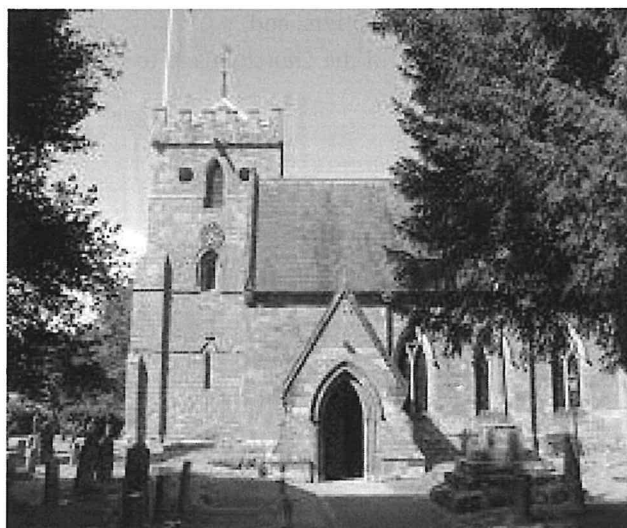


Annual Report and Financial Statements of the Parochial Church Council of The Parish of Albrighton

For the year ended 31st December 2024

Registered Charity Number: 1164192



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The Parochial Church Council of The Parish of Albrighton
Trustees' Annual Report for the year ended 31st December 2024
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Objectives and Activities

The Parochial Church Council of The Parish of Albrighton (the PCC) has the responsibility of co-operating with the incumbent, the Reverend Mary Thomas, in promoting in the ecclesiastical parish, the whole mission of the Church, pastoral, evangelical, social and ecumenical. The PCC is also spiritually responsible for the maintenance of the church

The PCC is committed to enabling as many people as possible to worship at our church and to become part of our parish community at Albrighton. The PCC maintains an overview of worship throughout the parish and makes suggestions on how our services can involve the many groups that live within our parish. Our services and worship put faith into practice through prayer, scripture, music and sacrament. Also, through non sacramental activities of hospitality and fellowship we aim to reach non church members of the community.

Public Benefit

The trustees of the Charity are aware of the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit in The Advancement of Religion for the Public Benefit and have had regard to it in their administration of the Charity. The trustees believe that, by promoting the work of the Church of England in the Ecclesiastical Parish of Albrighton, it helps to promote the whole mission of the Church (pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical) more effectively, within the Ecclesiastical Parish, and that in doing so it provides a benefit to the public by:

- Providing facilities for public worship, pastoral care and spiritual, moral and intellectual development, both for its members and for anyone who wishes to benefit from what the Church offers; and
- Promoting Christian values and service by members of the Church in and to their communities, to the benefit of individuals and society as a whole.

Achievements and Performance

2024 was another positive and busy year for the parish of St. Mary Magdalene, Albrighton.

The PCC met on 6 occasions: January, March, June, July, September, and November.

Business included:

- Regular reviews of safeguarding at St. Mary Magdalene.
- Discussions regarding the visibility of PCC members and church leadership.
- Approval given to buy a new crib set.
- Participation in the annual Churches Together in Albrighton & Area Lent Lunches and Lent groups.
- A kitchen sub-committee was set up to audit and assess necessary works including layout and equipment of the current kitchen in the church centre and source quotes for the purchase of new equipment if appropriate. After much research, and with the agreement of the PCC, quotes were sourced for the installation of a semi-professional kitchen at the church centre to enable our much valued community outreach projects such as Cosy Café and Afternoon Tea to continue with the correct hygiene and safety standards.
- The renewal of Bill Sharples' license as a reader and unanimous approval of Simon Iredale being licensed as an associate minister to the benefice.
- Support of and financing for the annual Beer Festival held at St. Mary Magdalene.
- Upgrading of the 4 main fuse boards in St. Mary Magdalene church.
- Discussions concerning security at the Church Centre and the installation of a new key box for occasional users.
- Introduction of a new Bell Tower policy.
- Discussions around how to improve and maintain our online presence through website, A Church Near You and Facebook.
- Agreement for a sign from Commonwealth War Graves Commission to be displayed to the left of the Lytch Gate on the High Street.
- Lych Gate was repaired and renovated.
- Quotes were sourced for the repair of the weathervane on the church roof.
- Net Carbon Zero – options are being investigated and work is progressing.
- Support offered to local Scout group through a £1000 donation.
- Decision taken that weekly giving envelopes will no longer be available due to low numbers using them. White gift aid envelopes will still be available and congregation members will continue to be encouraged to give by direct debit as well as contactless giving being made available.
- A maintenance contract was taken out for the sound system.
- A social evening was held in December to thank everyone involved in the life of St. Mary Magdalene.

It remains my privilege to serve as Vicar in this place and I will continue to be thankful for the people amongst whom I minister and for whom I pray regularly.

Mary Thomas.

Fundraising activities against objectives set

Worship and Prayer

Worship at St. Mary's is delivered through a range of different liturgical and ecclesiological styles; Common Worship Parish Eucharist, Morning Praise, Songs of Praise, an Informal Iona style Communion & Messy Church.

Thank you to Steve Cooper (Director of Music) and all those involved in the choir and The Black Diamonds music group for their dedication in sharing their gifts and talents to enhance our worship. We are also blessed to have a merry band of bellringers who give of their time to call people to worship on Sundays and to bless couples as they marry, or toll the bell for those who have died.

Remembrance Sunday was a huge village event this year and it remains a privilege to play a part in such an important service for the village community. We were delighted to host a Christingle service and a carol service for St. Mary's Primary School, a Christingle service for Albrighton Primary School and a carol service for Birchfield school. Our Christmas Eve Crib service was very well attended as was Midnight Mass with numbers up on previous years.

Baptism, Wedding & Funeral Policies

Baptisms are offered on the 1st and 3rd Saturdays of the month, with parents being encouraged to attend church, particularly Messy Church, and to become a part of our community should they wish to. Baptisms of church members are offered as part of Sunday morning worship where appropriate.

All who live within the parish are welcome to get married in St. Mary Magdalene. Those who do not live within the ecclesiastical parish must meet the criteria for a qualifying connection.

All who live or die in the parish are entitled to a funeral service and burial/interment of ashes.

Mission activities through community events

Beer Festival

Our 9th Annual Beer Festival was held in May 2024 and was welcomed with enthusiasm by the local community.

The Annual Beer & Music festival took place during May 2024. The two-day event was very successful, and well received, with a constant flow of people from when the doors opened until closing on both days. More ale and cider were purchased pre-event compared to any of the previous events, and by 7pm on the second day all stock had been consumed, resulting in the purchasing of bottled & canned stock from several establishments to accompany the musical acts.

11 musical acts performed over the two days and a total of 994 persons attended this year's event, (418 on Friday & 576 on Saturday), compared to 646 footfall last year. The event was supported over the two days by 48 members of staff, all volunteers made up from members of the church and local community. The event benefitted from utilising some remaining stock items from the previous year, Cooling Jackets & associated pipework, tumblers, & entrance wristbands. Total expenditure (outlay) was £6,883.06 comprising of: Goods (Ale etc.), Musicians, and purchasing of additional equipment. Total net income (gross revenue minus expenditure) £11390.73. This is the most successful return to date, pre-event sponsorship and donations (£3000) adding to the net income whilst going a long way to mitigate the risk in case of a poor turnout.

The formula for this annual event is pretty much set in stone with only minor adjustments being made to ensure the event runs smoothly. The event continues to go from strength to strength, with the two-day festival being one of the main fund-raising events of the year. Looking forward to 2025, the 10th festival, initial outlay will be higher as fresh stock of tumblers & wristbands will need to be purchased, however if the event runs as it has done for the previous nine, there is no reason why the next one won't be equally successful.

**Paul fisher
Beer Festival Chair**

Reports

Church Fabric Report 2024

2024 has been quite an eventful year in terms of church breakdowns and failures:

Electrical Wiring

During a Burn's night event held in church in late January, the main electrical circuit breaker tripped out. An electrical contractor carried out a full investigative inspection for us and recommended that the church's 50 year old fuse boards be replaced with modern ones that benefit from enhanced over current protection. This recommendation was accepted by the PCC and the new fuse boards were installed in the subsequent weeks.

Heating

There were some reports in the spring that the church had seemed colder than usual, but with the onset of the warmer summer weather, the underlying root cause went undetected. In late summer, the central heating controller developed a fault and, due to the part being now obsolete, a new type of controller was fitted. This new device communicates wirelessly with the in-church temperature sensor, permitting it to be sited more flexibly, and also it can interface with our broadband WiFi allowing the heating system to be controlled remotely via a phone App.

The work on the heating system controller uncovered two further church system failures. Firstly, one of our two central heating boilers had developed a fault with its power supply, which needed to be replaced with a new part - probably explaining the earlier reported issues of inadequate heating in the spring, and secondly, the microwave link that brings broadband WiFi from the church office into the church had completely failed.

Audio System

As the WiFi link is part of the church audio system supplied by API Limited, they were called in to resolve the issue and conduct a full system health check. Whilst we were covered for the microwave link failure by the existing installation guarantee, it was deemed prudent to put in place an additional service contract with API to safeguard us against future issues with the system.

Lychgate

The double gates on the church Lychgate had deteriorated to the point where two new replacement gates had to be commissioned. At the same time, the whole Lychgate structure was given a fresh coat of preservative paint.

Work in Progress

Weather vane: Following a report of the poor state of our roof top weather vane by our Bell tower captain, it was revealed that the wooden support pillar had significant evidence of rot. The ironwork has lost some of its scroll work and the vane itself needs regilding. A quotation for complete restoration of the weather vane has been received and further quotes are being sought.

Church roof: Water ingress at the back of the Nave was noticed on one occasion during a particularly severe storm. A subsequent visual inspection revealed several tiles missing/broken. Quotations for remedial work will be sought for these in the near future.

General Maintenance: Grateful thanks to Chris C and Paul J for their continued support of general maintenance issues, particularly for their efforts each month in the churchyard.

**Howard Siswick
Churchwarden**

Safeguarding

St. Mary Magdalene Church is seriously committed to safeguarding and is fully aware of all its pastoral safeguarding responsibilities having adopted the National and Diocesan Safeguarding Policies. All our Ministers, Churchwardens and PCC members have up to date DBS Certificates and have undergone all required training for their positions within the church. In order to maintain best practice, the Incumbent and Safeguarding Officer, on a few occasions, have sought the advice of the Diocesan Safeguarding Advisor.

This year we have been host to parishioners from other churches in vacancy to provide Basic Awareness and Foundation Training and to facilitate DBS checks and Verification of ID documents.

Benefice Office Report

We had an extremely busy year in the Benefice Office in 2024. This was due in part to the ever-increasing use of the Church Centre. (See separate report). The Benefice Office is open every weekday from 9am to 2pm and works to relieve Revd. Mary of the myriad tasks involved in running the Benefice that do not require the expertise and qualifications of a Cleric.

Statistics for Mission: Data is required annually by the Diocese for the Statistics for Mission. For our three churches they require the number of people on the Electoral Roll, with a breakdown of numbers in various age categories of the worshipping community, average Sunday attendance, attendance figures for every week and Service in October and attendance figures and Communicants for Advent, Christmas and Easter, plus the total number of Funerals, Weddings and Baptisms. This year we continued to provide data on our energy use which produced the carbon footprint for each church.

Baptisms: Gathering all relevant information from the families, arranging the date, Clergy, Verger and producing Baptismal and Godparents Certificates.

Funerals: Liaise with Funeral Directors, Clergy, Organist, Verger, Bell Ringers and Grave Digger to arrange all aspects involved in preparing for a Funeral. At the beginning of October each year we contact the relatives of the deceased with an invitation to the annual Memorial Service. Towards the end of the year the Diocese produce the following years Parochial Fees. The new Funeral Fees are sent off to all Funeral Directors and Stone Masons.

Weddings: Working with all relevant parties to facilitate the wedding ceremony, produce an invoice and in some cases, print Orders of Service for the big day.

Church Centre: Managing bookings, fees and facilities for parties booking the Church Centre. Oversee the care and maintenance of the Centre and arrange professional maintenance input as required.

Finance: Process expenses incurred by church members and invoices from commercial companies and forward them to the Church Accountant for payment. Verify payment. Manage a petty cash float for incidental small payments. Negotiate Utility tariffs for all our Churches and Church Centre and submit meter readings.

APCM: Preparation of all paperwork consistent with legal documentation required for the APCM for all three Churches - Electoral Roll revision, nomination forms for PCC and Church Wardens, printing minutes and providing the Chair with all necessary paperwork.

Legal: Annual application to the County Council and the Police to secure Alcohol licenses for the Beer Festival and to license the Church Centre.

Printing: Weekly Reading sheets and Order of Service booklets when necessary. We trialled one for the whole of Advent this year. Song sheets are also printed for our Churches and Service booklets prepared in house for Services held in the local Care Homes.

All publicity posters and leaflets supporting Church events, the Historical Society's newsletter.

The Village Christmas card produced by CTAA listing all the Christmas Services for all Village churches with four

cover pictures chosen from designs submitted by local school children. These are then printed in the office and delivered to every house in the village by volunteers.

Ensuring the care and maintenance of the printers and arranging sufficient supplies of toners and paper for these products and for printing the monthly Parish Magazine.

Church: Opening and closing of the Church each weekday. Liaising with the Church cleaner and overseeing the cleaning of the Church.

Keys: The Office is the keyholder for all 3 Churches in the Benefice.

Miscellaneous: Deliver ad hoc requests for foodbank provisions; prepare menu cards for Lent Lunches; arrange for work force and specialists to carry out work needed in the Church and Church Centre.

Provide secretarial support for St. Chad's and St. Cuthbert's Churches. Meet, greet and assist personal callers and similarly respond to telephone calls. Deal with the many and varied emails.

Andrea Tyerman & Julie Bromley

St. Mary's Church Centre Report

2024 was the busiest year yet for our Church Centre. The building has become a real community hub where people of all ages feel welcome and supportive friendships have been made. Without a large band of volunteers, which we appreciate very much, we could not run some of the wide variety of activities which are on offer. The Centre is now used every day by various groups from all age groups.

On a Monday we have Cosy Café which has provided a warm space and free meals for up to 60 people. Later in the day there is a class for those who love ballroom dancing. The ballroom classes have become so popular with wedding couples this year that extra classes were put on for them. Every week on a Tuesday morning sees an exercise class for the over 60's and then following this each fortnight there is a flower arranging group. Once a month flower club meet in the evening.

The Centre has provided a welcoming place this year for the teaching of English on a Wednesday morning and afternoon to Afghan Refugees, funded by the Home Office. In the evening sees another exercise group "Menofit", although on some Wednesday's we also have "Reel Issues", where a film is shown followed by a meal. On Thursday morning in Term Time we have "Tiny Club", a group for moms and toddlers. This is followed by our "Thank you for being a friend" singing group. Friday morning there is Yoga, and then once a month in the afternoon we have St. Mary's "Tearoom" where a delicious array of cakes and sandwiches are served to a group of 60 or more people. On Saturday morning every month we have Men' Breakfast. An opportunity just for men to get together, have a meal and a chat. And, of course, after every Sunday Service there is time for a cuppa and fellowship for the congregation. These are our regular activities, but we also have birthday party bookings, Funeral Wakes and other family functions plus our annual quiz night and fish and chip evening.

Julie Bromley & Andrea Tyerman

Music

We started 2024 by inviting additional singers to sing at a choral evensong at the end of January 2024, it was suggested that this could become a regular occurrence, however there have been no further Evensongs at the time of writing this report. Part of the reason for this is that some of the additional singers who gave up their winter evenings to rehearse, felt that the service itself was poorly attended, and have declined my invitation to do more.

I am working well with both the choir and the band, and rehearsals and services are regularly attended; we have not however had Anthony in the band lately due to work commitments with his new job. My thanks go to all band members for their hard work in their preparation and for enhancing our worship at these benefice services.

In May, we were joined by members of the scout group who assisted in leading some of the music in our benefice service; this is something I would like to do again as it is a means of introducing young people into worship; the scouts who did attend, enjoyed playing their part.

I started the year with 7 choir members, however following my absence from duty in September and October, some of them have not rejoined, such that we are now down to 3. I wish to thank Christine, Trish, Leonie and Ronnie for their efforts and support they gave me during their time in the church choir. The choir will continue to meet regularly on Wednesday evenings and will work hard to lead the hymn singing and in providing a sung anthem each week.

Having learned a new setting of The Gloria, I intend to introduce other musical aspects of the new setting for the Communion service to the congregation. By having another musical setting, we can switch during low and high seasons.

I again invited singers from the community to join the choir to sing at the Carol Service, however because I was unable to start rehearsals as early as I would have liked, many of the people who sang with us last year had already committed to other things. My thanks and appreciation go to those who did join us, and the music we presented was again well received by the congregation.

Moving forward, I feel that we need to work on recruiting more people from the local community into church, and from there, there will be more opportunity to involve them regularly in the music side of worship.

Stephen Cooper
Director of Music

The Foodbank

The foodbank continues to thrive and support the local community. We are fortunate to be able to offer both a collection and delivery service.

This Christmas we were able to offer some of our recipients a Co-op voucher for the value of £50 which was kindly donated by Relief in Need Fund as well as a food parcel. In total 7 vouchers were distributed. On average we supported 8 recipients a month, which is consistent with last year's records. However we supported more families this year, many of which have been referred to

	Jan	Feb	March	April	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	
Single	3	2	2	1	0	1	0	0	1	3	2	2	17
Couple	3	3	2	5	5	5	0	2	0	1	2	0	28
Family	3	8	9	6	3	3	0	0	4	8	2	3	49
	9	13	13	12	8	9	0	2	5	12	6	5	94

us by Star Housing, Domestic Abuse Charity and other authorities. It has been an honour to be able to help so many people in 2024.

Sarah Jones

Men's Breakfast

The United Benefice Men's Breakfast came under new management for 2024 and it was decided to have a fixed monthly date and therefore the second Saturday of the month was chosen, starting on Saturday 10th February. However, due to the Albrighton Fayre also being on the 2nd Saturday of July, Men's Breakfast was brought forward to Saturday 6th July and there was a break for August as the United Benefice Church Centre closes for the month. Therefore, there was a total of 9 Men's Breakfasts held throughout 2024. Average attendance throughout the year was 27, with a maximum of 34 and a minimum of 22. A cost of £3.50 is charged, however on average over £4 per person is received. This allowed a surplus to amount, which was used to purchase an Air Fryer at a cost £117. The Air Fryer is also available for use by other organised kitchen activities, such as the weekly Cosy Café. Volunteers that have assisted throughout the year are; Adrian Robinson, (main and only cook), Charles (Mitch) Mitchel, Dave Williams, Nick Bentley, Phil Murphy, Paul Jones, Frank Aston and myself.

Churches Together in Albrighton and Area

A meaningful and reflective service was held in St Joseph's church to mark the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity. This service alternates with the World Day of Prayer. The service was based on material prepared by the churches from Burkina Faso in West Africa and the theme was sharing God's love.

As the attendance had been so poor in 2023 this year the number of lunches was reduced to three, which were again put on in the Wesley Hall. The proceeds were donated to Save The Children's Gaza fund, which received a donation of £640 only £26 less than holding 5 lunches in 2023.

Lent study groups followed a course by Hilary Brand titled 'Christ and the Chocolaterie' based on the film Chocolat. The film was shown on the Sunday before the study groups. The afternoon study sessions were attended by 12 to 16, there was no evening group in 2024.

Christian Aid week was marked with an exhibition and music outside the Wesley Hall, the takings from the Café Central were also donated, and envelopes were distributed in the churches raising a total of £685.

The CTAA had a stall at the annual fayre, displaying our activities.

Experience Pentecost was organised for and attended by St Mary's school. It tells of the events surrounding Pentecost and the coming of the Holy Spirit.

On Shropshire Historic Churches Trust Ride and Stride Day all our churches were open for a part of the day, and the Methodist Church organised a treasure hunt, to run alongside the event, which increased the numbers who visited the churches. St Mary's PCC also made a contribution and the Methodists added proceeds from their coffee morning to the treasure hunt sending £70 to SHCT.

An Advent bring and share lunch brought people from around the churches to share together on Advent Sunday.

St Mary's church was used for experience Christmas and different aspects of the nativity story were explored through a welcome, four stations, and a closing station.

Christmas cards with a Christmas message, details of services and pictures from the children of St Mary's school, were delivered throughout the area.

Care Homes and Home Communion

Home Communion services have been held in both the Cedars and the Old Rectory Care Home throughout 2024.

At the Cedars services have been attended by around 10 although numbers have dropped as low as 5 and risen to 12. The service is usually held on the first Wednesday of the month. At The Old Rectory Care Home the usual attendance has been 6 -8 with a maximum of and 16, and a minimum of 4. The service is usually on the 4th Wednesday of the month.

The service is usually a communion by extension, however at Easter, Rev Simon presided and at Christmas Rev Mary presided and consecration took place during the service.

Home Communion has been taken out to people's homes as required, with a regular visit to three locations.

Deanery Synod

During the year Rev Helen Morby, and Rev Pippa Thorneycroft have retired, Rev Zoe Hemming is moving to be Canon Missioner at Newcastle Cathedral, and Rev Vikki Day is going into training as an Army Chaplain. This loss of clergy will stretch the resources of the Deanery and churches need to share expertise, events and material things.

Andrew Charles and Malcolm Maclean were elected as our Diocesan Synod representatives. In the March meeting Rev Zoe Hemming, the Diocesan enabler for Enabling All outlined that her team can provide practical information with simple and usually inexpensive ways to assist members of their congregations and visitors whatever their disabilities (many not being obvious or visible) to fully take part in services and events.

An open meeting was held in July to receive a presentation on the Diocesan Strategy for 2024 – 2030. The strategy is based on four principles

- Be purposeful about evangelism leading to numerical growth and depth of discipleship, inspiring all to confidently share their faith story
- Engage creatively with local communities.
- Become more diverse at every level and in every way and in particular to
- Grow younger

This was then broken down into 9 goals and the meeting split into groups to consider which three goals fitted with current activities and which would be the most challenging. This was to be taken back to the PCC for discussion.

In St. Marys the strengths were in engaging with the local community, diversity representing community diversity and connection with the schools. Challenges were a culture of vocation, training young people in leadership and the age profile reflecting the age profile of the community. The other three goals, diversity in diocesan governance, increasing the number of disciples and the formation of new worship communities were also considered to be challenging.

At the Deanery Synod in November, it was noted that the priorities and challenges were similar around the parishes.

Bill Sharples

Servers Report

I would like to start by remembering our dear friend and fellow server Sue Blunt who passed away last year. Sue had been a server for many years and had found great comfort in being able to contribute towards the life of St Mary's.

As you are aware the servers of St Mary's are a very small team who are passionate about their role in assisting Rev Mary, Rev Simon and visiting clergy at Eucharistic services. We would like to invite members of the congregation to share that experience and to ensure the smooth running of our regular Sunday services. Please speak either to Jean or myself we would appreciate your help.

Jean and I would also like to take this opportunity to Thank Rev Mary, Rev Simon, Bill and Matthew for all their help over the last year it has very much appreciated.

Paul Jones

Mission and Evangelism

Tiny Club

The group is for mothers/carers and their young children. It offers the opportunity for the children to have fun and mix with other children, in a safe environment with a familiar adult. Also for carers to mix and make new friends. The group runs on Thursday mornings 9:30am – 11:30 am in term time only in the Church Centre. There are themed activities each month, with a craft activity and something tactile on the messy tray for sensory play.

The activities and themes we have covered this year are:

January

painting, drawing,
yellow slime and Winnie the Pooh crafts for Winnie the Pooh Day,
dried oats and Thistle craft for Burns Night

February

Sand and kites for International Kite Flying Day
Ice cubes and polar bears, Polar bear craft for Polar Bear Day
Animals in tray with dry materials, Animal faces for World wildlife Day

March

Noodles and Teacup card for Mother's Day
Rainbow slime and Leprechaun for St Patricks Day
Painting and chicks and bunny craft for Easter

April

Dry cereal and Bee craft for Bee Active week
Compost with toy insects and an Earth person for Earth Day (each child was also given a seeded heart to plant at home)
Water with sea life creatures in and Penguin craft for Penguin Day

May

Ribbons and pom poms and Flower wreath for May Day
Sand and buckets and spades and drawing
Playdough and people cutters and People craft for Family week
Dried coloured rice and turtle craft for Turtle Day

June

Water and sea creatures, painting crab and starfish shapes for Sea Creature Day
Shaving foam and Father's Day Cards for Father's Day

Playdough and cutters and making shakers for Musical week
Shredded black paper and elephants and Elmer the elephant craft for Elmer week

July

Playdough and cutters and windsock for American Independence Day
Water and sharks and shark craft for Shark Awareness week
Sand and sandcastle tube craft and lifesaver rings

September

Playdough and cutters, colouring and drawing
Fake mud and Fox craft (Fantastic Mr. Fox) for Roahl Dahl week
Sand and treasure, parrot craft for Pirate Day (Children also dressed up as pirates and we had a cardboard Pirate Ship for children to play in)
Playdough and animal cutters and Gorilla Face for Gorilla Day

October

Black and neon coloured dried rice and rocket craft for Space week
Compost and toy insects and toadstool craft for Fungus week
Dried pasta and animals and sloth craft for Sloth Day
Shaving foam and spider craft for Halloween (the children also dressed up)

November

Red jelly and poppy wreath for Remembrance Day
Sand and Pudsey craft for Children in Need (children also dressed up)

December

Playdough and cutters and stocking craft for Christmas
Fake snow and Christmas tree craft for Christmas
Fake snow with penguins etc. and reindeer tube craft for Christmas
The children were each given a Christmas Activity Book and a few chocolate treats in a Santa Bag when they left.

The average numbers each week are 11 - 20 children and 12 – 22 adults. We have welcomed lots of new moms, dads, carers, nans and grandads throughout the year.

A variety of healthy snacks and drinks are provided for everyone each week. It is encouraging to see how the children are developing and the friendship groups which are forming both with the children and adults.
Mandy and I enjoy running the group and have received lots of positive comments from the parents/carers and always welcome any suggestions to improve the group. We are both looking forward to seeing how the group develops and flourishes in the future.

Josie Fisher
Tiny Club Leader

St Mary's Tea Room.

This year we served afternoon tea 9 times. By changing the menu each month and theming the food to the month we have had another successful year.

On average we fed 56 guests per month & 10 staff.

On average the donations received each month £236.48. In total for the year we made £974.64, after expenses.

	No of Guests	No of Staff	Expenses	Donations	Profit
February	61	10	106.76	370.6	263.84
March	53	11	126.74	165.6	38.86
April	55	9	125.21	236.14	110.93
May	57	10	120.09	232.5	112.41
June	63	10	99.41	235.5	136.09
July	57	10	131.32	207.7	76.38
September	52	9	120.56	190.62	70.06
November	57	11	120.9	234.2	113.3
December	52	10	202.73	255.5	52.77
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Sarah Jones

Cosy Cafe

2024 has been a good year for Cosy Café despite facing some staffing challenges towards the end of the year. As a friendship café we have welcomed at least 1,276 people for meals with a further 30 or so calling in for drinks across the 44 weeks we were open (not every week has guest figures recorded), a weekly average of 36.4. Enormous thanks go to everyone who enables this to happen on a weekly basis. To our cooks: Sarah Jones and Sue and Frank Aston who were instrumental in the early days but who have now stepped away, to Patrick and Gaynor Richards, Sylvia and Paul Jones, Sam Pocock, Mandy Murphy and Josie Fisher and to our helpers: Siobahn and Louise McIvor, Xander, Phil Murphy, and hosts – Josie Fisher and Mandy Murphy.

At Christmas we all came together to cook a Christmas dinner for all the guests and staff, each chef cooking a different part of the traditional meal or dessert. On this occasion we fed 44 people plus staff and with seconds/takeaways we provided 70 meals. We continue to reach out and engage with new people appreciating the service provided.

We do not charge for the meals but state that donations are welcome. As a result, we have become self-sufficient in funding this scheme. In 2024 running costs were £2442.21, donations received were £5,034.01 which left us with a profit of £2,459.62.

The increased use of the kitchen and success of Cosy Café, St. Mary's Tea Room etc. has led to a desire to have the kitchen refurbished and made 'fit for purpose' through the installation of a semi-professional kitchen, something we are hoping to progress in 2025.

Mary Thomas

Messy Church

The first Messy Church of 2024 was held on **Friday 9th February**, and the theme was 'Love', 18 children, 18 adults attended; lots of heart shaped crafts and activities were enjoyed by all. Most of the children stayed for tea. It was a rewarding way to start the year.

Friday 29th March was Messy Easter held in the Church on Good Friday this was very well attended, 42 children plus adults. There was a chick hunt around the church, which encouraged the children to move around the church to see the different crafts/activities on offer and to look around at different parts of the Church building, small prizes were given out to the winners and every child got a pencil and sweets on leaving.

Friday 10th May, the theme was Pentecost, this was well attended and lots of crafts and activities relating to fire, wind etc. were enjoyed by everyone. A large display picture was done by all the children with red, yellow, orange mosaic pieces with a large white dove in the middle. Most of the children stayed for tea.

Friday 12th July, the theme was 'Bible Seaside's', 17 children and 14 adults attended, and the children enjoyed lots of fish crafts and activities. Most of the children stayed for tea.

Friday 11th October, the theme was 'Harvest', 36 children and 31 adults attended with lots of various crafts and activities, lots stayed for tea afterwards.

Friday 20th December, Messy Christmas, 30 children and 30 adults attended, and the children enjoyed lots of crafts, 24 stayed for tea.

Messy Church numbers have been very encouraging this year, and the children also enjoy staying for tea too. More families who attend Tiny Club are also now joining us for Messy Church too.

Each Messy Church I contact both schools who kindly send the information to all parents in the Friday Flyer or by a text. Posters are also displayed about two weeks before and information is put in the Parish magazine. Frank has also helped with the advertising by putting the information on social media.

This year we had more helpers from the Benefice and the village. Sam Pocock, Sarah Jones, Francis Quilter, Jean Preece, Phil Murphy and Paul Fisher in the kitchen. Myself, Mandy Murphy, Jane Maeer, Pauline Hill, Jo Bolton, Sarah Williams with the crafts. Also new helpers for a few sessions were Rosemary Maguire, Emily Killeen and Pam Cattell. Rev Mary Thomas has provided all the worship. There were also extra helpers for Messy Easter.

I would like to thank everyone who has helped or saved cardboard boxes, tubes for crafts and for everyone's continued support. I look forward to seeing how this group develops in the future and if anyone would like to help out in any way, please let me know. Thank you.

Josie Fisher
Messy Church Leader

Ladies Link Report

Ladies link is a non-profit group for ladies from the Benefice and community. Unfortunately, due to holidays and other circumstances we only managed to meet up twice this year.

This year we held a St Patrick's evening on Friday 15th March 2024 which ladies and gentlemen were invited. This was attended by 50 people and the entertainment for the evening was 'George' an acoustic singer, it was a great social evening thoroughly enjoyed by everyone who attended.

The long-standing caterers also retired, and we presented them with a Thank you card and gifts on behalf of everyone from Ladies Link. A new caterer for future events has now been organised.

Our event on Wednesday 18th September 2024 was cancelled due to lack of numbers, so 10 ladies went out for a meal at The Oaken Arms instead, we had a lovely evening and the food was delicious.

I would like to thank Sarah Jones, Vanessa Bentley and Tracey Read for their continued help and support with the group. I would also like to thank all the ladies who attend for their continued support, although we have lost some of our ladies through ill health and other circumstances, we have also welcomed some new ladies. and hopefully we look forward to welcoming more new ladies to our group in the future.

Josie Fisher

Youth Work

Youth Work is also delivered through the local primary schools. Rev. Mary Thomas delivers weekly assemblies at St. Mary's Primary (C of E) and Albrighton Primary (County) which enables us to build relationships across the community and to deliver the gospel in interactive and exciting ways.

Parish Magazine



The magazine was produced 11 times in 2024 (the usual joint July/August issue being produced in the summer). The price rose quite steeply from £1 per copy to £1.50 in an attempt to cover our ever-rising costs, and happily we did not lose a large number of subscribers. The print run is now about 820. We still have 10 pages of local advertisements, which readers have said they find invaluable. We receive regular contributions from more than 30 active groups from all walks of village life. Covers – local and seasonal photos are still sent in by readers, which this year has included the newly refurbished unique war memorial. The magazine is still printed at the church centre and distributed by a team

Margaret Leach
Editor.

Reel Issues 2023-24

An initiative of the Bible Society, the agenda is to discuss life's big issues as they are treated in popular films and to see what the Christian faith has to say about them. Everyone understands that the discussion is Christian-led and will include Christian perspectives, but there are opportunities for all members to share from personal experience and their individual perspectives. It's an opportunity for friendships to grow and beliefs to be shared in an atmosphere of respect and trust. Think dialogue rather than traditional evangelism. The aims are;

- (a) To help Christians relate their faith to the stories and messages of popular films and
- (b) Find points of contact for conversation and faith-sharing among their friends.

At St. Mary Magdalene Church, Albrighton, Reel Issues takes place at least six times a year, although interest is such that more events are a distinct possibility. Attendance, at the time of writing (December 2024), is on the increase.

Past seasons have included films as varied as, "The Great Escaper", "Wonder", "Somewhere in Time", "On Golden Pond", "Belfast". "Minari" and "The Holdovers", shown uninterrupted in an environment as close as possible to a cinema experience.

At the conclusion of the film, a two-course hot supper is served, usually to 40 or more and this is followed by friendly and lively discussion relating to issues which have been highlighted by the storyline of each individual movie. No charge is made for Reel Issues events, but participants are invited to donate towards the supper. The occasions are, therefore, self-supporting,

Frank Aston

TU4BAF (Thank You For Being a Friend) Singing Group

The group is for all members of our community and offers the opportunity to share in the fellowship of others through an enjoyment of music and singing. The group began around 18 months ago with a team of 5 volunteers to run it but unfortunately, due to work commitments the team has reduced to just 3 volunteers.

It runs on a Thursday afternoon from 1.30pm for an hour; originally weekly but we have made the decision to continue term time only as there are only the three volunteers. The group numbers have increased from around 10 members, when we first started, up to 26 at times with ages ranging from 9 months to 95 years of age. As there is no requirement for regular attendance then the numbers fluctuate although we do have a strong core membership of regulars and we average around 17 members per session.

Before we sing sessions begin with a drink and cake/pastries and a time for everyone to chat together. Josie and Mandy organise the refreshments for everyone and this part of the session is greatly appreciated by all of the group members. I have been responsible for organising the music since February 2024. I prefer to have a theme for each week and choose songs across the decades and genres. The words to the songs are projected onto the large screen rather than being on photocopied sheets and are usually accompanied by myself on the piano. Members also join in with ideas for the weekly themes and/or songs to sing.

At Christmas (December 2024) a number of the group sang at the Carol Service at St. Cuthbert's Church and also went Carol singing at the Rectory Care Home.

Jo Bolton

Financial Review

Income:- £147,307 [£150,023 2023]

Expenditure:- £164,257 [£148,056 2023]

Deficit: (£17,220) 2024 – Unrestricted deficit (£12,226) Restricted deficit (£4,994)
[Excess £1,967 2023]

Net total Assets: £573,116 [£584,308 2023]

Overall Income has reduced from £150,023 2023 to £147,307. The most notable differences being reductions in 0101 Gift aid collections, 0301 loose plate collections, 0550 donations. and 1101 fees from weddings and funerals. We have seen increases in 0303 contactless, 0201 Non gift aid collections and 0901 other funds generated.

Expenditure on the other hand has increased from £148,056 2023 to £164,527. The most notable differences [not exhaustive] being increases in 2201 Parish mission, 2050 Parish administrator salary. Very large increase in 2,440 heating and lighting.

Kim Benton

Reserves Policy

It is PCC policy to try to maintain a balance on free reserves (net current assets) which equates to at least three months unrestricted payments. This is equivalent to £35,914 [£31,425 2023]. It is held to smooth out fluctuations in cash flow and to meet emergencies. The balance of the free reserves at the year-end was £50,043 [£64,869 2023] and in addition there are free reserve investments of £124,115 [£118,087 2023], which is significantly higher than this target. St Mary's have chosen to show reserves in a designated fund. The balance of this fund is £40,000 [£40,000 2023], which is higher than the target. In the uncertain economic climate, it is felt to have a healthy reserve is a good foundation for the future and will allow the charity to explore different outreach if identified and also be secure of having sufficient reserves if called upon in any unforeseen circumstances.

Investment Policy

The charity is granted power to invest in suitable investments under the PCC Powers Measure 1956 and the Trustees Act 2000. As a charity, the Trustees have a duty of care to take such advice as is appropriate before investments are undertaken. This advice is sought from the Central Board of Finance (CCLA) in London.

The charity's investment policies are based on two key principles: -

- Ethical Investment – this includes ensuring that investments are held in companies which have high standards of corporate governance and act in a responsible way towards stakeholders.
- Long-term responsibilities – the trustees are aware of their long-term responsibilities in respect of the Restricted and Unrestricted reserves and as a result follow a prudent approach to investment decisions.

Investment policy for long-term funds is aimed primarily at generating a sustainable income, with due regard to the need for the preservation of capital value, and the possible need to realise investments to meet operational needs. The charity does not have a policy of generating income at excessive or high risk – known as “purchasing income”, where high returns are guaranteed at the expense of capital.

In summary, the charity has an overall policy to maximise income while preserving the real value of its funds. Due to the nature of the charity, an ethical investment policy is taken into consideration when investments are made:

The charity follows the Ethical Investment Advisory policy as recommended by the Lichfield Diocese which includes the following:

“We aim to invest in companies that:

- * will develop their business in the interests of shareholders;
- * demonstrate responsible employment practices;
- * are conscientious concerning issues of corporate governance, the environment and human rights;
- * are sensitive to the community in which they operate.”

Planned giving, collections and donations are the main sources of fund raising along with tax recoverable.

Safeguarding

The PCC believe they have fulfilled their duty under section 5 of the Safeguarding and Clergy Discipline Measure 2016 (duty to have due regard to House of Bishops' guidance on safeguarding children and vulnerable adults).

Reporting Serious Incidents

A Serious Incident is an adverse event, whether actual or alleged, which results in or risks significant harm to the charity's beneficiaries, employees, office holders, volunteers or to others who come into contact with the charity through its work, loss of the charity's money or assets, damage to the charity's property or harm to the charity's work or reputation.

The trustees are not aware of any Serious Incidents in the last year

Fundraising

The PCC takes its fundraising responsibilities seriously and is very grateful to all donors – whether regular or occasional – for their support of the church and church events. PCC supporters are never taken for granted. The PCC take full responsibility for fundraising and do not use commercial organisations or professional fundraisers. All money raised is either by donations, fundraising events, special appeals or legacies for which the PCC are most grateful.

Volunteers

The members of the PCC would like to thank all of the 34 volunteers who work so hard to make our Church a lively and vibrant community.

Risk Management

The Church Wardens carry out regular Health and Safety Reviews and regularly inspect premises for potential hazards. We have safeguarding policies in place for child protection and for work with vulnerable adults, including rigorous DBS checking of staff and volunteers. Our insurances are reviewed annually to ensure adequate cover. An informal review of any new risks which may impact the work of the Church in the Parish is ongoing.

Structure, Governance and Management

The PCC is a Body Corporate established by the Church of England and is a Charity registered with the Charity Commission. The PCC is governed by the Parochial Church Council Powers Measure (1956) as amended that came into effect on 2nd January 1957, and the Church Representation Rules (contained in Schedule 3 to the Synodical Government Measure 1969 as amended).

The method of appointment of the PCC members is set out in the Church Representation Rules. The Council comprises the Incumbent, the Churchwardens, a representative of the Readers, those elected to the Deanery Synod, and other members who are elected at the Annual Parochial Church Meeting, by those on the Electoral Roll. The PCC members receive training from courses run by the Diocese. Members of the congregation are always urged to join the Electoral Roll, and to stand for election to the PCC.

The PCC members are responsible for making decisions on all matters of general concern and importance in the parish, and for all financial matters. The PCC met 4 times during the year.

Related Parties

Andrea Tyerman is employed as Parish Administrator and PA to Revd Mary Thomas and continues as a Trustee of the PCC. This has been discussed by the PCC without Andrea present and the PCC agreed unanimously that they wanted Andrea to continue in both roles.

No other Trustee or their family are employed or offered contracts to carry out work for the PCC.

Donations from Related Parties

Donations from 12 related parties during the year totalled £36,421 [£57,560 2023]. All these donations were received without conditions. One donor donated 88% of the total but has done this on a consistent basis over many years.

Remuneration paid to Trustees

One or more of the trustees has been paid remuneration or has received other benefits from an employment with their charity. Andrea Tyerman is employed as the Incumbent's personal assistant and is also The Church Warden. The PCC discussed the reason for employing her and her continuing as a Trustee without Andrea being present. They decided that because of her years of experience working as the Administrator [prior to being registered with Charity Commission] and her years of attending St Mary's Church they wanted her to continue in both roles.

The remuneration is £8,736 per annum [£8,736 2023] – there are no pension payments and Andrea does not receive any other benefits.

Expenses paid to Trustees

Two trustees were reimbursed a total of £871 [£1,311 2023] for travel during the year.

Reference and Administrative Details

Charity Name: The Parochial Church Council of The Parish of Albrighton

Other names the charity is known by: N/A

Registered Charity Number: 1164192

Charity's principal address: Vicarage Fields Albrighton Wolverhampton WV7 3EQ

Correspondence address: St Mary's Church Centre Vicarage Fields Albrighton Wolverhampton WV7 3EQ

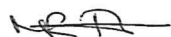
Website address: <https://www.albrightonparishchurch.org.uk>

PCC Members: Who Served from 1 January 2024 to the date this report was approved

Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole period
Ex-Officio		
The Rev'd Mary Thomas	Chair	
Andrea Tyerman	Churchwarden/Vice Chair/Deanery Synod Rep	
Chris Cherrington	Churchwarden	Resigned 12.05.24
Lydia Radigan	Secretary	
William Sharples	Deanery Synod Rep	
Stephen Cooper	Director of Music	
Howard Siswick	Churchwarden from 12.05.24	
Elected Members		
Pam Slater		
Gerald Leach		
Paul Jones		
Denise Cherrington	Gift Aid Secretary	
Sue Aston		
Josephine Fisher		
Tim Bradshaw		
Mandy Murphy		Resigned 12.05.24
Mary Hancox		
Timothy Mear		
Joanne Bolton		Elected 12.05.24

Bank	TSB Bank PLC High Street Albrighton Wolverhampton WV7 3JE
Investment Managers	CCLA 1 Angel Ln London EC4R 3AB
Independent Examiner	Lichfield Diocesan Board of Finance St Marys House, The Close, Lichfield. WS13 7LD

Approved by the PCC on 12th May 2025 and signed on its behalf by:



Revd Mary Thomas


pp Lydia Radigan

Independent Examiner's report to the trustees/members of The PCC of The Parish of Albrighton
Registered charity number: 1164192

I report on the accounts for the year ended 31st December 2024 which are set out on the following pages.

Respective responsibilities of the Trustees and Independent 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 examine the accounts under section 145 of the Charities Act,
- 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
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of Independent Examiner's Statement

My examination was carried out in accordance with the 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.

Independent Examiner's Statement

In connection with my examination, no material matters have come to my attention which gives me cause to believe that in any material respect:

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

I 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.

Signed: 

Date: 15/07/2025 2025

Lichfield Diocesan Board of Finance
St Mary's House, The Close, Lichfield WS13 7LD

The Parish of Albrighton
Notes to the Financial Statements
For the year ended 31st December 2024

Accounting Policies

The Financial statements of the PCC have been prepared in accordance with the Church Accounting Regulations 2006 using the Receipts and Payments basis.

There may be minor discrepancies in the totals as the pence are not being shown.

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention with items recognised at cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant notes to these accounts. The financial statements 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.

Cashflow Statement

The Charity has taken advantage of the exemption in FRS102 from the requirement to produce a cashflow statement on the grounds that the income does not exceed £500,000.

Going Concern

There are no material uncertainties that relate to events or conditions that cast significant doubt on the charity's ability to continue as a going concern.

Accounting Estimates and Prior Year Errors

No changes to accounting estimates have occurred in the reporting period.

No material prior year errors have been identified in the reporting period

Description of Funds

Unrestricted funds are income funds of the PCC that are available for spending on the general purposes of the PCC, including amounts designated by the PCC for fixed assets for its own use or for spending on a future project and which are therefore not included in its "free reserves" as disclosed in the trustees' annual report.

An explanation of purpose of each Designated fund are as follows:

- Beer – Beer festival funds collected for General fund – kept separate for analysis
- Bells – Funds set aside for the maintenance of the Bells
- Charity – Funds set aside for donations to other Charities
- Children – Fund set aside for work with children
- Choir – Funds set aside for Choir expenses
- Clock – Funds set aside for the maintenance of the Clock
- Emergency fund – Funds set aside for emergencies. To be used at the Vicars discretion
- Entertain – Funds set aside for purchasing sundries when entertaining
- Flowers – Funds set aside for Church flowers
- Hall – Fund used to record of the income and expenditure of the Church Centre
- Magazine – Fund to record the income and expenditure of the Magazine
- Maintain – Funds set aside for Church maintenance
- Organ – Funds set aside for the upkeep of the Organ
- Organ Chamber – Funds set aside for the planned work on the Organ Chamber
- PPNZC – Practical Path to Net Zero Carbon – Funds set aside to further reducing the Church's carbon footprint
- Quinquen – Funds set aside for any Quinquennial inspection works
- Reserves – Funds set aside to go towards or cover 3 months expenditure
- Services – Funds set aside for Vestry Wine/Wafers/Candles
- Sound - Funds set aside for the upgrade of the Sound system
- SSchool – Funds set aside for Sunday School
- Stationery – Funds set aside for Stationery

- Tiny Club – Funds set aside for Tiny Club to be merged with Children fund
- Training – Funds set aside for Ministry Training

Restricted funds comprise of two elements :-

- a) income from trusts or endowments which may be expended only on those restricted objects provided in the terms of the trust or bequest
- b) donations or grants received for a specific object or invited by the PCC for a specific object. The funds may only be expended on the specific object for which they were given. Any balance remaining unspent at the end of each year must be carried forward as a balance on that fund. The PCC does not usually invest separately for each fund. Where there is no separate investment, interest is apportioned to individual funds on an average balance basis.

An explanation of purpose of each Restricted fund are as follows:

- Foodbank Grant – Grant from Shropshire Food Poverty Alliance to increase the storage capacity of the foodbank
- Decoration – Funds specifically for the decoration of the Vicarage and held with LDBF
- Yard – Specific donations and grants for the upkeep of the Churchyard

Endowment funds are restricted funds that must be retained as trust capital either permanently or subject to a discretionary power to spend capital as income, and where the use of any income or other benefit derived from the capital may be restricted or unrestricted. Full details of all their restrictions are shown in the notes to the accounts.

An explanation of purpose of each Endowment fund are as follows:

The Parish of Albrighton does not hold any Endowments.

Incoming Resources

Planned giving, collections and donations are recognised when received or when the PCC becomes entitled to the resource and the monetary value can be measured with sufficient reliability. Tax refunds are recognised when the incoming resource to which they relate is received. Grants and Legacies are accounted for when the PCC is legally entitled to the amounts due and the monetary value can be measured with sufficient reliability. Dividends are accounted for when receivable, interest is accrued. All other income is recognised when it is receivable. All incoming resources are accounted for gross.

Resources Expended

Grants and donations are accounted for when paid over, or when awarded, if that award creates a binding or constructive obligation on the PCC. The diocesan parish share is accounted for when due. Amounts received specifically for mission are dealt with as restricted funds. All other expenditure is generally recognised when it is incurred and is accounted for gross.

Governance and Support Costs

Support costs should be allocated between governance costs and other support. Governance costs comprise all costs involving public accountability of the PCC and its compliance with regulation and good practice.

Support costs include central functions and have been allocated to activity cost categories on a basis consistent with the use of resources eg by allocating staff costs by time spent and other costs by their usage.

Fixed Assets

Consecrated and benefice property is not included in the accounts by s.10(2)(a)&(C) of the Charities Act 2011.

Moveable church furnishings held by the Vicar and Churchwardens on special trust for the PCC and which require a faculty for disposal are inalienable property, listed in the Church's inventory, which can be inspected (at any reasonable time). For anything acquired prior to 2000 there is insufficient cost information available and therefore such assets are not valued in the financial statements. The Church Centre is revalued at 31 December annually using Nationwide house price calculator and shown on page 36.

Investments

Investments in quoted shares, traded bonds and similar investments are valued initially at cost and subsequently at market value at the year end. Investments held for re-sale are treated as current asset investments.

Debtors

Debtors are measured on initial recognition at settlement amount. Subsequently they are measured as cash expected to be received

Creditors and Accruals

Creditors are measured at settlement amounts less any trade discounts. Accruals are measured on best estimate of the amount required to settle the obligation at the reporting date.

Parish of Albrighton year ended 2024

Statement of Receipts and Payments 2024

	Unrestricted funds	Designated funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds	2024	2023
Receipts						
Donations and legacies	113,679	799	-	-	114,478	116,675
Income from charitable activities	9,024	-	-	-	9,024	9,809
Other trading activities	-	14,907	-	-	14,907	16,446
Investments	1,845	7,052	-	-	8,897	7,093
Other income	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total income	124,548	22,758	-	-	147,307	150,023
Payments						
Raising funds	461	-	-	-	461	444
Expenditure on charitable activities	135,163	15,874	4,994	-	156,032	139,011
Other expenditure	8,034	-	-	-	8,034	8,601
Total expenditure	143,659	15,874	4,994	-	164,527	148,056
Net income / (expenditure) resources before transfer	(19,110)	6,884	(4,994)	-	(17,220)	1,967
Transfers						
Gross transfers between funds - in	21,596	11,260	6,053	-	38,909	118,950
Gross transfers between funds - out	(17,312)	(21,596)	-	-	(38,909)	(118,950)
Other recognised gains / losses						
Gains/losses on investment assets	6,028	-	-	-	6,028	13,182
Gains on revaluation, fixed assets, charity's own use	-	-	-	-	-	(10,042)
Net movement in funds	(8,798)	(3,452)	1,058	-	(11,192)	5,107
Reconciliation of funds						
Total funds brought forward	525,676	53,102	5,530	-	584,308	579,201
Total funds carried forward	516,878	49,650	6,588	-	573,116	584,308

Statement of Assets and Liabilities 2024

Class and nominal code	General	Designated	Restricted	Endowment	2024	2023
Fixed Asset - Investments						
CB3028026: CCLA Albrighton St Mary Magdalene PCC	124,115	-	-	-	124,115	118,087
Total	124,115	-	-	-	124,115	118,087
Fixed Asset - Tangible Assets						
HALL: Church Hall	342,720	-	-	-	342,720	342,720
Total	342,720	-	-	-	342,720	342,720
Current Asset - Cash At Bank And In Hand						
00108922: St Mary Magdalene - Main	(10,529)	9,655	16,038	-	15,164	36,564
07046817: St Mary Magdalene Savings - Planned Givi	50,310	40,000	-	-	90,310	83,413
6590: Cash in hand	64	(9)	-	-	54	131
6592: Emergency Fund Vicars discretion	-	5	-	-	5	5
CB3028025: CCLA (CBF) Reserve	10,197	-	-	-	10,197	9,683
IDALBR011: IDS Decoration Scheme	-	-	1,770	-	1,770	1,770
Total	50,043	49,650	17,808	-	117,500	131,566
Liability - Agency Accounts						
6699: Agency collections	-	-	11,220	-	11,220	8,066
Total	-	-	11,220	-	11,220	8,066
Net total assets	516,878	49,650	6,588	-	573,116	584,308

Approved by the PCC on 12th May 2025 and signed on its behalf by:



Revd Mary Thomas


p.p. Lydia Radigan

Statement of Assets and Liabilities 2023

	General	Designated	Restricted	2023	2022
Fixed assets - Tangible assets					
Church Hall -	342,720	—	—	342,720	352,762
Totals	342,720	—	—	342,720	352,762
Current assets - Cash at bank and in hand					
St Mary Magdalene - Main -	12,681	13,097	10,785	36,564	46,252
St Mary Magdalene - Main -	—	—	—	—	(32,605)
St Mary Magdalene Savings - Planned	42,372	40,000	1,040	83,412	100,030
Givi -					
Cash in hand -	131	—	—	131	161
Bell Ringer Petty Cash -	—	—	—	—	90
Emergency Fund Vicars discretion -	—	4	—	4	4
CCLA (CBF) Reserve -	9,683	—	—	9,683	9,382
CCLA Albrighton St Mary Magdalene PCC	118,087	—	—	118,087	104,905
-					
IDS Decoration Scheme -	—	—	1,769	1,769	1,769
Totals	182,956	53,101	13,595	249,653	229,989
Liabilities - Agency accounts					
Agency collections -	—	—	8,065	8,065	3,551
Totals	—	—	8,065	8,065	3,551
Grand total	525,676	53,102	5,530	584,308	579,201

Analysis of receipts and payments 2024

	Unrestricted	Designated	Restricted	Endowment	2024	2023
RECEIPTS						
Donations and legacies						
0101 - Gift Aid Collections	43,763	-	-	-	43,763	68,325
0201 - Non Gift Aid Collections	4,606	-	-	-	4,606	1,435
0301 - Loose plate collections	3,031	-	-	-	3,031	4,371
0303 - Contactless	7,374	-	-	-	7,374	-
0410 - Giving through church boxes	170	-	-	-	170	128
0550 - Donations appeals over £20	11,996	799	-	-	12,795	16,063
0601 - Tax recoverable on Gift Aid	17,832	-	-	-	17,832	11,735
0701 - Legacies	-	-	-	-	-	5,000
0801 - Recurring grants	2,000	-	-	-	2,000	3,000
08A1 - Non-recurring one-off grants	3,082	-	-	-	3,082	1,500
0901 - Other funds generated	19,825	-	-	-	19,825	5,120
Donations and legacies Totals	113,679	799	-	-	114,478	116,675
Income from charitable activities						
0902 - Heating - Weddings&Funerals	480	-	-	-	480	-
1101 - Fees for weddings and funerals	7,924	-	-	-	7,924	9,773
1210 - Magazine/Bookstall sales	620	-	-	-	620	36
Income from charitable activities Totals	9,024	-	-	-	9,024	9,809
Other trading activities						
1250 - Magazine income - advertising	-	4,744	-	-	4,744	5,555
1260 - Parish magazine sales	-	10,164	-	-	10,164	10,891
Other trading activities Totals	-	14,907	-	-	14,907	16,446
Investments						
1001 - Dividends	130	-	-	-	130	-
1020 - Bank/Building society/CBF interest	1,716	-	-	-	1,716	1,290
1230 - Donations to Church Hall Upkeep	-	7,052	-	-	7,052	5,803
Investments Totals	1,845	7,052	-	-	8,897	7,093
Receipts Grand totals	124,548	22,758	-	-	147,307	150,023

PAYMENTS**Raising funds**

1720 - Costs of stewardship campaign	81	-	-	-	81	81
1740 - Bank Charges	380	-	-	-	380	363

Raising funds Totals

461	-	-	-	-	461	444
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Expenditure on charitable activities

1730 - Costs of fetes/concerts & other events	-	7,231	-	-	7,231	2,627
1801 - Giving to missionary societies	-	-	-	-	-	1,482
1910 - LDBF Common Fund	46,384	-	-	-	46,384	45,474
2050 - Parish Administrator Salary	18,352	-	-	-	18,352	15,943
2150 - Vicar's telephone	-	-	-	-	-	60
2201 - Parish training and mission	7,038	763	-	-	7,801	4,726
2301 - Church running - insurance	3,529	-	-	-	3,529	4,384
2310 - Church office - telephone/internet	1,092	-	-	-	1,092	1,004
2320 - Organ / piano tuning	-	315	-	-	315	895
2330 - Church maintenance	14,873	217	-	-	15,090	15,312
2331 - Cleaning	4,420	-	-	-	4,420	3,434
2340 - Upkeep of services	270	2,818	-	-	3,088	4,074
2350 - Upkeep of churchyard	-	-	4,994	-	4,994	4,916
2360 - Administration	21,428	1,846	-	-	23,273	21,930
2370 - Visiting speakers / locums	72	-	-	-	72	215
2401 - Church running - electric	-	-	-	-	-	3,554
2410 - Church running - gas	-	-	-	-	-	7,217
2420 - Church running - water	-	-	-	-	-	225
2440 - Heating & Lighting	17,705	-	-	-	17,705	-
2550 - Hall running - insurance	-	1,019	-	-	1,019	-
2560 - Hall running - maintenance	-	491	-	-	491	785
2580 - Hall running - water	-	253	-	-	253	673
2590 - Hall running - heating and lighting	-	921	-	-	921	(375)
2720 - Church interior and exterior decorating	-	-	-	-	-	457
Expenditure on charitable activities Totals	135,163	15,874	4,994	-	156,032	139,011

Other expenditure

2051 - Other Salaries	2,870	-	-	-	2,870	3,130
2060 - Music Staff Salaries	4,140	-	-	-	4,140	4,437
2101 - Working expenses of incumbent	21	-	-	-	21	521
2131 - All Other Expense Claims	475	-	-	-	475	512
2831 - Vicarage Decorations	528	-	-	-	528	-

Other expenditure Totals

8,034	-	-	-	-	8,034	8,601
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Payments Grand totals

143,659	15,874	4,994	-	-	164,527	148,056
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Fund movement by type - 2024

Fund	Opening	Incoming	Outgoing	Transfers	Gains/Losses	Journals	Closing
Children							
Designated	183	799	456	-	-	-	526
Sub-totals	183	799	456	-	-	-	526
Decoration							
Restricted	1,770	-	-	-	-	-	1,770
Sub-totals	1,770	-	-	-	-	-	1,770
Emergency							
Designated	5	-	-	-	-	-	5
Sub-totals	5	-	-	-	-	-	5
Entertain							
Designated	(343)	-	7,231	7,574	-	-	-
Sub-totals	(343)	-	7,231	7,574	-	-	-
FoodGrant							
Restricted	4,818	-	-	-	-	-	4,818
Sub-totals	4,818	-	-	-	-	-	4,818
Hall							
Designated	792	7,052	3,016	-	-	-	4,828
Sub-totals	792	7,052	3,016	-	-	-	4,828
Magazine							
Designated	8,510	14,907	1,822	(21,596)	-	-	-
Sub-totals	8,510	14,907	1,822	(21,596)	-	-	-
Maintain							
Designated	(20)	-	217	237	-	-	-
Sub-totals	(20)	-	217	237	-	-	-
Organ							
Designated	(175)	-	315	490	-	-	-
Sub-totals	(175)	-	315	490	-	-	-
Organcham							
Designated	4,300	-	-	-	-	-	4,300
Sub-totals	4,300	-	-	-	-	-	4,300
Reserves							
Designated	40,000	-	-	-	-	-	40,000
Sub-totals	40,000	-	-	-	-	-	40,000
Services							
Designated	(150)	-	2,818	2,959	-	-	(9)
Sub-totals	(150)	-	2,818	2,959	-	-	(9)
Yard							
Restricted	(1,058)	-	4,994	6,053	-	-	-
Sub-totals	(1,058)	-	4,994	6,053	-	-	-
General							

Unrestricted	525,676	124,548	143,659	4,284	6,028	-	516,878
Sub-totals	525,676	124,548	143,659	4,284	6,028	-	516,878
Totals	584,308	147,307	164,527	-	6,028	-	573,116

Fund movement by type – 2023

	Opening	Incoming	Outgoing	Transfers	Gain/Loss	Closing
Beer - Beer Festival Collec						
Designated	5,281	—	—	(5,281)	—	—
Sub-total for Beer	5,281	—	—	(5,281)	—	—
Bells - Bells Maintenance						
Designated	1,500	125	5,324	3,698	—	—
Sub-total for Bells	1,500	125	5,324	3,698	—	—
Charity - Charitable Fund						
Designated	4,968	—	1,481	(3,486)	—	—
Sub-total for Charity	4,968	—	1,481	(3,486)	—	—
Children - Childrens Activities						
Designated	250	204	17	(253)	—	183
Sub-total for Children	250	204	17	(253)	—	183
Choir - Choir - Inactive						
Designated	725	—	—	(725)	—	—
Sub-total for Choir	725	—	—	(725)	—	—
Clock - Church Clock Mainten						
Designated	688	—	327	(360)	—	—
Sub-total for Clock	688	—	327	(360)	—	—
Decoration - Decoration Scheme						
Restricted	1,769	—	—	—	—	1,769
Sub-total for Decoration	1,769	—	—	—	—	1,769
Emergency - Emergency Fund - Vic						
Designated	750	—	—	(745)	—	4
Sub-total for Emergency	750	—	—	(745)	—	4
Entertain - Entertaining (Recept						
Designated	(343)	—	2,574	2,574	—	(343)
Sub-total for Entertain	(343)	—	2,574	2,574	—	(343)
Flowers - Flowers						
Designated	250	—	—	(250)	—	—
Sub-total for Flowers	250	—	—	(250)	—	—
FoodGrant - Food Bank Grant						
Restricted	4,818	—	—	—	—	4,818
Sub-total for FoodGrant	4,818	—	—	—	—	4,818
Hall - Hall Fund						

Designated	4,004	5,803	1,083	(7,932)	—	791
Sub-total for Hall	4,004	5,803	1,083	(7,932)	—	791
Magazine - Magazine Fund						
Designated	20,635	16,446	2,034	(26,536)	—	8,510
Sub-total for Magazine	20,635	16,446	2,034	(26,536)	—	8,510
Maintain - Church Maintenance						
Designated	1,234	—	9,272	8,018	—	(19)
Sub-total for Maintain	1,234	—	9,272	8,018	—	(19)
Organ - Organ & Piano Tuning						
Designated	(675)	—	895	1,395	—	(175)
Sub-total for Organ	(675)	—	895	1,395	—	(175)
Organcham - Organ Chamber Fund						
Designated	4,773	—	486	12	—	4,300
Sub-total for Organcham	4,773	—	486	12	—	4,300
PPNZC - Practical Path To Ne						
Designated	(418)	—	—	418	—	—
Sub-total for PPNZC	(418)	—	—	418	—	—
Quinquen - Quinquennial Inspect						
Designated	745	—	—	(745)	—	—
Sub-total for Quinquen	745	—	—	(745)	—	—
Reserves - Reserves - 3 Months						
Designated	40,000	—	—	—	—	40,000
Sub-total for Reserves	40,000	—	—	—	—	40,000
SSchool - Sunday School - Inac						
Designated	140	—	—	(140)	—	—
Sub-total for SSchool	140	—	—	(140)	—	—
Services - Vestry Wine/Wafers/C						
Designated	(3,408)	—	4,074	7,332	—	(149)
Sub-total for Services	(3,408)	—	4,074	7,332	—	(149)
Sound - Sound System - Inact						
Designated	(32,187)	—	—	32,187	—	—
Sub-total for Sound	(32,187)	—	—	32,187	—	—
Stationer - Stationery						
Designated	(732)	—	2,343	3,075	—	—
Sub-total for Stationer	(732)	—	2,343	3,075	—	—
TinyClub - Tiny Club Fund - Ina						
Designated	527	242	113	(657)	—	—
Sub-total for TinyClub	527	242	113	(657)	—	—
Training - Ministry Training						
Designated	(40)	—	553	593	—	—
Sub-total for Training	(40)	—	553	593	—	—
Yard - Church Yard						

Restricted		(10,158)	1,500	4,916	12,516	—	(1,058)
	Sub-total for Yard	(10,158)	1,500	4,916	12,516	—	(1,058)
General - General fund							
Unrestricted		534,103	125,700	112,559	(24,708)	3,139	525,676
	Sub-total for General	534,103	125,700	112,559	(24,708)	3,139	525,676
	Grand total	579,201	150,023	148,056	—	3,139	584,308

Staff Costs

	2024	2023
Wages & Salaries	£ 21,178	£ 21,932
Social Security Costs	£ 39	£ 0
Average number of Employees	3	3

During the year the PCC employed an Administrator, a Personal Assistant, and a cleaner [all part-time]. Not all payments were large enough to attract social security costs.

Whilst the verger is paid via the payroll, £1,460 2024 [£1,340 2023] all payments were for Weddings, funerals and baptisms collected as fees. The Verger is not formally employed.

There were no employee benefits to key management personnel in the previous or current year and no payments into the NEST pension which payroll uses.

Albrighton St Mary's receives £1,528 per annum [£1,528 2023] from Boningale Parish towards administration costs.

Albrighton St Mary's receives £3,048 per annum from Donington. However, because nothing was paid in 2023 £6,096 was paid in 2024 [£NIL 2023] towards administration costs.

Trustees' Remuneration & Expenses

Andrea Tyerman, a trustee of the PCC, was paid £8,736 [£8,736 2023] by the PCC during the year for her role as Personal Assistant. Andrea has been employed as a personal assistant for a number of years. She was the best candidate when she applied and because of her experience it was felt that it would be beneficial for her to continue as a Trustee. She is not present when there are any discussions regarding her employment. No pension contributions were made by the PCC in connection with this employment.

Two Trustees have been reimbursed £871 [£1,311 2023] [for travel during the year.

Related Parties

No other expenses were paid to any other PCC member, persons closely connected to them or related parties.

Donations from 12 related parties [PCC members] totalled £36,421 [£57,560 2023]

Fees for the examination of the accounts

	2024 £	2023 £
Independent Examiner's fees	150	150
Other fees (eg accountancy services) paid to the Independent Examiner	1,350	700
Total	1,500	850

Analysis of Transfer between Funds - 2024

Debit	Credit	Description	Fund	Fund Type
-	237	Tfr from General to Church Maintenance - End of year tidy up	General	Unr
2,958.81	-	Tfr from General to Vestry etc - End of year tidy up	Services	Des
7,573.82	-	Tfr from General to Entertaining - End of year tidy up	Entertain	Des
-	7,573.82	Tfr from General to Entertaining - End of year tidy up	General	Unr
21,596.25	-	Tfr from Magazine to General - End of year tidy up	General	Unr
490	-	Tfr from General to Organ Tuning - End of year tidy up	Organ	Des
-	6,052.80	Tfr from General to Churchyard etc - End of year tidy up	General	Unr
6,052.80	-	Tfr from General to Churchyard etc - End of year tidy up	Yard	Res
237	-	Tfr from General to Church Maintenance - End of year tidy up	Maintain	Des
-	490	Tfr from General to Organ Tuning - End of year tidy up	General	Unr
-	2,958.81	Tfr from General to Vestry etc - End of year tidy up	General	Unr
-	21,596.25	Tfr from Magazine to General - End of year tidy up	Magazine	Des

Analysis of Transfer between Funds - 2023

Reference	Debit	Credit	Description	Fund	Fund Type
Budget 2023	-	5,281.16	Tfr from Beer to General to bring to nil	Beer	Des
Budget 2023	5,281.16	-	Tfr from Beer to General to bring to nil	General	Unr
Budget 2023	3,693.45	-	Tfr from General to Bells to bring to nil and close	Bells	Des
Budget 2023	360.4	-	Tfr from Church Clock to General to bring to nil and close	General	Unr
Budget 2023	-	7,332.50	Tfr from General to Services to bring to nil and close	General	Unr
Budget 2023	-	140	Tfr from Sunday School to General to bring to nil and close	SSchool	Des
Budget 2023	-	589.32	Tfr from General to Ministry training to bring to nil and close	General	Unr
Budget 2023	-	1,251.619	Tfr from General to Churchyard to bring to nil	General	Unr
Budget 2023	7,932.96	-	Tfr from Hall to General to bring to nil	General	Unr
Budget 2023	250	-	Tfr from Messy to General to bring to nil and close	General	Unr
Budget 2023	3,436.21	-	Tfr from Charitable to General to bring to nil and close	General	Unr
Budget 2023	7.25	-	Tfr from Choir to General to bring to nil and close	General	Unr
Budget 2023	745.5	-	Tfr from Emergency to General to bring to nil and close	General	Unr
Budget 2023	-	2,467.34	Tfr from General to Entertaining to bring to Nil and close	General	Unr
Budget 2023	418	-	Tfr from General to Practical path to bring to nil and close	PPNGC	Des
Budget 2023	-	745	Tfr from Quinquennial to General to bring to nil and close	Quinquen	Des
Budget 2023	745	-	Tfr from Quinquennial to General to bring to nil and close	General	Unr
Budget 2023	-	2,537.59	Tfr from General to Stationery to bring to nil and close	General	Unr
Budget 2023	-7,932.96	-	Tfr from Hall Maintenance to General to bring to Nil and close	General	Unr
Budget 2023	-	3,693.45	Tfr from General to Bells to bring to nil and close	General	Unr
Budget 2023	-	360.4	Tfr from Church Clock to General to bring to nil and close	Clock	Des
Budget 2023	-	7,932.96	Tfr from Hall Maintenance to General to bring to Nil and close	Food Grant	Res
Budget 2023	-	7,822.44	Tfr from General to Church Maintenance to bring to nil and close	General	Unr
Budget 2023	-	1,395.00	Tfr from General Organ & Piano Tuning	General	Unr
Budget 2023	7,332.50	-	Tfr from General to vestry to bring to nil and close	Services	Des
Budget 2023	-	664.35	Tfr from Tiny Club fund to General to bring to nil and close	Tiny Club	Des
Budget 2023	589.32	-	Tfr from General to Ministry training to bring to nil and close	Training	Des
Budget 2023	-	3,436.21	Tfr from Charitable to General to bring to nil and close	Charity	Des
Budget 2023	-	7.25	Tfr from Choir to General to bring to nil and close	Choir	Des
Budget 2023	2,467.34	-	Tfr from General to Entertaining to bring to Nil and close	Entertain	Des
Budget 2023	-	2,653.656	Tfr from Magazine to General to bring to nil	Magazine	Des
Budget 2023	1,395.00	-	Tfr from General Organ & Piano Tuning	Organ	Des
Budget 2023	-	418	Tfr from General to Practical path to bring to nil and close	General	Unr
Budget 2023	-	32,187.84	Tfr from General to Sound system to bring to nil and close	General	Unr
Budget 2023	32,187.84	-	Tfr from General to Sound system to bring to nil and close	Sound	Des
Budget 2023	2,537.59	-	Tfr from General to Stationery to bring to nil and close	Stationer	Des
Budget 2023	-	250	Tfr from Flower to General to bring to nil and close	Flowers	Des
Budget 2023	140	-	Tfr from Sunday School to General to bring to nil and close	General	Unr
Budget 2023	-	745.5	Tfr from Emergency to General to bring to nil and close	Emergency	Des
Budget 2023	7,932.96	-	Tfr from Hall Maintenance to General to bring to Nil and close	General	Unr
Budget 2023	7,822.44	-	Tfr from General to Church Maintenance to bring to nil and close	Maintain	Des
Budget 2023	664.35	-	Tfr from Tiny Club fund to General to bring to nil and close	General	Unr
Budget 2023	250	-	Tfr from Flower to General to bring to nil and close	General	Unr
Budget 2023	2,653.656	-	Tfr from Magazine to General to bring to nil	General	Unr
Budget 2023	1,251.619	-	Tfr from General to Churchyard to bring to nil	Yard	Res
Budget 2023	-	7,932.96	Tfr from Hall to General to bring to nil	Hall	Des
Budget 2023	-	250	Tfr from Messy to General to bring to nil and close	Children	Des
Budget 2023	-	-7,932.96	Tfr from Hall Maintenance to General to bring to Nil and close	Food Grant	Res
Budget 2023	-	359	Tfr from Messy to General to bring to nil and close	Children	Des
Budget 2023	359	-	Tfr from Messy to General to bring to nil and close	General	Unr
Budget 2023	-	7.07	Tfr from General to Tiny Club to bring to nil	General	Unr
Budget 2023	-	19,606	Tfr from General to Maintenance to bring to nil and close	General	Unr
Budget 2023	106.83	-	Tfr from General to Entertaining to bring to nil and close	Entertain	Des
Budget 2023	-	393	Tfr from General to Ministry training to bring to nil and close	General	Unr
Budget 2023	-	106.83	Tfr from General to Entertaining to bring to nil and close	General	Unr
Budget 2023	196.06	-	Tfr from General to Maintenance to bring to nil and close	Maintain	Des
Budget 2023	-	538.33	Tfr from General to Stationery to bring to nil and close	General	Unr
Budget 2023	538.33	-	Tfr from General to Stationery to bring to nil and close	Stationer	Des
Budget 2023	1,243	-	Tfr from General to Organ Chamber fund	Organham	Des
Budget 2023	-	1,243	Tfr from General to Organ Chamber fund	General	Unr
Budget 2023	393	-	Tfr from General to Ministry training to bring to nil and close	Training	Des
Budget 2023	7.07	-	Tfr from General to Tiny Club to bring to nil	Tiny Club	Des

Fixed Assets 2023

a) Tangible fixed assets

	Freehold Buildings £	Total Assets
Cost or Valuation		
As at 1 Jan	342,720	342,720
Additions in the Year	0	0
Disposal in the Year	0	0
Revaluation	0	
Value at 31 Dec	342,720	
Accumulated Depreciation	0	0
As at 1 Jan	0	0
Charge for the Year	0	0
Disposals	0	0
Value at 31 Dec		
Net Book Value at 1 Jan 2023	342,720	342,720
Net Book Value at 31 Dec 2023	342,720	342,720

The Freehold land and buildings are The Parish Church Centre. The Church Centre is revalued at 31 December annually using Nationwide house price calculator referred to on page 23. Not revalued in 2024

b) Fixed Asset Investments

	At 1 Jan £	Additio ns £	Disposal s £	Transfer s £	Change in Market Value £	At 31 Dec £
Unrestricted funds						
Investments	118,087	0.00	0.00	0.00	6,028	124,115
Total	118,087	0.00	0.00	0.00	6,028	124,115

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Debtors

	2024 £	2023 £
Other debtors	--	-
Total	—	—

Liabilities

	2024 £	2023 £
Agency	11,220	8,066
Total	11,220	8,066

Summary of Assets by Fund 2024

Unrestricted

General fund	516,878	—	516,878	525,676
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Designated

Beer Festival Collections For General Fund - Inact	—	—	—	--
Bells Maintenance	—	—	—	--
Charitable Fund	—	—	—	--
Childrens Activities	526	—	526	183
Choir - Inactive	—	—	—	--
Church Clock Maintenance	—	—	—	--
Church Maintenance	--	—	--	(20)
Emergency Fund - Vicars discretion	5	—	5	5
Entertaining (Receptions)	--	—	--	(343)
Flowers	—	—	—	--
Hall Fund	4,828	—	4,828	792
Magazine Fund	--	—	--	8,510
Ministry Training	—	—	—	--
Organ & Piano Tuning	--	—	--	(175)
Organ Chamber Fund	4,300	—	4,300	4,300
Quinquennial Inspection - Inactive	—	—	—	--
Reserves - 3 Months Expenditure	40,000	—	40,000	40,000
Stationery	—	—	—	--
Sunday School - Inactive	—	—	—	--
Tiny Club Fund - Inactive	—	—	—	--
Vestry Wine/Wafers/Candles/Baptism	(9)	—	(9)	(150)

Restricted

Church Yard	—	--	--	(1,058)
Decoration Scheme	—	1,770	1,770	1,770
Food Bank Grant	—	4,818	4,818	4,818
Total	566,528	6,588	573,116	584,308

Summary of Assets by Fund 2023

Unrestricted				
General fund	525,676	—	525,676	534,103
Designated				
Beer Festival Collections For General Fund - Inact	—	—	—	5,281
Bells Maintenance	—	—	—	1,500
Charitable Fund	—	—	—	4,968
Childrens Activities	183	—	183	250
Choir - Inactive	—	—	—	725
Church Clock Maintenance	—	—	—	688
Church Maintenance	(19)	—	(19)	1,234
Emergency Fund - Vicars discretion	4	—	4	750
Entertaining (Receptions)	(343)	—	(343)	(343)
Flowers	—	—	—	250
Hall Fund	791	—	791	4,004
Magazine Fund	8,510	—	8,510	20,635
Ministry Training	—	—	—	(40)
Organ & Piano Tuning	(175)	—	(175)	(675)
Organ Chamber Fund	4,300	—	4,300	4,773
Quinquennial Inspection - Inactive	—	—	—	745
Reserves - 3 Months Expenditure	40,000	—	40,000	40,000
Stationery	—	—	—	(732)
Sunday School - Inactive	—	—	—	140
Tiny Club Fund - Inactive	—	—	—	527
Vestry Wine/Wafers/Candles/Baptism	(149)	—	(149)	(3,408)
Restricted				
Church Yard	—	(1,058)	(1,058)	(10,158)
Decoration Scheme	—	1,769	1,769	1,769
Food Bank Grant	—	4,818	4,818	4,818
Total	578,778	5,530	584,308	579,201

Statement of Receipts & Payments Comparatives

Previous Year 2023

	Unrestricted	Restricted	2023	2022
Receipts:				
Donations and legacies	115,175	1,500	116,675	106,024
Receipts from charitable activities	9,808	—	9,808	9,611
Other trading activities	16,446	—	16,446	15,918
Investments	7,093	—	7,093	5,749
Total receipts	148,523	1,500	150,023	137,303
Payments:				
Raising funds	444	—	444	306
Payments on charitable activities	134,095	4,916	139,011	150,276
Other payments	8,600	—	8,600	22,213
Total payments	143,140	4,916	148,056	172,795
Net receipts / (payments) resources before transfer	5,383	(3,416)	1,967	(35,492)
Transfers				
Gross transfers between funds - in	106,434	12,516	118,950	25,788
Gross transfers between funds - out	(118,950)	—	(118,950)	(25,788)
Other recognised gains / losses				
Gains / losses on investment assets	13,181	—	13,181	(10,571)
Gains on revaluation, fixed assets, charity's own use	(10,042)	—	(10,042)	20,412
Net movement in funds	(3,993)	9,100	5,106	(25,652)
Total funds brought forward	582,771	(3,570)	579,200	604,852
Total funds carried forward	578,778	5,530	584,308	579,201

