

MINCHINHAMPTON WITH BOX PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL

HOLY TRINITY, MINCHINHAMPTON & ST BARNABAS, BOX

CHARITY NUMBER 1163940

ANNUAL REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2024

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MINCHINHAMPTON WITH BOX PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL

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Overview

The Parish of Minchinhampton with Box is situated between the towns of Stroud and Cirencester, in the Diocese of Gloucester. It has two churches, Holy Trinity Minchinhampton and St Barnabas, Box.

The two churches exist for public benefit in the advancement of the Christian Faith by proclaiming the Gospel and by working to address the needs of many, both locally and in the wider community.

The Parish is part of the Minchinhampton with Box and Amberley Benefice.

The PCC

The Parochial Church Council (PCC) is a corporate body established with ex-officio and elected members in accordance with the Church Representation Rules of the Church of England. The PCC became a registered charity, number 1163940, with the Charity Commission on 12th October 2015. All members of the PCC are Trustees of the Charity.

The members of the PCC at the time of this report are:-

Ex-Officio

Revd Canon Howard Gilbert
Revd Coral Francis
Revd Tracey Clements
Linda Jarvis (Reader)

Elected

Martyn Beaufort
David Bonney
Jamie Dalrymple-Hamilton
David Goldsmith
Nick Horsley
Jackie Natt
Simon Ritter
William Reddaway

Deanery Synod

Julian Elloway
Margaret Sheather
Jennie South
Alison Wood

Church Wardens

Angie Ayling
Caroline Thackray

The PCC met six times during 2024. In addition, the Standing Committee met four times in the year. The Standing Committee has eight members who at the time of this report are the Rector, the two Curates, the Reader, the two Church Wardens, the Secretary, and Jackie Natt. Revd Canon Howard Gilbert was licensed as the Rector of the Minchinhampton with Box and Amberley Benefice in January 2019. Revd Coral Francis, our Curate, came to Minchinhampton with Box in 2021, while Revd Tracey Clements became a Curate in 2023.

Church Wardens are elected at the annual Vestry Meeting at which all residents of the Parish can attend and vote. The other members of the PCC and the Deanery Synod are elected at the Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM) at which only people on the electoral roll can vote. They serve for a period of three years before standing down. After one year has elapsed they are eligible for re-election for a further three year period. Only lay members are eligible for election.

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Management of Church Business

Church business is managed in line with the Parochial Church Councils (Powers) Measure 1956. This provides that the PCC co-operate with the Rector in promoting the whole Mission of the Church within the Parish. To achieve this the PCC has agreed policies and procedures which are reviewed and updated regularly. Accounts of the PCC are reviewed on a quarterly basis. Formal minutes are taken of decisions, which are displayed in Church once they have been approved.

Management of Risks and Health and Safety

A new Safety Officer was appointed during the year and he has produced a full risk assessment which has been adopted by the PCC. All emergency lighting was updated during 2024. All fire and burglar alarms are tested regularly by approved agents.

The quinquennial inspection for both Churches was carried out in August 2022 and, as part of this a very thorough electrical inspection was performed. All items of significant concern arising from inspections have been corrected.

Safeguarding of Children, Young People and Vulnerable Adults

There are agreed Safeguarding Policies in place for Children, Young People and Vulnerable Adults. These policies have been subject to annual review by the PCC. There is one Parish Safeguarding Officer whose contact details are prominently displayed.

There were no reports of concern made during the year.

Insured Risks

There were no claims on our insurers, Ecclesiastical Insurance Office plc, in 2024.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

The results for the year are shown on page 7. Usual Sunday attendance in Church continued to slowly decrease from 120 in 2023 to 114 in 2024. However there are now several people who watch our services in their homes utilising the excellent 'live-streaming' equipment which was generously purchased by a member of the congregation. Between twenty and forty people dial into our 'live-streaming' every Sunday.

a.) General Income and Expenditure

Planned Giving for general funds fell at a faster rate than the usual Sunday attendance in 2024. In 2024 it totalled £71,512, a drop of £11,760 from the 2023 level. It has now fallen by more than 25% from the level in 2020 when it was £95,962.

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FINANCIAL REVIEW (continued)

These decreases reflect the drop in major donors to the Church. In these years six major donors, who together made annual donations of over £18,000, either died or stopped paying their donations to help pay for care costs. In addition many of the congregation are pensioners whose incomes have not been rising in line with inflation and therefore find it difficult to maintain their giving in real terms.

Fortunately these decreases have been partly offset by new donors coming into the Parish and by some existing donors increasing their giving.

While planned giving has fallen over the last five years, this has been offset in part by much increased rental of the Church and Porch Room. The reordering has made the Church a much sought after venue. Rental income, having been just over £1,000 pre-reordering, rose to £9,285 in 2024, the highest ever achieved. It is hoped this source of income will continue to grow in future years.

The number of weddings and funerals that took place in the Church in 2024 was also lower than in 2023. The resulted in the net fees from weddings and funerals falling by £2,909 to £13,591 in 2024.

So total General Income fell £9,744 to £136,959 in 2024 compared to 2023.

2024 General Fund expenditure was £2,821 below the 2023 level. Included within this however was Parish Share where £38,000 was paid in 2024, a reduction of £9,537 from the £47,537 paid in 2023. It was also very much lower than the Parish Share requested from Minchinhampton in the year which was £50,865.

The big increase in expenditure in 2024 was in property costs where lighting and heating expenses rose significantly. The electricity and gas used in 2023 was contracted at prices agreed in 2020, way before the Russian invasion of Ukraine, which caused energy prices to increase significantly. For 2024 and 2025 a new contract was required and this was agreed at prices 160% higher than those for 2023. As it has turned out, this has also proved to be at very beneficial prices as, despite the huge price increase we are now paying, the prices we are well below current market rates. Lighting and heating costs rose from £6,284 in 2023 to £16,616 in 2024.

Within property costs, the huge rise in lighting and heating costs was in part offset by lower costs of upkeeping the Churchyard. In 2023 Churchyard upkeep cost £4,938 which was reduced to £1,718 in 2024. The main reason was that 2023 included repairs to the Churchyard wall at a cost of £1,700. There were no further repairs required in 2024. Upkeep of the Churchyard costs were further reduced in 2024 by the introduction of an agreed pattern of work which has significantly reduced grass cutting and other costs.

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FINANCIAL REVIEW (continued)

Apart from these two major cost changes within property costs, most of the other costs are at very similar levels to 2023.

So in 2024 the PCC made a General Funds loss of £4,079 after transfers to and from designated and restricted funds. And this is after a year on year reduction of £9,537 in the Parish Share paid in the year.

b.) Restricted Income and Expenditure

As noted last year, there are only two 6Ps projects left to be completed in Minchinhampton Church, these being the organ and the stained glass windows. The main 6Ps work, that of reordering the Church, was completed in 2020.

The first of the two remaining projects is the work on the organ. The PCC signed a contract in 2022 with Goetze & Gwynn, a firm of organ builders based in Nottinghamshire, to refurbish the organ at a cost of approximately £232,000. As reported last year, this amount had been raised in either cash or pledges and the organ had been moved to the Goetze & Gwynn workshops. While significant money has come from grants, fund raising activities such as the 'Sponsor A Pipe' scheme have also been very successful. It is now hoped the organ will be returned to the Church in June 2025.

The second of the remaining projects is the restoration of the stained glass in the Church. Detailed surveys have now been done on both the Rose Window and the East Window. These have shown the condition of the windows is much worse than had previously been believed with serious degradation of both the stonework and the glass. The work now has to be done very urgently. It is estimated the cost of the stained glass restoration will be about £240,000, of which we held some £87,000 in cash at the end of 2024. It is planned the work on the stained glass windows will start in November 2025, with the Rose Window being the first to be restored.

Further information on both the organ and stained glass windows projects is shown in note 16 to these accounts. At the end of 2024 there were a further 16 Restricted Funds held in the PCC, details of which are shown in note 14 of these accounts.

c.) Box

The level of General Income and Expenditure at St Barnabas Church in Box was similar to that in 2023, except that Box received a legacy of £1,000 in 2023 which has not been repeated. Additionally, as with Minchinhampton Church, the costs of electricity rose significantly from 2023. As a result Box made a loss of General Funds of £148 in 2024.

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FINANCIAL REVIEW (continued)

d.) Reserve levels

In 2016 the PCC adopted a policy in line with the recommendations of the Archbishop's Council that Minchinhampton Church should hold General reserves equivalent to two months general expenses, plus an additional two month's salary costs of non-clergy personnel. It is also part of this policy to hold some Fabric Reserves towards the likely building works arising from the quinquennial inspection.

For Minchinhampton Church the PCC held general reserves of £26,509 at the end of 2024. This is well below the level recommended by the Archbishop's Council which is £29,309.

As for the Fabric Reserves, a very full and thorough quinquennial and electrical inspection was carried out in August 2022 by our architect. Fortunately as a result of the extensive work done in re-ordering the Church over recent years, there were no significant items of work to be done other than the urgent electrical items, the organ and the stained glass. Partly as a result, the PCC agreed to reduce the Fabric Reserves and held £20,126 at the end of 2024. It is hoped this will be sufficient to cover any emergency fabric work in the near future.

For Box Church the PCC has adopted the policy of holding General Reserves equivalent to six month's general expenses, plus sufficient reserves to cover future costs arising from the quinquennial inspection which was completed in 2022. The reserves held by St Barnabas Box were above this level at the end of 2024.

The PCC will continue to monitor the Church's finances to ensure we retain our secure foundations.

The PCC want to thank GCSD for carrying out the independent examination of these accounts.

CHURCH ADMINISTRATION

Vicki Hayward has performed wonderfully as the Church Administrator in 2024 and the PCC want to thank her for her hard work and commitment throughout the year. She can be contacted at the Parish Office on 01453 889004, or by email at admin@minchchurch.org.uk

The address of the Parish Office is, The Parish Office, The Rectory, Butt Street, Minchinhampton, Glos GL6 9JP

Approved by the PCC on 29th March 2025 and signed on their behalf by:-



Revd Canon Howard Gilbert
Rector



Mrs Caroline Thackray
Churchwarden



Mrs Angie Ayling
Churchwarden

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BASIS OF INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2024

Independent Examiner's Report to the Members/Trustees of the Parochial Church Council of Minchinhampton with Box Parochial Church Council.

This report is on the Church Funds for the year ended 31 December 2024 which are set out in pages 7 & 8 and in England and Wales in respect of an examination carried out under the Charities Act 2011 ('the Act') and Church Accounting Regulations 2006 ('the Regulations').

Respective responsibilities of the PCC and the examiner

As members of the PCC, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 Act;
- follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act; and
- state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent examiner's report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commission and found in the Church Guidance, 2006 Edition. The examination included a review of the accounting records maintained by the Parochial Church Council and a comparison of the accounts with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently I do not express an audit opinion on the view given by the accounts.

Independent examiner's statement

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 PCC as trustees, have not met the requirements:

- to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the 2011 Act; and
- to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and to comply with the requirements of the Act and the Regulations; or

2) To which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.



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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2024

	Notes	General Funds	Designated Funds	Restricted Funds	2024	2023
Income						
Donations from all sources	2	111,973	-	96,684	208,657	200,029
Trading Receipts	3	22,876	-	8,925	31,801	32,750
Interest		2,110	-	9,716	11,826	8,935
Total Income		136,959	-	115,325	252,284	241,714
Expenditure						
Missionary & Charitable Donations	7	25	-	3,804	3,829	6,972
Parish Share		38,000	-	-	38,000	47,537
Property Costs	4	48,752	-	2,007	50,759	70,073
Church Running Costs	5	31,077	-	100,513	131,590	35,115
Administration Costs	6	23,076	-	-	23,076	22,967
Total Expenditure		140,930	-	106,324	247,254	182,664
Transfers from Other Funds		6,892	6,000	1,000	13,892	11,450
Transfers to Other Funds		(7,000)	(1,000)	(5,892)	(13,892)	(11,450)
Surplus / (Deficit) for the Year		(4,079)	5,000	4,109	5,030	59,050
Balance Brought Forward at 1st January 2024		40,131	10,500	217,141	267,772	208,722
Balance Carried Forward at 31st December 2024		36,052	15,500	221,250	272,802	267,772

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STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES AS AT 31ST DECEMBER 2024

	Notes	2024	2023
ASSETS			
Debtors and Prepayments	8	11,864	10,477
Short Term Deposits	9	223,485	221,118
Current Bank Accounts	10	<u>62,795</u>	<u>54,833</u>
		298,144	286,428
LESS LIABILITIES			
Creditors and Accruals	11	(25,342)	(18,656)
NET TOTAL ASSETS		<u>272,802</u>	<u>267,772</u>
 CHURCH RESERVES			
General Funds	12	36,052	40,131
Designated Funds	13	15,500	10,500
Restricted Funds	14	221,250	217,141
TOTAL FUNDS		<u>272,802</u>	<u>267,772</u>

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2024

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

a.) Basis of Accounting

The Financial Statements have been prepared in accordance with the Church Accounting Regulations 2006, the Charities Act 2011, the Charities SORP (FRS 102), and with other applicable accounting standards.

The Financial Statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention and on an accruals accounting basis. They show the combined results for Holy Trinity, Minchinhampton and St. Barnabas, Box.

b.) Funds

The Church has the following three types of Funds:-

General Funds represent the funds of the PCC that are not subject to any restrictions regarding their use and are available for use on the general purposes of the PCC.

Designated Funds represent the funds of the PCC that have been designated for a particular purpose by the PCC from the General Funds. These funds can be transferred back to General Funds by the PCC. Details of the funds making up the Designated Funds are shown in note 13 of this Financial Statement.

Restricted Funds represent funds given to the PCC for a particular purpose. Examples of this are money given in a charity collection such as Marah Trust, or funds given for the refurbishment of the organ. Such funds can only be used for the purpose for which they were given. They cannot be transferred to General or Designated Funds by the PCC. A complete list of the various Restricted Funds is shown in note 14 of this Financial Statements.

c.) Funds included in these accounts

The accounts include all transactions, assets and liabilities for which the PCC is responsible in law. They do not include the accounts of church groups that owe their main affiliation to another body, nor those that are informal gatherings of church members.

d.) Income

Collections are recognised when they are received by the PCC. Planned giving is only recorded when received. Income tax recoverable on gift aided donations is recognised when the related income is received. Likewise VAT recoverable under the Listed Places of Worship Grant Scheme is recognised when the related payment is made. Sales of magazines are accounted for net of expenses.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2024

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

e.) **Fixed Assets**

All expenditure incurred in the year on consecrated or benefice buildings, parish offices or on the repair and maintenance of church furnishings is written off.

f.) **Trustees**

The members of the PCC are all Trustees of the PCC. They receive no remuneration for this role.

g.) **Staff**

The Rector and the Curate were reimbursed travelling, telephone and other costs during the year. It is the policy of the PCC to reimburse all relevant expenditure.

During the year the PCC paid under contract an administrator, vergers and director of music. All expenditure is shown in the financial statements.

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	General Funds	Designated Funds	Restricted Funds	2024	2023
2. INCOME FROM DONORS					
Parishioners' Planned Giving	71,512	-	1,971	73,483	85,194
Collections and Donations	17,587	-	94,281	111,868	61,397
Contribution from the Lilian South Trust	4,000	-	-	4,000	4,000
Income Tax Recoverable	18,874	-	432	19,306	21,249
Legacies	-	-	-	-	28,189
	111,973	-	96,684	208,657	200,029

3. TRADING RECEIPTS

Fund raising for Masasi	-	-	4,190	4,190	3,302
Magazine Profit	-	-	4,735	4,735	3,968
Church and Porch Room Rent	9,285	-	-	9,285	8,980
Funeral / Wedding Fees (Note 15)	13,591	-	-	13,591	16,500
	22,876	-	8,925	31,801	32,750

4. PROPERTY COSTS

Lighting and Heating	16,616	-	-	16,616	6,284
Insurance	8,234	-	-	8,234	7,779
Water Rates	186	-	-	186	154
Repairs and Maintenance	19,198	-	2,007	21,205	47,929
Upkeep of Churchyard	1,718	-	-	1,718	4,938
Cleaning	2,800	-	-	2,800	2,989
	48,752	0	2,007	50,759	70,073

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	General Funds	Designated Funds	Restricted Funds	2024	2023
5. CHURCH RUNNING COSTS					
Clergy Expenses	2,163	-	-	2,163	1,655
Children's work	-	-	418	418	351
Verger's Cost	13,228	-	-	13,228	13,014
Organists & Music	12,157	-	-	12,157	11,110
Choir and Choristers	-	-	1,129	1,129	724
Organ Maintenance / piano tuning	-	-	87,618	87,618	90
Stained Glass Window repairs	-	-	8,665	8,665	0
Services Consumables	829	-	-	829	1,225
Bell Ringers	-	-	897	897	1428
Hospitality	1,996	-	-	1,996	1,868
Flowers	-	-	1,786	1,786	1,764
Other church running expenses	704	-	-	704	1,886
	31,077	-	100,513	131,590	35,115

6. ADMINISTRATION COSTS					
Salary & National Insurance	15,736	-	-	15,736	13,873
Printing, Postage and Stationery	3,025	-	-	3,025	4,407
Telephone	1,952	-	-	1,952	1,894
Audit Fee	580	-	-	580	368
Subscriptions and Licences	599	-	-	599	369
Technology Updating	576	-	-	576	1,198
Stroud Deanery	608	-	-	608	608
Rector's Discretionary Fund	-	-	-	-	250
	23,076	-	-	23,076	22,967

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	2024	2023
7. CHARITABLE DONATIONS MADE		
Friends of Gloucester Cathedral	25	25
Marah Trust	296	142
Children's Society	100	142
RNLI	296	-
Medecin Sans Frontiere	-	142
Gloucester Historic Churches Trust	-	204
Horsfall House	125	-
Toilet Twinning	60	-
Christian Aid - Gaza	664	-
Christian Aid - Syria	-	207
Christian Aid	295	-
Masasi - Priest training for Geldard Ndinbo	809	-
Masasi - University fees for Moses Nyuchi	-	505
Masasi - University fees for Faraja Stephen	-	505
Masasi - Priest training	-	3,340
Masasi - Formula Milk	-	360
Masasi - Books for student	-	100
Masasi - Accommodation for Father Allen	609	1,300
Masasi - General funding to restart St Cyprians priest's training college	550	-
	3,829	6,972

	2024	2023
8. DEBTORS AND PREPAYMENTS		
Income Tax recoverable	2,401	2,598
VAT recoverable under the Listed Places of Worship Grant Scheme	8,762	7,313
Box Prepaid Expenses	701	540
Other Debtors and Prepayments	-	26
	11,864	10,477

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		2024	2023
9. SHORT-TERM DEPOSITS			
Church of England (CBF):	General Fund	30,879	29,367
	Fabric Fund	18,531	10,597
	Organ Fund	78,364	148,945
	Stained Glass Windows	81,147	25,641
	Box General Fund	11,545	6,066
Lloyds Bank:	Minchinhampton Church Flower Guild	3,019	502
		<u>223,485</u>	<u>221,118</u>

10. BANK ACCOUNTS (LLOYDS)

Minchinhampton Church	21,768	22,191
Minchinhampton Church - Reordering account	16,712	3,261
St Barnabas Church, Box	2,378	7,627
Minchinhampton Church Flower Guild	1,061	3,619
Minchinhampton Church Bell Ringers	2,120	1,954
Minchinhampton Church Magazine Fund	10,467	8,752
Minchinhampton Church Choir	-	3,021
Box Church Flower Guild	308	248
Masasi	7,981	3,278
Cornwall Bursary	-	882
	<u>62,795</u>	<u>54,833</u>

11. CREDITORS AND ACCRUALS

Accruals	13,873	11,347
Pre-received Income - Weddings and Magazine Fund	11,416	7,256
Joint Hospitality Fund	53	53
	<u>25,342</u>	<u>18,656</u>

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	Balance 01.01.24	Receipts in 2024	Payments in 2024	Balance 31.12.24
12. GENERAL FUNDS				
Holy Trinity, Minchinhampton	30,441	180,224	184,156	26,509
St Barnabas, Box	9,690	2,599	2,746	9,543
	<u>40,131</u>	<u>182,823</u>	<u>186,902</u>	<u>36,052</u>
13. DESIGNATED FUNDS				
Fabric Fund	10,000	5,000	-	15,000
Masasi	-	1,000	1,000	-
Rector's Discretionary Fund	500	-	-	500
	<u>10,500</u>	<u>6,000</u>	<u>1,000</u>	<u>15,500</u>
14. RESTRICTED FUNDS				
Fabric	2,192	2,934	-	5,126
Organ	162,304	23,693	87,618	98,379
Stained Glass Windows	26,275	69,131	8,665	86,741
Mission Fund	1,000	-	-	1,000
Baynham Memorial	-	4,601	1,318	3,283
Swift Boxes	-	493	493	-
Sunday School	446	-	150	296
Messy Church	268	-	268	-
Tower	1,954	1,063	897	2,120
Choir	3,020	1,000	4,020	-
Minchinhampton Flower Guild	4,121	1,335	1,376	4,080
Magazine Fund	5,532	12,098	11,363	6,267
Minch Front Garden	166	-	-	166
Minch Junior Choir	967	-	-	967
Box - Louise Hiscocks	1,050	-	-	1,050
- Friends of Box	3,387	243	195	3,435
- Molly Hoyle	51	-	-	51
- Flower Guild	248	470	410	308
Masasi - General	3,278	5,190	1,968	6,500
- Cornwall Bursary	882	600	-	1,482
	<u>217,141</u>	<u>122,851</u>	<u>118,741</u>	<u>221,251</u>

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15. PAROCHIAL FEES	2024		2023	
	£	£	£	£
Receipts from Funerals, Weddings, etc		28,395		33,406
Less: Gloucester Diocese	4,274		3,906	
Non-stipendary clergy	1,864		2,200	
Verger	2,881		3,100	
Organists	2,190		3,960	
Choir	1,635		-	
Bell Ringers	800		1,600	
Skip hire	1,160		2,140	
		14,804		16,906
Net Funeral and Wedding Fees (to note 3)		<u>13,591</u>		<u>16,500</u>

16. REORDERING - The situation at 31st December 2024

Planning for the reordering of Minchinhampton Church began in 2012 with surveys and meetings to establish whether the reordering was a good idea and whether it could be funded. The overwhelming answer from the surveys was that the reordering should go ahead.

Fund raising began in 2014 when we were faced with the rather daunting prospect of having to raise a total of £1.3m to complete the whole reordering. The first stage of the work was the removal of the pews and choir stalls, replacing the floor and installing under floor heating, buying individual chairs, and improving the entrance porch. A new audio visual system was also installed. This first stage of the reordering was completed in 2020, at a cost of £888,652. This was a little below the expected costs and has been paid for in full.

The second stage of the reordering is the refurbishment of the Church pipe organ. We signed a contract for this work with a firm of organ builders called Goetze & Gwynn in November 2022. The contracted price for this work is £219,046, to which we have added £12,954 to cover items such as scaffolding which may be required. We therefore expect the total cost of the organ refurbishment to be £232,000. We have now raised this total amount in either cash or pledges. The organ was removed from the Church in November 2023 and we hope it will be returned fully refurbished in mid 2025.

The third stage of the reordering project is the repair of the stained glass windows. We have not yet signed a contract for this work to be done, but it is hoped work will begin by the end of 2025. It is estimated this work will cost about £240,000, with the first stage, the Rose Window, costing about £130,000 including VAT. As at 31st December 2024 we held £86,741 in cash and pledges towards this work.

