

**Parochial Church Council of North Moreton
All Saints' Church**

**Annual Report and Accounts
of the Parochial Church Council
for the year ended
31 December 2024**

Incumbent:

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Independent Examiner:

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The Parochial Church Council (PCC) presents its Annual Report for the year ended 31 December 2024.

Reference and administrative information

The PCC is registered with the Charity Commission (registered number 1169137).

The address of the church office is The Benefice Office, Blewbury Rectory, Church End, Blewbury, Oxfordshire OX11 9QH.

The trustees, members of the PCC, at the time of this report, were as follows:

Incumbent:	Reverend Jason St John Nicolle
Churchwarden	Rob Nickless
Elected Members:	Vickie Squires (Deanery Synod Member)
	Polly Vacher
	Mary Greene (Electoral Roll Officer)
	Timothy West

The Treasurer, John Harrison, died during the year and the treasurer position is currently vacant. Muir Parker resigned from the PCC during 2024.

Structure, governance and management

The PCC has been formed under the Parochial Church Council (Powers) Measure 1956. PCC members are recruited in a number of ways. The clergy and churchwarden are members by virtue of their office. Deanery Synod representatives are elected by the annual parochial church meeting (APCM) and hold office for three years. Other members of the PCC are elected at annually at the APCM.

The PCC is the standing Committee, as required by law, and met four times during the year. There is a sub-committee for the management of the Village Hall comprising 1 member of the PCC and regular users of the hall.

Objectives and activities

The objectives of the PCC are defined by the Parochial Church Council (Powers) Measure 1956 as 'to co-operate with the minister in promoting in the parish the whole mission of the Church, pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical'. The PCC also has maintenance responsibilities for the Church and churchyard of All Saints', North Moreton, and for the upkeep and running of the Village Hall, High Street, North Moreton.

Congregation

There were 43 parishioners on the electoral roll in 2024. The average attendances and communicants at services during normal times are ten and ten respectively.

Review of the Year

North Moreton is part of the Churn Benefice comprising Aston Tirrold, Aston Upthorpe, Blewbury, the Hagbournes, North and South Moreton, and Upton. We thank the Reverend Jason St John Nicolle and the Reverends Louise Butler, John Clarke, Mark Rhodes-Smith and Jenny Loder for their ministry and support throughout the year.

Worship

Services were held regularly throughout the year, the first Sunday of the month being a morning Eucharist service at 10:30. For the rest of the month the services are held at 4:00 p.m.

The Carol service and Christmas Eve Eucharist service were well attended. Thanks are due to all who help in worship by reading lessons and assisting; also those who provide organ and other music for the services, and to those who regularly clean and decorate the church with flowers.

Fund raising and material contributions.

The Village Fete was held in May 2024 and raised £4521 for the general fund and our thanks go to Victoria Squires for all in her work in organising that event. Other fundraising events have included Gift Day (£990), Art Weeks (£746), and wreath making (£307).

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Church Building

The main project remains the repair and restoration of the St Nicholas window in the Chantry Chapel. This window is of national importance, both in terms of its early 14th Century glass and its subsequent Victorian conservation. It is anticipated that this project will be completed in 2025.

Churchyard

Regular maintenance of the churchyard was carried out in 2024 by White Horse Landscaping and our thanks go to them for their services. The Parish Council have continued to support the maintenance of the Churchyard with an annual donation towards costs.

Village Hall

The fees received from hiring the hall increased in the year to £8,001 (2023: £6,948) and the routine running expenses were £4,397 (2023: £5,344).

The book sales were held in April and October raising £3,899 for the hall after making a contribution of £432 to the church General Fund for the use of the church.

A Safari Supper was held in the summer of 2024 raising £2,230 which was then split between Maggie's Oxford and the Village Hall Fund.

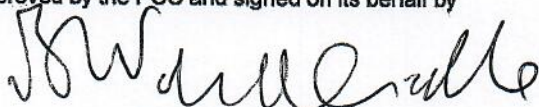
Further funds were raised from the Christmas market (£337), Quiz (£237) and the sale of plants (£100).

As reported last year, the village hall committee commissioned a structural survey of the hall and embarked on a project to remove the stage and improve storage in the hall, and upgrading the windows to improve energy efficiency. This project was completed during 2024 with expenditure in that year totalling £57,549 including professional fees. Grants received during the year totalled £22,946, including £8,057 from South Oxfordshire District Council, £6,818 from FCC Communities Foundation, and £5,000 from Westmill Solar Cooperative Limited. The hall committee also won a £2,500 prize from Allied Westminster / The Village Hall Podcast. A further £8057 of grant income is due in for this project from South Oxfordshire District Council in early 2025. The Hall Committee should be congratulated on the successful completion of this project which also included contributions in time and expertise from over 30 volunteers.

Financial Review

The figures for the year shown an increase in the General Fund of £2,335. The closing balances of the five funds were: General Fund £14,972, Roof Repair Fund £3,822; Bell Fund £283; Window Fund £152,247; Hall Fund £8,805.

Approved by the PCC and signed on its behalf by



Reverend Jason St John Nicolle

Independent Examiner's Report to the Parochial Church Council of North Moreton

I report on the accounts of the church for the year ended 31 December 2024, which are set out on pages 4 to 8.

Respective responsibilities of the PCC and examiner

As Trustees of the Charity, the PCC are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. They consider that an audit is not required under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 ("the 2011 Act"). 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 under section 145 (5)(b) of the 2001 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. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the church 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 management committee concerning any 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 requirements
 - (a) to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the 2011 Act; or
 - (b) to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting recordshave not been met; or
- (2) to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.



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Date 12th May 2025

North Moreton Parochial Church Council
Accounts for the year ended 31 December 2024
Receipts and Payments Account

2023 £		Note	Unrestricted funds £	Designated funds (Hall) £	Restricted funds (Roof/Bells) £	Restricted funds (Window) £	Total £
RECEIPTS							
Voluntary receipts							
44,677	Voluntary income	2	20,385	-	3,691	114,176	138,252
15,873	Activities for generating funds	3	6,996	15,305	-	-	22,301
1,741	Investment income	4	2,472	-	-	-	2,472
19,440	Other receipts	5	1,973	22,946	244	4,750	29,913
<u>81,731</u>	Total receipts		<u>31,826</u>	<u>38,251</u>	<u>3,935</u>	<u>118,926</u>	<u>192,938</u>
PAYMENTS							
Payments for generating funds:							
6,651	Fundraising costs	6	444	4,544	-	-	4,988
20,049	Church activities	7	23,391	-	-	-	23,391
210	Charitable donations	8	747	1,085	-	-	1,832
4,732	Church management & administration	9	4,909	-	-	-	4,909
42,816	Other payments	10	-	57,549	1,465	8,687	67,701
<u>74,458</u>	Total payments		<u>29,491</u>	<u>63,178</u>	<u>1,465</u>	<u>8,687</u>	<u>102,821</u>
7,273	NET RECEIPTS / (PAYMENTS)		2,335	(24,927)	2,470	110,239	90,117
-	Transfers between funds		-	-	-	-	-
<u>7,273</u>	NET RECEIPTS / (PAYMENTS) after transfers		<u>2,335</u>	<u>(24,927)</u>	<u>2,470</u>	<u>110,239</u>	<u>90,117</u>
82,559	Cash balances at start of year		12,457	33,732	1,635	42,008	89,832
<u>89,832</u>	Cash balances at end of year		<u>14,792</u>	<u>8,805</u>	<u>4,105</u>	<u>152,247</u>	<u>179,949</u>

The notes on pages 6 to 8 form part of these accounts.

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2023 £	Note	Unrestricted funds £	Designated funds (Hall) £	Restricted funds (Roof / Bells) £	Restricted funds (Window)	Endowment funds £	Total £
Monetary assets							
-	Cash and cheques not banked	190	-	-	-	-	190
9,070	Bank current account	18,574	-	-	-	-	18,574
80,762	Bank deposit account	3,972	8,805	4,105	152,247	-	161,185
-	CBF Deposit account	-	-	-	-	-	-
89,832	Total	14,792	8,805	4,105	152,247	-	179,949
Investments assets							
	Central Board of Finance Inv Fund						
27,307	E Spratley Memorial Fund -1208	-	-	-	-	27,932	27,932
1,860	Churchland Charity - 90	-	-	-	-	2,081	2,081
7,727	Churchyard Trust - 374	-	-	-	-	8,648	8,648
36,894		-	-	-	-	38,661	38,661
Assets used for the charity's own use							
100,000	Church Hall at valuation (est)		100,000				

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These financial statements were approved by the Parochial Church Council on

25th May.

2025

Chairman

Trustee

2025

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Notes to the financial statements

1 Accounting policies

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with section 42(3) of the Charities Act 1993 using the receipts and payments basis and in accordance with the Church Accounting Regulations 1997 to 2001.

2 Voluntary income

2023 £	Unrestricted funds £	Designated funds (Hall) £	Restricted funds (Roof / Bells) £	Restricted funds (Window) £	Total £
	Recurring income:				
8,482	Tax - efficient planned giving	8,550	-	-	8,550
2,776	Collections at services (gift aided)	1,914	-	-	1,914
418	Collections at services (other)	1,216	-	-	1,216
20,890	Other individual donations	5,460	483	112,551	118,494
11,954	Tax recovered	3,151	3,208	1,625	7,984
157	Church boxes	94	-	-	94
44,677		20,385	3,691	114,176	138,252
	Non-recurring income:				
-	Special Appeals	-	-	-	-
44,677		20,385	3,691	114,176	138,252

Unrestricted donations includes a £5,000 legacy which might be designated for a specific purpose in the future.

3 Activities for generating funds

605	Gift Day	990	-	-	990
-	Fete	4,521	-	-	4,521
1,654	Barn Dance	-	-	-	-
610	Concert	-	-	-	-
70	Wreath classes	307	-	-	307
418	Art weeks	746	-	-	746
100	Plant Sale	-	100	-	100
3,284	Book sales	432	3,899	-	4,331
197	Christmas Market	-	337	-	337
-	Safari Supper	-	2,230	-	2,230
1,360	Calendars	-	-	-	-
238	Quiz	-	237	-	237
6,948	Fees - hiring of hall	-	8,001	-	8,001
150	Fees - tent hire	-	-	-	-
239	Sundries	-	501	-	501
15,873		6,996	15,305	-	22,301

4 Investment income

1,033	CBF dividends	1,049	-	-	1,049
708	Bank interest	1,423	-	-	1,423
1,741		2,472	-	-	2,472

5 Other receipts

18,138	Grants	250	22,946	244	4,750	28,190
1,000	Licence Fee re churchyard	-	-	-	-	-
302	Fees - weddings, funerals, election etc	1,723	-	-	-	1,723
19,440		1,973	22,946	244	4,750	29,913

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6 Fundraising costs						
-	Fete	444	-	-	-	444
	Safari Supper	-	147	-	-	147
5344	Church Hall running costs	-	4,397	-	-	4,397
607	Barn Dance	-	-	-	-	-
686	Calendar printing	-	-	-	-	-
14	Sundry	-	-	-	-	-
<u>6,651</u>		<u>444</u>	<u>4,544</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>4,988</u>
7 Church activities						
11,431	Parish Share	11,431	-	-	-	11,431
	Running costs					
1,165	Heating & lighting	819	-	-	-	819
	Water	161	-	-	-	161
2,240	Repairs	5,798	-	-	-	5,798
1,725	Maintenance of Churchyard	1,400	-	-	-	1,400
2,522	Insurance	2,634	-	-	-	2,634
684	Cleaning	400	-	-	-	400
282	Sundries	748	-	-	-	748
<u>20,049</u>		<u>23,391</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>23,391</u>
8 Charitable donations						
25	Oxfordshire Historic Churches Trust	25	-	-	-	25
-	Parkinson's UK	722	-	-	-	722
	Maggie's Oxford	-	1,085	-	-	1,085
185	Royal British Legion	-	-	-	-	-
<u>210</u>		<u>747</u>	<u>1,085</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,832</u>
9 Church management and administration						
4,732	Churn Benefice expenses (see Note 13)	4,909	-	-	-	4,909
10 Other payments						
34,465	New Bell Ropes (Bells 2023)	-	-	1,465	-	1,465
8,351	Architect's & Professional fees	-	471	-	8,687	9,158
-	Hall refurbishment	-	57,078	-	-	57,078
<u>42,816</u>		<u>-</u>	<u>57,549</u>	<u>1,465</u>	<u>8,687</u>	<u>67,701</u>

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11 Fund movements

	At 01/01/24 £	Receipts £	Payments £	Transfers £	At 31/12/24 £
General Fund	12,457	31,826	(29,491)		14,792
Designated Fund					
Hall Fund	33,732	38,251	(63,178)		8,805
Restricted Funds					
Roof Fund	3,822	-	-	-	3,822
Bell Fund	- 2,187	3,935	(1,465)	-	283
Window Fund	42,008	118,926	(8,687)	-	152,247
	43,643	122,861	(10,152)	-	156,352
Total fund movements	89,832	192,938	(102,821)	-	179,949

12 Investments

The three investment funds are held on permanent trust. The dividend income from the Ethel Spratley Memorial Fund and the Churchland Charity is for the general purposes of the Church. The dividend income from the Churchyard Trust is put towards the upkeep of the Churchyard.

13 Churn Benefice Expenses

Separate accounts are kept for the common expenses fund for the 6 parishes within the Churn Benefice. The figure shown in these accounts represents the sum apportioned to the PCC for the year ended 31 December 2024