



THE PARISH OF HOLY TRINITY, LAMORBEY  
Registered charity number 1171897

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ANNUAL REPORT  
OF THE  
PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL  
FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31 DECEMBER 2024

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**Incumbent:**

The Reverend Mark Blakely  
(until November 2024)



**Bankers:**  
Barclays Bank plc

**Independent Examiner:**  
Stephen England F.C.C.A.

Holy Trinity Church, Hurst Road, Sidcup, DA15 9AE seeks to provide a pastoral, evangelistic, social/prophetic and ecumenical mission to the community. The Parish Office is based in the Church Hall. The Parochial Church Council (PCC) is responsible for the maintenance of the Church building, the Church Hall and adjacent lands on Hurst Road, Sidcup.

The PCC complied with the duty under section 5 of the Safeguarding and Clergy Discipline Measure 2016 and formally adopted the House of Bishops' "Promoting a Safer Church; safeguarding policy statement". A copy is displayed in the church porch together with contact details of the Parish Safeguarding Officer.

### **Council Membership**

The PCC comprises elected representatives of the laity serving for a period of three years, lay members of Deanery Synod; Licensed Reader appointed by the Annual Parochial Church Meeting under Church Representation Rules; and ex-officio members. At the Annual Parochial Church Meeting in 2014 a Resolution was passed that no representative of the laity being a member of the PCC may hold office for more than three years continuously. An interval of one year must pass before such an individual is eligible to stand again for election as a representative on the Council. At the APCM in 2023 a Resolution was passed that the term of office of a PCC member ends either after three years or if three meetings are missed during a year, unless there is good reason. During the year the following served as members of the PCC:

#### ***Ex-Officio Members***

The Reverend Mark Blakely	Chair (until 03.11.24)
The Reverend Andrew Smith	Vice-chair (until 01.12.24)
Sue Knight	Churchwarden
Doreen Pitcher	Churchwarden
Sarah Blew	Licensed Reader

#### ***Elected Representatives on the Deanery Synod of Sidcup (2023 – 2026)***

Morwenna Semos	
Madeleine Waggett	Treasurer

#### ***Elected Members to serve until the Annual Parochial Church Meeting 2025***

Nicolette Gaskin and the late Ian Giles

#### ***Elected Members to serve until the Annual Parochial Church Meeting 2026***

William Burton, Bob King, Ruth Thomas, Irene Wild

#### ***Elected Members to serve until the Annual Parochial Church Meeting 2027***

Sue Griffin, Sandra Mackie

***Standing Committee:*** The entire PCC are considered members of the Standing Committee.

The PCC met eight times during 2024 - seven regular meetings and a pre section 11 meeting. Reports were received from representatives of Churches Together in Sidcup and the Deanery Synod.

## **Working Groups & Committees**

Several working groups and committees convene between PCC meetings to engage in the work of the Church:

### **The Ministry Team**

The Ministry Team usually meets monthly by invitation of the Vicar. In 2024 it comprised all those who held licensed or permission to officiate (PTO) ministries: our Curate, our Licensed Reader, our PTO Reader, our Pastoral Assistants and our Churchwardens; with the Parish Administrator in attendance. We met to support each other in our work and identify ways of developing the pastoral and worshipping life of the congregation.

Additionally, the following were authorised by the Vicar to assist at the Holy Eucharist:

Lynne Buckley, Martin Carruthers, Rosemary Coleman, Terry Hales, Sue Knight, Callum Macdonald, Sandra Mackie, Sandra Paddon MBE, Anna Staple, Marissa Tribe, Madeleine Waggett and Irene Wild.

### **Safeguarding**

The Parish Safeguarding Handbook requires the PCC, as the main decision maker of a parish, to have "a duty of care to ensure the protection of the vulnerable in their church community". This requires the PCC to adopt the House of Bishops' policy on "Promoting a Safer Church", which it did on 7 May 2024. The PCC continues to have regard to the House of Bishops' policy.

The PCC uses a Parish Dashboard to keep track of its safeguarding actions. (It is currently at level 2 out of 3 levels.) It annually reviews an action plan to comply with the House of Bishops' policy. PCC members have completed obligatory training and are DBS checked.

The PCC has adopted the following activities as church activities: Sunday school, choir, pastoral visits and serving. This means that it has oversight and supervision of these activities and any children or vulnerable adults who participate in them.

*Penny Bull - Parish Safeguarding Officer/Lead Recruiter*

### **The Ark**

The Ark gives children a chance to discover the Bible through crafts and activities and takes place in the Vestry on most Sundays during the 10am Mass. We leave the Mass before the first reading and rejoin at the Peace enabling children to have a blessing - open to all children (and parents if they wish).

*Kevin Burrows, Rosie Goode and Nicolette Gaskin*

### **Fundraising and Social Committee Report**

This year an Italian Meal was held with the food provided by Caffè Nuovo. It was a very enjoyable evening and the food was very good. We also organized, with our organist Neill, a Hymns & Pimms evening.

Our main fundraising event was the Summer Fair. This turned out to be a very successful day. The weather was very good and we had stalls run by the church but also quite a few stalls from the community who sold their goods but paid the church to be there.

We held cake and book sales and Easter and Christmas raffles.

Sadly, Fr Mark left in November and we arranged a leaving party.

A Quiz Night was arranged but quite a few people pulled out on the day, so it had to be cancelled.

*Doreen Pitcher*

## **Social Club**

The Social Club has now decided to meet just once a month on the first Wednesday in the month. Numbers have dropped probably due to Retirement Homes having their own entertainment and social occasions. Nevertheless, we intend giving those who still come an enjoyable and friendly time.

*Valerie Holdsworth*

## **Churchwardens' Report**

In June we attended the service of admittance along with other churchwardens at St Barnabas Church Joyden's Wood, led by the Venerable Allie Kerr. Fr Mark and Morwenna accompanied us to this very special service.

During the summer the underground leaking central heating pipe, behind the choir stalls by the main door, was repaired and the floor tiles at the entrance were also replaced.

In November after the vicarage had been vacated the Diocesan Surveyor, Mark Trevett, carried out an inspection of the vicarage and grounds. We were both present and it was said that all was in very good order. It was agreed that the electricity would be left on so that we could have some security lights on in the vicarage. The central heating and water tank have been drained, and the main water supply has been turned off.

In the report it was noted that the side gate to the vicarage garden and five fence posts between the church grounds and the vicarage were rotten. These have been replaced and paid for by the Diocese. The vicarage is being checked regularly, and the gardener comes once a month to keep the grounds tidy.

In December the Archdeacon Allie Kerr held a vision meeting, this was open to all the congregation and was well attended. The notes taken at this meeting were very helpful when putting together the parish profile.

We have sent a draft copy of the parish profile to the Archdeacon and to our Patron Helen Malcolm KC and we are awaiting their comments. Once the profile has been approved by the Archdeacon, Helen and the PCC we can then proceed with advertising the post.

The church was very busy in the two weeks before Christmas seeing over two thousand people attending many of the Christmas services and concerts put on by our neighbouring schools. We were both present at the services and it was lovely to see the church full and being enjoyed by so many.

*Sue Knight and Doreen Pitcher*

## **Hall Management Group Report**

Happily, due to some excellent pre-booking by Pat we were able to increase our bank transfers to the main account from £8,000 to £13,200 during the year. We also decided that 2024 was the year to carry out some major decoration works and cupboard replacements. By transferring all restricted money into the Hall Account to increase our Building Fund we were able to plan some very exciting changes.

- New blinds to replace the old curtains
- New flooring in the small Hall
- Major decorations
- Works to the heating system
- Roof repairs
- Work to all cupboards

Add to this the routine maintenance which Keith somehow manages to carry out at minimal costs and you can see that it was a very expensive year.

We hope you will all agree that the transformation in the Hall's appearance has made it all worthwhile.

So, what do our committee members do?

#### **Treasurer - Oliver Dean**

Keeps our financing, invoicing and fee collections up to date.

We ended the year with £18,058.00 in the bank but of that, going forward, we need £3,000 as an operating reserve and £15,000 as a building fund, plus we still have £4,100 of outstanding invoices.

#### **Administration - Pat Payne**

Pat's report:

##### Regular hirers

Once again during 2024 we have kept all our regular hirers, they are:

- Wellington Boots Playgroup, 5 mornings per week, term time only.
- Baby Ballet, Saturday mornings, term time only.
- First Class Learning, twice a week, term time only with occasional additional days.
- Bulgarian Dance Group, once a week.
- Karate, once a week.

In addition, we have our Uniformed Organisations using the hall weekly, term time only and the Pensioners Social Club, once a month.

##### New hirers

We have taken on one new regular hirer for 3 hours every Sunday afternoon.

##### Occasional hirers

We had a repeat hirer, The Pauline Quirk Academy, for one full week during the October half term and we have an additional new hirer for one full week during half term this coming February. This is encouraging as these groups want a full week.

Although it's not to do with the hall, I managed to get Rose Bruford to book the church again for their Graduation in September 2025. They are hiring for three full days which will bring in £4,300.

I strongly believe by keeping in touch with these connections they appreciate our outreach in the community and are happy to return to us. I am hoping now the hall refurbishment is almost finished more people will want to hire from us.

#### **Caretaker - Keith Payne**

Keith's Report:

##### January:

PAT (required by law) was carried out by Minlec Co. (MC). All portable appliances tested were satisfactory.

New cupboards were constructed, built in, painted and locks fitted by Ardent Refurbishments (AR), in the area under the hall electrical consumer unit and the space where the brooms are stored.

#### February:

The gas ovens and hobs in the kitchen were serviced by RAIF Gas and Heating. A Gas Installation Safety Report (Non-Domestic) is on file.

'U' clip holders were fitted to the wall in the broom storage area in order that the brooms could be tidily located.

Door wedge brackets were fitted to the kitchen and main hall doors in order that door wedges could be tidily located.

#### April:

The barrier to the car park had the first of its routine bi-annual services carried out by ECS Systems Ltd. No adverse observations were reported.

A new microwave was purchased and placed in the kitchen to replace the previous one which had stopped working.

The car park and area at the front of the hall received the first of its bi-annual weed killing treatments.

Two new replacement basin taps were sourced and fitted in the ladies wc.

#### May:

The hall was used as a Polling Station for the GLA Elections.

The contract cleaners were changed from ECSS to Joao Fernandes Cleaning Services (JF). The latter has provided us with a very good service since taking over.

#### July:

The hall was used as a Polling Station for the General Elections.

The kitchen floor was 'deep cleaned' by JF and it made a very noticeable difference.

#### August:

The walls, ceiling, skirting and doors in the chair store were redecorated by AR. The floor of the chair store was 'deep cleaned' by JF.

The large and then the small halls were completely redecorated by AR. This included some repairs to the walls behind two of the radiators in the main hall and some of the panelling between the radiators also in the main hall. (The cupboards on the 'kitchen' wall in the small hall were left until the refurbishment project in January 2025).

The curtains that were previously in the halls have been replaced with roller blinds by WJ Blinds. These are more modern, durable and have an aesthetic appeal, however they have little sound muffling effect. This has resulted in the halls sounding quite noisy when occupied by more than a few people. The replacement of the noticeboards that were removed for the decorating will help with this, but it is thought that additional acoustic absorbing materials may be required.

New vinyl flooring was laid in the small hall by Easter Flooring.

The three balance springs and the lock for the barrier were replaced by ECS.

#### September:

The car park and area at the front of the hall received the second of its bi-annual weed killing treatments.

The barrier to the car park had the second of its routine bi-annual services carried out by ECS. No adverse observations were reported.

A new optical smoke alarm was purchased and installed in the kitchen to replace the previous one which had stopped working.

#### October:

The primary flow and returns of the heating system near the boiler were upgraded from 22 to 28mm. The 20 radiators in the halls, office and toilets were hot flushed, the filling loop was also upgraded and the system was balanced by Smart Plus Heating Limited. The system has a good pump, boiler and appropriate piping so there should be little need for further maintenance, apart from routine boiler servicing. Many people have commented that, particularly when the climate is colder, the hall doesn't feel warm enough. The heating engineers commented at the time that they felt that the radiators in both halls were too small to heat the areas (small radiators in large 'cool touch' casings).

#### November:

Broken and missing tiles on the roof, that could be safely reached, were replaced by Rob of RN Roofing Ltd. Rob has access to a stock of about 200 tiles that would be suitable for the roof should we need them.

#### December:

An inspection of the car park security light system was undertaken by MC. Six sensors were replaced and one additional light was fitted.

A new clock was purchased and installed in the main hall to replace the previous one which had stopped working.

Works not completed during the year include the marking out of car park spaces on the walls with fluorescent strips (and I've yet to work out how to do this along the scaffold bars, i.e. Kallars' garden fence). Replacement noticeboards are still to be sourced and fitted in the main hall (including the one that the Scouts have said they will pay for) along with other acoustic absorbing materials if required. In addition, the car park vestibule has not yet been decorated. When this is carried out, we should consider replacing the vinyl flooring because the current flooring was cut round the old metal cabinets. One of these cabinets has already been moved (thrown out) and it is planned that the other follows asap.

#### **Fund Raising - Luke Cashin**

Luke works tremendously well on obtaining grants from all sorts of places.

I mentioned the transfer of restricted money, what is that? It is donations made by parishioners specifically for the Hall. It is also money received in grants, which Luke obtains throughout the year.

For legal reasons all money received in this fashion must go into the main church account but clearly marked for the church hall. This year, due to the large spend on the hall we decided to request the transfer of the whole amount from the church hall account, this was a total of £7,828.64. This means that there is no Hall money in the church account, all grants have been received and used. Luke is already working on grants for 2025.

#### Plans for 2025

After an incredibly busy 2024, as you can see, money for us is very tight and as I have said, giving more to the church is essential. However, now that we have got the Hall in excellent condition, we must not let it slip back and in January we will be discussing what we can do to further improve and keep the facilities up to the standard we have now achieved.

Keith has already mentioned the works that will carry over into next year, (the roof condition is never far from my mind), but we will also be considering:

- Soundproofing
- Heating system
- The lobby outside the toilets
- A couple of doors will need replacing
- The kitchen

Of course, none of the above works will take place until we have the money available and some of our more ambitious projects will wait until our new vicar arrives.

I cannot end this report without giving a big thank you to the Hall Committee as I hope you can see they work tirelessly throughout the whole year and this year especially we really do have something to show for all their hard work.

*Bob King*

### **Relationships Externally Directed**

We supported several external charities this year: Cancer Research (the Social Club's charity of the year), The Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal, the Bexley Foodbank and our Ukraine appeal. The Foodbank and Ukraine appeal have both been supported generously each week with donations of food and medical supplies. Thank you for your continued generosity.

### **1A Hurst Road**

The PCC continues to offer a commercial lease on the office above the Church Hall.

### **Church Attendance**

Our data collected for Central Church Statistics show the following:

Easter	117 people	102 communicants
Christmas	364 people	133 communicants

Usual Sunday attendance (including Saturday Vigil Mass and 8:30am Said Mass)  
89 people, 71 communicants.

There were increases to these figures for Harvest Thanksgiving, Remembrance Sunday and Memorial Services.

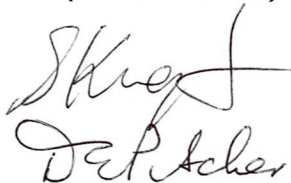
Schools coming to church for their Christmas services: Holy Trinity, Burnt Oak Primary, Chislehurst & Sidcup Grammar School, Hurstmere Foundation Boys' School and Marlborough School (Special) who were joined by members of the Bexley Grammar School Band.

### **Church Electoral Roll**

Following the completion of a new Electoral Roll, the Church Electoral Roll figure now stands at 91. The figure at the last APCM was 95.

Approved by the PCC and signed on their behalf by  
Susan Knight and Doreen Pitcher (Churchwardens)

Dated 19 March 2025

Handwritten signatures of Susan Knight and Doreen Pitcher in cursive script.



**HOLY TRINITY CHURCH, LAMORBEY**  
**FINANCIAL STATEMENTS OF THE**  
**PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL**  
**FOR THE 12 MONTHS TO 31st DECEMBER 2024**

The Financial Statements have been prepared in accordance with the Charities Act 2011 using the Receipts and Payments basis.

**Funds**

General funds represents the funds of the PCC that are not subject to any special restrictions regarding their use and are available for application to the general purposes of the PCC. These include funds designated for a particular purpose by the PCC.

The accounts include monetary transactions, assets and liabilities for which the PCC can be held responsible. They do not include the accounts of other Church groups that owe an affiliation to another body, nor those that are informal gatherings of Church members.

Subject to the above, receipts and payments include income as received and expenditure when irrevocably paid.

**Statement of Assets and Liabilities**

The following assets are recognised but not necessarily valued in the Statement of Assets and Liabilities:

- Moveable church furnishings held by the churchwardens on special trust and which require a faculty for disposal;
- Land and buildings held on behalf of the PCC;
- Other fixtures, fittings and office equipment where the PCC is free to dispose of such assets without faculty and where the original cost exceeded £1,000; and
- Investments held beneficially by the PCC.

The following assets are recognised and a monetary value given as part of the description in the Statement of Assets and Liabilities:

- Amounts owing from the Inland Revenue where a formal claim has been made;
- Any other amounts owing to the PCC including church hall lettings and insurance claims;
- Cash in hand and at bank; and
- Legacies where formal notification of entitlement and amount has been received at the year end by the PCC.

The following liabilities are recognised in the Statement of Assets and Liabilities:

- Any loans or overdrafts advanced to the PCC; and
- Creditors for goods or services where the supply has been received and invoiced by the year end.

## **Financial review**

The accounts reflect another challenging year, which saw us go into an interregnum in November. As always, the overwhelming generosity of Parishioners donating to restricted funds has been extremely helpful to underpin the finance of the PCC.

As detailed in the financial statements:

Total receipts were £131,699. This figure includes:

£64,316 Parishioners giving generously to support our mission (including two Flower Funds, see below)  
£10,445 period.

£5,047 Income generated from fundraising events, before costs.

£9,848 Rental income from 1A Hurst Road - a short term commercial lease.

£32,898 Income from hiring out the Church Hall, before Hall costs of £46,557.

The Yellow Iris Fund was set up during the Coronavirus Pandemic when the doors of Holy Trinity Lamorbey were shut for worship. The fund is a way Parishioners helped Holy Trinity through financial support. The Yellow Iris flower is a symbol of Hope and Cherished Friendships. Hope is what we have for the future and our cherished friendships are what sustain us, with the love we have for one another.

£139,293 was spent to provide the Christian ministry from Holy Trinity. Our key expenditure is the cost of stipendiary ministry and maintaining our beautiful parish church and church hall.

The net deficit after transfers from/(to) was £7,594 of which net £4,224 (surplus) related to restricted or designated funds.

Only £52 is available within a Repair Fund that may be used towards maintenance work including that identified by architects appointed by the Diocese of Rochester, during their quinquennial inspection. The Diocesan Repair Fund is a designated fund established to meet major repairs on both the Church and Hall and requires replenishment before the next quinquennial works can be carried out.

## **Reserves policy**

It is the PCC's policy to maintain a balance on unrestricted funds (if possible), which equates to approximately three months unrestricted payments to cover emergency situations that may arise from time to time. At the year-end there is a balance of £20,345 of unrestricted funds at the year-end related estimated to cover over two months of unrestricted expenditure in a normal year. The PCC holds over £109,613 of designated funds available to use if necessary.

Funds to the value of £77,783 are restricted - please refer to Note 2 to the accounts.

Cash funds are maintained with Banks: Barclays, HSBC & Lloyds as well as the Rochester Diocesan Society Board of Finance.

# STATEMENT OF ASSETS & LIABILITIES AS AT 31st DECEMBER 2024

Note	2024				2023
	General Fund	Restricted Funds	Designated Funds	Total	Total
	£	£	£	£	£
<b>Monetary Assets</b>					
Bank Current Accounts	10,917	12,112	2,983	26,013	31,836
Bank Deposit Account	770	64,939	106,578	172,287	174,458
Rochester Diocese Deposit Funds	8,658	732	52	9,442	9,079
<i>Total cash</i>	20,345	77,783	109,613	207,742	215,373
1 Other assets Church Hall at Cost	14,500			14,500	14,500
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b>34,845</b>	<b>77,783</b>	<b>109,613</b>	<b>222,242</b>	<b>229,873</b>
<b>2 Less Liabilities</b>					
Organ Repair Fund		(9,387)		(9,387)	(8,864)
Upkeep of Church Services		(2,715)		(2,715)	(2,940)
Choir/ Music Fund		(270)		(270)	(349)
Church Hall Activities		-		-	(556)
Memorials		(5,665)		(5,665)	(6,059)
Pilgrimages & Outings		(142)		(142)	(48)
Church Repairs		(2,980)		(2,980)	(2,980)
Charitable Grants		(272)		(272)	(196)
Scouts (Hall Car Park)		-		-	(2,520)
Social Club		(5,034)		(5,034)	(4,778)
Yellow Iris Fund		(24,928)		(24,928)	(16,429)
Purple Gladiolus Fund		(23,789)		(23,789)	(23,789)
Sunflower Fund				-	-
Ukraine Fund		(2,281)		(2,281)	(2,281)
Fund Raising		(500)		(500)	(360)
Hall Fund		-		-	(1,411)
Sequestration Fund		180		180	-
Garden Fund			(4,369)	(4,369)	(4,369)
Investment Fund			(105,191)	(105,191)	(105,191)
RBDF Repair Fund			(52)	(52)	(52)
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES</b>		<b>(77,783)</b>	<b>(109,613)</b>	<b>(187,396)</b>	<b>(183,172)</b>
<b>TOTAL ASSETS LESS LIABILITIES</b>	<b>£34,845</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>£34,846</b>	<b>£46,701</b>

There are many parishioners who donate their time and talents in furtherance of the Holy Trinity Church Lamorbey mission.

Approved by the Parochial Church Council on 19<sup>th</sup> March 2025 and signed on its behalf by:

The Notes on the following pages form part of these accounts

*[Signature]*  
D E Petcher



# **INCOMING RESOURCES (RECEIPTS)**

			2024	2023
	<u>Unrestricted</u>	<u>Restricted</u>	Total	Total
	<u>Income</u>	<u>Income*</u>		
	£	£	£	£
Note <u>Voluntary Income</u>				
3 Gift Aid donations	36,058	16,947	53,005	34,591
4 Income Tax recoverable	9,712	732	10,445	8,946
All other giving	2,823	-	2,823	21,417
5 Collections at services	8,488	-	8,488	8,337
Legacy income			-	-
<u>Charity Fund Raising</u>				
14 Charitable Collections	-	76	76	0
<u>Activities for Generating Funds</u>				
6 Fund Raising Events	5,047	-	5,047	4,293
<u>Income from Investments</u>				
8 Interest	2,429	523	2,952	2,048
9 Rental Income from 1A Hurst Rd	9,848	-	9,848	9,848
<u>Income from Church Activities</u>				
10 Fees (Clergy & PCC)	3,990	544	4,534	10,171
7 Church Hall	32,898	-	32,898	35,134
Social Club	-	1,583	1,583	2,282
<b>TOTAL INCOMING RESOURCES</b>	<b>111,294</b>	<b>20,405</b>	<b>131,699</b>	<b>137,067</b>

\* Includes designated funds - refer to Notes

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# **RESOURCES EXPENDED (PAYMENTS)**

			2024	2023
	Unrestricted Expenditure	Restricted Expenditure*	Total	Total
	£	£	£	£
Note <u>Church Activities</u>				
Parish Pledge (payment to Diocese of Rochester)	40,000	-	40,000	40,000
Organist	8,115	-	8,115	6,967
Administrator	6,931	-	6,931	6,128
11 Clergy expenses	3,192	624	3,816	3,713
12 Church running expenses	6,944	7,301	14,246	32,876
Church utility bills	11,641	-	11,641	8,964
<u>Other Resources Expended</u>				
7 Church Hall Expenses	39,728	6,829	46,557	34,299
6 Fundraising Events	35	-	35	117
13 Management & Administration	2,689	-	2,689	2,333
Social Club	-	1,327	1,327	1,619
10 Fees (Clergy & PCC)	3,836	100	3,936	7,575
<b>TOTAL RESOURCES EXPENDED</b>	<b>£123,112</b>	<b>£16,181</b>	<b>£139,293</b>	<b>£144,591</b>
<b>EXCESS OF (EXPENDITURE) / INCOME</b>			(7,594)	(7,524)
Net Transfer from/(to) Repair Fund			-	-
<b>SURPLUS/(DEFICIT) OF INCOME OVER EXPENDITURE</b>			(7,594)	(7,524)
Current and deposit accounts at beginning of the Year			(29,482)	(21,958)
<b>Current and deposit accounts at the end of the Year</b>			<b>£(37,075)</b>	<b>£(29,482)</b>

\* Includes designated funds - refer to Notes

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**NOTE 1 CHURCH HALL**

The original cost of the Church Hall was £14,500. The PCC does not hold a current market value for the Hall.

**NOTE 2 RESTRICTED & DESIGNATED FUNDS**

Fund Type		Opening	Income	Expenditure	Closing	
		£	£	£	£	
Restricted	Organ Repair Fund	8,864	523	-	9,387	
Restricted	Church Flower Fund	2,940	261	(486)	2,715	
Restricted	Choir/ Music Fund	349	-	(79)	270	
Restricted	Church Hall Activities	556	-	-	556	
Restricted	Memorials	6,059	100	(493)	5,665	
Restricted	Pilgrimages & Outing:	48	2,158	(2,064)	142	
Restricted	Church Repairs	2,980	-	-	2,980	
Restricted	Charitable Grants	196	76	-	272	
Restricted	Scouts (Hall Car Park	2,520	-	-	2,520	
Restricted	Social Club	4,778	1,583	(1,327)	5,034	
Restricted	Yellow Iris Fund	16,429	12,678	(4,179)	24,928	
Restricted	Purple Gladiolus Fund	23,789	-	-	23,789	
Restricted	Ukraine Fund	2,281	-	-	2,281	
Restricted	Fund Raising	360	140	-	500	
Restricted	Hall Fund	1,411	2,342	(6,829)	(3,076)	
Restricted	Sequestration		544	(724)	(180)	
		73,559	20,405	(16,181)	77,783	
Designated	Garden Fund	4,369	-	-	4,369	
Designated	Investment Fund	105,191	-	-	105,191	
Designated	RBDF Repair Fund	52	-	-	52	
		<b>£183,172</b>	<b>£20,405</b>	<b>£(16,181)</b>	<b>£187,396</b>	<b>£187,396    £183,172</b>

Charitable Grants	Donations received specifically for onward donation to named charities
Choir Music Fund	Specific donations to cover expenditure on choir music
Church Hall Activities	Specific donations to cover expenditure on new hall equipment
Church Repairs	Newly established fund to support repairs to fabric of the church
Fund Raising	To purchase equipment in aid of fund raising
Garden Fund	Specific donations to cover expenditure on Church Garden
Hall Fund	General Fund to cover Hall expenses & maintenance
Heating Fund	Donations specifically to cover high rise in Heating costs (opened and utilised within the year)
Investment Fund	Legacy income. The Fund aims to create a sustainable future income stream

## **NOTE 2 RESTRICTED & DESIGNATED FUNDS (continued)**

Memorials	Memorial Funds for Tim Room, Bob Semos and Mavis Forder
Organ Repair Fund	Legacy of the Miss Anne Elisabeth Thomas Deceased
Pilgrimages & Outings	Specific donations to cover expenditure on congregational pilgrimages and outings
Purple Gladiolus Fund	To cover expenditure on future Church repairs and maintenance
RDBF Repair Fund	Specific Fund established to support Quinquennial Repairs to Church (not Hall)
Sequestration Fund	Specific Fund required when Church is in Interrugnum period
Scouts Church Car Park	Co-Op Funding arranged by Scouts to aid maintenance of the Church & Hall Car Park
Social Club	Subscriptions and donations to be used for social club events
Sunflower Fund	Mother Renate Honorarium (closed)
Ukraine Fund	To support Ukrainian individuals within the community (closed)
Church Flower Fund	Specific donations to items such as Church flowers [previously called Upkeep of Church Services]
Yellow Iris Fund	For use of projects at at HTL as directed by the Vicar and PCC

### Quinquennial Obligations

In accordance with the Diocesan Scheme under the Inspection of Churches Measure 1955, as amended by the Care of Churches and Ecclesiastical Jurisdiction Measure 1991, the Church is inspected by architects appointed by the Diocese of Rochester in 2016 on quinquennial basis. The latest Quinquennial report was received in 2021.

The Church Hall does not have similar inspections and the Church Council responds to repairs and maintenance needs as they arise and as funds become available.

## **NOTE 3 GIFT AID DONATIONS**

Money either in envelopes, through a bankers' order, or by cheque, which is given on a regular and committed basis under Gift Aid. Envelope printing costs are set off against this income.

## **NOTE 4 INCOME TAX RECOVERABLE**

The amount of tax recovered from HMRC on all money given to the PCC under Gift Aid (see Note 3)

## **NOTE 5 COLLECTIONS AT SERVICES**

Open plate collections, Sundays, Weddings, Funerals, Special Services

## **NOTE 6 FUNDRAISING EVENTS**

Money raised from Fundraising activities for non specific use

## NOTE 7 CHURCH HALL ACCOUNT

		£	£	£
Income	Donations	385		1,661
	Wellington Boots	9,220		9,000
	Slimming World	3,438		2,970
	Karate	2,340		1,672
	Baby Ballet	4,000		3,520
	First Class Learning	5,000		4,785
	Bulgarian Dance	1,195		1,310
	Occasional hires	2,520		1,060
	Polling Fees	-		-
	Car Park	4,801		9,157
			32,898	£35,134
Related Expenditure	Caretaker	(3,465)		(3,064)
	Contract cleaners	(14,747)		(13,321)
	Utility bills	(8,641)		(9,928)
	Insurance (note 15)	(2,624)		(2,563)
	Maintenance	(17,080)		(5,423)
	Toilet Renovation (Restricted)	-		-
			(46,557)	£(34,299)
<b>Net Income / (Expenditure)</b>			<b>£(13,659)</b>	<b>£835</b>

## NOTE 8 INTEREST

Interest earned on funds held at Rochester Diocese & Barclays Bank.

## NOTE 9 RENTAL INCOME FROM 1A HURST ROAD

Though part of the Hall structure this income is carved out from the Hall. Lease was renewed in 2020.

## NOTE 10 FEES (CLERGY & PCC)

Fees paid to PCC for weddings, funerals, cremations and Burial of Ashes

	£	£
DBF Fees towards Clergy's stipend (of which: sequestration £544	4,534	10,171
PCC Fees (of which: sequestration £100)	(3,936)	(7,575)
	<b>£598</b>	<b>£2,596</b>

## NOTE 11 CLERGY EXPENSES

	£	£
Vicarage rates	3,142	2,943
Sequestration costs (restricted)	624	
Honorarium (restricted)	50	770
	<b>£3,816</b>	<b>£3,713</b>



			2024	2023
<b>NOTE 12 CHURCH RUNNING EXPENSES</b>				
	Restricted element	£		£
Insurance (note 15)		2,624		2,563
Subscriptions		619		495
Church flowers	486	486		666
Church Garden (restricted)		693		39
Quinquennial Repairs		-		-
Repairs & Maintenance †	3,390	3,950		23,077
Upkeep of Church services		1,331		1,628
Other Parish & Support costs	3,426	4,543		4,408
			<b>£14,246</b>	<b>£32,876</b>

† 2023 includes £17,504 spent on boiler repairs met from the Investment Fund

#### **NOTE 13 CHURCH MANAGEMENT & ADMINISTRATION**

Printer/ Copier, website, stationery, telephone, postage, bank charges.

#### **NOTE 14 CHARITY DONATIONS AND GRANTS (RESTRICTED)**

Money raised by the Church congregation for specific charitable causes (all restricted)

Royal British Legion	<b>£76</b>	-
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#### **NOTE 15 INSURANCE**

Church Insurance is provided by the Ecclesiastical Insurance Group.

#### **NOTE 16 PAYMENTS TO PCC MEMBERS**

A small immaterial portion of the expenses paid to the incumbent may have related to his services as chairman of the PCC.

The only payments to other PCC members were the reimbursement of receipted expenses incurred on behalf of the PCC.

No payments or expenses were paid to any persons closely connected or related to PCC members.

### **Independent Examiner's report to the PCC of Holy Trinity Lamorbey, Sidcup**

This report on the financial statements of the PCC for the year ended 31st December 2024, which are set out on pages 1 to 9, is in respect of an examination carried out in accordance with the Charities Act 2011.

### **Respective responsibilities of the PCC and the examiner**

As members of the PCC you are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements; you consider that the accounts comply with part 8 of the Charities Act 2011. It is my responsibility to issue this report on those financial statements in accordance

### **Basis of this report**

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commission under Part 8 of the Charities Act 2011.

That examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the PCC and a comparison of the accounts with those records. It also includes considering any unusual items or disclosures in the financial statements and seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently I do not express an audit opinion on the view given by the accounts.

### **Independent examiner's statement**

In 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:
  - to keep accounting records in accordance with section 8 of the Charities Act 2011; and
  - to prepare financial statements, which accord with the accounting records and comply with the requirements of the Act and the Regulations; 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.

*Stephen England*

16.03.2025

Stephen England, FCCA