

Annual Report and Financial Statements of the Parochial Church Council of St Michael and All Angels Church Pelsall

Charity registration no. 1170860

For the year ended 31st December 2024

Trustees' Annual Report 2024 St. Michael and All Angels Church Pelsall

1. Reference and Administrative Details

Charity Name:

The Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish of Pelsall.

Registered Charity number (in England and Wales) 1170860

Administrative Address:

From March 2022: 32 Chestnut Road, Leamore, Walsall WS3 1BD

P.C.C. Members:

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| ALLABARTON | David William (Mr) | from September 2020 until April 2024 |
| BETHELL | Doreen (Mrs) | from May 2021 re-elected April 2024 |
| BRIGGS | Timothy (Mr) | from April 2018 (Lay Chair) |
| CHANTLER | Andy (Mr) | Church Warden |
| CUMPSTON (Secretary) | Gillian Denise | Officer of the PCC |
| FOXALL | Sally (Mrs) | from April 2019 re-elected April 2023 |
| HORTON | Anetta | from April 2022 |
| LEGG | Rebecca (Mrs) | from September 2020 re-elected April 2024 |
| LLOYD 2023 | Susan Carol (Mrs) | from September 2020 re-elected April |
| MAYE | John (Mr) | Deanery Synod Rep re-elected April 2024 |
| McCULLUM | Stephen | from April 2023 |
| MORRIS | Alison (Rev) | Minister in Charge |
| MORRIS | Sarah (Mrs) | Church Warden |
| MYATT | Alison (Mrs) | Reader from September 2017 |
| | | Deanery Synod Rep from May 2024 |
| NEWPORT | Anne (Mrs) | Officer of the PCC (Treasurer) |
| READ | Michael (Mr) | from September 2020 Re-elected April 2024 |
| WELCH | Susan (Mrs) | from April 2022 |

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Priest in Charge: Rev. Alison M. Morris was licensed and inducted on 20th March 2022

CONTEXTUAL BACKGROUND

This report reflects the changing contextual conditions in which St. Michael's ministry has blossomed and flourished. It also recognizes that the church has been on a journey of courage advocacy as it works out what it is to be a church in an ever changing landscape within the Church of England and Lichfield diocese. The national church is rapidly responding to both external and internal factors that have impacted upon the life of the nation, our individual parish and this church community. Figures within the Church of England indicate a downward trend in attendance and lack of interest in faith, belief and tradition. Secularisation is an emerging trend within our country. Generally, this impacts adversely upon the state of our national church. Quite clearly the church has had to respond to a culture change to survive and move forward. Throughout this time this church has been a safe and secure environment. The congregation of St. Michael's has remained steadfast and faithful to the Lord. Resilience and patience in the face of adversity has been exceptional. The congregation has been united in their endeavour to maintain the mission of the church and to support each other on their journey together in a rapidly changing environment. This church has been consolidating a period of stability and strength from which discipleship has grown, mission encouraged, evangelism spread and community engagement has rapidly increased. Our statistics show that St. Michael's church is 'bucking' the national trends with an upward trend in attendance, greater interest in faith and belief, exciting community engagement and increased financial stability.

Key emphasis for 2024 continued to be the embedding of both prayer and vocation to hear what is God's will for this parish; to see and understand God's work in the parish and to discern what He may be calling us to do in His name for the kingdom of God in the future. Two key significant factors have influenced and impacted upon the PCC role and the life of the church:

Celebration of the 180th anniversary (1844-2024) of St. Michael's Church.

Preparation for new deployment of clergy for the future.

Firstly, St. Michaels & All Angels Church Pelsall celebrated its 180th anniversary throughout 2024. Pelsall Parish Church building was erected in 1844 on the edge of Pelsall Common. For over 180 years this church building has been at the centre of the spiritual and religious heart of the village community. It has maintained a Christian presence in our community. Its aim has always been to reach out to the Pelsall community and the surrounding area enabling all ages to develop a closer relationship with God. It has been and continues to be a sanctuary for prayer and worship for all. So, there were many reasons to celebrate:

- Firstly, the many congregations who have remained steadfast and faithful to the Lord. It has served its people and shared the faith.**
- Secondly, the congregation has been united in their endeavour to maintain the mission of the church and to support each other and the peoples of Pelsall in joy and in sorrow.**
- Lastly, it still remains stable and strong from which discipleship has grown, mission has been encouraged, evangelism spread and community engagement has rapidly increased.**

All this comes together in this historic year as the church provided many opportunities for all to join in the celebrations. Our slogan for the year was: Come - Celebrate - Cherish Come celebrate, remember, reflect and give thanks to God for St. Michael's Church and its 180 years in Pelsall!

Consequently, there was a yearlong programme of events, services and activities organised. The aim was to reach out to the various age ranges within the parish, to promote the gospel effectively and to establish further community engagement. These celebrations will be referenced throughout the report.

Secondly, the preparation for new deployment of clergy for the future. In March 2022 Rev Alison Morris was inducted and licensed as the Interim Minister for three years. This appointment will end in March 2025. Thereby, the Parish Wardens and PCC have been engaged in the discussion with the diocese on this matter for most of the year. Eventually, it was confirmed that the post would be made a permanent position at 0.7 with the title of 'Incumbent - Vicar'. Preparation of paperwork, such as, the Job description, Person Specification and Statement of Needs were all prepared under the Section 11 meeting and Section 34. Interviews were held in December 2024, an appointment was offered and accepted by Rev. Alison Morris. This appointment and length of time provides a strong base on which to love people into the Kingdom of God and to ultimately grow God's Kingdom in this parish of Pelsall.

It is against this contextual background that this report is written.....

2. Aim and Purposes

“The Parochial Church Council is a corporate body established by the Church of England. The PCC operates under the Parochial Church Council Powers Measure.” The PCC has the responsibility of co-operating with the incumbent in promoting the ecclesiastical parish, the whole mission of the church, pastoral, missional, evangelistic, social and ecumenical. It also has the responsibility for the maintenance of the Church, Churchyard and Church Hall.

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 St Michael and All Angels, Pelsall, 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.**

3. Objectives and Activities

The Parish Church of St Michael and All Angels is situated on the edge of Pelsall Common. For nearly 180 years it has been at the spiritual, religious and social heart of the village community. The aim of the church is to reach out to the community of Pelsall and the surrounding area enabling all ages to develop a closer relationship with God.

St. Michaels Church is maintaining a Christian presence in our community, serving its people, sharing the faith and offering a sanctuary for prayer and worship.

MISSION ACTION PLAN

Fundamental and vital to the future of St. Michael's Church is the need to purposefully make growth in our vision which is relative to the 'missional' context and the vision of Lichfield Diocese. The MAP continues to act as a tool to help the church to grow: to grow spiritually, numerically and to grow its presence and witness in the community. It was also to help to prayerfully journey forward and be effective in *Living God's Love*. *Our aim is to love people into the kingdom of God.*

This Mission Action Plan (MAP) which was presented in 2023 has the blueprint for what we believe God wants St. Michael's to become. The MAP used 6 big sweeping themes: -

- A Worshipping & Praying Community
- A Welcoming Community
- A Discipleship & Vocational Community
- A Caring Community
- A Located Community
- An interactive & Communicative Community

These 6 big statements were interwoven with the themes of *prayer, discipleship and vocation*, to develop

a vision for this parish. Working together as the church family on certain priorities, with God's help and provision, it was the intention to encourage the church congregation to pray and continue to see God's kingdom grow in and through St Michael's in future years. In particular, the congregation was asked to be in that journey as disciples of God and to be on that process of discernment. Periodically, the PCC reviews this document to see the incremental progress being made. There has been substantial progress achieved with further development in other areas during 2025.

As the church moves forward, it remains committed to building on lessons learnt, relationships made and networks formed, seeking new ways to engage with and serve our community and to share God's love in authentic and relevant ways. In a world of change, the Church must change too. What people want from their church is shifting - and, at St. Michael's we want to engage with the local community - and the wider world - in a way that is useful for them. The church wishes to be a spiritual resource for people as they find their way on the Journey of Life.

St. Michael's church is an inclusive church that welcomes everyone regardless of age, race, disability, colour, creed or sexuality. It is registered as a *Fair-Trade church* and is recognised as a *Sight Loss Friendly Church*. It also strives to safeguard the integrity of creation and sustain and renew the life of the earth. Following the church registration with AROCHA UK the church achieved the '*Eco Church Bronze Award*' which was quickly

followed with the *'Eco Church Silver Award.'* Throughout the year we continued to maintain the *Church of England Digital Charter* for social media which recognizes that we will comply with standards as set by the Church of England when using social media platforms.

The church continues to be a signed member of the pledge for the *Walsall for All* initiative. Their vision is to create integrated, empowered and inclusive communities where people from all backgrounds come together to celebrate what they have in common. It aims to provide a place where our residents are safe and valued and everyone has fair opportunities to fulfil their potential and contribute to the growth of Walsall. This is an ongoing commitment by the church and with Walsall for All initiative. Working close with Walsall Council the church also became a partner in the campaign of *Walsall for One*.

In 2024 the church has also aligned with the *Walsall Borough 2040 strategic plan* - *'We are Walsall 2040'* - a shared vision for a thriving, inclusive and sustainable borough by 2040. The church will be able to compliment the vision and assist delivery of specific themes within this plan. For example, the inter- generational oral history project in June was an excellent example of this aligning and being delivered within our locality. As such the PCC are committed to the following:

The PCC is committed in promoting the Church's mission through the diocesan direction of travel- *'Follow Christ in the Footsteps of St. Chad's.'* It also aims to implement the Lichfield diocesan priorities of *developing discipleship, encouraging vocation and inspiring evangelism*. The priorities are a way of focussing together on what it means to grow into *'Christlikeness'*, to invite others to join us on that journey and to help one another flourish in the abundant life God gives us.

The PCC is also committed to the Diocesan *'Shaping for Mission'* paper from which the Strategic Framework emerged. This sets out context and has 9 goals for the period between 2024 -2030. The framework is also intended to be understood and embraced by the diocesan schools, chaplaincies, parishes, cathedral and other expressions. It is also intended to contribute to the well- being of all aspects of the church.

The PCC is committed to offer a range of services during the week. Over the course of the year, we offer services that our community find both beneficial and spiritually fulfilling. The church attempts to cater to all people, enabling people to become part of our parish community at St. Michael's.

The PCC is also committed to the provision of pastoral care for people living in the parish, offering support to individuals, care homes and other institutions in the parish, the church also continues to support community activities including the Thursday morning group. Pastoral care is given a high priority in the church's ministry and proves fruitful in providing a link with the sick and housebound.

4. Structure, Governance and Management

How Trustees are appointed:

All members of the PCC are Trustees. PCC members, and therefore Trustees, are either appointed at the Annual Parochial Church by nomination, (and vote if necessary) in accordance with the Church Representation Rules or they are ex-officio or co-opted. Elected members can serve for a three- year period, after which if the PCC allow they may stand for a further term of office.

How we induct and train new Trustees:

New members of the PCC (Trustees) are formally welcomed at the first PCC meeting after the A.G.M. They are made welcome and continue to be supported by the other PCC members. Some training or induction can be provided. For example, an evening called 'The ABC of PCC' for new and older members can take place along with a tour of the church explaining tradition, history and legacy.

Training is encouraged throughout the year and is a regular agenda item on the PCC. Trustees are encouraged to attend both deanery and diocesan training. The Safeguarding Officer provides opportunity for PCC to complete safeguarding modules such as Safer Recruitment as stipulated by the diocese.

Sub-committees:

Standing Committee – Transacts the business of the PCC between its meetings, subject to any directions given by the PCC

Pastoral Committee – Attends to pastoral care, mainly of the sick and the bereaved.

Finance Committee – Attends to financial decisions when required.

Social & Fundraising Group- Set up to discuss/organize social and fund- raising activities.

Cemetery Working Party - Attends to maintenance and upkeep of the cemetery including the financial income and budget review of its planning.

Health and Safety Group - Attends to health and safety issues and completes site walks if and when appropriate.

Maintenance Group: Attends to general maintenance on a monthly basis in Church, Church Hall and Churchyard.

Risk management: This has been completed for the Church and Church Hall, and no major risks to the Charity have been identified. It will be reviewed annually.

Policies and Procedures:

St. Michael's has a set of policies which enables the PCC as a corporate body to fulfil their responsibility to cooperate with the incumbent so that aims and objectives are achieved for this ecclesiastical parish. It also forms the legal foundation upon which the PCC operates. All policies and procedures across the life of the church continue to be reviewed on an annual basis, if and when appropriate. In specific areas new policies and structures continue to be implemented for the first time. This means the church is legally compliant in several areas of the work of the Charity Commission.

When necessary new policies continue to be put in place when new Safeguarding recommendations are advised. The Safeguarding Policy continues to be reviewed annually. Introduction of the diocesan of a Dashboard for Safeguarding has been kickstarted by our parish. This is an excellent tool to monitor and evaluate the progress of our Safeguarding provision at St. Michael's. It provides pointers for key action.

The PCC regularly reviews the policies and procedures to changing legislation from the national perspective of both the Lichfield Diocese and the Church of England. For example, during 2024 the PCC began to review pastoral care arrangements across the parish and within the congregation. As such this was to ensure compliance of Safeguarding within these differing pastoral contexts. As a result, a Pastoral Care policy was written and approved with action being fully implemented in 2025.

Policy guidelines for Pelsall cemetery and churchyard were also reviewed in line with the diocesan instructions. A new procedure introduced means that all applications made to intern ashes or to bury bodies will include additional paperwork. Families are now asked and instructed to read the documentation, sign, accept and support the guidelines as laid down in both the diocesan policy and the Pelsall churchyard policy. This has been very beneficial for all parties concerned.

5. Achievements and Performance Worship and Prayer

The PCC is still keen to offer a range of services during the week which our community may find both beneficial, age appropriate, spiritually fulfilling and meets the needs of our growing congregation. In ideal contexts the church attempts to cater to all age groups and their preferred worship styles. Worship has remained flexible to accommodate the changing nature of the needs of the congregation. For example, the increased numbers of families and children attending worship has influenced worship provision. Use of thematic services or special services have helped to cater for a wider group of worshippers. Greater involvement of the Lay Reader in leading and preaching at services continues to have a

positive impact upon their own ministerial development. It has also impacted significantly well upon worship in general. Re-introduction of a new welcome team rota which includes young and old has been beneficial to the hospitality offered as both young and old enter church for worship.

Our usual pattern of worship during 2024 was:

Monthly Worship Pattern

Sunday 10am Holy Communion;

4pm Baptisms monthly (or as if and when required)

Service Special as appropriate on Sunday evenings (see later explanation)

The Sunday Holy Communion service has become the pivotal service in the cycle of worship. There has been an attempt to explore and implement a lighter tone and child friendly service booklet for Holy Communion once a month. This has worked well and will be used more frequently in the future.

Midweek services (Holy Communion) have continued on alternate Wednesdays at 10am. Numbers have stabilised with this more contemplative and quieter service. Figures vary from 8 -25.

Morning Prayer on alternate Tuesdays at 9am has a devoted small number attending.

Taking into consideration people's sensitivities the PCC still offers to the congregation several options for receiving Holy Communion. They can still receive the host and chalice; intinction (the action of dipping the bread in the wine at a Eucharist so that a communicant receives both together) or a blessing. Chalice administrators operate weekly but there is a need to have more participating in the future.

Dedicated servers continue to perform a range of specific duties. Washing of linen is carried by another committed lay person. Prayers of intercessions and readings are led by both clergy with an increased number of laity involvement. This is an upward trend.

Music performed by a dedicated organist and pianist has been maintained. At times CDs and playing of musical instruments such as the recorder have been used to offer a wider range of music provision. Congregation continue to sing the musical setting using a wider choice of hymns. Children contribute to music with their songs at appropriate times within the service. This has proven both successful and beneficial in many ways. At specific times the singing group have sung during some Holy Communion services and other special services such as, The Service of Nine Lessons and Carols, Deanery Confirmation, Candles of

Remembrance & Lament, Harvest and Candlemas. Worship has been enhanced by their direction and musical input.

Special services have been very successful in terms of outreach, mission and attendance. Throughout the year when and where possible, these additional services have been held, including the following: The Nine Lessons and Carols, Harvest Festival, Deanery Lady Day Service, Candles of Remembrance and Lament, Christingle, St. Michael's 180th Anniversary Patronal Festival, Toy Service, St. Francis Pet Service, Teddy Bears' Picnic, Blessings of the Back Pack and Christmas Crib Service and Remembrance Sunday.

This year has seen St. Michael's act as host for several Deanery services. In July the Deanery Summer Eucharist took place whilst one of two Deanery Confirmation Services took place in September. Both services were very well attended and brought together church members from across the Deanery and across churchman-ships or church traditions.

This year saw the church celebrate its 180th anniversary which was a remarkable historic achievement. St. Michael's Patronal Festival and 180th anniversary in September brought the church and community together in Sunday worship. Local councillors, local MP and the Mr. Paul Davis, the Deputy Lieutenant of the West Midlands attended the special service along with other representatives from the community and the church congregation. This galvanised the church, community and Pelsall residents with a positive and affirming spiritual experience. It was an exceptionally well attended service for both young and old.

Visit by the Bishop of Lichfield, The Right Rev. Michael Ipgrave and his Chaplain Rev. Treena Larkin during Lent began at Ash Wednesday and Holy Week leading to Easter Sunday. Each year the Bishop chooses a church to visit and worship with during this time. Bishop led the morning service on Ash Wednesday, Palm Sunday, Maundy Thursday and dawn service for Easter day. At other times he and the clergy shared the lead of worship.

Use of Church of England Liturgical Themes have been interwoven woven into the church calendar for Sunday worship. For example, Creationtide Season followed from 1st September to 4th October, which was dedicated to God as Creator and Sustainer of all life. The actual theme for the Season of Creation 2024 was *'To hope and act with creation.'* In the letter of Paul the Apostle to the Romans, the biblical image pictures the Earth as a Mother, groaning as in childbirth (Rom 8:22). Resources explored with people about caring for the Earth as a gift from our Creator, rather than using it as a resource to be exploited. And yet, resources also suggested there is hope and the expectation for a better future.

Harvest Festival provided time and space to give thanks for all God's gifts to us and bringing our own gifts. North Walsall Food Bank and Water Aid were our supported charities. Other thematic examples were Rogation-tide theme during May, Remembrance tide during November. Vocation Sunday and Safeguarding Sunday were the focused themes at the end of November. At Christmas the church used the *'Follow the Star: Calm and Bright'* resources. The book was a meditation for the Twelve Days of Christmas. Each day there was a short reading from the Bible to read and meditate on; a reflection to help to see the Christmas story afresh; a challenge inviting us to consider what being calm and bright means within the story of our own lives today and finally a prayer as we treasure this story in our hearts and seek to shine as alight in the worlds around us. Congregation members found this very useful and helpful in their prayer life.

Attendance Patterns have changed greatly. The increase in attendance from 2023 has been maintained and built upon during 2024. Figures show that in the last 2 years average weekly adult attendance has grown from 60 to 75 on average while young people attendance stands at 12. This is attributed to the increase in attendance by families and children.

Upward trend is also reflected in the worshipping community figures which shows increases in specific age ranges. For example, the age range of 18-69 within the worshipping community has increased in membership. Figures show an increase of 15 adults (5 increase aged 70+ & 11 increased aged from 18-69). This is a very significant and positive move as compared with other years where figures indicate that higher numbers are usually in the 70+ age range. This has been the dominant age group in the church for many years.

New people are attracted to our services and events to explore faith for the first time. This led to several adult baptism which has impacted upon the vision and ministry of the church. It now purposefully seeks to cater for the needs of newcomers, of all ages and for families with young children. The Ark is open for children; the Diddy Boxes are in place and a small table and chairs are at the back of the church for use with smaller children. Regularly published information on children's service and events is shared to encourage families and children to engage with the church community. Children's ministry has its own magazine page dedicated to the 'Diddy Disciples'. These actions had led to continued higher attendance.

Specific services and events are planned throughout the church to allow families to access worship. Examples such as Pancake Parties, Teddy Bears' Picnic Service, Blessings of the Back Packs, St. Francis Pet Service, Toy Service, Bonfire Party, and the Crib Service. This has led to a consolidation of numbers. Families and children have a greater sense of belonging,

identity and believing. Further new initiatives in 2025 will aim to embed further our missional shaped church. This is an exciting development.

Bell Ministry is led by a very dedicated Captain of the Bell Tower with a loyal team of bell ringers. On the National Bell Sunday, the team participated in the peal and also ring on other significant times throughout the church year. A campaign to attract more bell ringers has been highly successful so that bell practice now takes place over 2 evenings a week. St. Michael's also attracts other bell teams from around the country. The impact of the bell's ministry upon our identity and presence within the village is highly significant.

Prayer life remains an integral part of our worshipping community. Over the last 2 years there have been some exciting and creative initiatives. The aim was to introduce prayer to newcomers and to start having conversation on the topic of prayer which would broaden people's understanding.

Evening of Prayer and Pimms continued into 2024. People were encouraged and invited to attend an informal evening about prayer. The aim was to explore prayer in an imaginative, creative and informal way that would capture people's imagination. A 'cafe style' approach led to fellowship, conversation and fun. Intervals during the evening allowed attendees to enjoy snack food and Pimms whilst hearing about the various ways to pray. This was very successful with high numbers attending including the Confirmation candidates. However, interest slightly waned during the year but the purpose of the event was successful. Both interest and awareness of prayer had been raised. Further developments are in hand for 2025 as we seek to interweave prayer through our Mission Action Plan.

Parish Prayer walk was held at the weekend of Pentecost. The aim was to have prayer stops around the village asking the Holy Spirit to work within the parish. It was successful but low numbers attended.

Embedding of the Church Prayer diary continued through the year. The aim of the church prayer diary was to encourage people to pray at home using the daily pointers. It was intended to show that praying using this format would allow our MAP vision to be drenched in prayer and our actions led by the Holy Spirit.

The Prayer Board has continued to encourage more prayer requests. Both new-style prayer cards and a contemporary board attracts newcomers whilst reminding others on how to use the board. Significant numbers using the prayer board have increased. Prayers on the board are always generally referred to in our intercession during worship.

Explore Spring Prayer cards in a display box were introduced into church life. People do take away prayer cards for themselves and others. The Explore prayer cards, with their thought provoking images, offer simple but profound words to help all to express their feelings or needs and to find comfort, strength and hope. For example, prayers on themes such as Looking for God; Being Thankful and Feeling Sad or Anxious are just some of the prayer topics available. This has proved extremely popular and has impacted upon prayer life within the congregation.

The Church of England's Lent theme for 2024 was Watch and Pray: Wisdom and hope for Lent and life. This Lent people were encouraged to wait expectantly for God to meet us and sustain us through the storms and trials we all face. Watch and Pray invited us to seek God in both familiar and unfamiliar places last Lent: in darkness and in quiet; in movement and migration; in the healing and transforming work of the Spirit; in the weeping of Holy Week and in the joy of Easter morning.

The Sunday prayer intercession group continues to pray for our church, the congregation and the parish with their prayer cycle. Group members continue to pray the prayer requests at home throughout the week. This complied with GDPR regulations. This has continued to be received well. It is interesting to note that the number of prayer requests has dramatically increased. Prayer becomes the bedrock of our church community as people begin to see the purpose, importance and understanding of prayer in their lives.

The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity 18th - 25th January 2024 took place as usual. The theme was *'Go and Do Likewise'*. The Parable of the Good Samaritan is one of the best-known passages of Scripture, yet one that never seems to lose its power to challenge indifference to suffering and to inspire solidarity.

It is a story about crossing boundaries that calls our attention to the bonds that unite the whole human family. Over the week congregations from St. Michael's & Pelsall Methodist Chapel were encouraged to use the resources. Both congregations came together at Pelsall Chapel for an ecumenical service.

The Women's World Day of Prayer on March 1st took place in March at St. Michael's & All Angels Church Pelsall. The Women's World Day of Prayer is an annual ecumenical Christian event that brings together women from around the world to pray for women and children. The theme was *"I Beg You... Bear with One Another in Love"* which comes from Ephesians 4 v 1-3. The theme was written by Palestinian Christian women who wanted to inspire other women to bear with one another in love during difficult times. The service was symbolized by the olive tree and its branches, which represent everlasting life and reconciliation. The service invited people to pray for peace, justice, and freedom of religion and movement. Very well attended.

Once again, the church participated in National Day of Reflection on 3rd March. This was the second anniversary of the first lock down. Organised by Marie Curie on behalf of the government, it aimed to have several purposes. Firstly, to reflect upon collective loss, support those bereaved and hope for a brighter future. Bells at St. Michael's church rang at 12 noon following a minute silence in conjunction with the nationwide peal of bells. There was a gathering of local councillors, clergy and people at the Pelsall Memorial Clock for prayers, reflection and readings. Both clergy and councillors were interviewed for the BCC Midlands News which was televised later in the day.

In May between Ascension Day and Pentecost the church followed Thy Kingdom Come in Prayer is a worldwide prayer movement that happens every year between Ascension Day and Pentecost Sunday. Free resources based on Novena - focused on verses from Acts about when Jesus spoke to his disciples before ascending to which he promised... 'But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes upon you; and you will be my witnesses to the end of the earth,' (Acts 1:8) The resources encourages people to set these days apart to pray, individually and together, for a fresh outpouring of the Holy Spirit. They also invited to choose five people and pray for them each day. The Prayer Journal; explores a variety of ways to pray from across different denominations and traditions. Face book, digital resources and a series of reflections were used to promote this to both young and old. Use of Cheeky Pandas was to encourage youngsters to learn about the bible. These were very well received.

Church Cluster arrangements are consolidating. Relationships, communication and mutual support are good for both clergy and laity. Openness, transparency and honesty permeate all communication and correspondence. Meetings with Parish Wardens have taken place. Clergy within the cluster have supported each other in their ministry. A series of cluster services across the year foster a sense of collegiality, shared spirituality, worship and fellowship. For example, in January St. Michael's held the cluster Candlemas service where the Chaplain from Manor Hospital preached. In May St. John's Church, Walsall Wood held the Ascension Day service while St. Michael's Archangel, Rushall celebrated the Feast of the Assumption. Preaching and celebrant is often shared between the clergy.

Pastoral Offices – weddings, baptisms, funerals

As well as our regular services we enable our community to celebrate and thank God at the milestones of the journey through life. The church has enhanced their engagement with the many people who bring children to baptism through improved hospitality and administration, baptism preparation, goody bags, anniversary cards. Through baptism we thank God for the gift of life and in marriage public vows are exchanged with God's blessings. The reviewed baptism policy and pack with a more user- friendly baptism

preparation continued to be very effective in preparing families for the baptism. A database of baptisms with contact information has been productive to enable easier contact with families for promotion and publicity of services and events. Once again this has impacted upon the growth in attendance of families belonging to church and attending too.

A designated and dedicated member of the congregation acts as administrator, 'welcomer' and point of reference for all enquiries with baptism families. This works exceptionally well and has a lasting impact.

Baptism service has continued to take place on Sunday at 4pm. Feedback from baptism families has been very positive. Generally, families felt valued and welcomed within a quieter, personal and more dignified service. Relationships between the church and baptism families have vastly improved thereby creating a much better understanding of the meaning and purpose of baptism as a Holy Sacrament. Baptism preparation and practical rehearsal with face-to-face contact has continued on Monday evenings during the summer months and Saturday mornings during the winter. There is a dedicated team of laity that assists with the baptism on a Sunday afternoon.

There have been 38 baptisms - 12 adults and 26 children (6 Infants under 1; 17 children between 1-4 years; 3 children between 5-10; 0 young people 11-17 years.) This is an increase of 7 baptisms. Enquiries for baptisms vastly increased in number and forecasts suggest that this trend will continue into 2025.

Generally, the impact of baptismal provision has led to baptism families continuing to attend church and to get involved in church life.

Wedding ministry has increased. There have been 4 weddings across the year as the church competes with secular venues. The church communicated with use of high-quality materials called '*Just Ask*' with wedding couples. Beautiful wedding folders produced by the Church of England are presented to any couple asking about marriage. This year has seen an upward trend in blessings of rings and renewal of vows which have taken place usually in Sunday Holy Communion Services.

Wedding preparation has used face to face. Both formats have provided opportunity to meet the wedding couple and to establish a good relationship with their local church and clergy. Once again there has been a number of divorcees wishing to be married at St. Michael's. Using the document 'Marriage in church after divorce' specific protocols have been followed. The clergy has applied to the Rural Dean for permission of divorcees to marry. Figures already suggest reasonable numbers for 2025. A database of wedding couples with contact information has been produced according to GDPR regulations. Its

sole purpose is to maintain contact and to publicise events, church activities and services. A designated member of the congregation acts as administrator, 'welcomer' and point of reference for all enquiries with wedding couples. This works incredibly well in a positive way. Between 19-20th October a special wedding weekend was held over 2 days. On 19th October the church held a very successful Wedding Fayre and on 20th October a special wedding celebration service was held. Couples who had married at St. Michael's were invited back to celebrate marriage and to renew their vows if requested. This was a wonderful service of music, prayer, readings and specific interviews of wedding couples. The Blind Date Couple led the interviews. Over two hundred people attended this highly imaginative, emotional and spiritual service as families came together. Since then, there has been an increased interest and request for weddings to be held at St. Michael's.

Funeral ministry continues to be very strong within the church ministry. Figures remain quite high although slighter lower as illustrated. However, there is an upward trend in the number of crematorium funerals. Analysis of figures show this is significant as the church has worked hard to counteract the strong trend of celebrants within the locality.

From 1st January until 31st December 2024

21 funerals in church

17 burials of ashes

10 funerals in the crematorium

Face to face meetings takes place in church with home visiting, with zoom, phone calls and email where appropriate. This hybrid approach has proved successful in reaching funeral families. After the funeral service has taken place pastoral care continued where appropriate. Contact with families is maintained, they are contacted by phone before and after the service, and 6 weeks, six months and twelve months thereafter if requested to. These contacts are carried out by clergy and the Pastoral Group. On the first anniversary of the death, the family receive a prayer card from the church. Services of Candles of Remembrance and Lament were held in November to accommodate the bereaved families. Services were very well attended.

One of our key aims is the purposeful act of reaching out pastorally and spiritually to families who only had internment of ashes in the cemetery. Many families had chosen a celebrant to lead the funeral service or used a more contemporary idea to process direct cremation. Paradoxically families felt the need to have a priest or lay minister to intern ashes. An invitation was sent to them to attend the Candles of Remembrance and Lament service in November. This was once again highly successful in offering pastoral support within a Christian setting. Feedback from those who attended was very positive and

affirming towards the church who had provided the solace and comfort which had been missed at such funerals.

The church outsources a local grave digger who works across the diocese. To assist in preparation for weddings and funerals there now is a team of three vergers who operate a rota system. Both changes have proved extremely effective.

Mission, Evangelism, Discipleship and Vocation

The aim of the church must not be self-serving but to seek to share God's love and to work for the kingdom. Helping those in need is a demonstration of our faith. The Church supports several charities including Water Aid at Harvest time, Children's Society and Christian Aid throughout the year. This year a special Christian Aid Breakfast and Sponsored Walk was organised by Ladiesdotcom in May. This creative ecumenical approach was very successful with many people attending either for breakfast or mid-morning coffee. Both events raised a great deal of money and encouraged fellowship.

Locally the church family supports the Walsall North Food Bank. The Church donates 10% of its direct giving to overseas and local mission. Clergy introduced the principle that at least one chosen charity must be chosen from human, animal and environmental charities. Suggestions were submitted for the Mission group to make the decision to be ratified by the PCC. Those organisations supported in 2024 included:

Home Mission

Centrepont 500 (Human)
World Vision UK 500 (Human)
Acorns Children Hospice 500 (Human)
The Children's Village 500 (Human)

Over Seas Mission

Tree Aid 500 (Environment)
Child Sponsorship 216 (Human)
World Animal Protection 197 (Animal)

School Leavers books 273 (Human)
Christmas books for children 32 (Human)
Parish Mission /Follow the Star 60 (Human)

Donations were also made to The Children's Society of £127, this is in respect of the Christingle service held in December 2024 and also to DEC Middle East Humanitarian Appeal £120, this is in respect of the Post Box appeal.

At specific times during the church year there have been retiring collections such as, MacMillan Cancer Support during September and Make a Mother's Day (Mother's Union) in March.

Mission and discipleship have been a priority within the congregation. Two areas for development did continue to be embedded, namely, prayer and vocation. Furthermore, the 180th Anniversary of the church galvanised opportunities for mission, discipleship, prayer and vocation.

Vocation was explored further during the time of placements for both observational and discernments students. Over 10 weeks the discernment student who was considering permanent diaconate explored the tradition of our churchmanship. Meanwhile the observation student focussed on Holy Week and Easter as an opportunity to see and understand the traditions and practises of this time in the church calendar. Another student has also been mentored by the clergy as preparation of the discernment by the diocese. All of this generated awareness of vocation, raised questions and provided an atmosphere for discovery, teaching and understanding.

National Volunteer Week -3rd June - 10th June - the church utilised this campaign with the congregation to encourage them to volunteer with the running of the church. Firstly, it was an opportunity to thank the volunteers who keep the church going. Such people give freely of their time, gifts and talents which enables this church to blossom and flourish for the kingdom of God. Secondly, the aim was to increase the volunteer base at St. Michael's. Lastly, it allowed an opportunity to discuss 'vocation' as a calling. Forms (See below) were distributed to the congregation with several headings and also requesting people with specific skills to come forward. It was a very good response.

Please tick the relevant box if you can help

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| Cleaning | | Maintenance Group | | Singing Group | |
| Welcome Team | | Pastoral Care Team | | Coffee Rota | |
| Bell Ringing | | Social Committee | | Sunday Reader | |
| Intercessor | | History Group | | Baptism Preparation | |
| Confirmation Training | | Server | | Children's Work | |
| Open the Book | | General Administration | | Gardening | |

Our parish magazine continues to be a very successful and substantial part of the overall evangelistic strategy. Feedback from the community still remains positive. People without access to social media appreciate the publication. For five years the format and high-quality graphic design has kept it an attractive publication. Local businesses are still eager to advertise in the magazine. Quality items covering both church and community issues are informative, inspiring and keeps parishioners up to date. Specific articles aim to develop knowledge of Christianity and the mission of the church. Magazines are published four times per year and are available at several outlets in the village. A review of the

advertising costs is necessary in early 2025 as prices have remained the same for the last 5 years.

Invitation to promote church services and events are also included in '*The Grapevine and The Pioneer*'. Use of The Grapevine is no cost to the church. Productive and purposeful relationships now exist between the church and other publishing companies which is beneficial to all parties.

Social media platforms have continued to develop to encourage mission and evangelism. Both the church Face book page and website does engage and connect with people. Communication continues to improve within the parish and the wider community but this is under continual review. St. Michael's Church Face book is very effective for promotion and reporting upon church services and events. Through creative imagery, graphics and symbolism it is highly successful reaching a broader base of people through differing engagements. However, the church website does need further development in the future. This continues to be a top priority to avoid hacking of the site.

Publication of the '*What's On*' poster periodically throughout the year provides up to date information on church services and events. Responses from the general public indicate appreciation by the local people and businesses.

Services and visits to the local nursing home have been spasmodic due to specific logistics. It is important to note that our link with Pelsall Hall has been affected by their staffing and illness. However, a pattern of Home Communion was resumed by the dedicated, committed and experienced Lay Reader. Pelsall Hall residents had a short Christmas carol service led by the Lay Reader and supported by the Singing Group. This was appreciated by the residents.

Housebound provision was strengthened in many ways during 2024. Home Communion were provided and Pastoral Care visiting took place on a regular basis. Christmas cards were produced and distributed by the church to the house bound. At Easter the housebound received an Easter bag of goodies. This included Easter cards, prayer diaries, Palm Cross, Prayer Retreat for Holy Week with Easter reflection materials plus an Easter egg! This was added to by St. Michael's church school pupils who also made cards. They were received well. Home Communion has taken place if and when appropriate to the housebound by both clergy and Lay Reader. Several members of this group have sadly passed away which has reduced our housebound number.

Links and positive relationships continue to be developed and embedded with the three village schools, namely, St. Michael's CE Primary, Pelsall Village and Ryders Hayes School.

Clergy, lay minister's and the Open the Book Team involvement has increased in a range of ways. Clergy have consistently visited schools. Together the church and schools have worked hard to foster and encourage partnership between and amongst the school and church communities. Clergy regularly lead worship in school, particularly St. Michaels and occasionally in Pelsall Village School. Engagement with parents at St. Michael's Church School has increased which is beneficial. This is proving fruitful and beneficial.

Our link with our local church school has strengthened and deepened. For example, the church school in Pelsall introduced a Holy Communion service in school for Key Stage 1 and Key Stage 2 which has been purposeful. Over the year it has been very well received by both pupils, staff and also parents. Parents were given the opportunity to attend the service both in school and church. Once again, the traditional 'Clipping Service' encouraged the reception class and their parents to attend the church. Parental numbers increased from the previous year. Feedback indicates that parents are beginning to feel more confident in attending church due to a warm and embracing welcome. This was reflected in the attendance at the Mothering Service held in church for Key Stage1 and EYFS. Link with the school also includes attending meeting new Reception Parents and Reception Graduation. To coincide with the Special Wedding weekend and 180th anniversary, celebrations in October pupils from EYFS came into church for a 'Mock Wedding and Celebration'.

Ryders Hayes and Pelsall Village have invited clergy to attend their annual Remembrance service, Carol Concert and Awards Evening. Clergy have also pastorally supported this school community during the death of two pupils at the school and at the memorial service.

Visits to the church by schools have taken place for different reasons. During our 180th anniversary there have been further and creative opportunities to engage with the church. Pupils from Pelsall Village, St. Michael's School and Ryders Hayes visited during the year to explore the history of the church. Pupils booklets were produced by a congregation member to assist the learning process. This was highly successful and was very well received by pupils of all ages who found this a positive learning experience.

St. Michael's led a new venture based on an oral history project during the church's 180th celebrations. The intergenerational project, church's celebrations and Walsall Borough 2040 strategic plan all came together in this project to highlight what a wonderful place Pelsall is to live. The overall aim was to celebrate St. Michael's 180 years but also to celebrate the history, heritage and legacy of the local community. Using a creative approach this history project was an attempt to help young and old be proud of their borough and to build on our heritage and identity within the Black Country and celebrate

our shared stories of legacy before lost in time. Opportunity was provided for pupils to interview congregation members about their local church, its history, their life and their Christian journey. Pupils presented their findings to congregation members who visited the school weeks later. It was also an opportunity to enable the Pelsall community to celebrate their diversity and traditions in an inclusive and creative way. All of which aligns with the Walsall borough aims 'We are proud of our borough' and another strand of 'Celebrating our Culture & Heritage. It was an excellent inter- generational activity which was reported on several media channels and local newspapers such as Express & Star. It was an excellent inter- generational activity which will take place again in the future.

To celebrate the 180th anniversary the church held an 'Art Competition' based around the church. Pupils from the three schools were invited to produce a piece of art using a range of medium to cover the brief, '*St. Michael's during the Seasons*'. Prizes were donated by a local business "Maunds". Entries were judged by local artists and awards were presented at the annual Toy Service in December.

In 2024 there was no Church School Confirmation. No candidates came forward. It is hoped that there will be candidates for 2025.

In July clergy were able to attend the year 6 leaver's ceremony at both Pelsall Village and St. Michael's school. Books purchased by the church were distributed to pupils.

The annual community Christingle service had a large attendance with pupils, parents and community. Each of the three schools participated in the service through prayers, readings and music. Community engagement was purposeful but this service needs refreshing with a more imaginative approach.

In December the clergy were invited to the Carol Service at Ryders Hayes, Pelsall Village and St. Michael's Primary School. Pupils from St. Michael's Church school in Reception, Key Stage 1 and Key Stage 2 had their own Christmas service with age specific content. Clergy visited the nursery for their age- appropriate service.

Open the Book has continued with their excellent input into St. Michael's CE Primary School. Enthusiasm and commitment by members of the congregation makes this very successful in mission and engagement. It is a valuable asset to the mission of the church. In 2024 the OTB team launched into provision at Pelsall Village and has also delivered one session during the sermon slot at the Annual Toy Service in December.

School governance continues to be a strength through which evangelism can be fostered through debate, witness and discussion between our church school and church. Relationships between the schools are excellent. The Foundation Governor at St. Michael's

school is a member of the laity whilst the clergy is an ex-officio member. Both are involved in appointment of staff, exclusions and Headteacher's Appraisal. Both governors act as Link Governors to several subjects. Clergy have been involved in the Vision and Values Working Group at the church school. The aim of the review was to refresh and develop a new school vision based upon Biblical text and theological understanding. Clergy is also a member of the governing body of the Pelsall Village School acting as Vice Chair of the governing body and Chair of the Curriculum Committee.

Community engagement has developed well throughout the year with the many organisations, agencies and associations as the church reaches out to engage and make a difference to this locality. Several are outlined here in this report:

Walsall North Foodbank (part of the Black Country Foodbank) which is based at Pelsall Methodist Chapel is well supported by St. Michael's congregation. The number of donations by congregation has been adversely impacted by the economic situation. This was noticeable at the reduced collection of produce from the church school at Harvest time. Members of the congregation actively work with the project.

Broader links have developed with the POPRS (Preserve Our Pelsall Remembrance Service). Clergy led the service at Pelsall Cenotaph for the annual Remembrance Service in November where the community comes together to participate in the National Remembrance Service. In June, clergy were asked to lead a service for the 80th anniversary of the historic D-Day landings. This was to commemorate and to remember the great efforts and sacrifices made by military to fight for freedom. POPRS also commissioned a poppy display to be installed on the church tower of St. Michael's. Congregation and community worked together to knit thousands of poppies for the structure. Clergy are also invited to several functions, for example, the Big Switch of the Lights in early November.

Open the Door Days - two 'Open the Door' events were organised by our own church history group. This group was specially formed for the 180th anniversary. Very dedicated members of this group met regularly to co-ordinate these days. A history book of the church, book marks and a designated pop- up banner all promoted the celebration. Each 'Open the Door' day was different. The first one was opened by the High Sheriff of the West Midlands, Douglas Wright. The day included exhibitions, tours and guides, register searches, display of artefacts and vestments, bell tower tours along with a performance from Pelsall Ladies Choir and delicious refreshments.

Our second day was similar and was opened by the Mayor of Walsall, Councillor Harris along with our local councillors and MP. On this occasion St. Michael's Church school band performed during the lunchtime. Both days were very enjoyable. It brought our church

community together to organise and to engage with the Pelsall community. It was a unique historical celebration of great joy, pride and love for this church.

A Defibrillator machine was privately purchased by congregation members. It was installed on the church wall along Hall Lane to make this accessible to the community. Our aim was to reach out to the community to make a Christian difference to the locality. Our machine is linked to the National Defibrillator Network which is supported by several agencies including the British Heart Foundation. The link system called '*The Circuit*' keeps regular contact with the Parish Office informing when the machine has been used or simply opened for use but was not needed at the scene of the incident. Regular status checks take place to ensure that the machine is monitored regularly and that accurate data exists on the defibrillator. Training for the machine has been provided for church members and some community partners who use the church hall. The machine has been requested to assist on several occasions. This new venture has been a positive experience of making a difference to the community.

RISE UP Campaign Against Domestic Abuse is our campaign to raise awareness about domestic abuse across the Britain and Ireland movement. The letters of RISE UP stand for Respond, Inform, Support, Empower, Unite and Pray. Domestic abuse can happen to anyone from any walk of life. The Mothers' Union members and churches have worked together to be a part of the change. Bronze, silver and gold awards are available for branches and churches who take part and complete various actions, as we work together to raise critical awareness and take action against domestic abuse, in whatever form it takes.

Local network meetings with ASDA Foundation acting as co-ordinator are still active. Meetings are held at Pelsall Community Association on a monthly basis. Clergy attend if, and when possible, which included a Christmas Meal Spectacular where networks came together.

Community engagement with local businesses is developing well. From February onwards the church began to promote a wedding weekend. Using BBC West Midlands Radio, the clergy invited past wedding couples to come forward to share their memories of their wedding day in Pelsall. This created excitement and motivation for the project. Planning took place throughout the summer leading to a wedding fayre in October. The Wedding Fayre brought together local businesses from the wedding industry to have stalls. Opened by the Blind Date couple, who were married at St. Michael's over 30 years ago the event galvanised the community to be involved in so many ways. A post box topper of a vicar plus bride and groom was made by a local lady. Four main businesses dressed their shop window fronts to promote and advertise their local Wedding Fayre. Both the BCC news

channel and BBC West Midlands Radio plus several national newspapers reported upon the event. Express & Star also interviewed the owners for a special featured in the newspaper. Gifts and raffle prizes were donated in large number from community businesses for the church raffle. These partnerships need to be consolidated in the next year with the possible growth of more links across the business world.

Pelsall Community Association (PCA) and the church have sound and productive relationships. Clergy have attended several times to give talks to their various local groups. Regular invitations are made to clergy and church community to their events. PCA took the opportunity to have a wedding stall to promote their venue.

Working with Brownhills Community Association our branch of Mother's Union Pelsall launched a new project called Mary's Samaritans. Together, they continue to organize support for local families in need of household items such as kitchenware, bed wear, cutlery and crockery through our network of support organizations. The project has experienced highs and lows since it started. Issues at the start have been resolved as the project focused upon needs of the schools. During the year Mary's Samaritans have responded if and when required by the schools.

Partnership with the church and our local councillors continues to make a difference to the locality. Working together, a Toy Service was organized to provide toys for children through Walsall Council for 'Looked After Children (LAC) across the borough. Our response was due to a tragedy with a burnt -out minibus filled with over £4k of toys. This year the church also decided to support a project, called COSY COMFORTS UK. The local councillors and CEO from Kids Village attended the service. People from the community and congregation were asked to attend and donate brand new toys. Response was tremendous and exceeded our expectations. This was very successful showing substantial community engagement between church and parish. Such partnerships can and do make a difference to the locality.

Well established groups such as Men's Fellowship, Mother's Union, Ladiesdotcom, Baptism & Wedding Preparation and Thursday Morning Group all continue to function regularly. Each group contributes to the 'building blocks' of the church community.

Study and learning has had a high priority but with a changed focus. Individual response rather than organised sessions during Lent was explored. People were provided with resources so that they could study in their own home.

Watch & Pray booklet was the Church of England's Lent campaign for 2024. The booklet offered daily Bible readings, short reflections, prayers and practical ideas to help people

make sense of life's challenges and draw closer to God during Lent. Each congregation member or family were given a free booklet for study and reflection while our church children were given an alternative children's booklet on the same theme.

Teaching materials have been placed on the church website. Such materials are always under review to meet the needs of the congregation. Materials associated with the church lectionary are provided for both adults and children if and when necessary. On a Wednesday the church uses 'Wednesday Word' which is a weekly feature based on the Sunday gospel. During Holy Week a booklet was on line to follow Christ's journey towards Easter Sunday.

This included -

Worship at home from Palm Sunday to Easter

Stations of the Cross

Work Booklets for Children

Special edition of Wednesday Word for children

During Lent the church provided once a week a lunchtime meditative time called '*Holding the Silence*' which was an opportunity to spend time in silence. Each week there was a focus with reflection based on 'The Beatitudes'. A small devoted number attended each week.

For three days in Holy Week a service of reflection and social action with themes titled 'Called to Action, Called to Forgive, Called to Trust' This was a reflective worship which brought lived experiences into God's transforming presence.

During Holy Week the congregation had opportunity to participate in A Retreat in Daily life -Do not be afraid I will call you by name, you are mine. It was for all those who find it hard to get away on retreat, when life is just too busy, when there are too many responsibilities and constraints; they were invited to make this their own retreat and experience a glimpse of Iona or Taize in church. People could opt in to suit their own availability, either at home or by coming to church. In each booklet there was a simple liturgy, reflection for each day, a prayer, a passage of scripture and a focus for your own thoughts and prayers. Each housebound received this package in their Easter bag.

"Do not be afraid" are the words that Jesus said so often, especially to those who were feeling lonely, excluded or vulnerable. The week explores some of what makes people fearful and anxious. "Do not be afraid" is about a journey of discovery as we dare to step out of the ordinary patterns of our lives and set out on a different path. Through Holy Week we walk with Jesus as he deals with loneliness, isolation, rejection, conflict, and

betrayal. Each of these will take us into the heart of the Passion and will resonate with our own experience.

This was well received and even further development will continue in 2025.

Confirmation Study Group proved fruitful and rewarding. Five candidates were confirmed at the Walsall Deanery Confirmation service which was held at St. Michael's Pelsall. Candidates attended church regularly and followed 'The Pilgrim Course' over several months. Use of excellent materials assisted the candidates in their understanding. Pilgrim is a major teaching and discipleship resource from the Church of England. It aims to help every local church create a place where people can explore the Christian faith together and see how it can be lived out each day. Pilgrim takes a different approach to other Christian programmes. It approaches the great issues of faith not through persuasion, but participation in a pattern of contemplation and discussion with a group of fellow travellers. Candidates followed the following stages:

Pilgrim is comprised of two initial stages: the *Follow stage* for those very new to faith. It introduces the Christian faith for newcomers or those exploring confirmation or affirming their faith.

Grow stage for those who want to go further to develop a deeper level of discipleship. Each stage contains four short six-session courses which focus on a major theme of Christian life.

Increased enquiries for Confirmation appear to continue into 2025.

Pastoral Care at St Michael's has always been and continues to be a priority, supporting our congregation and bereaved families in the Parish. Contact by telephone is initially made with bereaved families, followed with a visit if they so wish. A card is sent to the families on the first anniversary of their bereavement. The Pastoral Team Leader meets with clergy periodically to review the situation and also provides a monthly report. Clergy are available for advice and guidance especially where there may be difficult visits. During 2024 visiting has taken place with those needing our support in their homes, care homes and hospital in the usual way. Although, normally telephone calls prior to visits take place to ascertain the latest situation as virus and Covid can still be a concern. In addition to visits, contact is made by telephone, cards, texts, and email. A priority will be to increase the number of Pastoral Care visitors in the near future.

The PCC reviewed pastoral care arrangements across the parish and within the congregation. As such this was to ensure compliance of Safeguarding within these differing pastoral contexts. As a result, a Pastoral Care policy was written and approved with action being fully implemented in 2025.

Part of the Pastoral Care role is to review and update the 'Years' Mind Book' and produce the monthly list for prayers for those who have passed away. The team have a supportive network within the congregation and are very grateful and appreciative of the love, care and support given by Clergy and all who show their continued commitment to our Pastoral Mission.

Clergy offered once again 'Congregations, Coffee and Conversations'. Time was offered with the clergy within the week for anyone who wished to have a talk about how they are, how they are feeling, how their faith has been challenged, strengthened or has flat bottomed out during most challenging circumstances. Numbers taking up this opportunity has increased especially with newcomers to the church. Such meetings have continued to be fruitful and beneficial for all parties especially with new members of the congregation.

Deanery Synod

The role of the Deanery is to bring together the views of the parishes of the Deanery on common problems and to discuss and formulate policies on those problems, to foster a sense of community and interdependence amongst those parishes, and generally to promote in the Deanery the whole mission of the church - pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical.

There have been seven Synod meeting held during the year and St Michael's has been represented at all Synod meetings. St Michael's had the pleasure of hosting the summer Eucharist which was very well attended and there were many comments about how warmly welcomed everyone was.

The Deanery has refocused on Shaping for Mission and it remains very much a part of the strategic framework for the diocese and impacting new appointments. The Deanery review was shared and was an extensive piece of work that documented what was happening in our deanery at the time of compilation. The synod had the opportunity to look through the deanery review and in small groups, there was the opportunity to consider what a deanery plan for outreach and evangelism might look like.

There have been various guest speakers invited to talk over the period which were both interesting and informative.

St Michael's is represented at Synod by John Maye who is the Deanery Lay Chair, Rev. Alison Morris and Alison Myatt will also represent St Michaels at deanery synod moving forward. St Michael's has and continues to pay for three synod representatives at £30 per

representative so there is still room for one more representative moving forward and we will actively try to fill this role from the congregation.

St Michael's remains one of the best supported and growing churches in the Deanery with figures showing that it continues to go from strength to strength and is held in high esteem by the deanery.

Social And Fundraising

Social and fundraising events are part of life at St Michael's Pelsall.

During 2024, we have held several large events:

A May bank holiday fun day where we opened our doors to the community free of charge so that families could take part in various activities- we had local classic car clubs in attendance and hundreds of people from the community enjoyed the day.

We held a wedding fayre using both the church hall and the church, again attended by large numbers from the local community.

Two concerts were held in the church, one in the summer and one at Christmas.

We held an afternoon tea in the church hall.

Our annual Christmas market was held in November and we finished off the year with a New Year's Eve party.

The hall has been hired out for 25 children's parties.

Four charities have benefited from free use of our facilities these are: Macmillan Cancer Support, Christian Aid, the Samaritans and Tiny Tots children's charity.

Ecumenical Relationships

Ecumenical relationships had continued to strengthen and develop with Pelsall Methodist Church. Clergy from both churches met regularly to forward plan and to support each other in their ministry. Both clergy and lay ministers are invited to attend their Thursday afternoon fellowship group. In January the two congregations gathered for the 'Week of Prayer for Christian Unity' at Pelsall Methodist. In May during the Christian Aid Week the congregations met to worship at the Holy Communion service at St. Michael's. However, the Methodist minister left in the summer which impacted upon the link during the latter part of the year.

6.Financial Review

Treasurer's report for the accounts:

Total receipts for the year were £99,934 (£111,271) of which £37,474 (£41,313) was voluntary giving and donations. A further £7,588 (£7,792) was received from Gift Aid and GASDS and a sum of £5,105 (£7,650) was received from grants.

The planned giving together with collections at services totalled £35,259 (£35,781), a decrease of 1% on the previous year.

Total income including tax recovered was £99,934 (£111,272) a decrease of 10% on last year.

A total of £38,241 (£25,642) was spent from designated and restricted funds during the year, an increase of 49%.

The net result for the year was an excess of income over expenditure of £12,737. There was also an increase in the value of the shares of £2,099. The total value of the Church now stands at £507,976 (£493,141).

Reserves Policy:

Reserve Funds are held for the bells (Bell/Tower Fund), the organ (Organ/Music Fund), the upkeep and maintenance of the Church (Fabric/Restoration Fund), the upkeep and maintenance of the Church Hall (Repair/Renewal Fund) and the graveyard (Graveyard Fund). Balances on the Graveyard Fund are used to maintain the graveyard (cost this year £15,979), and the balances on the other funds are used to cover repairs, maintenance and emergencies.

There is an unrestricted reserves policy of holding 3 months expenditure. On 2024 figures this would be £12,239 (2023 £11,390) and unrestricted reserves at 31.12.2024 are actually £98,043 (2023 £96,112) which is substantially above this target. The PCC are happy to hold this excess as it provides a cushion in these uncertain times. There are also designated reserves of £395,681 (2023 £379,692). There are no overdrawn reserves.

Fabric Report

All annual servicing has been carried out throughout the year. Due dates are monitored and servicing performed in a timely manner

The church building is maintained and updated. The quinquennial report is used as a guide.

2024 has seen repairs to brickwork in the north transept - all mortar has been replaced in the verges of the Church centre. A new floor has been laid in the west door entrance and a leak addressed in the Church centre roof.

A structural repair has been done to rotten wood work in the Church centre.

The toilet block in the centre has been refurbished.

The graveyard around the church is maintained by a contractor.

The remote cemetery is maintained by a volunteer. During the year, we have paid to have hedges cut and the removal of six diseased and dangerous poplar trees.

The church hall interior has been repainted, faulty plumbing in the toilet block has been repaired and several heaters have been replaced.

Appointment of the independent Examiner

This takes place at the A.G.M. It was agreed that the services of the Diocese of Lichfield would be used to examine the financial affairs of the parish.

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). This year has seen the review of the new safeguarding policy and its provision within the church community. (See policy section for more details). The church is now compliant with safeguarding policies and procedures. In November the Safeguarding Sunday took place which provided literature and information to the congregation for their information and records. Presentation of this was organized by our designated and committed Safeguarding person who effectively contributes to ensure that the church is legally compliant.

Approved by the PCC on 6th April 2025 and signed on its behalf by

Alan P. Harris
(Chair)

Julie Cumpston
(Secretary)

Independent Examiner's report to the trustees/members of The PCC of Pelsall

Registered charity number: 1170860

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 with the accounting records
- the accounts do not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a true and fair view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

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: *Jonathan Hill*

Jonathan Hill FCMA CGMA

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

22/04/2025

Date:

The Parochial Church Council of St Michael & All Angels, Pelsall

Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31st December 2024

Accounting Policies

The PCC is a public benefit entity within the meaning of FRS 102. The financial statements have been prepared under the Charities Act 2011 and in accordance with the Church Accounting Regulations 2006 governing the individual accounts of PCCs, and with the Regulations' "true and fair view" provisions. They have also been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102).

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.

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

Cashflow Statement

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

Going Concern

There are no material uncertainties related 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.

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.

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.

Income

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.

Expenditure

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.

No depreciation is provided on buildings as the currently estimated residual value of the properties is not less than their carrying value and the remaining useful life of these assets exceeds 50 years, so that any depreciation charges would be immaterial.

Other tangible fixed assets are valued at cost.

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 at 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.

PCC of Pelsall St. Michael & All Angels

Statement of Financial Activities for the year ended 31 December 2024

| | Unrestricted funds | Designated funds | Restricted funds | Endowment funds | Total funds | Prior year total funds |
|---|-----------------------|---------------------|---------------------|--------------------|----------------|---------------------------|
| Receipts | | | | | | |
| Incoming resources from generated funds | — | (18) | — | — | (18) | — |
| Voluntary income | 48,376 | 207 | 5,225 | — | 53,807 | 61,514 |
| Activities for generating funds | 4,746 | 17,122 | — | — | 21,868 | 21,914 |
| Investment income | 8,875 | — | — | — | 8,875 | 7,660 |
| Incoming resources from charitable activities | 7,369 | 8,132 | (100) | — | 15,401 | 19,450 |
| Other incoming resources | — | — | — | — | — | 734 |
| Total income | 69,366 | 25,443 | 5,125 | — | 99,934 | 111,272 |
| Payments | | | | | | |
| Cost of generating funds | | | | | | |
| Cost of generating voluntary income | 1,369 | — | — | — | 1,369 | 919 |
| Charitable activities | 47,376 | 28,814 | 9,427 | — | 85,618 | 70,109 |
| Governance costs | 210 | — | — | — | 210 | 174 |
| Total expenditure | 48,955 | 28,814 | 9,427 | — | 87,197 | 71,202 |
| Net income / (expenditure) resources before transfer | 20,411 | (3,371) | (4,302) | — | 12,737 | 40,070 |
| Transfers | | | | | | |
| Gross transfers between funds - in | — | 24,022 | 1,219 | — | 25,240 | 23,626 |
| Gross transfers between funds - out | (20,579) | (4,661) | — | — | (25,240) | (23,626) |
| Other recognised gains / losses | | | | | | |
| Gains / losses on investment assets | 2,099 | — | — | — | 2,099 | 7,884 |
| Net movement in funds | 1,930 | 15,989 | (3,084) | — | 14,836 | 47,954 |
| Total funds brought forward | 96,112 | 379,692 | 17,336 | — | 493,141 | 445,187 |
| Total funds carried forward | 98,043 | 395,681 | 14,252 | — | 507,976 | 493,141 |
| Represented by | | | | | | |
| Unrestricted | | | | | | |
| General fund | 98,043 | — | — | — | 98,043 | 96,112 |
| Designated | | | | | | |
| Bar and Social Fund | — | 4,404 | — | — | 4,404 | 7,336 |
| Bell Tower Fund | — | 1,668 | — | — | 1,668 | 1,382 |
| Buildings - Fixed Asset Fund | — | 268,171 | — | — | 268,171 | 268,171 |
| CHURCH HALL RUNNING FUND | — | 17,747 | — | — | 17,747 | 10,758 |
| Cake Fund | — | 136 | — | — | 136 | 60 |
| Children's Ministry Fund | — | 180 | — | — | 180 | 150 |
| Church Centre Renovation Fund | — | — | — | — | — | 656 |
| Church Electricity | — | 11 | — | — | 11 | 45 |
| Church Hall Electricity | — | — | — | — | — | 240 |
| Church Hall Repair/Renewal Fund | — | 1,413 | — | — | 1,413 | 1,413 |
| Graveyard Fund | — | 17,959 | — | — | 17,959 | 26,512 |
| Legacy Fund | — | 11,502 | — | — | 11,502 | 11,502 |
| Organ/Music Fund | — | 11,075 | — | — | 11,075 | 10,115 |
| Parish Common Fund | — | 61,415 | — | — | 61,415 | 40,672 |
| Warm Welcome Fund | — | — | — | — | — | 680 |
| Restricted | | | | | | |
| Advanced wedding fees | — | — | 500 | — | 500 | 600 |
| Agency collection | — | — | (380) | — | (380) | (380) |
| Bridgeman Education Fund | — | — | 9,447 | — | 9,447 | 9,492 |
| Fabric/Restoration Fund | — | — | — | — | — | 2,459 |
| Flower Fund | — | — | 31 | — | 31 | 31 |
| Graveyard Donation Fund | — | — | — | — | — | 480 |
| Interior Decorating Scheme Fund | — | — | 4,625 | — | 4,625 | 4,625 |
| Lighting Fund | — | — | 30 | — | 30 | 30 |

PCC of Pelsall St. Michael & All Angels

Balance Sheet as at 31 December 2024

| | Total funds | Prior year funds |
|--|----------------|------------------|
| Fixed assets | | |
| Tangible assets | 361,957 | 359,858 |
| | 361,957 | 359,858 |
| Current assets | | |
| Cash at bank and in hand | 149,078 | 135,588 |
| | 149,078 | 135,588 |
| Liabilities | | |
| Creditors: Amounts falling due in one year | 3,059 | 2,306 |
| | 3,059 | 2,306 |
| Net current assets less current liabilities | 146,019 | 133,283 |
| Total assets less current liabilities | 507,976 | 493,141 |
| Total net assets less liabilities | 507,976 | 493,141 |
| Represented by | | |
| Unrestricted | | |
| General fund | 98,043 | 96,112 |
| Designated | | |
| Bar and Social Fund | 4,404 | 7,336 |
| Church Hall Repair/Renewal Fund | 1,413 | 1,413 |
| Parish Common Fund | 61,415 | 40,672 |
| Warm Welcome Fund | — | 680 |
| Bell Tower Fund | 1,668 | 1,382 |
| Organ/Music Fund | 11,075 | 10,115 |
| Graveyard Fund | 17,959 | 26,512 |
| Mission Giving Fund | — | — |
| Legacy Fund | 11,502 | 11,502 |
| Buildings - Fixed Asset Fund | 268,171 | 268,171 |
| Cake Fund | 136 | 60 |
| Church Centre Renovation Fund | — | 656 |
| CHURCH HALL RUNNING FUND | 17,747 | 10,758 |
| Children's Ministry Fund | 180 | 150 |
| Church Electricity | 11 | 45 |
| Church Gas | — | — |
| Church Hall Electricity | — | 240 |
| Restricted | | |
| Advanced wedding fees | 500 | 600 |
| Administration Grant Fund | — | — |
| Bridgeman Education Fund | 9,447 | 9,492 |
| Graveyard Donation Fund | — | 480 |
| Interior Decorating Scheme Fund | 4,625 | 4,625 |
| Fabric/Restoration Fund | — | 2,459 |
| Flower Fund | 31 | 31 |
| Lighting Fund | 30 | 30 |
| Agency collection | (380) | (380) |
| Funds of the church | 507,976 | 493,141 |

Approved by the PCC on 6th April 2025 by

Alan P. Hones
CHAIR

Julie Lunn
Secretary

PCC of Pelsall St. Michael & All Angels

Statement of Assets and Liabilities as at 31 December 2024

| | General | Designated | Restricted | Endowment | This year | Last year |
|---|---------------|----------------|---------------|-----------|----------------|----------------|
| Fixed assets - Tangible assets | | | | | | |
| Church Hall - | — | 268,171 | — | — | 268,171 | 268,171 |
| CBF Shares - | 93,786 | — | — | — | 93,786 | 91,687 |
| Totals | 93,786 | 268,171 | — | — | 361,957 | 359,858 |
| Current assets - Cash at bank and in hand | | | | | | |
| Santander current account - | 5,000 | 24,299 | (125) | — | 29,174 | 23,266 |
| CCLA (CBF) deposit account - | — | 105,376 | 9,902 | — | 115,279 | 107,697 |
| Interior Decorating Scheme - | — | — | 4,625 | — | 4,625 | 4,625 |
| Totals | 5,000 | 129,676 | 14,402 | — | 149,078 | 135,588 |
| Liabilities - Agency accounts | | | | | | |
| Agency collections - | — | — | 150 | — | 150 | — |
| Totals | — | — | 150 | — | 150 | — |
| Liabilities - Creditors: Amounts falling due in one year | | | | | | |
| Creditors Due in one year - | 743 | 2,166 | — | — | 2,909 | 2,306 |
| Totals | 743 | 2,166 | — | — | 2,909 | 2,306 |
| Grand total | 98,043 | 395,681 | 14,252 | — | 507,976 | 493,141 |

Statement of Assets and Liabilities - 2023

| Class and nominal code | General | Designated | Restricted | Endowment | Total | Last year |
|---|---------------|----------------|---------------|-----------|----------------|----------------|
| Fixed Asset - Investments | | | | | | |
| 6431: CBF Shares | 91,687 | - | - | - | 91,687 | 83,803 |
| Total | 91,687 | - | - | - | 91,687 | 83,803 |
| Fixed Asset - Tangible Assets | | | | | | |
| 6430: Church Hall | - | 268,171 | - | - | 268,171 | 268,171 |
| Total | - | 268,171 | - | - | 268,171 | 268,171 |
| Current Asset - Cash At Bank And In Hand | | | | | | |
| 6501: Santander current account | 4,387 | 19,297 | (418) | - | 23,266 | 19,623 |
| 6510: CCLA (CBF) deposit account | 633 | 93,936 | 13,129 | - | 107,697 | 68,959 |
| 6595: Interior Decorating Scheme | - | - | 4,625 | - | 4,625 | 4,625 |
| Total | 5,020 | 113,232 | 17,336 | - | 135,588 | 93,207 |
| Liability - Agency Accounts | | | | | | |
| 6699: Agency collections | - | - | - | - | - | (6) |
| Total | - | - | - | - | - | (6) |
| Liability - Creditors: Amounts Falling Due In One Year | | | | | | |
| 6602: Creditors Due in one year | 595 | 1,711 | - | - | 2,306 | - |
| Total | 595 | 1,711 | - | - | 2,306 | - |
| Net total assets | 96,112 | 379,692 | 17,336 | - | 493,141 | 445,187 |

PCC of Pelsall St. Michael & All Angels

Fund movement by type - 2024

| | Opening | Incoming | Outgoing | Transfers | Gains/losses | Closing |
|--|---------|----------|----------|-----------|--------------|---------|
| AWFees - Advanced wedding fee | | | | | | |
| Restricted | 600 | (100) | — | — | — | 500 |
| Sub-total for AWFees | 600 | (100) | — | — | — | 500 |
| Admin Gran - Administration Grant | | | | | | |
| Restricted | — | 5,105 | 6,324 | 1,219 | — | — |
| Sub-total for Admin Gran | — | 5,105 | 6,324 | 1,219 | — | — |
| Agency – Agency | | | | | | |
| Restricted | (380) | — | — | — | — | (380) |
| Sub-total for Admin Gran | (380) | — | — | — | — | (380) |
| Bar - Bar and Social Fund | | | | | | |
| Designated | 7,336 | 2,244 | 515 | (4,661) | — | 4,404 |
| Sub-total for Bar | 7,336 | 2,244 | 515 | (4,661) | — | 4,404 |
| Buildings - Buildings - Fixed As | | | | | | |
| Designated | 268,171 | — | — | — | — | 268,171 |
| Sub-total for Buildings | 268,171 | — | — | — | — | 268,171 |
| Cake Fund - Cake Fund | | | | | | |
| Designated | 60 | 100 | 24 | — | — | 136 |
| Sub-total for Cake Fund | 60 | 100 | 24 | — | — | 136 |
| Ch-Cen Ren - Church Centre Renova | | | | | | |
| Designated | 656 | — | 656 | — | — | — |
| Sub-total for Ch-Cen Ren | 656 | — | 656 | — | — | — |
| Ch-HALL - CHURCH HALL RUNNING | | | | | | |
| Designated | 10,758 | 14,878 | 7,890 | — | — | 17,747 |
| Sub-total for Ch-HALL | 10,758 | 14,878 | 7,890 | — | — | 17,747 |
| Children's - Children's Ministry | | | | | | |
| Designated | 150 | 30 | — | — | — | 180 |
| Sub-total for Children's | 150 | 30 | — | — | — | 180 |
| Church-EL - Church Electricity | | | | | | |
| Designated | 45 | — | 33 | — | — | 11 |
| Sub-total for Church-EL | 45 | — | 33 | — | — | 11 |
| Church-Gas - Church Gas | | | | | | |
| Designated | — | — | — | — | — | — |
| Sub-total for Church-Gas | — | — | — | — | — | — |
| Education - Bridgeman Education | | | | | | |
| Restricted | 9,492 | 5 | 50 | — | — | 9,447 |
| Sub-total for Education | 9,492 | 5 | 50 | — | — | 9,447 |
| Grave-Don - Graveyard Donation F | | | | | | |
| Restricted | 480 | — | 480 | — | — | — |
| Sub-total for Grave-Don | 480 | — | 480 | — | — | — |
| HALL-ELEC - Church Hall Electric | | | | | | |
| Designated | 240 | — | 240 | — | — | — |
| Sub-total for HALL-ELEC | 240 | — | 240 | — | — | — |
| Hall-Rep - Church Hall Repair/R | | | | | | |
| Designated | 1,413 | — | — | — | — | 1,413 |
| Sub-total for Hall-Rep | 1,413 | — | — | — | — | 1,413 |
| IntDecorat - Interior Decorating | | | | | | |
| Restricted | 4,625 | — | — | — | — | 4,625 |
| Sub-total for IntDecorat | 4,625 | — | — | — | — | 4,625 |

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|--|----------------|---------------|---------------|-----------------|--------------|----------------|--|
| Parish Com - Parish Common Fund | | | | | | | |
| Designated | 40,672 | — | — | 20,743 | — | 61,415 | |
| Sub-total for Parish Com | 40,672 | — | — | 20,743 | — | 61,415 | |
| Warm Welco - Warm Welcome Fund | | | | | | | |
| Designated | 680 | — | 680 | — | — | — | |
| Sub-total for Warm Welco | 680 | — | 680 | — | — | — | |
| General - General fund | | | | | | | |
| Unrestricted | 96,112 | 69,366 | 48,955 | (20,579) | 2,099 | 98,043 | |
| Sub-total for General | 96,112 | 69,366 | 48,955 | (20,579) | 2,099 | 98,043 | |
| Tower - Bell Tower Fund | | | | | | | |
| Designated | 1,382 | 286 | — | — | — | 1,668 | |
| Sub-total for Tower | 1,382 | 286 | — | — | — | 1,668 | |
| Organ - Organ/Music Fund | | | | | | | |
| Designated | 10,115 | 960 | — | — | — | 11,075 | |
| Sub-total for Organ | 10,115 | 960 | — | — | — | 11,075 | |
| Graveyard - Graveyard Fund | | | | | | | |
| Designated | 26,512 | 6,945 | 15,499 | — | — | 17,959 | |
| Sub-total for Graveyard | 26,512 | 6,945 | 15,499 | — | — | 17,959 | |
| Mission - Mission Giving Fund | | | | | | | |
| Designated | — | — | 3,279 | 3,279 | — | — | |
| Sub-total for Mission | — | — | 3,279 | 3,279 | — | — | |
| Legacy - Legacy Fund | | | | | | | |
| Designated | 11,502 | — | — | — | — | 11,502 | |
| Sub-total for Legacy | 11,502 | — | — | — | — | 11,502 | |
| Fabric - Fabric/Restoration F | | | | | | | |
| Restricted | 2,459 | 115 | 2,574 | — | — | — | |
| Sub-total for Fabric | 2,459 | 115 | 2,574 | — | — | — | |
| Flower - Flower Fund | | | | | | | |
| Restricted | 31 | — | — | — | — | 31 | |
| Sub-total for Flower | 31 | — | — | — | — | 31 | |
| Lighting - Lighting Fund | | | | | | | |
| Restricted | 30 | — | — | — | — | 30 | |
| Sub-total for Lighting | 30 | — | — | — | — | 30 | |
| Grand total | 493,141 | 99,934 | 87,197 | — | 2,099 | 507,976 | |

Fund movement by type – 2023

| Fund | Opening | Incoming | Outgoing | Transfers | Gains/Losses | Journals | Closing |
|--------------------|----------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|----------|----------------|
| Admin Grant | | | | | | | |
| Restricted | - | 6,500 | 6,500 | - | - | - | - |
| Sub-totals | - | 6,500 | 6,500 | - | - | - | - |
| AWFees | | | | | | | |
| Restricted | 400 | 300 | - | (100) | - | - | 600 |
| Sub-totals | 400 | 300 | - | (100) | - | - | 600 |
| Bar | | | | | | | |
| Designated | 4,101 | 3,305 | 70 | - | - | - | 7,336 |
| Sub-totals | 4,101 | 3,305 | 70 | - | - | - | 7,336 |
| Buildings | | | | | | | |
| Designated | 268,171 | - | - | - | - | - | 268,171 |
| Sub-totals | 268,171 | - | - | - | - | - | 268,171 |

| | | | | | | | |
|-----------------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|-----------------|--------------|----------|---------------|
| Cake Fund | | | | | | | |
| Designated | - | 60 | - | - | - | - | 60 |
| Sub-totals | - | 60 | - | - | - | - | 60 |
| Ch-Cen Ren | | | | | | | |
| Designated | - | 2,535 | 1,879 | - | - | - | 656 |
| Sub-totals | - | 2,535 | 1,879 | - | - | - | 656 |
| Ch-HALL | | | | | | | |
| Designated | 7,841 | 13,347 | 10,429 | - | - | - | 10,758 |
| Sub-totals | 7,841 | 13,347 | 10,429 | - | - | - | 10,758 |
| Children's Min | | | | | | | |
| Designated | - | 150 | - | - | - | - | 150 |
| Sub-totals | - | 150 | - | - | - | - | 150 |
| Church-EL | | | | | | | |
| Designated | 266 | 245 | 466 | - | - | - | 45 |
| Sub-totals | 266 | 245 | 466 | - | - | - | 45 |
| Church-Gas | | | | | | | |
| Designated | 527 | - | 527 | - | - | - | - |
| Sub-totals | 527 | - | 527 | - | - | - | - |
| Education | | | | | | | |
| Restricted | 9,642 | - | 150 | - | - | - | 9,492 |
| Sub-totals | 9,642 | - | 150 | - | - | - | 9,492 |
| Grave-Don | | | | | | | |
| Restricted | 480 | - | - | - | - | - | 480 |
| Sub-totals | 480 | - | - | - | - | - | 480 |
| HALL-ELEC | | | | | | | |
| Designated | - | 489 | 249 | - | - | - | 240 |
| Sub-totals | - | 489 | 249 | - | - | - | 240 |
| Hall-Rep | | | | | | | |
| Designated | 1,413 | - | - | - | - | - | 1,413 |
| Sub-totals | 1,413 | - | - | - | - | - | 1,413 |
| IntDecorat | | | | | | | |
| Restricted | 4,625 | - | - | - | - | - | 4,625 |
| Sub-totals | 4,625 | - | - | - | - | - | 4,625 |
| Parish Common | | | | | | | |
| Designated | 20,336 | - | - | 20,336 | - | - | 40,672 |
| Sub-totals | 20,336 | - | - | 20,336 | - | - | 40,672 |
| Warm Welcome | | | | | | | |
| Designated | 700 | - | 20 | - | - | - | 680 |
| Sub-totals | 700 | - | 20 | - | - | - | 680 |
| General | | | | | | | |
| Unrestricted | 88,785 | 68,428 | 45,560 | (23,426) | 7,884 | - | 96,112 |
| Sub-totals | 88,785 | 68,428 | 45,560 | (23,426) | 7,884 | - | 96,112 |
| Tower | | | | | | | |
| Designated | 1,247 | 135 | - | - | - | - | 1,382 |
| Sub-totals | 1,247 | 135 | - | - | - | - | 1,382 |
| Organ | | | | | | | |

| | | | | | | | |
|-------------------|----------------|----------------|---------------|--------------|--------------|----------|----------------|
| Designated | 7,860 | 2,255 | - | - | - | - | 10,115 |
| Sub-totals | 7,860 | 2,255 | - | - | - | - | 10,115 |
| Graveyard | | | | | | | |
| Designated | 17,906 | 10,467 | 1,861 | - | - | - | 26,512 |
| Sub-totals | 17,906 | 10,467 | 1,861 | - | - | - | 26,512 |
| Mission | | | | | | | |
| Designated | - | - | 3,190 | 3,190 | - | - | - |
| Sub-totals | - | - | 3,190 | 3,190 | - | - | - |
| Legacy | | | | | | | |
| Designated | 10,502 | 1,000 | - | - | - | - | 11,502 |
| Sub-totals | 10,502 | 1,000 | - | - | - | - | 11,502 |
| Fabric | | | | | | | |
| Restricted | 704 | 2,031 | 276 | - | - | - | 2,459 |
| Sub-totals | 704 | 2,031 | 276 | - | - | - | 2,459 |
| Flower | | | | | | | |
| Restricted | 31 | 25 | 25 | - | - | - | 31 |
| Sub-totals | 31 | 25 | 25 | - | - | - | 31 |
| Lighting | | | | | | | |
| Restricted | 30 | - | - | - | - | - | 30 |
| Sub-totals | 30 | - | - | - | - | - | 30 |
| Agency | | | | | | | |
| Restricted | (380) | - | - | - | - | - | (380) |
| Sub-totals | (380) | - | - | - | - | - | (380) |
| Totals | 445,187 | 111,272 | 71,202 | - | 7,884 | - | 493,141 |

Designated Funds

Bar & Social Fund-money received from St. Michael's Social Club and used for upkeep/expenses of Social Club.

Church Hall Running Fund-money received from lettings of Hall and used for general upkeep and running costs of the Church Hall.

Bell Tower Fund-funds received from weddings/funerals and donations and used for the upkeep of the bells.

Graveyard Fund-funds/donations received from funerals and used for maintenance of the graveyard.

Organ/Music Fund-funds received from weddings/funerals and used for upkeep of organ and music requirements.

Legacy Fund-money received from various legacies and used at the discretion of the Vicar and Church Wardens for the general upkeep of the Church.

Mission Giving Fund-funds transferred monthly from giving and used for local and overseas mission.

Church Hall Repair/Renewal Fund-money transferred from Church Hall Running Fund and used for upkeep of the Church Hall.

Church Gas Fund-donations received for payment of Church gas utility bills.

Church Electric Fund-donations received for payment of Church electricity utility bills.

Church Hall Electric Fund-donations/funds transferred from Church Hall Running Fund for payment of electricity utility bills.

Parish Common Fund-proportion of Common Fund held at parish level following special agreement with LDBF. Donations/transfers made from other funds.

Warm Welcome Fund-grants/funds received to assist with "Warm Welcome" initiative set up in the Church November 2022.

Cake Fund-donations received for baking of cakes.

Church Centre Renovation Fund-donations received for renovation of Church Centre.

Children's Ministry Fund-donations received for Children's ministry.

Restricted Funds

Advanced Wedding Fees Fund-payments received for forthcoming weddings.

Bridgeman Education Fund-monies received from the sale of unit trusts to be used at the discretion of the Vicar and Church Wardens for education and children in the Church.

Fabric/Restoration Fund-monies received from boxes and donations used for the upkeep of the Church.

Flower Fund-monies received from donations for flowers in the Church.

Graveyard Donation Fund-donations received and used for maintenance of the graveyard.

Interior Decorating Fund-funds held for decoration/upkeep of the vicarage.

Lighting Fund-monies received from donations and used for lighting in the Church.

Administration Grant Fund-grant received from LDBF to assist with the costs of administration in the Church.

PCC of Pelsall St. Michael & All Angels

Analysis of income and expenditure for the year ended 31 December 2024

| | Unrestricted | Designated | Restricted | Endowment | Total | |
|--|--------------|------------|------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| | | | | | This year | Last year |
| INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS | | | | | | |
| Incoming resources from generated funds | | | | | | |
| 1313 - Unpaid Cheque | — | (18) | — | — | (18) | — |
| Total | — | (18) | — | — | (18) | — |
| Incoming resources from generated funds - Voluntary income | | | | | | |
| 0101 - Giving - Direct to Bank | 780 | — | — | — | 780 | 740 |
| 0102 - Giving Direct - Donations | 17,778 | — | — | — | 17,778 | 17,238 |
| 0110 - Giving - Envelopes | 4,834 | — | — | — | 4,834 | 4,754 |
| 0301 - Collections at services | 9,393 | — | — | — | 9,393 | 9,168 |
| 0302 - Collections Weddings/Funerals | 1,633 | — | — | — | 1,633 | 2,859 |
| 0303 - Collections/Baptisms | 841 | — | — | — | 841 | 1,023 |
| 0402 - Sundry Donations | 1,550 | 161 | 5 | — | 1,716 | 1,306 |
| 0404 - Other funds generated | 3,549 | 30 | 62 | — | 3,641 | 3,758 |
| 0405 - Donations-Church Centre Renovation | — | — | — | — | — | 2,535 |
| 0410 - Church boxes - Restoration | — | — | 53 | — | 53 | 79 |
| 0501 - One-off Gift Aid gifts | 430 | — | — | — | 430 | 1,610 |
| 0550 - Donations appeals etc | — | 16 | — | — | 16 | — |
| 0601 - Tax recovered on Gift Aid | 5,508 | — | — | — | 5,508 | 5,689 |
| 0602 - Tax recovered on GASDS | 2,080 | — | — | — | 2,080 | 2,104 |
| 0701 - Legacies | — | — | — | — | — | 1,000 |
| 0802 - Grant per LDBF | — | — | 5,105 | — | 5,105 | 7,500 |
| 08A1 - Non-recurring one-off grants | — | — | — | — | — | 150 |
| Total | 48,376 | 207 | 5,225 | — | 53,807 | 61,514 |
| Incoming resources from generated funds - Activities for generating funds | | | | | | |
| 0903 - Magazine Income | 735 | — | — | — | 735 | 705 |
| 0910 - Fund Raising activities | 3,171 | — | — | — | 3,171 | 3,672 |
| 1210 - Greeting Card Sales | 290 | — | — | — | 290 | 325 |
| 1240 - Church hall hire | — | 14,878 | — | — | 14,878 | 13,347 |
| 1241 - Church Centre Hire | 550 | — | — | — | 550 | 560 |
| 1270 - Bar & Social Club Income | — | 2,244 | — | — | 2,244 | 3,305 |
| Total | 4,746 | 17,122 | — | — | 21,868 | 21,914 |
| Incoming resources from generated funds - Investment income | | | | | | |
| 1001 - Dividends from CBF Shares | 2,545 | — | — | — | 2,545 | 2,506 |
| 1020 - Bank and building society interest | 6,330 | — | — | — | 6,330 | 4,304 |
| 1031 - Sale of land or buildings | — | — | — | — | — | 850 |
| Total | 8,875 | — | — | — | 8,875 | 7,660 |
| Incoming resources from charitable activities | | | | | | |
| 1101 - Weddings and funerals PCC Fees | 7,225 | — | — | — | 7,225 | 7,439 |
| 1103 - Wedding/Funeral Donations-Organ/Music | — | 960 | — | — | 960 | 1,185 |

| | | | | | | |
|---|-------|-------|-------|---|--------|--------|
| 1104 - Wedding/Funeral donations-Tower | — | 225 | — | — | 225 | 75 |
| 1105 - Weddings Deposits | — | — | (100) | — | (100) | 300 |
| 1106 - Funerals donation-Graveyard Fund | — | 6,947 | — | — | 6,947 | 10,451 |
| 1107 - Baptism Fees PCC Fees | 144 | — | — | — | 144 | — |
| Total | 7,369 | 8,132 | (100) | — | 15,401 | 19,450 |

Other incoming resources

| | | | | | | |
|---------------------|---------------|---------------|--------------|----------|---------------|----------------|
| 1312 - Refunds | — | — | — | — | — | 734 |
| Total | — | — | — | — | — | 734 |
| INCOME TOTAL | 69,366 | 25,443 | 5,125 | — | 99,934 | 111,272 |

EXPENDITURE

Cost of generating funds - Cost of generating voluntary income

| | | | | | | |
|--------------------------------------|-------|---|---|---|-------|-----|
| 1720 - Costs of giving envelopes | 82 | — | — | — | 82 | — |
| 1730 - Costs of fetes & other events | 166 | — | — | — | 166 | 172 |
| 1732 - Costs of magazine | 1,121 | — | — | — | 1,121 | 747 |
| Total | 1,369 | — | — | — | 1,369 | 919 |

Charitable activities

| | | | | | | |
|---|--------|--------|-------|---|--------|--------|
| 1801 - Giving to Charities | 442 | — | — | — | 442 | 248 |
| 1802 - Giving to other churches | 20 | 680 | — | — | 700 | — |
| 1850 - Mission Giving - Home mission | — | 2,471 | — | — | 2,471 | 1,838 |
| 1851 - Mission Giving - Overseas mission | — | 500 | — | — | 500 | 1,040 |
| 1852 - Mission Giving - Child Sponsorship | — | 216 | — | — | 216 | 216 |
| 1901 - Subscriptions | 648 | 240 | 50 | — | 937 | 945 |
| 1910 - Common Fund | 31,115 | — | — | — | 31,115 | 30,505 |
| 2050 - Fees of parish secretary | — | — | 5,904 | — | 5,904 | 5,359 |
| 2051 - Fees of parish organist | 1,445 | — | — | — | 1,445 | 1,375 |
| 2104 - Associate Minister Expenses | 1,434 | — | — | — | 1,434 | 1,366 |
| 2121 - Associate Minister's Education | 255 | — | — | — | 255 | — |
| 2201 - Parish training and mission | 358 | 60 | — | — | 418 | 506 |
| 2340 - Upkeep of services | 698 | — | — | — | 698 | 521 |
| 2341 - Upkeep of Services/Hymn Books | — | — | — | — | — | 13 |
| 2350 - Upkeep of churchyard - Maintenance | — | 14,382 | 480 | — | 14,862 | 794 |
| 2351 - Upkeep of Churchyard - Water | — | 140 | — | — | 140 | 134 |
| 2352 - Upkeep of Churchyard - Refuse | — | 977 | — | — | 977 | 916 |
| 2360 - Administration - General | 85 | — | — | — | 85 | 97 |
| 2361 - Administration - Photocopier | 1,020 | — | 420 | — | 1,440 | 1,987 |
| 2362 - Administration - Telephone | 657 | — | — | — | 657 | 552 |
| 2365 - Miscellaneous | 10 | — | — | — | 10 | — |
| 2372 - Gift to Clergy/Congregation | 52 | 32 | — | — | 84 | 173 |
| 2373 - Gift to Church | 606 | — | — | — | 606 | — |
| 2402 - Church running Electricity | 1,168 | 33 | — | — | 1,201 | 1,176 |
| 2410 - Church running - gas | 1,258 | — | — | — | 1,258 | 637 |
| 2411 - Church running Gas | 178 | — | — | — | 178 | 720 |
| 2420 - Church running - water | 253 | — | — | — | 253 | 233 |
| 2430 - Church running - maintenance | 272 | — | — | — | 272 | 962 |
| 2432 - Church Running - Flowers | — | — | — | — | — | 25 |
| 2435 - Church Running - Consumables | 384 | — | — | — | 384 | 55 |
| 2440 - Church running - Insurance | 3,250 | — | — | — | 3,250 | 3,133 |
| 2441 - Church Running-Junior Church | 64 | — | — | — | 64 | — |

| | | | | | | |
|---|--------|--------|-------|---|--------|--------|
| 2442 - Church Running - Q I Report | — | — | — | — | — | 870 |
| 2443 - Church Yard - Upkeep | 1,210 | — | — | — | 1,210 | 1,040 |
| 2450 - Church running - Conservation | — | — | — | — | — | 96 |
| 2451 - Church Running - 180th Celebration | 495 | 24 | — | — | 519 | — |
| 2502 - Warm Welcome Space Expenses | — | — | — | — | — | 20 |
| 2520 - Hall running - Consumables | — | 262 | — | — | 262 | 260 |
| 2530 - Hall running - electricity | — | 5,497 | — | — | 5,497 | 3,261 |
| 2550 - Hall running - insurance | — | 812 | — | — | 812 | 897 |
| 2560 - Hall running - maintenance | — | 515 | — | — | 515 | 138 |
| 2580 - Hall running - water | — | 253 | — | — | 253 | 233 |
| 2591 - Hall Running - Refuse | — | 721 | — | — | 721 | 675 |
| 2701 - Church major repairs - structure | — | 345 | 1,268 | — | 1,613 | — |
| 2710 - Church major repairs - installation | — | 656 | 1,306 | — | 1,961 | — |
| 2730 - Church Centre interior & exterior decora | — | — | — | — | — | 7,093 |
| Total | 47,376 | 28,814 | 9,427 | — | 85,618 | 70,109 |

Governance costs

| | | | | | | |
|---|---------------|----------------|----------------|----------|---------------|---------------|
| 2601 - Governance costs examination/audit fee | 210 | — | — | — | 210 | 174 |
| Total | 210 | — | — | — | 210 | 174 |
| EXPENDITURE TOTAL | 48,955 | 28,814 | 9,427 | — | 87,197 | 71,202 |
| GRAND TOTAL | 20,411 | (3,371) | (4,302) | — | 12,737 | 40,070 |

PCC of Pelsall St Michael & All Angels
Notes to the Accounts 31 December 2024

Allocation of Support Costs

Support costs comprise Trustee Training and Governance Costs etc. Due to the nature of the financial activities of the PCC, these would be allocated across Charitable Expenditure which comprises the majority of its expenditure and as such are automatically charged there.

Staff Costs

| | 2024 | 2023 |
|-----------------------------|-------------|-------------|
| | | |
| Wages & Salaries | £8,559 | £7,748 |
| | | |
| Average number of employees | 3 | 3 |

During the year the PCC employed a parish secretary, organist and a gardener (all part-time) and no payments were large enough to attract social security costs.

There were no employee benefits to key management personnel in the previous or current year.

Trustees' Remuneration & Expenses

1 Trustee has been reimbursed £1,434 (2023 £1,366) for travel and phone expenses incurred 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 related parties (PCC members) totalled £5,744 (10 people). 2023 - £10,726.

Fees for the examination of the accounts

| | 2024 £ | 2023 £ |
|-----------------------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| | | |
| Independent Examiner's fees | £210 | £174 |
| | £210 | £174 |

Analysis of Transfer between Funds

| Unrestricted | £ | Designated | £ | Restricted | £ | Total £ |
|--------------|----------|---------------------|---------|------------------|-------|---------|
| General Fund | (16,082) | Parish Common Fund | 16,082 | | | 0 |
| | | Parish Common Fund | 4,661 | | | 4,661 |
| | | Bar & Social Fund | (4,661) | | | (4,661) |
| General Fund | (3,279) | Mission Giving Fund | 3,279 | | | 0 |
| General Fund | (1,218) | | | Admin Grant Fund | 1,218 | 0 |
| Total | (20,579) | | 19,361 | | 1,218 | 0 |

Parish Common Fund – transfers made into this fund for Common Fund purposes and held at parish level.

Mission Giving Fund – monthly transfers made between two funds to account for 10% of planned giving, which ultimately goes to local and overseas mission.

Administration Grant Fund – costs of photocopier and salary of Administrator transferred to General Fund.

Fixed Assets

a. Tangible Fixed Assets

| | Freehold Buildings £ | Church Equipment £ | Total £ |
|---|-------------------------|-----------------------|------------|
| Cost or Valuation | | | |
| As at 1 st Jan | £268,171 | | £268,171 |
| Additions in the year | | | |
| Disposal in the year | | | |
| Revaluation (if any) | | | |
| Value at 31st Dec | £268,171 | | £268,171 |
| | | | |
| | | | |
| Accumulated Depreciation | | | |
| As at 1 st Jan | | | |
| Charge for the year | | | |
| Disposals | | | |
| Value at 31st Dec | | | |
| | | | |
| Net Book Value at 1 st Jan 2024 | £268,171 | | £268,171 |
| Net Book Value at 31st Dec 2024 | £268,171 | | £268,171 |
| | | | |

The freehold buildings comprise of the Church Hall at Vicarage Road, Pelsall. The valuation is based on the insurance value.

b. Investments

| | At 1 st Jan £ | Additions £ | Disposals £ | Transfers £ | Change in market value £ | At 31 st Dec £ | # |
|---------------------------|-----------------------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|-----------------------------------|---------------------------------|---|
| Unrestricted funds | | | | | | | |
| Investments | £91,687 | | | | £2,099 | £93,786 | |
| | | | | | | | |
| | | | | | | | |
| Total | £91,687 | | | | £2,099 | £93,786 | |

The holding at 31st December 2024 was 4,056 shares in the CCLA Investment Fund.

Current Assets

a. Debtors

| | 2024 £ | 2023 £ |
|--------------------------------|-----------|-----------|
| | | |
| Gift aid recoverable | - | - |
| Prepayments and accrued income | - | - |
| Other debtors | - | - |
| | | |
| Total | - | - |

Liabilities

a. Amounts falling due in one year

| | 2024 £ | 2023 £ |
|---------------------|--------------|--------------|
| | | |
| Accruals | 2,909 | 2,305 |
| Common Fund | | |
| Agencies (Funerals) | 150 | - |
| | | |
| Total | 3,059 | 2,305 |

b. Amounts falling due after more than one year

None

PCC of St Michael & All Angels, Pelsall
SOFA for the year ended 31 December 2023

| | Unrestricted funds | Designated funds | Restricted funds | Endowment funds | Total funds | Prior year total funds |
|---|--------------------|------------------|------------------|-----------------|----------------|------------------------|
| Receipts | | | | | | |
| Incoming resources from generated funds | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Voluntary income | 49,417 | 4,391 | 7,706 | - | 61,514 | 53,322 |
| Activities for generating funds | 4,762 | 17,152 | - | - | 21,914 | 19,616 |
| Investment income | 6,810 | - | 850 | - | 7,660 | 3,261 |
| Incoming resources from charitable activities | 7,439 | 11,711 | 300 | - | 19,450 | 21,609 |
| Other incoming resources | - | 734 | - | - | 734 | (42) |
| Total income | 68,428 | 33,988 | 8,856 | - | 111,272 | 97,765 |
| Payments | | | | | | |
| Cost of generating funds | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Cost of generating voluntary income | 919 | - | - | - | 919 | 1,436 |
| Fundraising trading cost of goods sold and other costs | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Investment management costs | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Charitable activities | 44,466 | 18,692 | 6,951 | - | 70,109 | 59,552 |
| Governance costs | 174 | - | - | - | 174 | 150 |
| Other resources used | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Total expenditure | 45,560 | 18,692 | 6,951 | - | 71,202 | 61,138 |
| Net income / (expenditure) resources before transfer | 22,868 | 15,296 | 1,905 | - | 40,070 | 36,627 |
| Transfers | | | | | | |
| Gross transfers between funds - in | 100 | 23,526 | - | - | 23,626 | 24,703 |
| Gross transfers between funds - out | (23,526) | - | (100) | - | (23,626) | (24,703) |
| Other recognised gains / losses | | | | | | |
| Gains/losses on investment assets | 7,884 | - | - | - | 7,884 | (11,746) |
| Gains on revaluation, fixed assets, charity's own use | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Net movement in funds | 7,327 | 38,822 | 1,805 | - | 47,954 | 24,882 |
| Reconciliation of funds | | | | | | |
| Total funds brought forward | 88,785 | 340,870 | 15,531 | - | 445,187 | 420,305 |
| Total funds carried forward | 96,112 | 379,692 | 17,336 | - | 493,141 | 445,187 |