or so has seen the congregation have greater access to the new facilities. The Lady Chapel is used for Morning Prayer and Mass at 8.30 am. The South Aisle chapel space is used for Midday Worship, for community gatherings, for talks, for PCC and other meetings, and for conviviality.

## **3. Preserving the integrity of our sacred space, keeping the building open to visitors and bridging the gap between tourism/historical interest and the church's spiritual and sacramental purpose.**

The church is open to the public and to worshippers and all are welcome. We have a group of welcomers and tour guides for those who visit us. Fr Robert continues his daily opening of the church and welcomed all (with Fr Andrew stepping in on Mondays) who have drawn nigh unto us. Tea, coffee and biscuits have brought hospitality to those who have sought it. It has



become a respite for many and a source of good conversation and discourse. Many who come are often those deemed vulnerable. They receive a warm, Christian welcome.

The churchyard, as an additional space, has received considerable attention. Two volunteers (Dr David Bailey and John Gatiss) have worked to improve the gardens. The garden is being 'rewilded', focusing on meadow and woodland planting, wild flowers, and restoring habitat for church mice and other creatures. Considerable work has been done, but the product of all the work may take a little while to be established. We have also looked at our portion of Mill Road cemetery with the intention of taking some responsibility for that. Dr David Bailey, a scientist, continues to develop our gardens as a bio-diversity hub and it is our intention to develop that even further as both a scientific (botanical) and educational resource. Dr Bailey has established relationships with other churches (St Peter's, St Gile's) who are also doing some of this work. He has joined the committee of the Mill Road cemetery in which St Clement's has a section, and all of that will work towards restoration of the land in which we have an interest. The idea based on a sense of how to are called to steward that bit of creation for which we have responsibility. The garden is an educational and scientific resource. It essential to our Christian witness as stewards of God's creation. We have gained funding to support some active study, working alongside the local authority, and after planning permission has been gained, we will have facility to work more cogently on the scientific, botanical aspects of the recorded 160 species we have in the churchyard. There has been some very innovative display of the flora of the churchyard in the Church, demonstration of what is Bailey, a currently in bloom. Dr Bailey also writes weekly thought piece for the Parish Newsletter.

The churchyard remains a focal point for summer congregational gatherings, picnics.

#### **4. Building bridges with spiritual seekers and the unchurched.**

St Clement's has a well-established prayer structure, both for those seeking individual and private prayer, and for those comforted by community prayer - especially through Midday Prayer, usually after the Angelus has been rung at noon. Quiet and contemplative in nature, it garners a wide range of people to it. And is followed by hospitality. The contemplative, usually sung prayers, lead into hospitality, coffee, tea, biscuits and conversation. During Lent, we also have soup and rolls on Wednesday before the lectures and that is repeated in Advent. Hospitality forms an important part of our daily welcome and after our Sung Mass on Sundays.

Communication is vital to delivery of our good news. We have an internet presence through our website, which will undergo updating and rethinking during the coming year; through social media (Facebook, Instagram and X) as well as two mailings: a weekly parish newsletter (audience: 147) and a daily offering called *Dearly Beloved*, which includes a thought-piece, readings and prayers, and an image or two. (Audience: c.650 daily). The very nature of St Clement's is that people come to call and that in the time they spend with us we wish them to experience the full hospitality of a Christian welcome, irrespective of their own faith heritage, or whether they have never had an experience of church before. All who ask for prayers can be assured of our prayers for them daily for at least two weeks after their visit to us.

Our work with schools also sees many young people coming into the church often for the first time, and it means we can explain and teach them what churches are, demystify the surroundings, and explain some of the key acts of worship.

The Parish has a very active Discussion Group that meets once a month in a parishioner's home. Often these meetings are preceded by a light supper (of soup and rolls, of pasta bakes) and then followed by some very good conversation, based around a topic chosen by one who introduces the topic and facilitates discussion.

A more recent addition, has been a reading and discussion group for postgraduate students (M.Phil. and Ph.D.) with an interest in theology, philosophy and English Literature, a few scientists, who are exploring mysticism and its various iterations. Meets fortnightly at the Vicar's home. A group of some 14 come together for some vibrant and lively discussion.

## **5. Developing community space that will build bridges into the wider community**

The Upper Room and the ringing chamber are all spaces that could have an excellent community use. The U3A already make considerable use of the Upper Room. Some University of Cambridge student societies also use the spaces. This is an area for development and the Parish Administrator has a brief to develop the commercial use of the spaces.

Saturday concerts and recitals continued successfully throughout 2024.

## **6. Opening doors to the eternal by establishing a regular prayerful presence within the building.**

The church is open for prayer daily.

There are daily acts of worship from Monday to Friday.

Evensong and Benediction, Choral services on Sunday evenings and during the week for feasts, as well as Taizé services are now integrated into our worship patterns and draw dedicated congregations, sometimes small, but dedicated nevertheless. Links continue with our patron, Jesus College, and we will seek to develop those further in 2025. Including joint services, for example, Corpus Christi, and invitations to tea and Evensong annually. The patronage also means that the College, through the Proby Fund, contributes to some of the work that we need to do, often to repair the fabric of the building, but which also supports the ministry aspects of the church.

Services of Reconciliation and Healing have become part of a wider offering, often within other services, and we hope during 2025 to introduce them more regularly as additional parts of the ministry of and to this community. The healing and reconciliation services usually form part of our Taizé ministry, but it would be useful to see how they may translate into a monthly service during the day. Taizé services have seen a revival and our Friday evening services (at 7.30 pm) now regularly attract over 20 worshippers. Our ordinands contribute meaningfully to this form of worship, both in the development of liturgy and in officiating.

Sarah Fagg, our ordinand for 2024/25, has initiated The Rosary on Thursday mornings and this short act of worship has drawn in a regular, small band of worshippers.

We have had an encouraging, albeit small in number, growth in those enquiring for occasional offices. Our parish is geographically and numerically small, but we have seen a wedding, during the course of the last year, a baptism of a young adult, a student, discussion with parishioners seeking advice on funeral preparation. This is encouraging as we become more of an open presence in the city Centre - no longer a closed door, but a community growing markedly in faith and witness.

### **7. Building bridges with younger people and those on the streets at night by exploring late-night worship and hospitality.**

A student-led church group *Heartsease*, a ministry of Great St Mary's, has, on occasions, worshipped at St Clement's, during term. This is a ministry to around 20-25 students a week. The group has met in the church during the past year, especially for Agape services, community meals, and musical worship services.

We have had, post-pandemic, a slightly different relationship with those who sleep in our streets. However, we have a regular group of people from the homeless community who come for tea, coffee, and a biscuit or two. We provide a willing ear and bowl of soup on occasions too.

### **8. Building bridges with the natural world – and all who care for it in this time of climate crisis – by caring for our environment and using our natural resources responsibly**

We continue to pursue an eco-friendlier approach to our footprint in this world. We have developed greater circumspection in our use of resources. Sought to be more aware of our use and disposal of plastics, particularly in the use of posters for promoting our services and church activities. This has been noticed and remarked upon but those who take an interest in protecting the planet. We are making a conscious effort to do what is right for the world we inhabit. Work has already been done on restoring and making more accessible the churchyard. Partnerships have been started, with a local business to encourage the use of the space around the church - with a neighbouring coffee shop. Encouraging the use of the outdoor environs of the church as a community facility and a space of natural beauty, albeit in a constructed landscape.

During 2024, we forged a relationship with a neighbouring, Portugal Place, Art Gallery, for an art exhibition, which saw an art installation in our churchyard as part of the exhibition space.

2025 should see the impact of the more naturalistic planting, spring meadows and the like, within the churchyard. It may also see some further development as a scientific, botanical research opportunity.

### **9. Building bridges with children and their parents/carers.**

We have yet to see our efforts to encourage younger worshippers to come to church with their parents. We have a number of young people from the student community who attend from time to time. 2024 saw a rise in the number of young people (aged 20+) attending church and becoming regular worshippers, alongside the group that meets regularly at the Vicar's home for reading.

Our primary school is a significant part of our community. It, like us, is very much a gathered community - and we would like to discover how we can support the needs of the wider community within our church. This has led to the Parish-School Covenant, establishing a formal relationship with the school.

### **In conclusion**

Communication is something we really do need to improve. In a densely populated church community in the city of Cambridge, there is much opportunity for worship in a wide range of traditions, denominations and faiths. This provides us with an opportunity to develop, which may require us to review our communications - the manner in which we spread the Word of God in this community. Our communication strands include the following, but they will need a review during 2025:


- A regular newsletter from the churchwardens is distributed within the parish bounds
- A website is a source of information.
- A presence on continues X, Facebook and Instagram, but could be developed more substantially
- A weekly newsletter to communicate the 'what's happening 'aspect of the parish with a short (ish) reflective passage on the weekly Epistle reading.
- *Dearly Beloved*, our daily letter of sustenance for the spirit prepared by Robert and Sarah Van de Weyer
- We continue to stream services via Zoom. We will continue to offer these services for as long as there remains a clear need. Although we would encourage the return to worship in the church too.

In conclusion, St Clement's remains a vibrant, lively, and growing community, well-served by a small but dedicated PCC team; excited by opportunity to build on that which has been recently accomplished and most importantly by the desire to worship God in the beauty of holiness. We continue to hope that God will give us increase, so that as a community we may flourish in and through the love of God, in the remembrance of the sacrifice Christ made for us, which we remember weekly in awe and wonder in and through our sacramental act of Holy Communion.

With thanks for all, and to all, who have supported St Clement's this year.

Eternal gratitude to all who have made contributions to St Clement's and its work in the last year.

May God bless us in this place!

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read 'Andrew Day'.

## **St Clement's Church, Cambridge**

### **Financial Report for 2024 (written April 2025)**

We have continued to use the simple 'receipts and payments' method for preparing the accounts based on the Charity Commission template. The 2024 accounts which are attached have been examined and signed by Chater Allan LLP acting as our independent examiner. The church has healthy balances in all its accounts, but most of the money is committed to future projects.

#### **1. Savings Account**

During 2024, with cash balances increasing in our current accounts and worthwhile interest rates becoming available, a CAF Gold savings account was opened and most of the available cash from our other accounts transferred into it. At the end of 2025, £75000 had been transferred into the savings account and £600 interest had been accrued. The account is currently earning 2% per annum.

#### **2. General Account**

Figures quoted in this section include relevant amounts transferred into the savings account. Restricted funds comprise grants and donations given for specified purposes. All other income is unrestricted. The general account is for all transactions other than those related to bell ringing.

Our unrestricted income rose by 5.8% to just over £60,000, and our unrestricted expenditure reduced by about £6,000 to a bit over £44,000 due mainly to a nearly halving of our energy bill following the previous massive increase at the start of the Ukraine war. This expenditure also included the final £5,000 repayment instalment of a loan taken out in 2020 to help pay for development work. This appears to show a healthy surplus, but that is already committed to repair and restoration scheduled for 2025-26.

We recruited a new part-time administrator (Phil Hughes) and this post, which now includes 'verger' in the job title continues to be mainly funded by a special donation which is included in the unrestricted income.

The unrestricted cash at year end comfortably meets our commitment to maintain a contingency fund of at least £10k.

Receipts into our restricted funds include approx. £6,000 for the chancel/organ redevelopment project and £15k to restore the N aisle W window. We also received a grant of £3250 to support a project led by David Bailey to improve biodiversity in our churchyard and in the Mill Road Cemetery in which St Clement's has an interest.

The cash balance of nearly £65,000 at the end of 2024 includes approx. £30,000 restricted funds, the £10k contingency fund, £15,000 of PCC funds set aside for the N aisle window, and £5,000 reserved for the administrator's salary, leaving a relatively small surplus. We continue to manage the church's affairs on the basis of maintaining the building and its use to the best of our ability while ensuring sufficient funds are in hand to cover commitments.

### **3. Bells account**

Money related to our bell ringing activities continues to be held separately from the general funds. 2024 was the first year of full operation of what has become a nationally important centre for promoting bell ringing, with a paid part-time manager (Lynne Hughes). Income from bell ringing related activities and donations more than doubled and approximately covered the running costs of £14,100 which includes the manager's salary.

Payment of the final start-up costs of the project (installation of the demonstration bell, contract retentions and promotional material) reduced the cash balance at the end of 2024 to £20.5k which is sufficient to ensure the ongoing viability of the project.

The treasurer (Barry Johnson) continues to have overall responsibility for all aspects of this project.

Barry Johnson  
Treasurer  
30/04/2025



## Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period  
from

01/01/2024

To

31/12/2024

### Section A Receipts and payments

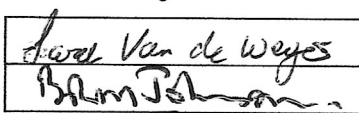
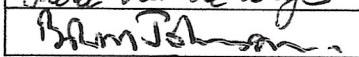
	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds	Total funds	Last year
	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £
<b>A1 Receipts</b>					
Donations and gift aid	26,490	15,277	-	41,767	22,797
Grants (inc. LPOW)	674	3,250	-	3,924	17,812
Collections	8,826	5,815	-	14,641	10,446
Fees	747	-	-	747	-
Church room lettings	5,498	-	-	5,498	3,438
Rent (St Ephraim's)	17,174	-	-	17,174	16,446
Bell ringing donations, teaching and use of bells (inc. grants and gift aid)	13,172	3,061	-	16,233	7,430
Interest	679	-	-	679	63
<b>Sub total (Gross income for AR)</b>	<b>73,261</b>	<b>27,403</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>100,663</b>	<b>78,431</b>
<b>A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).</b>					
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Total receipts</b>	<b>73,261</b>	<b>27,403</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>100,663</b>	<b>78,431</b>
<b>A3 Payments</b>					
Parish share	5,189	-	-	5,189	5,165
Staff and subcontractor costs (bell ringing)	-	14,136	-	14,136	10,687
Staff and subcontractor costs (other)	12,313	-	-	12,313	11,596
Sanctuary costs	1,495	-	-	1,495	4,719
Energy	5,189	-	-	5,189	10,063
Water	82	-	-	82	79
Internet	1,992	-	-	1,992	671
Music	3,399	-	-	3,399	2,398
Repairs and maintenance	2,042	-	-	2,042	4,472
Churchyard	-	-	-	-	238
Cleaning	534	-	-	534	308
Insurance	3,754	-	-	3,754	3,645
Bank charges	136	-	-	136	115
Subscriptions and payments to charities	110	-	-	110	110
Loan repayments	5,000	-	-	5,000	5,000
HLF project costs	-	-	-	-	2,669
Bell project costs	771	9,915	-	10,685	4,353
Major projects	-	2,935	-	2,935	4,105
Printer	-	-	-	-	3,476
Other church costs inc. Independent Examination	2,933	-	-	2,933	2,606
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>44,937</b>	<b>26,986</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>71,923</b>	<b>76,474</b>
<b>A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)</b>					
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Total payments</b>	<b>44,937</b>	<b>26,986</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>71,923</b>	<b>76,474</b>
<b>Net of receipts/(payments)</b>	<b>28,323</b>	<b>417</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>28,740</b>	<b>1,957</b>
<b>A5 Transfers between funds</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>A6 Cash funds last year end</b>	<b>31,986</b>	<b>31,548</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>63,534</b>	<b>61,577</b>
<b>Cash funds this year end</b>	<b>60,309</b>	<b>31,965</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>92,274</b>	<b>63,534</b>



## Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
<b>B1 Cash funds</b>	Cash in current accounts - general	34,241	30,384	-
	Cash in current accounts - bells	18,890	1,581	-
	Other bank account	5,628	-	-
	Current asset investments	1,550	-	-
	<b>Total cash funds</b>	<b>60,309</b>	<b>31,965</b>	<b>-</b>
(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))				
		Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
<b>B2 Other monetary assets</b>		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
<b>B3 Investment assets</b>		Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
<b>B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use</b>		Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
<b>B5 Liabilities</b>		Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	

Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees	Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
	 	Sarah Van de Weyer BARRY JOHNSON	2/2/2025 2/2/2025





Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/  
members of

Charity Name  
Parochial Church Council of St Clement, Cambridge

On accounts for the year  
ended

31 December 2024

Charity no  
(if any)

1162638

Set out on pages

(remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended **31 / 12/ 2024**.

Responsibilities and  
basis of report

As the charity trustees of the Trust, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ("the Act").

I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination, I have followed the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent  
examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention (other than that disclosed below \*) in connection with the examination which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Act or
- the accounts do not accord with the accounting records

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

*\* Please delete the words in the brackets if they do not apply.*

Signed:

Date: 10 February 2025

Name: Naomi Hedger

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Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight matters of concern (see CC32, Independent examination of charity accounts: directions and guidance for examiners).

**Give here brief details of any items that the examiner wishes to disclose.**