

ST MARY THE VIRGIN WESTONZOYLAND – REGISTERED CHARITY NUMBER 1171602

Annual Report and Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 December 2024.

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with charities legislation as consolidated by the Charities Act 2011, the charity's governing document and the Charities Statement of recommended Practice (FRS102) - Accounting and Reporting by Charities. The trustees consider that an audit of the report and financial statements is not required but an independent examination is required this year to fulfil the filing requirements of the Act.

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

The registered name of the Charity is The Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish of St. Mary the Virgin Westonzoyland.

The names of the Trustees who are all members of the PCC and served during the year are as follows:

Revd Dr Jane W Sutton (Chair)

Martin Malin

Christopher Malin (appointed 29 April 2024)

Mrs Rosemary Bawden

Mrs Carole Edmunds

Mrs Ruth Marks

Mrs Julia Hines

Mrs Ann Philcox

Mrs Angela Field

Mrs Kim Adams

The Charity's governing document is The Parochial Church Council Powers Measure (1956) As Amended and Church Representation Rules that came into force on 22 January 1957

The PCC is responsible for making decisions on all matters of general concern and importance to the parish including financial decisions. The method of appointment of PCC members is set out in the Church Representation Rules.

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

St Mary the Virgin, Westonzoyland PCC has the responsibility of co-operating with the incumbent in promoting in the ecclesiastical parish the whole mission of the Church, pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical. It also has maintenance responsibilities for the Church.

How our activities deliver public benefit

The PCC has kept in mind the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit and consider that the activities, summarised below, provide benefit to the public and comply with the duty in section 17(5) of the Charities Act 2011.

Achievements and Performance

Worship, Life Events and attendance – Weekly services throughout the year, Easter, Harvest, Remembrance Sunday, Christmas, Funerals, Baptisms and Weddings. Twenty-eight regular members of congregation. Westonzoyland Primary School carol and end-of-term concerts.

Social activities – coffee mornings, afternoon cafés and sales, music venue, book exchange, children's craft workshops.

Other – Donation point for Bridgwater Food Bank, historic connection to the Battle of Sedgemoor and location for the Visitors' Centre and school enrichment activities.

Financial Review

The year-end position of the finances, as shown in the accounts, was a net decrease in unrestricted funds balance of £6,033 compared to the start of the year. There was a surplus on Restricted Funds of £7,142.

The policy and presentation of Restricted and Unrestricted Funds within the accounts has been applied to these financial statements so that;

1. A designated fund accounts for the balance of donations received and not expended for supporting the costs of the Battlefield Stewards Group;
2. The Restricted Roof/Fabric/Maintenance Fund receives the proceeds of fundraising and specific gifts for expenditure on the structure and fabric of the church;
3. The Restricted Hall Fund is the accumulation of costs incurred in insurance, maintenance and disposal of the former Parish Hall.

At the year-end, the designated Battlefield Stewards fund had a surplus of £1,165.47

The year's fund raising generated almost £5,000 – significantly from Coffee Mornings and Afternoon Cafés - for the Roof/Fabric/Maintenance Fund. There were no ongoing projects for specific fundraising. The surplus of £4,965.07 was added to accumulated reserves for future works.

Prior to the disposal of the former Parish Hall by the Bath & Wells Diocese, further costs totalling £1,078.95 relating to the disposal were incurred. A repayment of all costs has closed the Fund.

The total receipts from collections, at services and by standing order, was over £2,000 less in the year compared to 2023. Other Income from church activities increased by £1,091, which includes significant personal donations to the general Fund and Battlefield Stewards Fund and a gift of £200 towards the piano. The continued support by weekly offerings and regular donations, is most gratefully received. Income tax is recoverable on the majority of cash and card reader donations and collections under the Gift Aid Small Donations Scheme.

The Parish Share request for 2024 was met in full. The unpaid balance is acknowledged by the PCC but not considered a debt by the DBF. Running costs were well controlled. The heating issues required repairs to resolve. Parish Office Rent is reimbursed by the Diocese.

The Church Prize Draw contribution was £1,400. Ad hoc contributions from the Friends of PCC Westonzoyland and the Zoyland Heritage Group were not within 2024. A reconciliation of the net surplus from the Benefice Fete is given in Note 4.

ST MARY'S CHURCH WESTONZOYLAND**Registered Charity Number 1171602****RECEIPTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st December 2024**

	<u>Unrestricted Funds</u>		<u>Restricted Funds</u>			
	<u>Church</u>	<u>Battlefield</u>	<u>Roof/Fabric</u>		<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>
	<u>activities</u>	<u>Stewards</u>	<u>Maintenance</u>	<u>Hall</u>		
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Collection etc						
Free Will offerings	4,093.80				4,093.80	5,265
Open collections	840.25				840.25	982
Standing orders	8,580.00				8,580.00	8,274
Memorial donations	123.00				123.00	1,097
Penny boxes	65.74				65.74	128
Wedding and baptism collections	77.25				77.25	133
	<u>13,780.04</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>13,780.04</u>	<u>15,879</u>
Other income						
Funeral fees	994.00				994.00	1,615
Wedding and banns fees	2,430.00				2430.00	1,703
Income tax refund	3,846.92				3846.92	3,785
Other general income (note 1)	4,021.17	850.00			4871.17	4,451
Personal and gift-aided donations			147.00		147.00	190
LPOW VAT refund	653.39				653.39	107
	<u>11,945.48</u>	<u>850.00</u>	<u>147.00</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>12,942.48</u>	<u>11,851</u>
Activities for raising funds						
Friends of Westonzoyland Church	-		-		-	2,500
Church Draw proceeds	1,400.00		-		1,400.00	4,305
Singing for fun	43.60		-		43.60	-
Benefice Summer Fete (note 4)			642.27		642.27	407
Christmas Bazaar			335.00		335.00	638
Wall safe donations	441.81		-		441.81	493
Go Forth and Multiply			95.00		95.00	-
Draw prizes returned			15.00		15.00	25
Glastonbury MV Choir concert			353.74		353.74	-
Andy's Band concert			100.00		100.00	-
Visiting parties			115.00		115.00	41
Coffee mornings and café			3,218.84		3,218.84	3,321
Stall at May Fete			43.00		43.00	197
Christingle			38.40		38.40	72
Carol singing			-		-	131
Tower Open days			-		-	155
Donations by card reader	846.46		-		846.46	652
	<u>2,731.87</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>4,956.25</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>7,688.12</u>	<u>12,937</u>
Grants etc						
WPET (Hall expenses reimbursed)	-			3,255.39	3,255.39	-
Zoyland Heritage contribution	-				-	1,000
Hand bell ringers' donation	348.00				348.00	144
Heating contributions MOTL	270.00				270.00	405
	<u>618.00</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>3,255.39</u>	<u>3,873.39</u>	<u>1,549</u>
TOTAL Receipts					38,284.03	42,216
TOTAL Payments					37,175.11	32,585
Surplus/(Deficit)					<u>1,108.92</u>	<u>9,631</u>

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EXPENSES AND BALANCES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st DECEMBER 2024

	<u>Unrestricted Funds</u>		<u>Restricted Funds</u>			
	<u>Church</u>	<u>Battlefield</u>	<u>Roof/Fabric/</u>			
	<u>Activities</u>	<u>Stewards</u>	<u>Maintenance</u>	<u>Hall</u>	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Parish Share	17,718.68				17,718.68	15,454
DBF Parochial fees	1,342.00				1,342.00	918
Electricity	1,900.30				1,900.30	2,598
Heating oil	2,664.85				2,664.85	2,614
Vicar's expenses	703.80				703.80	940
Other clergy duty fees	-				-	-
Miscellaneous (note 2)	985.00				985.00	500
Craft expenses	354.32				354.32	175
Admin and sanctuary (note 3)	1,532.44				1,532.44	1,452
Repairs and maintenance	3,486.60				3,486.60	1,880
Card reader rental	172.80				172.80	173
Loan repayment	-				-	871
Fire protection and alarms	654.48				654.48	506
Insurance	2,827.43				2,827.43	2,803
Children's Society donations	-		138.18		138.18	105
Loan interest	-				-	17
Church office rental	1,400.04				1,400.04	1,050
Church hall expenses	-			1,078.95	1,078.95	-
Organ tuning etc	-				-	-
Battlefield stewards expenditure		215.24			215.24	529
	<u>35,742.74</u>	<u>215.24</u>	<u>138.18</u>	<u>1,078.95</u>	<u>37,175.11</u>	<u>32,585</u>

Reconciliation of Movement of Funds

Monetary assets/(deficit) b/f	17,242.59	530.71	1,597.78	(2,176.44)	17,194.64	7,563.22
Funds transfer					-	-
Net surplus/(defecit)	(6,667.35)	634.76	4,965.07	2,176.44	1,108.92	9,631.42
Monetary assets/(defecit) c/f	<u>10,575.24</u>	<u>1,165.47</u>	<u>6,562.85</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>18,303.56</u>	<u>17,194.64</u>

Balances as at 1st January 2025

	£
Lloyds General account	13,769.21
Roof account	4,534.35
	<u>18,303.56</u>

Memorandum: Liabilities	£	£
Glastonbury Male Voice Choir and its charity of the year		300.00
2022 Parish share	10,000.00	10,000.00

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NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

<u>Note</u>		<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>
	£	£	
1 Other general income			
Unclaimed burial fee		-	90
Personal donations		3,125.00	2,350
Donation for piano purchase		200.00	-
School visit donation		-	60
Ringers donations		10.00	30
Visitor donations		20.14	20
EDF refund/Government support		466.00	601
Repayment of duty fees and expenses		1,050.03	1,299
		<u>4,871.17</u>	<u>4,451</u>
2 Miscellaneous expenses			
Organist fees		325.00	260
Ringers fees		360.00	240
Piano		300.00	-
		<u>985.00</u>	<u>500</u>
3 Admin and sanctuary			
Deanery subscription		-	-
FWO envelopes		60.79	76
CCLI fees		149.00	187
Altar supplies and candles		354.67	320
Somerset churches subscription		30.00	30
National churches subscription		-	-
Ringers subscription		20.00	20
Books and resources		170.78	184
Reader licence registration		-	-
Stationery, printing etc		747.20	331
Other office costs		-	302
		<u>1,532.44</u>	<u>1451</u>
4 Benefice Fete reconciliation	£		
Stalls - proceeds		495.11	331
Teas		293.56	183
Commissions from traders		10.00	25
Donations		55.00	44
Raffle - gross proceeds	731.00		
Less: cash prizes	(175.00)		
ticket printing	<u>(35.40)</u>		
Net proceeds		520.60	540
Less: Morris Dancers' fee		(90.00)	(150)
Hire of SYFC field			(60)
Donation to SYFC			(50)
Donation to WZCC			(50)
Chedzoy PCC share		<u>(642.00)</u>	<u>(406)</u>
		<u>642.27</u>	<u>407</u>

Independent Examiner's Certificate for the PCC Accounts

Report to the trustees of: **ST MARY THE VIRGIN, WESTONZOLAND Parochial Church Council**

On accounts for the year ended: **31 DECEMBER 2024** Charity Number (if applicable): **1171602**

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**Respective
responsibilities of trustees and
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 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 matter has come to my attention (~~other than that disclosed below~~*) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in, any material respect,

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

I have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

* Please delete the words in the brackets if they do not apply.

Signed:

R.A. Powell

Date:

13.09.2025

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