



**ANNUAL REPORT
AND
FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
OF THE
PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL
OF THE
ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH
OF
ST MARY EDWINSTOWE**

Registered Charity Number 1171553

**YEAR ENDED
31ST DECEMBER 2024**

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Annual Report

Mission Statement

We seek to join with God's mission to place **love at the heart of life** in three dimensions:

UP towards God – Helping people in Edwinstowe to recognise and respond to **God's love at the heart of life** through Spirit-led worship [**Worship**]

IN towards each other – Growing disciples of Jesus Christ who put **love for each other at the heart of life** [**Discipleship**]

OUT towards the world – together we will put **love for the world at the heart of life**, through proclamation of the Gospel, loving service, challenging injustice and protecting God's creation. [**Mission**]

Structure, Governance and Management

Parochial Church Council

Members of the PCC are either ex officio or elected each year at the Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM).

During the year, there have been 8 PCC meetings with an average attendance of 69% (2023 76%).

Sub-committees of the PCC met several times during the year: Children and Young People's leaders and the Church Rooms Management Committee

Leaders from Edwinstowe also join with Perlethorpe and Clipstone to form the "Three Churches Forum" who meet every Monday for Prayer and a diary meeting.

Standing Committee

This is the only committee required by law. It has power to transact the business of the PCC between its meetings, subject to any directions given by the PCC. The Standing and Finance committee meet every other month.

Electoral Roll

At the Annual Parochial Church Meeting 108 (106 in 2023) parishioners were members on the Electoral Roll

Safeguarding

The PCC has worked closely with Pete Edwards, the Parish Safeguarding Officer, to ensure we have complied with our Safeguarding Policy & Action Plan. The documentation and procedures are under regular review and revised as necessary. All the identified members have undergone appropriate training for their role.

Reference and Administration

Members of the PCC are either ex officio or elected by the Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM) in accordance with the Church Representation Rules. They are also Trustees of the church charity.

Priest in charge:	Revd Claire Melless	From October 2023
Wardens:	Richard Neely Vacant	
Deanery synod:	Hilary Cheshire Matthew Storor Ruth Roddison	Treasurer & Diocesan synod To July 2024
Reader representative:	Pete Edwards	
Elected members:	Emma Scaysbrook Margaret Share Walter Daglish Darren Knight Brian Evans Sue Ford Harold Green Denise Poole Linda Foster Jane Knight Terry Ashton Michaela Turpin Julie Readman Steve Roddison	Secretary to July 2024 Co-opted APCM (full Sept 24) Co-opted Sept24 (full Nov 24) To APCM To APCM To July 2024
Safeguarding	Pete Edwards	

Objectives and Activities

St Mary's PCC has the responsibility of co-operating with the Priest in Charge, in promoting the whole mission of the church, pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical, for all who reside in the ecclesiastical parish and all who worship at St Mary's. It also has responsibility for maintaining the fabric of the Church and the Church Rooms. The PCC is body corporate (PCC Powers Measure 1956, Church Representation Rules 2011) and **Registered Charity Number 1171553**.

These objectives could not be achieved without the time and talents of many volunteers to whom the PCC extends its thanks.

Achievements and Activities (Including future plans)

Vicar's Report

Worship, Discipleship & Mission

The regular Sunday morning service moved, in March 24, to a new time of 11.15am – this has been received well, and the average attendance is around 35 adults, with 5 children. However, our regular worshipping community is made up of approximately 49 adults and 15 under 18's.

Parish communion is held on most Sundays with a 'Worship for Everyone' service being held on the 3rd Sunday of the month. We are very thankful to Steve Roddison who at the beginning of the year was playing the piano to accompany our worship almost every week. Since the summer Steve plays for approximately two Sunday's a month and we use the system to accompany our worship on other Sunday's. Occasionally John Pope plays the organ and we are grateful to him too.

Thanks also go to our readers (LLM's) Lorna and Pete who preach and lead services regularly and to Revd Richard Ford and Revd Sue Caddy who cover services when needed.

The leaders of all our children's and youth groups do a fantastic job of nurturing the young and we are very thankful for them. One Way Club meets on the 2nd and 4th Sunday of the month at 10.30am. Our pre-school offering "The Ark" continues and welcomes the foundation children from St Mary's school each month.

At Easter it was great to welcome many children and families into church on Good Friday for our 'Good Friday Special'.

The Youth group "Illuminate" paused in the spring of 2024 as we made plans to re-launch in Sept 2024. It was re-launched and now meets on the 1st Sunday of every month 6-7.30pm. The group consists of a core group of 6- 8 young people and there is representation from Edwinstowe and Clipstone.

'Sunday @6' was launched in Sept 2024, this is a contemporary worship service and is a space for come and soak in the presence of God through worship, prayer, scripture and word. This takes place on the 4th Sunday of every month at 6pm. Held at St Mary's but for anyone from across The Churches of Sherwood and beyond. On average there are about 15 people each month, however this is often a different combination of people each time so there have been more in total.

The bible course concluded in late Spring and an ALPHA course will be beginning in Spring 2025.

Occasional Offices	2024	2023
Baptism	7	16
Funerals in Church	15	10
Service at Crematorium	2	6
Weddings	3	5

Our vital relationship with St. Mary's C of E Primary School continues to be important. There has been a change in leadership in 2024, Jennie Bailey took up the role of head teacher in Sept 2024. Hilary Cheshire continues as chair of governors with Linda Foster as vice chair. Revd Claire is a governor and other foundation governors are Steve Roddison, Glenn Hickman, Sara Coupe and James Turpin. Revd Claire goes in to deliver Collective worship on a regular basis (every 2 weeks) and Steve and Ruth go in regularly to deliver singing sessions. Curriculum visits to St Mary's Church with Revd Claire take place too.

We continue to enjoy a good relationship with King Edwin Primary School, Revd Claire occasionally delivers an assembly at the school.

Both schools attended church for Easter, Harvest and Christmas specials.

The Christmas tree festival was, once again, a great occasion. The wonderful trees represented groups from across the wider community and many people came in to view the trees.

The carol service, Christingle and midnight communion attracted many people from across the community. The numbers all being significantly higher than the previous year. It is always great to welcome many people in from the wider community and to proclaim the good news of the Christmas message.

The church continues to be open for visitors on many days throughout the year as and when the stewards are able to facilitate this. We are hugely thankful for the dedication & interest of our small band of stewards, Denise, Harold, Peter, Terry & Revd Richard. This meant we were able to welcome many visitors [nearly 4000 over the year] to enjoy our church history & explore the legend that is Robin Hood. We hope to receive funding to install a system called 'InfoPoint' in 2025 which will help to enhance the visitors' experience alongside the stewards.

The 'hidden' jobs are just as important and thanks to all who do them - all on the PCC and especially Richard Neely whose dedication as Church Warden is incredible and treasurer Hilary Cheshire. We thank Emma Farrier for her continued work in the paid role of cleaner. Our thanks also go to the band of volunteers who have diligently and beautifully decorated the church for festivals led by our vergers Jo Rose.

Jayne Mawby our administrator is still unwell and unable to work. We pray for her recovery. In December 2024 we employed a temporary admin assistant, Alice Curry, who works 10 hours each week. It has been great to welcome her into the role and we look forward to working with her going forwards.

The Village Exchange shop has had some management changes this year, our paid manager was on long term absence due to illness for the first 6 months of the year. The manager resigned in September and since then the team of core volunteers has been co-ordinating the day to day running and management of the shop in liaison with Revd Claire, our church warden and treasurer. The VX is thriving, it is not only a shop but a place where people can drop in for a chat too. The VX continues to provide pre-loved goods and is appreciated as the cost of living continues to rise. Our HUGE thanks go to the Core volunteers and the team of general volunteers for all they do, and all who donate goods for sale.

Eco church – We achieved the silver eco church award from La Rocha during 2024. Thanks go to the Eco group for all their hard work in achieving this award, in continuing to meet these standards, and as we work towards attaining the gold award in the future.

Future plans

In 2025 we will be working continue with the many aspects of mission, discipleship, outreach and ministry and will be seeking to deepen our own discipleship and to grow disciples.

Future plans include but are not limited to

- Learning and praying together as we seek to join with God's mission to place love at the heart of life
- Continuing to work with community groups to further support those in need.
- Encouraging regular giving which enables our mission and ministry.
- Supporting existing groups and encouraging leaders in them
- Enjoy fellowship and fun over the 3 parishes.
- Our hope is that St Mary's will continue steadily to change and develop to reflect and challenge the community, welcoming many more to believe and trust in Jesus Christ, crucified and risen.

We will also strive to work towards meeting the different priorities of our Growing Disciples plan (this is a working document that is subject to change as God moves and works within our lives and within the Churches of Sherwood Forest)

- **Inspiring worship:** Increase our reach and attract new worshippers. Continue with our regular services and further embed and develop the new Sunday@ 6 service
- **Reaching younger:** Increase our reach to children and families across the three churches through building on Worship for Everyone service, development of existing children's and young people's groups - The Ark, One Way Club/ Messy Church and Illuminate
Investigate the scope and practicalities of an after-school church/ messy church linked to St Mary's School – possibly 2026?
- **Enabling Commitment:** encourage the discipleship of adults by offering nurture courses (ALPHA 2025) and other avenues deeper into God, such as baptism and confirmation preparation, and recruitment to discipleship groups.
- **Nurturing Prayer** deepen and develop the prayer life of the church to underpin all the above with prayer. Establish a community of people who pray.
- **Growing leaders** Develop teams across all areas
- **Encouraging Generosity** To establish a community of giving across the three churches. A giving programme will be held in 2025.
- **Inspiring worship** investigate the scope and practicalities around developing a forest/outdoor church at Sherwood Forest which would become a NWC (new worshipping community) by the end of 2026/27.

I look forward to all that lies ahead in this year and the years to come. I believe there are exciting opportunities for mission and growth here in The Churches of Sherwood Forest. I pray that as we enter the next year, we will continue to build on what we do well, to pray together, worship together and work together to grow disciples with confidence, compassion and courage as we join with God's mission to place love at the heart of life here in The Churches of Sherwood Forest. Thank you everyone for all that you are and all that you do.

Rev'd Claire

Other reports

Church Rooms

With much dedicated & continuous support from members of the Management Committee, 2024 turned out to be a further year of retrenchment where, albeit with a small trading surplus, we saw a good level of usage both by regular hirers & occasional users across the year. To support the Rooms the PCC made a grant of £2k. In the new year the fees were increased applicable to all hirings.

Insurance costs & wages were slightly up on 2023 but outlays on gas & electricity & maintenance/repair costs were lower.

For the first time the Management Committee was compelled to issue court proceedings to seek recovery of unpaid hire charges.

All these items taken together resulted in the generation of a small surplus but the reward was that our community continued to have access to a great resource at an affordable cost.

The Management Committee met 5 times during the year.

The Edwinstowe in Bloom volunteers helped by young people from St Mary's Church used the ground at the front railings again this year to brighten up the area.

After many years of devoted service, we reluctantly accepted the resignations of Pauline & Walter Daglish from the Management Committee. We are deeply indebted to them for their commitment & support.

For the future

Going forward we will be updating the terms & conditions of hire; and, when finances allow, we will introduce LED lighting into the hall which will improve our carbon footprint & lower running costs. We will also investigate investing in a remote keyless locking system - it is anticipated that this will facilitate our hirers as well as reducing administrative tasks.

Fabric

We have again arrived at this time of year where a report is made on the upkeep of the church fabric & our churchyard together with some detail of maintenance work that has been done throughout 2024.

Internally, it is confirmed that the ornaments & furniture are all accounted for & in good condition [allowing for 'wear & tear']. We wish to record our appreciation for the gifts of a side table & fire stand, the latter being crafted by renowned local carpenter, Richard Tudsbury. These items are on display in church - they add to our demonstration of God's creation through the working of wood & the depiction of nature.

Service & maintenance works have been carried out during the year, for example, to the organ [half-yearly], the gas boilers, the CCTV system, the emergency lighting, the fire extinguishers and the external water goods. The Fire & Safety Service made a preliminary inspection of the church premises. The heating & lighting were monitored closely to control costs whilst seeking to maintain a reasonable ambience for the congregation and at other events. In this regard it is important to remember that the organ also has to be cared for. There were minor water incursions when the weather was particularly inclement & a radiator showed a very small leak which seemed to seal itself.

The church clock & the chime have not run smoothly during the year & we remain in consultation with our contractor to remedy this.

Newark & Sherwood DC has continued to carry out a regular mowing of the grass & cutting the hedgerows. Regard has been had to our increased planting of bulbs etc thus helping them to spread [by not cutting them down too soon]. It was intimated by N&SDC that it would be planning a review of all the trees in the churchyard with a view to drawing up a plan for future maintenance. Our young people joined with Edwinstowe in Bloom to plant more flowers & a raised flowerbed was erected near the southern main gate. We thus continued our efforts to increase the wilding of the churchyard. As reported elsewhere, St Mary's also achieved the silver ECO award from La Rocha. Gold next!

We would like to thank all those who have helped & supported us over the year but special mention must go to Emma Farrier & Peter Atkinson for keeping the church clean; to Walter Daglish & Terry Ashton doing odd jobs; to Margaret Share & Val Hart for their work in the grounds [including the bug hotel]; and to all those who gave of their time as stewards to welcome visitors & tourists.

Our church architect, Graeme Renton, retires in 2025 having looked after St Mary's for some 20 years. We thank him most sincerely for his advice & guidance & wish him well in his retirement.

Future plans

The PCC still has plans to electrify the church clock & to digitalise the Memorial Book. The coming year will see the servicing of the lightning conductor – good practice says this should be done every 4 years. We will look at adding a surge protection system to

reduce possible electrical outages. This has assumed greater significance as we have increased our reliance on electrical devices. The 2 benches in the Children's section will be replaced.

Finance

There was global economic uncertainty in 2024 as the war in Ukraine continued along with the conflict in Israel and Gaza. General inflation fell from the high of 10% however there continues to be concern over the cost-of-living.

We are grateful to both Thoresby Charitable Trust and The Sir Hugh & Lady Sykes foundation for their continued support.

The Card reader has been a good addition as many people no longer carry cash, it generated donations of £2,312 over the year, on a par with cash donations of £2,413 in the "black box".

The Village Xchange provided nearly 40% of the total income for 2024 enabling us to pay our Parish share in full and continue our commitment to give away 10% of income to other charities.

We have been saddened by the deaths of several of our stalwart congregation who have been faithful financial supporters for many years.

We continue to pray that we show wisdom and generosity in our stewardship of all gifts. Everything we have belongs to God to be used for His glory. We would like to thank once again all organisations and individuals that give their financial support.

Report on the proceedings of the Mansfield Deanery Synod 2024

During 2024, Deanery Synod met 3 times, twice via zoom and once in person. The March meeting learned about Chaplaincy, with Revd David McCullough leading the discussion and encouraging us to 'go where the people are'.

At our July meeting we welcomed Tony Brown to tell us about the Parish Giving Scheme which is being expanded across the diocese.

Our November meeting concentrated on Safeguarding and the new framework which was explained to us by Stephanie Spencer, National Standards Safeguarding training manager and parish support officer.

At each meeting we are updated on Parish Share. Paying share continues to be a challenge for most parishes, which is met with great generosity. However, this year we were able to pay £30k more than last year and were the only deanery to pay 100% of their requirement, totalling £470,615.

In addition to the Synods, we held 3 Gatherings. These were informal meetings where each parish had the opportunity to share the good things that were going on, and any challenges they faced. We were able to spend time praying for each other.

The diocesan vision of Growing Disciples of Christ with Compassion, Confidence and Courage was launched this year, with 7 areas of focus for mission and ministry, to bring Living Hope for the city, towns, villages of Nottinghamshire and beyond.

Financial Statements

Statement of Financial Activities

for the year ended 31 December 2024

	Notes	General fund £	Designated fund £	Restricted fund £	2024 £	2023 £
Incoming resources						
Voluntary income:						
Planned giving		27,157	-	-	27,157	26,732
Collections, donations & other giving		7,961	2,200	1,946	12,107	22,017
Income tax recovered		8,689			8,689	8,225
Legacies		-			-	7,414
Activities for generating funds						
Church Room Lettings			6,424		6,424	6,049
Village Xchange		67,616			67,616	39,871
Other trading		250			250	200
Income from other Properties					-	-
Fund Raising Events		-		315	315	1,611
Investment income:						
Interest & dividends				-	-	8
Income from charitable activities:						
Parochial fees		3,719		450	4,169	4,410
Other incoming resources:						
Insurance claims					-	-
Gain on disposal of fixed assets					-	-
Reimbursement of costs from other parishes		1,184			1,184	1,241
Other					-	-
Total incoming resources	2	116,577	8,624	2,711	127,911	117,777

Resources expended

Charitable activities:

Donations/Grants to charities	(10,753)		(1,340)	(12,093)	<i>(9,741)</i>
Mission & Evangelism				-	-
Parish Share	(36,060)			(36,060)	<i>(34,332)</i>
Clergy expenses	(431)			(431)	<i>(255)</i>
Provision of Services	(173)		474	301	<i>12</i>
Church running expenses	(15,906)	(3,515)	-	(19,422)	<i>(26,944)</i>
Children/Youth work costs	(511)		(76)	(587)	<i>(1,209)</i>
Cost of raising funds	(18,834)	(2,190)	-	(21,023)	<i>(28,194)</i>

Administration

Training/Support				-	-
Administration costs	(10,090)	(455)	-	(10,544)	<i>(8,593)</i>
Other	-		(117)	(117)	<i>(107)</i>

Governance costs

	(68)			(68)	<i>(23)</i>
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Major expenditure

Repairs to church buildings				-	-
Depreciation			-	-	<i>(2,079)</i>

Total resources expended	<i>3</i>	(92,827)	(6,159)	(1,059)	(100,045)	<i>(111,466)</i>
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Net (outgoing)/ incoming resources		23,750	2,465	1,652	27,867	<i>6,312</i>
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<i>Transfers between funds</i>		-	-	-	-	-
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<i>Net incoming/outgoing resources before gains</i>		23,750	2,465	1,652	27,867	<i>6,312</i>
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<i>Gains on investment assets</i>		-	-	-	-	-
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<i>Net movement in funds</i>		23,750	2,465	1,652	27,867	<i>6,312</i>
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<i>Funds brought forward at 1 Jan 2024</i>		26,735	1,790	15,855	44,380	<i>38,068</i>
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<i>Funds carried forward at 31 Dec 2024</i>		50,485	4,255	17,507	72,247	<i>44,380</i>
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Balance Sheet

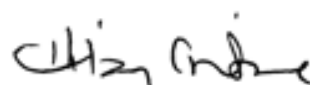
as at the 31 December 2024

	Notes	2024 £	2023 £
Tangible assets	5a	-	-
Investments	5b	-	-
Fixed Assets		-	-
Debtors: amounts falling due after one year		-	-
Debtors: amounts falling due within one year	6	9,439	7,109
Cash at bank and in hand		77,258	49,845
Current Assets		86,698	56,954
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	7	(14,451)	(12,574)
Net Current Assets <i>(Current assets less creditors < 1 year)</i>		72,247	44,380
Total Assets less current liabilities <i>(Fixed Assets plus NCA)</i>		72,247	44,380
Creditors: amounts falling due after one year		-	-
Net Assets		72,247	44,380
Restricted funds	8	17,507	15,855
Designated funds (unrestricted)	8	4,255	1,790
General fund (unrestricted)	8	50,485	26,735
Reserves		72,247	44,380

Approved by the PCC on 11th March 2025 and signed on its behalf by



Revd Claire Melless
Priest in Charge



Hilary Cheshire
Treasurer

Notes to Financial Statements

1 Policies

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 the PCC, together with applicable accounting standards and the Statement of Recommended Practice, Accounting and Reporting by Charities SORP (2015 FRSE). The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention except for the valuation of investment assets, which are shown at market value.

Funds

General funds represent the funds of the PCC that are not subject to any restrictions regarding their use and are available for application on the general purposes of the PCC. Funds designated for a particular purpose by the PCC are also unrestricted. The accounts include all transactions, assets and liabilities for which the PCC is responsible in law. They do not include the accounts of church groups that owe their main affiliation to another body or those that are informal gatherings of church members.

Incoming Resources - Voluntary Income and capital sources

Collections are recognised when received by or on behalf of the PCC. Planned giving receivable under Gift Aid is recognised only when received. Income tax recoverable on Gift Aid donations is recognised when the donation is received. Grants and legacies to the PCC are accounted for as soon as the PCC is notified of its legal entitlement, the amount due is quantifiable and its ultimate receipt by the PCC is reasonably certain. Funds raised by fund raising events are accounted for gross. Sales of books and magazines are accounted for gross.

Income from Investments

Dividends are accounted for when due and payable. Interest entitlements are accounted for as they accrue. Tax recoverable on such income is recognised in the same accounting year.

Gains and losses on Investments

Realised gains or losses are recognised when investments are sold. Unrealised gains or losses are accounted for on revaluation of investments at 31st December.

Resources Used

Grants

Grants and donations are accounted for when paid over, or when awarded, if that award creates a binding obligation on the PCC.

Activities directly relating to the work of the church

The diocesan parish share is accounted for in the period to which it relates. Any parish share unpaid at 31st December is provided for in these accounts as an operational (though not legal) liability and is shown as a creditor in the Balance Sheet

Fixed Assets

Consecrated property and moveable church furnishings

Consecrated and beneficed property of any kind is excluded from the accounts by s.10(2)(a) and (c) of the Charities Act 2011

Moveable church furnishings are listed in the church's Inventory which can be inspected (at any reasonable time). They are capitalised at cost and depreciated in the accounts over their currently anticipated useful economic life (initially over 4 years) on a straight-line basis.

All expenditure incurred in the year on consecrated or beneficed buildings, individual items under £1,000 or on the repair of moveable church furnishings acquired before 1st January 2003 is written off. Heating System replacement 2020 not capitalised due to the nature of the project.

Equipment used within the church premises is depreciated on a straight line basis over 4 years except computer equipment which is over 3 years. Individual items of equipment with a purchase price of £1,000 or less are written off when the asset is acquired.

Investments

COIF Charity Fund Investments were cashed in November 2020

Current Assets

Amounts owing to the PCC at 31st December in respect of fees, rents or other income are shown as debtors less provision for amounts that may prove uncollectable. Short-term deposits include cash held on deposit either with National Savings or National Westminster Bank. The PCC will periodically review where our investments are held to gain the best return.

Reserves

Unrestricted funds.

It is the policy of this church to work towards keeping at least four months running costs in reserve to cover unforeseen emergencies.

Designated funds are set aside for a particular purpose with an identified time frame. In view of the nature of the historic building the PCC will also aim to add £5k to designated reserves each year to cover work arising out of quinquennial inspections.

Restricted funds are kept and only used for their intended purposes

The PCC understands its responsibility to ensure that the reserves are used to gain the maximum benefit for the parish in its pursuit of the whole mission of the church. This policy will be reviewed annually prior to the APCM.

2 Incoming Resources

	2024	2023
Tax efficient planned giving	26,510.93	26,155.63
Other planned giving	646.00	576.00
Other collections at services	2,733.93	1,867.30
Occasional Gift Aid Envelopes	715.60	1,830.50
Other Giving & Donations - Non-Recurring	5,190.99	6,493.07
Special Appeals	466.30	1,318.26
All tax recovered through Gift Aid	8,689.46	8,224.54
Legacies received	-	7,414.09
Non-Recurring Grants	3,000.00	10,508.09
Fund Raising Events	315.00	1,611.03
Dividends & Interest	-	7.90
Total Parochial Fees Income	4,169.00	4,410.23
Coffee, Bookstall, Magazine etc	250.00	200.00
Village Xchange	67,616.39	39,870.81
Hall Lettings	6,424.00	6,049.00
Insurance Claims		
Reimbursement of costs by other Parishes	1,183.70	1,241.00
Sale of Fixed Assets		
Other Income/(Bad Debt Write off)		
Total Income	127,911.30	117,777.45

3 Resources Expended

	2024	2023
Donations/Grants to Charities & Mission Giving	(12,093.06)	(9,741.42)
Parish Share	(36,060.00)	(34,332.00)
Salaries & Wages	(12,076.73)	(22,245.83)
Clergy Expenses	(431.24)	(255.11)
Children/Youth Work costs	(587.33)	(1,209.43)
Insurance costs	(7,336.38)	(7,085.51)
Cleaning costs	(45.38)	33.23
Minor Repairs/Routine Maintenance	(4,186.80)	(8,960.79)
Administration costs exc salary	(8,502.01)	(7,624.55)
Other Church Expenses/Provision of Services	1,886.36	1,757.22
Fund Raising Costs	(561.48)	(465.60)
Heating & Lighting costs	(5,663.84)	(8,339.71)
Water Rates	(84.44)	(64.73)
Costs of Trading - rooms	(3,519.50)	(2,843.08)
Costs of Trading - VX	(10,597.62)	(7,879.95)
Costs of Trading - misc		
Governance Costs	(68.37)	(22.79)
Depreciation	-	(2,078.50)
Non capitalised asset purchase	(116.94)	(106.98)
Major Repairs/Redecoration to Church Buildings	-	-
Total Expenses	(100,044.76)	(111,465.53)

4 Staff Costs (including Pension)

	2024	2023
Administrative Assistant	1,587.62	2,290.92
Village Exchange Manager	6,314.62	15,968.66
Vergers	510.00	660.00
Bell Ringers	360.00	360.00
Organists	715.00	725.00
Cleaner (Church & Church Rooms)	2,589.49	2,241.25
Total Staff Costs	12,076.73	22,245.83

5 Assets for use by the PCC

Tangible Fixed Assets	Church Equipment	Church Rooms Equipment	Total
COST at 1/1/24	16,809.66	3,333.60	20,143.26
Addition		-	-
Disposal	-	-	-
Cost at 31/12/24	16,809.66	3,333.60	20,143.26
DEPRECIATION at 1/1/24	16,809.66	3,333.60	20,143.26
Charge for year	-	-	-
Released on Disposal	-	-	-
DEPRECIATION at 31/12/24	16,809.66	3,333.60	20,143.26
NET BOOK VALUE at 1/1/24	-	-	-
NET BOOK VALUE at 31/12/24	-	-	-

6 Debtors

	2024	2023
HMRC Gift Aid tax	7,672.51	3,559.85
Church Rooms	1,156.50	728.00
Funeral	494.00	232.00
other debtors	0.00	516.43
Online Giving (JustGiving/Stripe)	0.00	16.64
Uncleared receipts - zettle card	0.00	0.00
Uncleared receipts - cash in safe/shop	0.00	1,940.06
VAT	116.35	116.35
Other		
Sequestration	0.00	0.00
Total	9,439.36	7,109.33

7 Creditors

	2024	2023
Ministers Fees	£591.00	£1,163.00
Away Giving	£11,355.56	£8,738.44
Suppliers	£1,196.27	£1,233.66
Church Rooms Key deposits	£60.00	£40.00
HMRC & Pensions Payable	£198.10	£549.16
Wedding Deposits	£1,050.00	£850.00
Total	14,450.93	12,574.26

Parochial Fees Note

The PCC received parochial fees as detailed below during the year. Part is made up of statutory fees due to the PCC or the DBF, as prepared by the Archbishops' Council under the Ecclesiastical Fees Measure 1986. The balance relates to charges as fixed by the PCC, for extras such as bells, flowers and special heating, or paid to visiting ministers, Readers or Non-Stipendiary Ministers as set out in the DBF's Parochial Fees policy

Of these fees only the amount due to the PCC (statutory & non-statutory) is shown above as legally the amount due to the DBF and other ministers (as set out in the DBF policy) should not be treated as PCC income

During the year, the PCC received parochial fees totaling **£6,821.00**
 Statutory Fees due to the PCC totalled **£3,076.00**
 Statutory Fees due to the DBF totalled **£3,535.00**
 Statutory Fees paid to visiting ministers/Readers/NSMs totalled **£210.00**
 The PCC also received/(used) Deposits for the following year **£0.00**

In total the PCC repaid the following Fees during the year

Payment to DBF of Statutory Fees	£3,535.00	£551.00
Payment to visiting ministers/Readers/NSMs	£210.00	£0.00

(This excludes fees for Sunday Services)

Balance owed at year-end (inc. in Creditors)

8 Fund details

Fabric Fund - donations given specifically for the restoration and upkeep of the building

Church Rooms - Hall lettings and income designated for the upkeep of the fabric of the building

The Bell Fund - donations given specifically for the restoration and upkeep of the bells and ringing chamber

Tourism – Grants and donations to enhance the visitor experience.

Music – To be able to resource musical needs of the church

Growing Disciples – Funding received for mission

Eco Church – Funding received to Care for God's creation

Youth Fund - Grants and donations for the benefit of the Children and Young people of St Mary's

FUNDS		
	2024	2023
Unrestricted General Fund	50,484.93	26,734.91
Fabric	2,623.01	1,623.01
Fabric - Sound System	-	116.94
Fabric - Clock	108.40	108.40
Bells Fund	11,017.54	10,927.54
Charity Donations	1.07	80.18
Growing Disciples	657.53	649.49
Eco Church	634.34	634.34
Tourism	57.15	57.15
Music	2,400.00	1,650.00
Children & Young People	7.99	7.99
Total Restricted excluding Fixed Assets	17,507.03	15,855.04
<i>Assets from restricted fabric funds (Net Book Value)</i>	-	-
Total Restricted Funds	17,507.03	15,855.04
Church Rooms Designated	4,255.06	1,790.44
Total Designated	4,255.06	1,790.44
Total Funds	72,247.02	44,380.39

Independent Examiner's Report

Respective responsibilities of the Trustees and Independent Examiner

The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

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

Basis of Independent Examiner's Statement

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commission.

My examination included a review of the accounting records to ensure records are kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also included consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in a full audit, and consequently I do not express an audit opinion on the accounts.

Independent examiner's statement

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention

- 1) Which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements
 - a) To keep accounting records in accordance with s.130 of the 2011 Act; or
 - b) To prepare accounts which accord with these accounting records have not been met;or
- 2) To which in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.



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17th March 2025