

## Parish of Ashover & Handley

### Annual Parochial Church Meeting – Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> April

#### Rector's Report for APCM 2025.

The first thing I want to say is that I think we need **to celebrate** what is good.

I am delighted by so many things about **Ashover church** – all our work with children and young families – Acorns, All Sorts and Craft Club - Lunch club, Film night, Coffee Shop, the choir, May Day and our weekly services and all the specials and much more.... – it was wonderful to celebrate Christmas with so many, to be packed out at Easter, to have had a wide variety of well attended and appreciated all age services. I have also loved our “ordinary” services, which for me are a joy to lead, and I’ve loved how new people have been welcomed.

It is also a delight to work with **Handley church**. They are smaller and can do less, but our work with Stretton Handley School is wonderful, including special services and pancakes. Their beetle drive is bringing many into the building who don’t come on a Sunday, and their care for each other is exemplary.

As we reflect on last year and look forward to the future, it is good to remember **God’s mission** for us – we are called to share our faith, make disciples, love each other, seek justice and healing in our world, and care for creation. And in so many ways we are working for this – raising money for Toilet Twinning, Christian Aid, Children’s Society, donating to the food bank, and more. We have done Alpha, the Bible course and other small groups, to help people grow in faith and to build relationships with each other. All of our children’s work in different ways involve sharing our faith and seeking to grow disciples. Activities like the lunch club, coffee shop and film night express that passion for caring for everyone, especially any who are lonely. The tea after our memorial service was full of care and kindness, deeply appreciated by so many. And in expressing God’s love in all we do, we are also preparing the ground for some to ask questions about our faith.

I want to say **thank you** – all that we celebrate is only possible because so many work so hard and give generously in so many different ways. I won’t try to write a list of people to thank, because I would forget people – but let us all have thankful hearts and show that thanks in appropriate ways. From me to every one of you, thank you for all you do.

But I do want to say a particular thanks to our Church wardens David and Fran, who do so much, with David also working so hard in his role as a reader, taking services, funerals, home communions and much more, and Fran leading our work with the school and taking some Sunday services when David and I are not available.

As we move forward, let us celebrate – let us give thanks to God and each other, and let us all pray for more workers for the harvest field, and be prepared for the answer perhaps being us.

#### Pete Townsend.

It has been a delight to have had Pete and Ruth as part of our church family, and to have been involved in helping Pete finish his training to be a reader. It has also been a delight to have had him leading worship and preaching on Sundays. Pete and Ruth were trying to move to Ashover so that they could be fully part of our community, but that has not proved possible. Instead they have felt God’s call to be involved again in St Mary’s Crich, where they live. We miss having Pete and Ruth with us most weeks, but Pete wants to continue to preach and lead worship with us occasionally, so that our friendship can continue. I am very grateful for that. We pray for God’s

blessing upon both Pete and Ruth, and thank them for all they have done and will continue to do.

### **Alpha, Bible Course, Romans Prayer Course and lent Groups**

In 2024 we had another Alpha course, which was loved by those who went, but the limited numbers coming mean that we are praying and considering other ways of helping people take early steps in the faith journey. All suggestions welcome – and please pray.

We have also done the Bible Society's Bible Course and romans course, Pete Grieg's Lent Course, and currently we are doing the C of E Lent course. All these have been appreciated, and have also helped build friendships between our churches. Ideas for the future would be welcome.

### **Buildings plans for 2025 report for Ashover AGM**

For this year we have a number of projects in various stages of development:

- New stone work on the porch roof: permissions, received, awaiting completion.
- New External Notice Board (Planning Permission being sort – it has been a long process)
- New sound system: Permission received, installation started.
- A “plumbed in” screen that can come down from behind the chancel arch, plus a projector: “Faculty” permission applied for.
- Moving one more pew to make more space for children's work in our services. Faculty permission being applied for.
- Removing the “kneeling rail” in our pews that are not used and make access difficult for some: Faculty permission being applied for.
- Charity boards that were taken down when the toilets were installed: Faculty being applied for to have a photographic display of the boards in the corridor by the toilets, and for the original boards to be given to the Old Poets, to be displayed there.

### **Church Warden's report of work on Church Building 2024**

Below is a list of work carried out on Ashover Church during 2024:

29.2 Clock serviced by Smith of Derby

4.4 Quinquennial Inspection by Mark Parsons, ASAP Architects

A list of the work recommended is available if anyone wishes to view it.

7.6 5 yearly electrical testing (day 1)

11.6 5 yearly electrical testing (day 2) Paul Lyall Property Services

24.6 Completion of work as a result of electrical testing - PLPS

16.7 LED bulbs installed in ground level floodlights – PLPS

30.7 Repair to faulty lock to WC

Doors eased to flower arrangers' room and kitchen – Andrews Builders

5.8 Alarm system inspected by Gee Security

15.8 and 20.8 Installation of high level floodlight LED bulbs – PLPS

17.9 Light units for roof alarm replaced inc LED bulbs – Gee Security

19.11 Stained glass window in chancel (east window) repaired – MDS Stained Glass

20.11 Fire extinguishers inspected by Hollinsend Fire Safety

David Russell

## 2025 Churchwarden & Vice Chair Report from St Mark's Church, Handley – 2024/ 2025

### Fabric Report & Maintenance:

It could be said that spring cleaning came either late or early for Handley Church – *during Christmas and New Year!* Almost every area was worked on, with the exception of the lobby near the kitchen and vestry. Chairs & floor cleaned, everywhere dusted, duplicated paperwork disposed of, the collection of musical instruments no longer working disposed of, cupboards cleaned – the list continues.

The result of this massive spring clean has meant the terrier / logbook need to be updated; risk assessments revisited, visitation documents to be checked to ensure they are available, general maintenance and legal certificates and paperwork to be gathered. All of the aforementioned are to be transferred into one file so that when required everything is together in one place.

The garden / outside area still needs to be overhauled once the weather has improved. However, thanks go to those who do go and spend a little time making the surroundings outside respectable. We are fortunate that, other than the required annual checks, general maintenance requirements is minimal and most jobs are within the capabilities of our small group.

### Mission:

Although more will be mentioned under 'School Links', there is good attendance at the Collective Worship services in church from parents, grandparents, etc. of the children. It is just a disappointment this cannot be transferred to our usual worship on a Sunday.

Our regular pattern of worship – 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday (Holy Communion) and 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday (Morning Worship) give some continuity, but sadly attendance has dwindled on a regular basis to around 6 or 7 people. However, what was encouraging is the attendance at our Christmas Carol Service, which was possibly the best since lockdown.

The usual service pattern changes on occasions to suit the churches' seasons, e.g. Mothering Sunday, Remembrance Service, Christmas. We also appear to be seeing an increase in the opportunities of taking our own services.

We are aware of our limitations and the help available so a small event to try and encourage people to come and socialise and fund raise was held over a Friday afternoon / evening and Saturday afternoon to hopefully attract people at differing times, offering a few general stalls, basic refreshments and opportunity to experience crafts. It can be said that we have '*done that and got the tee shirt*' but with minimal success. However, those who did come along enjoyed the time of fellowship and helped us raise £160 which was split between church and Ashgate Hospice.

The Beetle Drive continues and has a regular set of attendees. It is interesting to watch and see people after the games have concluded sit around and chat, especially considering most are from outside of the Parish and Benefice area.

### Finance:

We are grateful to Ashover for paying 50% towards our common fund and for the donation from Wessington in 2024. However, we have been unable to pay the remaining balance and the monthly income only covers a small part of the utilities and annual maintenance expenditure, the

balance being taken from what is in the bank.

Plans are in hand to have a publicity drive, possibly after Easter, to make the situation transparent around the village in the hope that some support will come forward.

#### **Officers:**

At a recent meeting, the current officers were all willing to stand again: Fran Roberts – Churchwarden; Diane Hammerton – Treasurer; Bev Bunting – Vice Chair / Secretary; Kath Mosley; Sarah Thomas (also Synod Rep, appointed 2023).

Diane Hammerton has expressed a wish to resign immediately, but has agreed that as we are 4 months into the new year to continue until the end of the year. This will not only be sad for Handley Church but also gives another problem.

#### **Safeguarding:**

This remains at the forefront of everyone's mind and if necessary those who are required to undergo any training are supported to achieve by the Churchwarden.

#### **School Links:**

The school is supported and linked to the church through the two Foundation Governors – Bev being appointed in June and Fran continuing as ex-officio.

Each governor has taken on specific roles, alongside their overall general responsibility, and contact with the school maintained in whatever way suits the individual through remote meetings and visits when able. There has been an increased presence of a governor in school, which promotes and maintains the existing strong church links and adds an additional layer of evidence. In addition, this enables the children to become familiar with and accept the individual.

The school has also increased their visiting to church, normally at least once every term. Fran and Bev continue to work individually or together on ideas (usually involves a craft!), which brings together a theme and helps the children to be part of what is being delivered – *through involvement and comments from the church we have both learnt that something physical for the children to look at or hold acts as a reminder.*

Some of the contributions from one or both church governors over the past year has included: -

- Giving of the 'special bear' teddy to all new starters in September, to help the young child to adjust to a new environment and daily structure
- 'Grape and Wafer' service each term, held in church • Annual Pancake Party, held in church
- Making Christingles with children in school before going to church for a Christingle Service
- Woodpeckers class (years 1 & 2) visited church to take part in three 'eye spy' activities (October, November and December). The December one was very creative (involved glue and glitter!), where each child decorated stars for the 'Star of Bethlehem' above the nativity scene in church.
- A first for Handley church, in that the Act of Remembrance took place on the actual day

and the children once again came into Church.

- December saw both of us attending and participating in the Collective Worship. Each of the children were given a Christmas nativity jigsaw and of course a little more creativity in that we continued with the theme of stars and each individual was asked to write one word of what they would be thankful for at Christmas. These stars were collected and added to the display around the main 'Star of Bethlehem' in church.
- Fran has more recently made regular visits to years 5 & 6 RE classes. This is chiefly for governors, however the children are having 'walk through the bible' lessons from MAST (Matlock Area School Trust), and is learning from them ideas for leading Collective Worship and also receiving good resources.

It has to be acknowledged that there is good parental support at school and also in terms of attending the collective worship in church and the Headteacher – Louise is also appreciative of the input / support which comes from Handley Church.

### **Conclusion:**

No one is under any illusion that the future for Handley Church may look bleak at the present, but with prayer we hope the current situation may change over the coming months.

–Frances Roberts, Churchwarden, and Bev Bunting, PCC Vice Chair 3<sup>rd</sup> April 2025

### **Church Administrator**

I work around 50 hours per month, acting as PCC Secretary as well as producing Amber News and keeping the website updated. I also manage the Bassett Rooms, ably assisted by Margaret Dewhurst (MAD) who is absolutely invaluable and I am extremely grateful for all the hard work she has put in over the last year to sort out issues with the boiler and sending out invoices and meeting people booking the Bassett Rooms.

### **Ashover Charities:**

The various Ashover Charities were set up as long ago as the 1700's to provide 'flannels and woollens' or penny loaves or general financial help to the 'poor' of Ashover parish.

The trustees nowadays look to make financial gifts to people who live in Ashover parish who are struggling financially.

During 2024 a number of donations were made to worthy recipients.

The total paid out was £3900.

Please let the Rector or the Administrator know if you are aware of any parishioner who would benefit from such a donation.

Andrew Hardwick

Administrator

## FILMTIME

### Report to Annual Church Meeting 2025

In 2024 we showed 8 English-language films and 6 foreign-language sub-titled films. Audience numbers for the English-language films varied between 18 and 34, whilst those for the sub-titled films were between 13 and 42. Filmtime has been part of the church's outreach; at a typical evening session fewer than 50% of our audience are regular churchgoers. The added benefit on the social side is that people come early for a chat and a cup of coffee or tea before the start of the film.

From time to time, we have found that the audiovisual equipment has been tampered with by other Bassett Rooms users. Our first session in 2025 had to be abandoned as a result of such tampering which prevented the film being shown. Measures have since been taken to restrict access to the equipment.

We have found that it has become increasingly difficult to find suitable films that we would be allowed to show under the church's video licence. We believe that the arrival of streaming services has affected our audience numbers and the availability of films negatively. The list of distributors covered by our "umbrella" licence is constantly changing, with many distributors who were previously covered having been withdrawn; many foreign-language films that are nominated for awards are now acquired by a number of distributors who are not covered by this "umbrella" licence. Given the size of our audiences (and the capacity of the room), the systematic purchase of one-off licences for such films would not be affordable without having to ask our filmgoers to increase considerably the amount of their donations (under the terms of the church video licence we cannot charge an entrance fee but can accept donations). We have therefore been experimenting in 2025 with occasionally purchasing a one-off licence but for this we have had to eat into our reserves. In the light of our increasing age, the increasing difficulties in finding suitable films covered by the church's video licence and audience numbers declining to a level where one-off licences would not be affordable (in the first 4 sessions of 2025, average attendance has been below 20), the signatories of this report, who have been organising Filmtime since it was set up in 2012, have decided that we can no longer continue beyond the current season which ends in May 2025.

We propose that reserves remaining from Filmtime, originally accumulated to provide for new AV equipment, be incorporated onto the Bassett Room budget line of the church accounts. The amount of these reserves is likely to be of the order of £1,500 in May 2025. The existing AV equipment which was bought from Filmtime funds is now the property of the church.

Keith and Mary Mellor, Mike and Jane Steel



## Knit and Natter

Another year has rolled by and Knit n Natter continues to thrive. We have welcomed more newcomers this year, both those who come and join us, and those who cannot but knit/crochet at home.

This was a special celebratory year for us, as we reached a total of over 1000 blankets, which have been shipped abroad, supporting refugees, vulnerable adults and children in war torn countries, and here in the UK.

Some of those have been sold at our May Day and Christmas Market Stalls, and all proceeds from the sales go directly to Charity. We have again supported the Salvation Army Christmas Appeal and have now sent donations in excess of £1300. We also supported Ashgate Hospice for the first time this year with a donation of £376 very gratefully received.

We continue to knit baby hats and blankets for the Maternity Unit at Chesterfield.

We have also been involved with a South African charity sending balaclavas and hats to volunteer anti-poaching rangers in Kruger National Park. Along with those, we have knitted blankets for orphaned baby rhinos whose mothers have been killed.

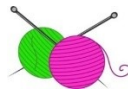


We continue to be blessed with donations of wool, which means that the group is accessible to everyone, and we are tutored and supported by our expert and very patient crafters! Small groups of us meet socially, and friendships grow which is a great consequence of our little group. We have continued to meet at the Bassett Rooms, every Monday and taking advantage of the beautiful weather by meeting outside when possible.

We have made donations to our church, where this group was born, and it continues to be a wonderful outreach project. It is informal, fun, and a lovely way to spend a Monday morning. There is great tea, coffee and cake, and obviously lots of nattering.

We are planning to have a stall at May Day, and a further Christmas Market in December.

We are grateful for our time together, the generosity of those who donate wool, or knit from home and drop off, and everyone who helps this little group to thrive and prosper as successfully as it does. Thank you.



### The Village Coffee Shop

*Ashover Bassett Rooms, first and third Tuesday mornings in the month, 10 am to noon.*

The Village Coffee Shop seems to have attracted even more customers than before and numbers now range around 40 – 60 people each Coffee Shop morning. It is certainly fulfilling the aim of being a friendly meeting hub for all.

We have added some new volunteers this year to replace those no longer able to continue and the generosity of the volunteers in giving their time and providing wonderful cakes, scones, etc is very much appreciated. Volunteers are encouraged to take their expenses but not all do so.



In 2024 we received £1,488 in donations from customers which includes £300 donated at the December Coffee Shops which went straight out to the charity Crisis for Christmas. We paid £575 to the Bassett Rooms for use of the facilities and spent £338 on new equipment for the Bassett Rooms including mugs and a coffee percolator. Supplies for Coffee Shop and the costs of after-service refreshments in church were also expenditure items. Our reserves in church accounts increased to £556 and this is held against likely future Bassett Room costs.

We thank all who help to make these mornings so successful.

*Rosemary Blakesley, Sarah Hillard, Ann Morland and Mary Mellor*



## Financial Reports for the Ecclesiastical Parish of All Saints Church, Ashover and St. Mark's Church Handley

Year ending 31<sup>st</sup> December 2024

Below are the separate accounts for All Saints Church, Ashover and St. Mark's Church Handley. The two Parishes have been combined into one Parish, but are currently operating with separate accounts. This may change in the future.

For clarity, here is the combined income, expenditure and balance at year end for each Church, and the Totals for both, which will be the basis for the figures on the Charity Return.

Church	Income	Expenditure	Total <b>(loss)/profit</b>
St Mark's Handley	£4,272	£6,645	<b>(£2,372)</b>
All Saints Ashover	73,471.58	£92985.65	<b>(£19,514.07)</b>
<b>Combined</b>	<b>£77,743.58</b>	<b>£99,630.65</b>	<b>(£21,886.07)</b>

## Financial Statements for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> December 2024

### Receipts and Payments Account

Treasurer's account (the main church bank account)

Notes:

#### 1) MONEY COMING IN

- a. **Regular offerings** are collections, Weekly Offering envelopes, the cash contents of the wall safe, and regular giving by BACS.
- b. **Other offerings** are from donations by cheque or at special events (including baptisms, weddings and funerals) Restricted offerings and offerings for other organizations passing through the account are included in this category.
- c. **Fees for services** Weddings and Funerals
- d. **Transfer from CCLA** – the church's investment accounts (see below)
- e. **Grants** were received from Ashover Parish Council for Youth work, Christmas lights switch-on event, and from Derby Diocese to assist with energy costs.
- f. **Bassett Rooms** rental income invoiced
- g. **Other** includes some Bassett Room items, other donations, and other income (some of which is for organizations that use the church bank account (see below)

#### 2) MONEY GOING OUT

- a. **Diocese Common Fund and Fees:** The PCC resumed payment in January 2022. A total of £32,801 was paid in 2024, including £3,171 as part payment of Handley's Common Fund request
- b. **Insurance** provided by Ecclesiastical Insurance, for the church, Bassett Rooms, and church-sponsored outside events (e.g. May Day), plus fire insurance/servicing of extinguishers. Total paid was £5,260
- c. **Energy** for the church and Bassett Rooms came to £21,925
- d. **Ministry expenses** – payments to the Rector and other members of the ministry team (and others) for materials (such as projection equipment, printing) costs incurred in their work for the church, plus the music licence from CCLI and the pay for BOVA (**B**ellringers (weddings), **O**rganists (weddings, funerals etc.) **V**ergers (weddings and funerals) and the salary of the **A**dministrator. Total £22,779
- e. **Maintenance** Churchyard mowing, clock and lift maintenance, security system service plus the costs of repairs Total £5,842
- f. **Donations** – made by the PCC to charities and appeals; some of this comes from offerings, some is of dedicated collections which are passed through the PCC's bank account. Total £964.10
- g. **Other** Rectory bills paid by the church, electrical tests and inspections, plus unclassified one-off expenses, and a few other minor items. Includes payments made for other organisations which hold balances in the Treasurer's account.

### Statement of cash flow, 2024

	31/12/2023	net flow	31/12/2024
Treasurer account	20,413.32	5,291.64	25,704.96
Preservation account	3,388.90	1200.00	4,588.90

Cash in hand	49.37	-13.05	36.32
CCLA Deposit Fund	65,765.84	-32,421.32	33,344.52
CCLA Preservation Fund	40,409.71	2,650.22	43,059.93
CCLA General Investment Fund	123,659.81	3,334.75	126,994.56
Mrs Angelinetta Fabric account	2,146.53	140.77	2,287.30
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>255,833.48</b>	<b>-19,816.99</b>	<b>236,016.49</b>

**Notes:**

- 1) The Preservation Fund is currently receiving direct donations of about £100 per month.
- 2) CCLA Investment account: this combines the units held for the Preservation Fund, and the Church's general account. This currently pays a dividend of around £800 a quarter, which is paid into the deposit fund.
- 3) Mrs Angelinetta Fabric Fund is a bequest to the PCC for the maintenance and upkeep of a curtain at the east end of the church's north aisle. Vera Angelinetta (nee Pullen) was initially companion to Eva Angelinetta, the first wife of Louis Lorenzo Angelinetta, but married Louis after Eva's death. Louis died in January 1963 in Ashover, and is buried here. Vera later moved to Eyam where she died in 1990. Thanks to Mary Mellor and Margaret Dewhurst for this.

**Subsidiary Accounts:**

The Treasurer's account also holds balances for church-affiliated organisations:

Coffee shop:	Balance held 31/12/23	£431.00
	Money banked	£ 125.02
	Balance held 31/12/24	£556.02
Film time:	Balance held 31/12/23	£1383.14
	Money banked	£550
	Payment of CCLI Film Licence	£99
	Payment – BR rent	£125
	Licence deposit	£150
	Balance held 31/12/24	£1559.14
Flower Guild	Balance held 31/12/23	£1632.68
	Balance held 31/12/24	£1632.68 (No transactions)
May Day	Balance Held 31/12/23	£880.00
	Net surplus for 2024	£302.92
	Balance held 31/12/24	£1182.92 (balance held in Business Account)

**Statement of Monetary Assets**

<b>Year end balances</b>	<b>2024 Unrestricted</b>	<b>2024 Restricted</b>	<b>2024 Total</b>	<b>2023</b>
Treasurer	11,192.96	14,512.00	<b>25,704.96</b>	20,413.32
Preservation		4,588.90	<b>4,588.90</b>	3,388.90
Business account		1182.92	<b>1182.92</b>	880.00
C of E deposit	33,344.52		<b>33,344.52</b>	65,765.84
Fabric Fund		2,287.30	<b>2,287.30</b>	2,146.53
CCLA General Fund	126,994.56		<b>126,994.56</b>	123,659.81
CCLA  Preservation		43,059.93	<b>43,059.93</b>	40,409.71
Cash	36.32		<b>36.32</b>	49.37
<b>TOTAL</b>			<b>237,199.41</b>	256,713.48
<b>Deficit for the year</b>			<b>19,514.07</b>	

High energy costs, the resumption of payments to the diocese, and greater ministerial expenses have increased expenditure, which wasn't matched by an equivalent increase in income. A second transfer from funds held with CCLA was again necessary to bridge the shortfall. Although these funds are available for use, and are growing each year, the current rates of withdrawal will become unsustainable within the next few years.

Margaret Dewhurst and are hoping we can separate out the Bassett Room accounts out from the church accounts, to give a better understanding of the Rooms' financial position. Preliminary work suggests that the costs of heating the BR currently exceed the total income from rentals.

# All Saints Church Ashover

## Analysis of income and expenditure

Selected period:

01 January 2024 to 31 December 2024

	General	Designated	Restricted	Endowment	This year	Total Last year
<b>Income and endowments from:</b>						
<b>Donations and legacies</b>						
Bequest - Bequest	1,500.00		0.00		0.00	1,500.00
Standing Order -	16,188.0		0.00 0.00		0.00 0.00	16,188.00
Regular Giving	0		0.00			0.00
<b>Donations and legacies Totals</b>	<b>17,688.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>17,688.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>
<b>Income from charitable activities</b>						
Craft Club - Craft Club	283.16	0.00		0.00	283.16	
Funerals - Funeral	8,398.00				0.00	0.00
Payments sum up -	1,194.29	0.00	0.00	8,398.00	0.00	0.00
Sum up payments	10,007.0			1,194.29	0.00	0.00
Wedding -	0	0.00	0.00	10,007.00	0.00	
Wedding Payment	<b>19,882.45</b>			<b>0.00</b>	<b>19,882.45</b>	<b>0.00</b>
<b>Income from charitable activities Totals</b>		<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>			
<b>Other trading activities</b>						
Bassett Rooms - Bassett Rooms Hire	3,534.20	0.00			0.00	3,534.20
<b>Other trading activities Totals</b>	<b>3,534.20</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>		<b>0.00 0.00</b>	<b>3,534.20</b>
<b>Investments</b>						
Transfer - Transfer from CCLA	40,000.00		0.00			
<b>Investments Totals</b>	<b>40,000.00</b>		<b>0.00</b>		<b>0.00 0.00</b>	<b>40,000.00</b>
<b>Other income</b>						
Credit - Credit	1,416.51					
Donations -	14,446.0		0.00			
Donations Grant -	0		0.00 0.00	0.00	1,416.51	
Grant	1,600.00		0.00		0.00	0.00
<b>Other income Totals</b>	<b>17,462.51</b>				<b>14,446.00 0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>
<b>Income and endowments Grand total</b>	<b>98,567.16</b>	<b>0.00</b>		<b>0.00</b>	<b>17,462.51</b>	<b>0.00</b>
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## Expenditure on:

Expenditure on charitable activities

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Ashover MayDay Bells -						
Bellringers	2,010.0	0.00		0.00	2,010.00	
CharityDonation -	0				0.00	0.00
CharityDonation Children's	1,510.0	0.00	0.00		1,510.00	
Work - Children's Work Choir -	0 10.00				0.00	0.00
AshoverCelebration Choir	1,170.1	0.00	0.00	10.00	0.00	0.00
Licenses - Licenses	7 56.77				1,170.17	
WF Staffing - Staffing Costs	150.00	0.00	0.00		0.00	0.00
<b>Expenditure on charitable activities Totals</b>	2,685.0			56.77	0.00	0.00
	0	0.00	0.00	150.00	0.00	0.00
	<b>7,591.94</b>				2,685.00	
		0.00	0.00		0.00	
				<b>0.00</b>	<b>7,591.94</b>	<b>0.00</b>
		0.00	0.00			
		0.00				
		<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>			

Other expenditure

	General	Designated	Restricted	Endowment	Total	
					This year	Last year
Administrator-Administrator	7,369.75	0.00		0.00	7,369.75	
Bassett Rooms Exp - Bassett Rooms	1,060.67				0.00	0.00
Supplies BR Cleaning - Bassett Rooms	875.00	0.00	0.00		1,060.67	
Cleaning Building/Maintenance-	10,895.9				0.00	0.00
Building/Maintenance DirectDebit-	4	0.00	0.00	875.00	0.00	0.00
Insurance	5,260.05			10,895.94	0.00	0.00
General Expenses - General	24,970.9	0.00	0.00		5,260.05	
Church Expenses	2				0.00	0.00
.	3,445.43	0.00	0.00	24,970.92	0.00	0.00
0..	24,485.8				3,445.43	
	4	0.00	0.00		0.00	0.00
.	<b>78,363.60</b>			24,485.84	0.00	
		0.00	0.00	<b>0.00</b>	<b>78,363.60</b>	<b>0.00</b>
RectorExpenditure-	<b>85,955.5</b>					
RectorExpenditure Utilities -Utilities	<b>4</b>	0.00	0.00	<b>0.00</b>	<b>85,955.54</b>	<b>0.00</b>
<b>Other expenditure Totals</b>		0.00				
<b>Expenditure Grand totals</b>		<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>			
		<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>			





## **Independent Examiners Report to The Parochial Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish of All Saints Ashover ('the PCC')**

I report to the PCC on my examination of the accounts of the PCC for the year ended 31 December 2024.

### **Responsibilities and basis of report**

As members of the PCC and the church's trustees you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the Act').

I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

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

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

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Date: 6 November 2025

## **ST. MARK'S CHURCH HANDLEY**

### **STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS FOR THE YEAR TO 31 DECEMBER 2024**

### **APPROVED AT THE PCC - 26 MARCH 2025 and PRESENTED TO THE ANNUAL PARISH CHURCH MEETING OF ASHOVER & HANDLEY - 27 APRIL 2025**

**Year to 31.12.24**

#### **ST MARKS CHURCH HANDLEY TREASURERS REPORT - PERIOD TO 31 DECEMBER 2024**

The Balance on Lloyds bank current account at 31 December 2024 was £5650.95

The balance on the CCLA account is £14.06 which is just a small amount of interest. I have been given an analysis of cash received and paid out using a Petty Cash tin. I have not reconciled this but included the transactions in the report

The amount due to the Diocese for the years from 2016 to 2023 is £61,525 - We paid £19,343 towards Common Fund -however, due to limited funds we have not been able to make a payment since the £3000 paid in 2020. See attached sheet showing amounts due, payments made and the balance of £51,480.30 owing by St Marks for the Common Fund contribution requested to 2025. I understand that All Saints - Ashover has paid 50% of the 2024 fund on behalf of Handley for this year

HMRC gift aid - Applied for - Gift Aid for Jan to Dec 23 and 24 and GASDS community buildings for tax years 6.4.23 and 6.4.24 - awaiting confirmation of amounts due for repayment.

Ecclesiastical renewal completed with a slight increase in premium of £89.23 per month.

Our expenses are currently approximately £423 per month without the payment of the Common Fund to the Diocese. Our regular income by direct debit is currently only £50.00 per month.

If we do not manage to generate more income we will not be able to pay the insurance or the heating costs and will therefore not be able to continue to keep the Church open.

The funds in the bank at 14 March 2025 have already gone down to £4,041.31

If we manage to generate the same level of income in 2025 as in 2024 of approximately £3,300 this will provide total funds of £7,341

The basic costs of insurance, gas, electricity and boiler service per annum are approximately £6,370 so at the end of this year without the generation of further funds we will only have £971 left in the bank account at the end of 2025

We still need to open the a new bank account but I have not had any spare time to organise this yet. I am also concerned about the current financial year due to the bank balance being so low.

**YEAR TO 31 DECEMBER 2024**

Receipts and Payments		Jan-2024	Feb-2024	Mar-2024	Apr-2024	May-2024	Jun-2024	Jul-2024	Aug-2024	Sep-2024	Oct-2024	Nov-2024	Dec-2024	Year to 31.12.24
<b>Receipts</b>														
Covenant - Gift Aid JOH & DH			30	30	30	30	30	30	30	30	30	30	30	360
Sum of COLLECTIONS			30 20	269	327	20	20	20	20	20	575	20	395	1,726
Count of Misc. Fees etc			20 -	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0
Sum of Funeral funds				-		500	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	500
Sum of INT REC'D		-	-	-	--	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1
Sum of FUND RAISING		-	-	-		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	666	666
Sum of DONATIONS		-	-	-		--	-	-	-	-	-	-	500	525
Sum of Church Hire		-		25		-	170	-	170	-	90	-	40	495
Petty cash			--	-	25	-								0
			-				220	50	220	50	695	50	1,632	4,272
					882	50								
<b>Payments</b>		50	324	50										
Sum of ECCLESIASTICAL INSURANCE							87	89	89	89		89	89	1,059
Sum of GAS					87	87	-	102	-	42		89 88	274	4,649
Sum of Electricity		87	87	87	308	358	138	36	34	36		615 32	32	550
Sum of DERBY DIOCESAN/MMA		1,116	1,011	735	43	39	-	-	-	-		36 -	-	0
Sum of ORGANIST FEES		41	41	41	-	-	-	-	-	-		-	-	60
Sum of VERGER FEES		-	-	-		60		--		--		-	-	50
		-	-	-		-50		-		-		--	-	
Sum of OTHER Costs - Donations ADVERTS - STATIONERY FIRE EXT.		-	-	-		-							-	277
Sum of PETTY CASH TIN - See Petty cash tin transaction sheet							-	113	-	-				0
		-	-	-	25	-					-	-	140	6,645
							225	339	124	167				
<b>Net receipts (payments)</b>		1,245	1,139	864	574	484	(5)	(289)	96	(117)	209	395	880	(2,372)
		(1,195)	(815)	(814)	308	(434)					486	(345)	751	1
<b>Net receipts (payments) including bank interest</b>							-	-	-	-				(2,373)
		-	-	-	-	-	(5)	(289)	96	(117)	-	-	1	
		(1,195) (814)	(815)		308	(434)					486	(345)	751	

**ST MARKS CHURCH HANDLEY**  
**STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES AT 31 DECEMBER 2024**

	2024	2023
<b>MONETARY ASSETS</b>		
Cash at bank and in hand	<u>5,696</u>	<u>8,254</u>
	<u>5,696</u>	<u>8,254</u>
<b>NET MONETARY ASSETS:</b>	<u>5,696</u>	<u>8,254</u>

**STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES**

Receipts and payments b/f	8,254	6,638
Receipts and payments year to 31 Dec 24	<u>752</u>	<u>1,616</u>
	<u>9,006</u>	<u>8,254</u>

**ST MARKS CHURCH HANDLEY**  
**RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT**  
**FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023**

	2024	2023
	£	£
Receipts	1,632	6,102
Payments	<u>880</u>	<u>4,486</u>
<b>Net receipts (payments)</b>	<b>751</b>	<b>1,616</b>
Bank interest receivable and similar income	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
<b>NET RECEIPTS/ (PAYMENTS)</b>	<b>752</b>	<b>1,616</b>
<b>(PAYMENTS)/RECEIPTS FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR</b>	<b>752</b>	<b>1,616</b>
RECEIPTS/ (PAYMENTS) B/F	<u>8,254</u>	<u>6,638</u>
<b>RECEIPTS/ (PAYMENTS) CARRIED FORWARD</b>	<b>9,006</b>	<b>8,254</b>



SUMMARY OF BANK RECONCILIATIONS

LLOYDS BANK CURRENT ACCOUNT and CCLA DEPOSIT ACCOUNT			
	LLOYDS BANK CURRENT ACCOUNT	CCLA DEPOSIT ACCOUNT	Petty Cash tin
Per Bank Statements	5,650.95	14.06	30.96
Unpresented cheques	0.00		
Unreconciled Receipts			
Lodgements outstanding			
Other timing differences			
Cashbook Balance	5,650.95	14.06	30.96
	5,650.95	14.06	30.96
TOTAL CASH @			
0	31 December 2024	5,695.97	

St Mark's Church  
Analysis of 'Other costs' 2024

MONTH	DATE	CHQ NO	Details	OTHER Costs -
Apr-24	05/04/2024		Mothering Sunday plants	(15.00)
Apr-24	05/04/2024		Tea and Coffee	(9.99)
Jul-24	24/07/2024	677	South Anston Fire Extinguishers	(60.00)
Dec-24	05/04/2024	Ashgate ho	Donations	(80.00)
Dec-24	05/04/2024	Tear Fund	Donations	(60.00)
				(224.99)

ST MARKS CHURCH FUND  
INCOME AND EXPENSE  
YEAR TO 31 DECEMBER 2024

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St Marks Church, Handley  
Petty Cash to 31 December 2024

DATE	TRANSACTION	IN	OUT	BALANCE	Month
31.12.2024 BAL	PETTY CASH TIN			216.37	Jan-24
	INFORMATION PROVIDED BY F ROBERTS				
30/01/2024	Printer Cartridges		(59.68)	156.69	Jan-24
30/04/2024	K Rolls and dish clothes		(13.49)	143.20	Apr-24
02/06/2024	Alter Wafers		(10.50)	132.70	Jun-24
19/06/2024	1 rolls		(2.90)	129.80	Jun-24
04/11/2024	CCLI Licence		(63.24)	66.56	Nov-24
05/12/2024	Tools for repair		(15.25)	51.31	Dec-24
12/12/2024	Candles and misc items		(15.16)	36.15	Dec-24
12/12/2024	Silver Crayons		(5.19)	30.96	Dec-24

**St. Mark's Handley - Common Fund requested payments - and amounts paid from 2016 to 2024**

Year	Amount due	Amount paid	Owed	Comments
2016	£5,245.00	£5,245.00	£0.00	
2017	£6,192.00	£5,786.94	(£405.06)	Balance covered by Ashover
2018	£7,052.00	£3,274.20	(£3,777.80)	
2019	£8,150.00	£2,037.50	(£6,112.50)	
2020	£8,404.00	£3,000.00	(£5,404.00)	
2021	£8,658.00	£0.00	(£8,658.00)	
2022	£8,912.00	£0.00	(£8,912.00)	
2023	£8,912.00	£0.00	(£8,912.00)	
2024	£6,342.00	£3,171.00	(£3,171.00)	Paid by Ashover
2025	£6,533.00	£0.00	(£6,533.00)	
Totals	£74,400.00	£19,343.64	(£51,885.36)	
			£405.06	Less paid by Ashover
			(£51,480.30)	Balance owed by St.Mark's to Common Fund contributions

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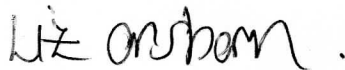
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