



CHURCH OF OUR
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ANNUAL REPORT & ACCOUNTS

2024

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Ministers Report

2024 has flown by! As a church, we have once again been busy throughout the year, continuing to serve our local area and welcoming many through our doors.

Throughout the year, Good Companions has remained a cherished space for our older members, offering a place of connection week in and week out. Whether over lunch or during one of the coffee mornings, these gatherings have become something many look forward to.

Sue Johnson, along with a supporting team, made her on-screen debut, with Sue being featured in a film sharing her story related to Christians Against Poverty. The film, now available on YouTube, has gained national attention! It serves as a powerful testimony and a reminder that if we serve with the gifts God has given us, we can truly change lives.

We continue to strengthen our connections with local schools. Barnes Farm, in particular, has visited us, bringing parents along on occasion, and Andy has made visits there as well. Chancellor Park School has also joined us as part of their RE curriculum, and we hope to continue this relationship in the near future. Andy also visits Bishops as part of the local ecumenical partnership, and with the retirement of Caroline Brown in June, Andy will likely be supporting there more frequently until her successor is appointed.

This year, we hosted a summer fete. While it was well attended, it didn't reach as many people as we had hoped. We'll be rethinking our advertising strategy for the next event and also considering the timing, as we realized several local schools held their summer fetes around the same time. Looking ahead, we're excited that 2025 will mark the 40th anniversary of our church building, and we hope to celebrate this milestone with a special weekend of events that will reaffirm our commitment to serving the local community.



We've also run two very successful courses this year. The Alpha course was well attended and appreciated by participants, while the Unanswered Prayer course provided a valuable space for many to explore some of the more challenging aspects of our faith.

On a more difficult note, we've learned that we will not be receiving a replacement for Maria, or any other URC minister at this time. This is due to a nationwide shortage of ministers, and not because of any shortcoming on our part. Discussions are ongoing about the URC's vision for maintaining links with churches like ours, and we will keep you updated as the situation develops.

We have also had to say goodbye to some dear friends. The Chamberlains, long-time members of our congregation, have moved to be closer to their family. We also sadly lost our dear sister Marianne and our brother Ralph. Both were celebrated with love and respect, and we will miss them dearly. We look forward to the day we are reunited with them in the light of eternity.

On a more joyful note, we were able to celebrate new life by welcoming Elsie and her family into our church, and we look forward to more baptisms in 2025.



The 2024 Christmas Tree Festival was opened by the Deputy Mayor of Chelmsford and turned out to be our most successful. Due to an increase in the numbers of people attending, more money was raised for charity than in previous years (£1200+). There were a great variety of creative trees to vote for, stalls and activities to participate in, and delicious food to eat, alongside entertainment from local schools and groups.

This event could not take place without the team who organise things behind the scenes and my particular thanks go to each one of them, alongside those who helped to bake, serve or run stalls on the day.

Whilst we endeavour to make all of our services family friendly, Messy Church offers the community a way of engaging with worship differently, and as a result we have seen a number of families attend who have not engaged with services before.

This event includes craft activities, games, songs that encourage children to engage in worship, simplified teaching and different sorts of prayer. It also offers us the opportunity to show hospitality in the form of a free breakfast, and in this I have to commend the refreshments team who shop, prepare and serve on the day.

My thanks must also go to those who set up and plan, and also to you - the congregation - who come along, join in and make our place of worship welcome for all ages.

The ongoing cost of living crisis continues to impact our community. Missionally, the Little Free Pantry remains a vital source of support for those in need, and the team who manage it do a fantastic job of ensuring it is well-stocked and maintained.

However, the economic situation is also putting pressure on our church's operating costs. Energy prices remain high, and the costs of maintaining and cleaning the building continue to rise. As we look to 2025, we face real challenges in meeting our financial obligations, and we may need to make some tough decisions to ensure we can cover our bills. While we're not in crisis, as a church council, we are starting to consider how we can maintain a solid foundation for the future.

With the 40th anniversary of the building approaching, we want to ensure that this place continues to be a beacon of Christ's love for our community for the next 40 years and beyond. We must also remain focused on the fact that, with our faith in Jesus, all things are possible. We look forward to all that lies ahead, and where God's spirit is leading us in the days to come.

Blessings,

Andy and Mandy

Purpose and Vision

'We exist to enable God's people in this area to meet together to worship and have fellowship with Jesus and each other and to advance Christ's Kingdom here on earth.

We are attempting to achieve our purpose by creating a united, ecumenical, worshipping community within a caring fellowship, which accepts the authority of the Bible and is open to the work of the Holy Spirit in our lives.'

The current statements of vision are:

To CELEBRATE the life of God among us: in our worship, our relationships and our daily walk with Christ.

To CARE for one another in Christ: to learn to love with the unconditional love with which Jesus loves us and to put into practice Jesus' command to love our neighbours as we love ourselves.

To CULTIVATE personal growth in Christ: the personal agenda for all believers to grow in love of Jesus and to see that growth bear fruit in our personal lives.

To COMMUNICATE Christ to our community: to be obedient to the command of Jesus to go into all the world beginning right where we are!

Committee Structure

The local Church Council (as the Trustees) has the responsibility of sharing ministry with the appointed Anglican and Free Church Ministers in the whole mission of the Church to make known the Good News of Jesus Christ in word and deed throughout the parish of East Springfield. This parish area covers Chelmer Village, Chancellor Park and the wider area of East Springfield. It has a population of around 10,000.

Membership of the Church Council

Ministers

Revd Andrew Greaves-Brown - Priest in Charge (Church of England)

Revd Mandy Hewson – Associate Minister (Church of England)

Elected Church Officers

Denise Somers – Anglican Church Warden from 2022

James Cottis – Anglican Church Warden from October 2020

Ruth Hughes – URC Secretary, URC Partnership from 2022

Elected Members

Gwilym Morris - Deanery Synod

Claire Musselwhite - Children's and Community Outreach worker – term completed October 2020, remains on Church Council as an honorary member.

Gary Clayton from 2020

David Miles from 2022

Owen Edwards from 2023

Gary Standing from 2024

Sophie Edwards from 2020 - co-opted

The Church Council met 6 times during the year for business and prayer and there have been two Church Members Meetings, and the Annual Church Meeting. Matters of finance, planned giving and fundraising are dealt with by the Treasurer in consultation with Church Officers and Elected members of the Church Council and when necessary by the Church Members' Meeting.

Treasurers Team

The Treasurers Team is under the leadership of the Church Officers and Marilyn Belyavin as our Bookkeeper along with handling the banking of cash and cheques. Samuel Gnanamani handles payments and online banking and Michelle Cottis manages our Gift Aid.

Other appointments

The Bishop's School Governor – Vacancy (offered back to DBE)

Membership/Electoral Roll Officer / GDPR - Gwilym Morris

DBS Officer, Safeguarding and Training Co-Ordinator - Valerie Whitehead

Building Management Committee Chair – Denise Somers

Safeguarding

Safeguarding is the responsibility of everyone, so that we can keep one another and our visitors safe; whatever their age.

We adopted the House of Bishops Safeguarding policy in 2018 (CofE), and the changes of procedure are now embedded in the way safeguarding is managed at Church of Our Saviour. Where this is required, all those working with vulnerable adults and children have a current DBS check and yearly reviews of Activity/Health and Safety documentation takes place. Ongoing training is also an important element, and efforts will be made this year to update as necessary.

Statistics and the Electoral Roll

The latest statistics and records on attendance and electoral roll can be found on the following link - <https://www.churchchoos.org.uk/stats.pdf>

Preaching Team

We have a team of lay members who share in the preaching ministry.

These are Michelle Cottis, Amanda Dolan-Harrison, Chris Lonsdale and Claire Musselwhite.

Denominational Responsibilities

Michelle Cottis is an Ordinand studying at St Mellitus College in Chelmsford.

Amanda Dolan-Harrison is a URC nationally accredited Lay Preacher and regularly leads worship in local URC Churches.

Goals and Objectives

Continue to build, strengthen, and develop the life and witness of our church.

To find ways to enable all of us to share our faith in our lives and the community effectively.

Continue to support and encourage Church Officers, Church Council Members and leaders of existing groups and teams to exercise effective Christian ministry in the church and community. To encourage training and development of faith and understanding of the Bible.

Work with the Archdeacon and the Area Dean to form a Mission and Ministry Unit to include Church of Our Saviour, possibly to work with Trinity and the Great Baddow Churches.

To support the Building Management team to increase the maintenance, repair and development of all the church buildings.

To work towards becoming an eco-church and implement changes to care for our world.

This Annual Report has been prepared collaboratively by the Officers and members of the Church Council in line with the terms of the Charities Acts 1993. We hope it gives a clear picture of the life of the church and the way in which the Church Council have administered the task placed on them as trustees of Church of Our Saviour.

On behalf of the Church Council:

Revd Andrew Greaves-Brown and Revd Mandy Hewson

Church Officers' Report

We continue with our outreach to the community with our Wiggles for young people on Thursday and Friday morning and the Good Companions Wednesday lunches on the 1st and 3rd Wednesday, with coffee mornings on alternate weeks. Whilst the team had a break from the lunches in August we continued the coffee mornings to ensure our older members still had somewhere to go and meet others. We have small numbers at the coffee morning compared to the lunches but for all those that do attend it is a valued service and helps encourage companionship and the opportunity to chat in small groups. We have seen a few attendees from Good Companions now attend our Sunday services on a regular basis, which I think has helped by them getting to know many of us first.

We have increased our Messy services to alternate months and the teams have worked very hard to ensure these are fun interactive services for families. We have not seen an increase in numbers despite these services being well advertised.

We continue to support the team with the Little Free Pantry and the numbers using it continue to increase. The effects of the increased prices on all goods and the huge increase in energy costs have resulted in many families struggling and some families are totally relying on us.

We are hugely grateful to Valerie Whitehead and Gary Clayton who have sourced generous grants and purchased food items in bulk. We are also thankful to the many members of the church who have stored the items in their garages to ensure we have a plentiful supply.

Revd Andy has been able to invite the local schools to the church for services and to be invited for assemblies at the schools. They along with the Scouts, have supported us with food for the food bank and our Little Free Pantry.

In March we ran a Lent course jointly with the churches in Great Baddow. We worked through Peter Greig's book 'God on Mute' and looked at unanswered prayer. We also continue to work with the Baddow churches for our young people. Home groups continue on one evening and a Thursday afternoon.

In April we ran a CAP money course so that we could support those attending to make wise decisions with the management of their finances. Sue Johnson and Revd Andy were filmed by CAP for their promotional videos. Sue also continues the work of CAP at the prison.

This year we ran a well-attended Alpha Course during June and July and then continued the course in September with an away day at the Diocesan Retreat in Pleshey.

We have also been encouraged to broaden our knowledge of the Bible and enrich our faith. In the summer a group of us went camping in Shepton Mallet in Somerset to attend the New Wine Summer conference. This always gives us much encouragement in our worship, theological knowledge and prayer life. It also gives us time to spend with each other and enjoy the wonderful celebrations in the marquees.



The ministers and church officers continue to meet with the URC Eastern Synod moderator and officers to see how we can move forward in working together, especially as there is no replacement for the CRCW and no URC minister. In June the Revd Lythan Nevard did lead a URC Holy Communion service for us. Ruth continues to represent us in her role as URC secretary and attends Eastern Synod meetings. We continue to work alongside the URC church sharing notices of upcoming events in the local area.

We have held social events for our church members and the wider community over the year. In February we were saddened to say good bye to Alison and Ian Chamberlain who had been very active members of our church for over 35 years. They have moved to Colchester to be nearer family. We celebrated their time with us and wished them well with their house move over shared tea and cakes.

In June we had a barbecue and summer fete. It was a hot day and the barbecue and garden area were well attended. In future we will have to consider putting our stalls on the green area outside the fence if the weather is good as people were reluctant to be inside.

In September Jeffrey and Anne Mushens opened their lovely garden and swimming pool for us all to be together over tea and cake. It was a lovely afternoon for us to be together and have time to chat to each other.

In December we had a very busy month with a very successful Christmas Tree festival for the community to attend. We had some lovely decorated trees and a variety of music and dance to enjoy. Our stalls, raffles and activities were well supported and large numbers stayed till near the end. We had our usual Christmas services and our popular Carols by Candlelight. We also ran a Blue Christmas service for those who would be finding Christmas difficult to celebrate for whatever reason and tough numbers were low, this was very beneficial for those who attended.

This year we have purchased new large banners for the fence to advertise our Christmas services which can be reused next year. We have also added a TV screen in the foyer so that our services and activities can be advertised and visible for parents waiting in the foyer and by those coming up to the church door.

Denise and James as Church Wardens are also involved with the Buildings Management Committee which can be read in a separate report. Our church continues to be popular for lettings and those locally hiring for events.

I am sure there have been other activities that we have missed but we have had a busy year with so many opportunities to deepen our Christian faith, work with the community and encourage friendships. Thank you to everyone who has given so much support to us as church officers.

Denise, Ruth and James

Building Management Committee (BMC) report

The Building Management Committee is a small group who meet once a month and is made up of Denise Somers (Chair), James Cottis, Gary Clayton, Sue Johnson and Gary Standing. In September Tony Hurding joined our team which we are very thankful for to increase the DIY skills amongst our team. As a group we use our individual strengths and skills to ensure the church building looks nice, is safe, and repairs and improvements are made as required.

We continue to contract out our cleaning to Love Clean. During the year we have had some issues with the standards of cleaning, particularly the floor and the company had to change our cleaners on a couple of occasions. We contract out some work to PJR services who cut the grass, clean the outside windows, clear weeds and generally ensure the front and back of the church is tidy. We use a contracted-out service of Chelmsford council to cut the grass on our land behind Asda and the Youth Hall. This last year they have continued to give us a cheap rate as they need access to the green from our car park for their tractors.

We have to ensure the building is safe and conforms to all regulations. We continue to insure our building with Ecclesiastical.

We have contracts with Flameguard who check our fire extinguishers and fire detectors. As a group we test our fire alarms weekly and regularly check emergency lighting. We have a contract with Discreet Pest management who ensure we are kept free of rodents.

PAT testing on portable church appliances is completed by our own Gary Clayton and we are very grateful for him giving his time to do this. In May we had to have our 5 yearly electrical inspection of the church, annexe and portacabin. We did require some repairs to be completed to ensure we were compliant and these were completed in June.

The gas boiler is serviced each year and we ensure our gas safety certificates are up to date. Over the year we have had plumbers out to fix the boiler and a leak in the water heater in the kitchen. We have had 3 taps replaced in the portacabin and a tap repaired in the disabled toilet. A toilet seat has been replaced in the disabled toilet.

We have had some outside security lights replaced at the back and side of the church near the annexe entrance and the portacabin. We did look at having the light on the cross fixed but the cost was too high due to a cherry picker being required to complete the work. We will look at this issue again in the future if further work is required on the roof.

We had the tree in the rear garden pruned in March by a tree surgeon.

We contract out our waste collection to CSH Environmental and they are collected fortnightly. We continue to use the council for any garden waste for flowers and any shrubs we cut back. (PRJ services take their waste with them). The food waste and glass items we take home between us for disposal as this is so minimal. The sanitary waste is removed by 365Direct. We did look at increasing our recycling and purchased new bins but this failed due to the amount of inappropriate rubbish being placed in these bins despite them being clearly labelled.

We continue to be aware of our very high energy costs and regularly monitor our heating. We did look at the possibility of having electric vehicle chargers in our car park to increase our funds, be a service for the community and the hope they would cover the resurfacing of the car park to do it but sadly they were not interested.

The cleaning company supply their own cleaning products for cleaning the church but any further items required for the kitchens and hand soaps are purchased by us. We also purchase toilet rolls and paper towels. All of our purchases are from the Amazon Business account or the local supermarkets, whichever give us the best prices.

Over the year we have had two work days where we have completed tasks such as cleaning tables, chairs, blinds, kitchen cupboards and ovens etc. We have painted the back wall of the church, the foyer and corridor. The pantry door had a further coat of paint. Repairs have been made to the curtains. We have placed locks on the pantry/store cupboard and the side gate. New leaflet pockets have been fitted in the foyer. Some pruning has taken place in the garden. These days are well supported and enable us to achieve so much work with the only cost being the materials.

Our church remains popular for lettings. We did lose the regular hire by a Pilates class due to their lack of numbers but we have secured a regular hire by the Blood Transfusion team who use the church all day. There have been a few issues with You and Me during the year. They have had changes in their committee. We have had issues where they have changed the outside area without consent and it was not fit for purpose. This will be changed back to its original concrete in 2025. We are still in the process of changing their hire to a rental agreement and this is in the care of the Diocesan legal team.

The BMC team work very hard during the year and their skills with DIY save the church a huge amount of money by reducing our need to call out commercial companies.

Denise Somers
Church Officer, Chair of the BMC

Monday Evening Homegroup

The Monday evening Home Group met on a fortnightly basis at the Clayton's home in the first half of 2024. The group paused while the Alpha Course was taking place during June – October 2024 as many of its members were involved in leading or attending the course.

Tuesday Evening Homegroup

There are 5 of us in this group which continues to meet in our home a couple of times a month, although it is sometimes less frequently when all our holidays don't coincide, as we prefer to meet as a full fellowship. Having finished a course last year, we decided that we would watch 'The Chosen' as a group.

We have all enjoyed the episodes so far and the discussions afterwards. As we met on Shrove Tuesday, there was much pancake eating before watching that night's episode! We have just started Season 3 and so we still have several episodes to view

Anne and Jeffrey Mushens

Thursday Afternoon Homegroup

This Home group continued to meet once a fortnight during 2024.

Although the participants grew fewer in numbers, for a variety of reasons, we continued to enjoy learning more about the Bible, God and Jesus, and shared fellowship and our faith with each other, as well as celebrations at Easter, the summer and Christmas.

Sadly I am unable to continue running the group at the moment, due to increased family commitments, and I have found it a real pleasure to be involved with such lovely people. Please see myself or Andy if you would like to find out more of what is involved.

Sue Johnson

Good Companions

We meet on Wednesday mornings at 11am – on 1st and 3rd of the month for coffee/ activities/lunch and on 2nd and 4th (and 5th) of the month for coffee, biscuits and conversation.

We have a number of regulars, who all seem to enjoy coming, but we are always happy to welcome new members to our friendly group.

Our current team of helpers for lunches is usually Marilyn, Lizz, Gary, Helen, Claire and Valerie, and for coffee is Denise, Marilyn and Sue. We are grateful for all the help given by other church members (Lois, Allison, Geoff) when we are short; and, of course, to Andy who leads the activities, and to Ruth who helps lead the hymn singing which usually ends our lunch sessions.

Please do tell us if you know any older members of our community who might like to join us on Wednesdays for friendship and conversation.

Valerie Whitehead on behalf of the team.

Saturday Morning Prayers

The Saturday Morning Prayer group comes together weekly to pray for the needs of our church, community and beyond, as led by the Holy Spirit. We have 8 committed attendees who come together to pray as a group and continue in personal prayer throughout the week.

We meet in-person on the first Saturday of the month, and via Zoom for the remaining weeks.

If you have any prayer requests, please continue to raise them via email: **prayercircle@churchoos.org.uk**. They will be circulated to our Prayer Circle and included on Saturday mornings. All prayers requests are treated with the strictest confidence.

If you would like to join the Saturday Morning Prayer Group, please contact Michelle Cottis, **michelle@churchoos.org.uk** for further details.

CAP Money Coaching (Christians Against Poverty)

The cost-of-living crisis has continued to cause difficulties for our community, so Sue and Denise were pleased to run the course in April 2024, offering skills on budgeting and money management.

We were also filmed for a CAP promotional video, still showing on youtube! It was lovely to see various members of our congregation at the final session of the course. Revd Andy played his part well in the video and offered much needed moral support to Sue. In total the 5 hours of filming were edited down to 4 minutes.

Sue continues to go into Chelmsford Prison once a month with David a CAP coach from the Central Baptist Church. There has been quite an increase in the number of guys that come along to the 2 sessions, a limit of 16 has now been set. And they continue to be very appreciative of the course. Sue will be running the CAP course in April this year for the first time in the Meadgate Church, and hopes to run it in September at COS.

Sue Johnson

Safeguarding

Safeguarding is the responsibility of everyone, so that we can keep one another and our visitors safe, whatever their age. Sadly the issue of safeguarding has come to the fore in the Church of England in the last 12 months for all the wrong reasons. So we wish to reassure you that here at COS we continue to follow the guidelines laid down by the Church of England, making sure that all those, taking on roles dealing with children or vulnerable adults, undertake safeguarding training, and where appropriate have a DBS check. If there are any concerns brought to our attention, we discuss these with the Diocesan Safeguarding Team and follow their advice.

Over the past 12 months the Church Council has been reviewing our Safeguarding Policy in the light of the Church of England's new National Safeguarding Standards, with a different aspect of the guidelines being discussed at each meeting. So we will soon have a new Safeguarding Policy to present to the Open Church Meeting as a result of these discussions.

In the meantime, please do not hesitate to bring to the notice of our ministers or me any matters which concern you with regard to safeguarding in our church and we will look into it for you.

Valerie Whitehead (Parish Safeguarding Officer)

The Little Free Pantry

The Little Free Pantry is now over 4 years old and seems to be a valued asset in our community, as it has been respected and well used.

Everything we put in there (bar some of the out-of-date fresh food provided by local supermarkets which does not appeal to our usual customers or which goes stale) is taken and used by those who come to it, so that we need to restock every day.

We have been fortunate to secure further grants in the last year from the EALC which has enabled us to keep the pantry stocked with food. Further donations came from the Scouts/ Cubs and the Barnes Farm Schools at Harvest time, and of course from our wonderful congregation. The grant monies have to be spent on food, so the donations of toiletries from our congregation have been vital in our efforts to combat hygiene poverty via the pantry.

A big thank you must go to Gary C for his grant applications, to all those who help to keep the pantry stocked and to Denise, Helen, Macy and others who have stored groceries in their homes/garages when the store room could take no more.

Please pray that we are able to continue to offer this small contribution to alleviating food and hygiene poverty in our area, and pray regularly for those who use the pantry.

Valerie Whitehead

The Clothes Rail

Although The Clothes Rail has not been formally open on any set days this past year, we have continued to receive a small amount of donations and uniform remains available to any who ask.

Claire Musselwhite

Wiggles

Over the past year Wiggles has continued to run on Thursday and Friday mornings during term time. We continue to see around 40-55 children at our sessions each week.

The format of our sessions remains unchanged and we have lots of fun and laughter together; we play, we sing songs, we celebrate the children's birthdays and share Bible stories.

At Easter each child was given an Easter egg and at the end of the summer term we gave each child about to start Infant School a Bible as a leaving present. Once again we had mini-milk ice-creams during our final session before the summer holidays.

Our Christmas parties were sold out and were thoroughly enjoyed by everyone, young and not so young alike. We had a bouncy castle, various craft activities, boxes full of party food and even a visit and presents from Santa!

As always I would like to say a huge thank you to Chris Gordon who has continued to make and serve the drinks during our times together, to Clive Musselwhite for his help in setting up and putting the toys back in the shed each week, and to Chris and Marilyn Belyavin for their help in wrapping the Christmas gifts and putting the party food boxes together.

Finally we thank God for the way in which he has blessed us and for the positive connections we have made with so many families and pray for His continued blessing in the coming year.

Claire Musselwhite



Worship Group

As a group we endeavour to lead the congregation in sung worship in a way that is pleasing to God and draws people into His presence.

We meet on Thursday evenings to rehearse for the upcoming Sunday service and enjoy fellowship together. We are committed to using both contemporary worship songs as well as traditional hymns that have stood the test of time. Music is carefully picked for each service to reflect the theme and readings as well as the type of service.

The annual Carols by Candlelight is always a highlight for the Worship Team. We were very thankful to have additional musicians with us to lead the music in this popular service with our congregation and wider community in the run-up to Christmas.

This year we are offering our heartfelt thanks to Valerie Whitehead as she steps down from the team in April 2025. We are incredibly grateful for all her contributions to the Worship Team over the years and will miss her joyful smile leading us in song from the front.

We are always open to welcoming new members to the team; we are particularly in need of singers. If you are interested in joining us, please contact Michelle for further details.

Michelle Cottis

Sunday Children's & Youth Ministry

In 2024 we had 4 children aged 0-11 coming to church services regularly, with more coming along occasionally. We also had 6 young people aged 12-17 involved in the life of our church.

It's been wonderful to see them all grow in their relationship with Jesus and build friendships with one another and in the wider church.

Our sessions for young people are designed to be more interactive, and link in with their individual spiritual learning styles, with fun games, thought-provoking activities, discussion, interactive prayer and more!

Adventurers, taking place once per month for children over 3, and our craft activities taking place once or twice per month, focus on the same Bible readings as the adults in the main service. We hope this helps families to discuss what they've learnt with one another at home, and grow in faith together throughout the week.

Some of our young people aged 11+ continue to take part in Adventurers activities while others have been staying with the adults. However the majority of our young people are also involved in serving at church services by being on various rotas.

Our CandY services for 0-18's continue to go well, despite limited numbers of leaders, with an average of 15 young people taking part each month. It's a great opportunity for the children to meet with other kids from local churches and have fun together learning about God.

Lastly, I'd like to say a BIG thank you to Sue, Jenny, Mandy and David, as well as all of the other people who help us run Sunday morning activities for our children and young people! Thank you all so much!

Sophie Edwards
Sunday Children & Youth Leader

MEN at COS

During the past year, we enjoyed three Men's Breakfasts at Mulberry House; the total attendance there is usually at least 50 men from various Essex churches.

Wednesday 3rd July 2024, nine men from COS heard an inspiring talk from Rev'd Ian Moore (the Living Light editor) entitled Give me this Mountain.

On Wednesday 13th November 2024, six of us from COS heard a talk by Steve Fouch about the history and work of the Nurses Christian Fellowship International. The total attendance was much less than usual.

However, on Saturday 25th January 2025, at least 60 men (including six from COS) were present when Simon Guillebaud gave a truly inspirational talk, Choose Life, including his 20 years in Burundi which was rated the most dangerous and the most impoverished country in the world.

He related several true-life stories including that of a new-born baby who was dumped in and then rescued from a toilet; appropriately, she was named Grace and, in subsequent years, graduated in counselling from Newcastle Uni and returned to Burundi.

The next men's breakfast is on Saturday 17th May with a talk by Pastor David Elwin. In 2011 David and Janet Elwin started a Victory Outreach church in West London: "We've seen drug addicts, alcoholics and gang members completely changed, rediscovering their sense of dignity..." Don't miss this one!

Brian Beer

Mission support at home and abroad

As a church we support the following mission agencies with prayer, donations from our church tithe and special offerings.



Supporting Christians in Uganda through
Mutual Encouragement

The Romans 1:11 Trust exists to build the Kingdom of God through support for African pastors and their churches, and through theological and ministry-based teaching, including the provision of Spiritual Life Centres as training and equipping bases.

The work originated with Rev. Dr John Hall a (now retired) minister of the United Reformed Church, and has grown to involve various URC churches and ministers throughout the UK. Through exchange visits between pastors and churches, now mainly from Uganda and Zambia, British and African churches mutually encourage each other in ministry and shared fellowship.

The work has grown to include the overseeing of schemes to sponsor children, many of them orphans, enabling them to be housed, fed, clothed and educated. Some pastors are also sponsored and the Trust provides the mechanism for individuals and churches in the UK to help fund specific development project in Africa.

www.romans111.org.uk

Fellowship Afloat Charitable Trust. Tollesbury, Essex

FACT's centre is a converted lighthouse vessel moored on the coast at Tollesbury. It's a great place for a variety of activities, and can be used by youth clubs, churches, schools, special needs groups, and anyone wanting to gain sailing and power boating qualifications.

The Centre is run by people who cover everything from leading the activities to running the office. Guests are served by the Centre staff and expert volunteers who form the lively Christian community which is Fellowship Afloat.

For more info www.fact.org.uk or go to the Church Notice board.

Springfield SVP Furniture Bank



Demand has been fairly stable for the last couple of years, with numbers only showing a slight increase this year. We continue to work hard to provide for those in times of need providing furniture, appliances, small electricals and household goods to those without, who cannot afford to purchase these essential items.

We supply people moving into unfurnished social housing with very little to have the essential items they need and those without the means to replace an essential item which is broken. Our service is always provided entirely free of charge and relies heavily on volunteers to keep costs low. In 2024 we, like many charities, have found funding a particular challenge. Our primary funders, Chelmsford City Council and Essex Community Foundation both offered us significantly less than in previous years due to increased competition for grants. This has meant that we have struggled to make ends meet and have had to spend more time on funding applications.

We have made 490 deliveries to households mainly in the Chelmsford district. These could be a small delivery of curtains or a van full of items to make an empty property home. As part of these deliveries, we have provided 95 large electrical appliances (fridge/freezers, cookers, washing machines) many were new items where we didn't have sufficient donations. This accounts for over £16,500 worth of funding directly purchased either new appliances or carpets.

Alongside this work, we have provided 177 beds, 480 items of furniture, 544 household items, 138 small electricals and 76 bikes. We are really grateful for the 367 collections of items as well as the many delivered to us.

We would really appreciate anyone wishing to volunteer, donate or in need of our services to contact us by phone or WhatsApp on 0330 043 6474 or email furniturespringfield@svp.org.uk

Many thanks for your support!

Jenny Clayton





MAF - Mission Aviation Fellowship

Our link missionaries, Fraser and Tracy Norbury visited COS in July 2023 and there will be another opportunity to meet them at our 10:00 a.m. service (and at 3 pm at North Avenue URC) on Sunday 6th July this year!

Fraser and Tracy are to be Launch Team Managers of a new MAF programme in the autonomous region of Bougainville in PNG. So, before they come to the UK, they will have to say goodbye to their friends in Mount Hagen and, after their UK assignment, they will go to Bougainville in September.

This sounds like a challenging move and therefore please pray for Fraser and Tracy and their children Oliver and Rosie. Further details can be found in their newsletters – a copy of the latest edition is always posted on the noticeboard near the back of the church.

MAF operates in several countries around the world and PNG is MAF International's largest operation, currently flying light aircraft to and from more than 200 remote locations, providing transport for missionary and medical charities. However, MAF are principally bringers of the Gospel and this includes encouraging peace and reconciliation in remote communities and families where gender-based violence is a recurring problem.

The Norburys regularly up-date their Facebook Page
www.facebook.com/Norbs-Abroad-101216621683318
and they thank you for your love and prayers.

If you would like to support the Norbury family please ask us for details or visit
www.maf-uk.org/staff/norbury-fraser-and-tracy

Brian & Elizabeth (Liz) Beer



We support the Bethany Children's Trust with a donation from our tithe. BCT partners church-led, community-based projects, to reach vulnerable children in Africa and other countries, helping to restore the lives of some of the world's most marginalised children.

BCT works with their project partners by running workshops, giving support and collaboration, to help children and their families to achieve safe and productive lives.

www.bethanychildrenstrust.org.uk



Chelmsford Foodbank has been operating in Chelmsford since 2012, it is part of a nationwide network of 428 foodbanks that are supported by The Trussell Trust.

The Chelmsford branch is a project of the The River Church, Chelmsford, with volunteers drawn from many churches and individuals from across the region. Supporting the foodbank can be done in a number of ways, by donating food, money and or time and of course with prayer.

www.chelmsford.foodbank.org.uk



We continue to support the important work of Made for More with their work in schools in Chelmsford through our tithe. Their mission statement is: To challenge the next generation about the truth of Christianity.

They aim to help schools provide a broad, rich curriculum especially in the areas of social, physical, emotional and spiritual health. They deliver lessons, offer mentoring and support the Christian Unions.

www.madeformorechelmsford.com



ANNUAL FINANCE REPORT AND ACCOUNTS FOR 2024

**The Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical parish of East Springfield,
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Charity Registration No. 1169685**

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

Church of Our Saviour became a registered charity on 14 October 2016 having adopted its constitution on 22 May 2016

Charity Number:	1169685
Principal Office:	Church of Our Saviour Ashton Place, Chelmer Village Chelmsford Essex CM2 6ST
Independent Examiner	David Belbin CHC Accountancy Ltd T/A Clemence Hoar Cummings Riverside House 1-5 Como Street Romford RM7 7DN
Bankers	HSBC Bank plc 99 High Street Chelmsford CM1 1EQ

PCC members who have served from 1st January 2023 until the date this report was approved are:

Priest in Charge	Rev Andrew Greaves-Brown	
Associate Minister	Revd. Mandy Hewson	
Elected Members	James Cottis Denise Somers Ruth Hughes Gary Clayton Gary Standing	Claire Musselwhite David Miles Gwilym Morris Sophie Edwards Owen Edwards

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

The church is governed by the Parochial Church Council Powers Measure (1956) as amended and by church representation rules. The church is a charity, registered with the Charity Commission.

The method of appointment of PCC members is set out in Church Representation Rules. All Church attendees are encouraged to register on the Electoral Roll and stand for election to the PCC.

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OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

Continue to build, strengthen, and develop the life and witness of our church.

To find ways to enable all of us to share our faith in our lives and the community effectively.

Continue to support and encourage Church Officers, Church Council Members and leaders of existing groups and teams to exercise effective Christian ministry in the church and community. To encourage training and development of faith and understanding of the Bible.

Support the further development of the CRCW Ministry in the church and community and cover the costs of expenses and resources. To build on existing projects such as Good Companions and use this as a model for new initiatives.

Work with the Archdeacon and the Area Dean to form a Mission and Ministry Unit to include Church of Our Saviour, possibly to work with Trinity and the Great Baddow Churches.

To support the Building Management team to increase the maintenance, repair and development of all the church buildings.

Background information

We are a united congregation which is Christ centred, with an evangelical approach to Christian belief and practice and open to the work of the Holy Spirit. We seek to offer worship which is vibrant but relaxed, relevant and accessible to all.

Members come from many different Christian backgrounds and our services incorporate patterns of worship from both the Church of England and United Reformed Church.

Mission statement

To CELEBRATE the life of God among us: in our worship, our relationships and our daily walk with Christ.

To CARE for one another in Christ: to learn to love with the unconditional love with which Jesus loves us and to put into practice Jesus' command to love our neighbours as we love ourselves.

To CULTIVATE personal growth in Christ: the personal agenda for all believers to grow in love of Jesus and to see that growth bear fruit in our personal lives.

To COMMUNICATE Christ to our community: to be obedient to the command of Jesus to go into all the world beginning right where we are!

ACHIEVEMENTS, PERFORMANCE AND BACKGROUND INFORMATION

Church attendance

A usual Sunday service during 2024 saw on average 42 people attending the church which is similar to the previous year.

With the groups that take place during the week we see on average 151 people with the majority of people aged between 18-69.

Review of church council and church meeting business during the year.

The Church Council met 6 times during the year for business and prayer and there have been two Church Members Meetings, and the Annual Church Meeting. Matters of finance, planned giving and fundraising are dealt with by the Treasurer in consultation with Church Officers and Elected members of the Church Council and when necessary by the Church Members' Meeting.

Financial Review

The headline figures are:

- There continues to be a deficit on both our General and Building Fund totalling £15,671 in 2024 (2023 – deficit of £18,715) making a further significant impact on our reserve levels.
- The total income for both the General and Building fund for the year amounted to £83,841 (2023 - £85,010), which has decreased slightly from the previous year. In October 2024 we launched the Parish Giving Scheme to help improve our regular giving going forward.
- Expenditure decreased slightly to £99,512 (2023 - £103,725).
This was mainly due to reducing our energy costs

Charitable giving

In previous years it has been the policy of the Church Council to make donations to charitable organisations equal to 10% of the income for the year, excluding rental income. Due to our current financial situation, it has been agreed by the Church Council to pause this policy until our finances have improved and ensure that we meet our Parish Share commitment. We continue to support local, national and international Christian charities and organisations through ad-hoc fundraising campaigns throughout the year.

Christian ministry

£57,087 was spent to provide Christian Ministry from Church of Our Saviour. That sum includes a contribution of £46,109 (2023 - £43,122) to the Parish Share, which we met in full. The contribution goes largely towards providing for stipends, salaries, training, pensions and housing for the clergy.

Building Fund

As agreed at the November 2022 open church meeting, the Building Fund is being used to finance the maintenance and upkeep of the building. During 2024, £2,949 was used from the fund for this purpose.

Running costs of the church

Expenditure for the running costs of the Church totalled £24,532. Energy costs have halved to £6,162 following the Building Management Committee securing a good deal with the supplier and improving the management of our heating usage throughout the year.

Church rental income was £20,398 which is an increase of £1,834 from the previous year. This is from new hires including the NHS Blood and Transplant donations.

Our day to day running costs of the church building are largely covered by our rental lettings and hires income. These costs do not include our Mission and Ministry expenditure.

Reserves policy

In order to provide a contingency against unforeseen events, the Church aims to have reserves of 40% of previous year's expenditure. Reserves (of £10,895) amount to 11% of expenditure. To comply with our reserves policy we should have reserves of £41,490.

Finance Committee

A sub-committee of the Church Council was formed at the beginning of 2025 with the purpose of addressing our current financial situation.

The Members of the PCC are responsible for the preparation of a Statement of Financial Activities and Balance Sheet for each financial year, which comply with Section 130 of the Charities Act 2011 following the guidance for accounting for smaller charities issued by the Charities Commission.

In preparing the Statement of Financial Activities and Balance Sheet we are required to:

- Select suitable Accounting Policies and then apply them consistently
- Make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent
- State whether applicable accounting standards and statements of recommended practice have been followed, subject to any material departure disclosed and explained in the accounts.

Our responsibilities as members of the PCC include keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and enable us to ensure that the Accounts comply with the Charities Act 2011. We are also responsible for safeguarding the Church's Assets and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and breaches of law and regulations.

James Cottis & Denise Somers



17 March 2025

Independent Examiners Report

This report on the Accounts of the PCC for the year ended 31 December 2024, which are set out on the following pages, is in respect of an examination carried out in accordance with the Church Accounting Regulations 2006 and Section 145 of the Charities Act 2011.

Respective responsibilities of Trustees and Examiner

As members of the PCC you are responsible for the preparation of the Accounts; you consider that the audit requirement of Regulation 3(3) of the Church Accounting Regulations 2006 and Section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the Act) does not apply.

It is my responsibility to issue this report on those Accounts in accordance with the terms of the Church Accounting Regulations 2006 and the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008.

Basis of Independent Examiner's Report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commission under Section 145(5)(b) of the Act and to be found in the guidance from the CBF. That examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the PCC and a comparison of the Accounts with those records.

It also includes considering any unusual items or disclosures in the Accounts and seeking explanations from you as Trustees 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 accordance with my examination, no matter has come to my attention which gives me reasonable cause to believe that, in any material respect, the requirements:

- to keep accounting records in accordance with Section 130 of the 2011 Act: and
- to prepare Accounts which accord with the accounting records and to comply with the requirements of the Act, as also contained in the Church Accounting Regulations 2006

have not been met, or to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the Accounts to be reached.

Riverside House
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Romford, Essex
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David Belbin
Independent Examiner
Clemence Hoar Cummings
Chartered Accountants



28 March 2025

**The Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical parish of East Springfield,
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**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
for the year ended 31st December 2024**

		Unrestricted Funds GENERAL	Restricted Funds BUILDING	TOTAL FUNDS	
	notes	£	£	2024 £	2023 £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS					
Voluntary Income	2a	51,769	7,712	59,481	64,829
Activities for Generating Funds	2b	21,869	-	21,869	18,564
Investment Income	2c	-	807	807	763
Increase/(Reduction) in Value of Fixed Asset Investments			334	334	(933)
Income from Church Activities	2d	1,338	12	1,350	1,787
Other Income	2e	-	-	-	-
TOTAL INCOME		<u>74,976</u>	<u>8,865</u>	<u>83,841</u>	<u>85,010</u>
EXPENDITURE					
Church Activities	3a	86,062	13,449	99,511	103,725
TOTAL EXPENDITURE		<u>86,062</u>	<u>13,449</u>	<u>99,511</u>	<u>103,725</u>
NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)		(11,086)	(4,584)	(15,670)	(18,715)
Brought forward		21,981	332,453	354,434	373,149
BALANCES AT 31 DECEMBER 2024		<u>10,895</u>	<u>327,869</u>	<u>338,764</u>	<u>354,434</u>

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**BALANCE SHEET
31ST DECEMBER 2024**

		Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds Building	TOTAL FUNDS	
	notes	£	£	2024 £	2023 £
FIXED ASSETS					
Tangible Assets	4	15,991	280,073	296,064	308,935
Investment Assets	5	-	13,134	13,134	12,800
CURRENT ASSETS					
Debtors	7	15,595	2,038	17,633	24,762
Cash at Bank and in hand	8	4,966	17,624	22,590	22,027
		<u>20,561</u>	<u>19,662</u>	<u>40,223</u>	<u>46,789</u>
CREDITORS					
falling due within one year	9	10,657	-	10,657	14,090
NET CURRENT ASSETS / (LIABILITIES)		<u>9,904</u>	<u>19,662</u>	<u>29,566</u>	<u>32,700</u>
NET ASSETS		<u>25,895</u>	<u>312,869</u>	<u>338,764</u>	<u>354,435</u>
FUNDS					
Unrestricted		10,895		10,895	21,982
Restricted			327,869	327,869	332,453
TOTAL FUNDS		<u>10,895</u>	<u>327,869</u>	<u>338,764</u>	<u>354,434</u>
INVESTMENT ASSETS					
Shares in Traidcraft		-	-	-	-
Shares in M&G Charifund		-	13,134	13,134	12,800
		<u>-</u>	<u>13,134</u>	<u>13,134</u>	<u>12,800</u>

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INCOME AND EXPENDITURE		UNRESTRICTED	RESTRICTED	TOTAL FUNDS	
2	INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS				
		General Fund	Building Fund	2024	2023
		£	£	£	£
2a	Voluntary Income				
	Planned Giving	36,488	6,170	42,658	44,740
	Card Machine	1,833		1,833	1,172
	Open Plate Collections	1,653		1,653	1,714
	Open Plate Collections GC	1,772		1,772	1,512
	Donations	245		245	2,714
	Tax recoverable on above	9,778	1,542	11,320	12,467
	Grants			-	510
		<u>51,769</u>	<u>7,712</u>	<u>59,481</u>	<u>64,829</u>
2b	Activities for Generating Funds				
	Fundraising events (Harvest & CTF)	1,471		1,471	
	Use of Church Hall/Annex	11,126		11,126	9,932
	Use of Portacabin	9,272		9,272	8,632
		<u>21,869</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>21,869</u>	<u>18,564</u>
2c	Investment Income				
	Interest/Distributions		807	807	763
	Increase in Market Value of Fixed Asset Investments		334	334	(933)
		<u>-</u>	<u>1,141</u>	<u>1,141</u>	<u>(170)</u>
2d	Income from Church Activities				
	Fees	177		177	397
	Miscellaneous Income (Wiggles & BBQ)	1,101		1,101	1,390
	Bank & other Interest	60	12	72	
		<u>1,338</u>	<u>12</u>	<u>1,350</u>	<u>1,787</u>
2e	Other Income				
	Income from Insurance				
	TOTAL INCOME	<u>74,976</u>	<u>8,865</u>	<u>83,841</u>	<u>85,010</u>
	TOTAL EXPENDITURE	<u>86,062</u>	<u>13,449</u>	<u>99,511</u>	<u>103,725</u>
		(11,086)	(4,584)	(15,670)	(18,715)
	Brought Forward	21,981	332,453	354,434	373,149
	Carried Forward	<u>10,895</u>	<u>327,869</u>	<u>338,764</u>	<u>354,434</u>

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		UNRESTRICTED	RESTRICTED	TOTAL FUNDS	
Note		General	Building		
3	EXPENDITURE	Fund	Fund	2024	2023
		£	£	£	£
3a	Church Activities				
	Missionary & Charitable Giving (note 11)	2,300		2,300	7,632
	Ministry: - Parish Share	46,109		46,109	43,122
	Ministers Expenses	499		499	1,078
	Discretionary gifts	308		308	333
	Alpha Course	551		551	
	Church Event Good Companions	1,177		1,177	1,061
	Church Upkeep (note 13)	21,582	2,949	24,531	27,868
	Upkeep of services	1,308		1,308	1,258
	Children's & Community Outreach (note 6)	4,710		4,710	3,900
	Independent Examination	570		570	540
	Church Management & Administration (note 13a)	4,180	60	4,240	4,062
	Depreciation	2,431	10,440	12,871	12,871
	Fund Raising costs	337		337	
		86,062	13,449	99,511	103,725
	TOTAL EXPENDITURE	86,062	13,449	99,511	103,725

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4	TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS		Church	Building Fund	Total
			£	£	£
	Gross Book Value	Monday 1 January 2024	32,022	337,139	369,161
	Additions				-
	Disposals				-
	Write back provision				-
		Tuesday 31 December 2024	<u>32,022</u>	<u>337,139</u>	<u>369,161</u>
	Depreciation	Monday 1 January 2024	13,600	46,626	60,226
	Charge for year		2,431	10,440	12,871
	Disposals				
		Tuesday 31 December 2024	<u>16,031</u>	<u>57,066</u>	<u>73,097</u>
	Net Book Value	Monday 1 January 2024	<u>18,422</u>	<u>290,513</u>	<u>308,935</u>
	Net Book Value	Tuesday 31 December 2024	<u>15,991</u>	<u>280,073</u>	<u>296,064</u>
5	INVESTMENT ASSETS				
	Building Fund				
	Listed Investments - at Market Value				
	M & G Charfund Shares	Monday 1 January 2024		12,800	
		Increase in Value		<u>334</u>	
		Tuesday 31 December 2024		<u>13,134</u>	

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			2024	2023
			£	£
6	STAFF COSTS			
	Wages & Salaries		5,310	4,380
	Social Security Costs			
			<u>5,310</u>	<u>4,380</u>
	The Church employed a part time Children's and Community Outreach Worker and a part time Admin Assistant and includes £261 for past years			
7	DEBTORS			
	Income Tax Recoverable	General Fund	3,130	7,224
	Income Tax Recoverable	Building Fund	335	1,080
	Catholic Community	General Fund	10,425	10,425
	URC Share of expenses	General Fund	-	761
	Other Debtors	General Fund	2,040	4,289
	Other Debtors G/Fund	Building Fund	1,703	983
			<u>17,633</u>	<u>24,762</u>
8	Cash at Bank and in Hand			
	Cash Held	General Fund	715	175
	Cash held at Bank	General Fund	4,251	9,775
	Cash held at Bank	Building Fund	17,624	12,077
			<u>22,590</u>	<u>22,027</u>
9	CREDITORS			
	Missionary Giving	General Fund	3,365	5,875
	Accrued Expenses	General Fund	1,803	7,232
	Other Creditor	General Fund	3,786	
	Other Creditor B/Fund	General Fund	1,703	983
	Accrued Expenses	Building Fund	-	-
			<u>10,657</u>	<u>14,090</u>
10	RESTRICTED FUNDS			
	The Building Fund was set up with the intention of extending the Church			
	Repairs, improvements and refurbishments to the Church following the fire in 2018 have been funded through the			
	Restricted Fund, net of associated insurance claim monies during 2019/2020 & during 2024			

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11 Missionary and other Grants

	Home	Overseas Mission	Overseas Relief	Total
	£	£	£	£
2023 Provision				
Christians Against Poverty	725			725
Society of St Vincent de Paul	530			530
Mission Aviation Fellowship			580	580
Bethny Children's Trust				
Prison Fellowship	160			160
Open Doors	400			400
CHESS	630			630
Romans 1-11	400			400
Chelmsford Food Bank	400			400
Christian Aid	400			400
Fellowship Afloat/FACT	200			200
SYM/Made for More	200			200
The Children's Society	300			300
Pilgrims Friend	300			300
Essex Search & Rescue	200			200
Total	4,845	580	-	5,425
Additional giving in Year				
Little Pantry/Picnic/Christmas Bags				-
CADEF				-
CAP (CTF)	400			400
Christian Aid (CTF)			400	400
CAP regular	1,200			1,200
Alzheimer Society				
Sarcoidosis Society				
Tearfund Turkey/Syria Appeal				
MAF				
Unicef/Gaza Harvest			300	300
Total	1,600	-	700	2,300

No provision has been made to tithe from 2024 income.

2023 provision of £5,425, detailed above has been partially paid with £2,565 outstanding and included in creditors

The amount shown in the accounts is £2,300 of which £800 is outstanding and included in creditors.

12 PAYMENTS TO TRUSTEES AND RELATED PARTIES

Trustees received reimbursement of expenses (see note 3a). During the year £4,710 was paid to Claire Musselwhite for services as our Children's and Communitu Outreach Worker, £225 of which was historical under accrual (2023 £3,900) Claire was in post when the parish became an independent charity.

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13 RUNNING COSTS OF CHURCH BUILDING

	2024 General Fund £	Building Fund £	Total £	2023 £
Church & Annexe Rents Received (included in income)	11,126		11,126	9,932
Portacabin Rent & Electricity Received	9,272		9,272	8,632
Nett GC & Wiggles	1,132		1,132	1,068
	21,530	-	21,530	19,632
Less				
Heat and Light	6,162		6,162	12,388
Utilities Grant from URC	-		-	(3153)
Cleaning	10,032		10,032	10,751
Water	1,084		1,084	872
Upkeep and Repairs	3,688	2,949	6,637	5,569
Letting Management			-	
Insurance	616		616	1,441
Running Costs of Church	21,582	2,949	24,531	27,868
Depreciation	2,431	10,440	12,871	12,871
	24,013	13,389	37,402	40,739
(Deficit)/Surplus of Expenditure over Income excl Dep'n	(52)	(2,949)	(3,001)	(8,236)

13a CHURCH MANAGEMENT & ADMINISTRATION

CAP resources	35		35	65
CCLI	538		538	-
ExpensePlus	180		180	60
Faithlife	171		171	171
Fees re You & Me contract	60		60	-
Equipment rental and misc consumables	1,015		1,015	1,510
Ring security	37		37	80
Telephone/Wifi	956		956	922
Comms (Print, IT & Website)	318		318	253
Admin Staff (includes £36 from 2023) Note 6	600		600	480
Training & subs	125		125	288
Bank Charges	145	60	205	233
	4,180	60	4,240	4,062

A Local Ecumenical Partnership



The Parish of East Springfield

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