



CHARITY COMMISSION  
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

## Independent examiner's report on the accounts

### Section A

### Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/  
members of

THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH  
OF ST MARK NEW FERRY

On accounts for the year  
ended

31 December 2024

Charity no  
(if any) 1174918

Set out on pages

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(remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above  
charity ("the Trust") for the year ended **31 / 12 / 2024**.

Responsibilities and  
basis of report

As the charity'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 (other than that  
disclosed below \*) which gives me cause to believe that in, any material  
respect:

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130  
of the Charities Act; or
- the accounts did not accord with the accounting records; or
- the accounts did not comply with the applicable requirements  
concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities  
(Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement  
that the accounts give a 'true and fair' view which is not a matter  
considered as part of an independent examination.

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection  
with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report 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:

*M. Forshaw*

Date:

3/10/2025

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**Section B****Disclosure**

Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight material matters of concern (see CC32, Independent examination of charity accounts: directions and guidance for examiners).

Give here brief details of any items that the examiner wishes to disclose.

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# **TREASURER'S REPORT**

## **FOR THE YEAR ENDING**

**31 DECEMBER 2024**

We continue to thank and praise God for his gracious provision to us in providing the financial resources necessary to support the work of the gospel at St Mark's.

### **OVERVIEW: 2024**

Our total income for the year was £153,127 against expenditure of £101,223, leading to a surplus for the year of £51,904 (compared to a deficit of £13,092 in the prior year).

Income was higher than in 2023 primarily due to the receipt of a substantial legacy.

Expenditure was lower than prior year, primarily because of lower staff costs.

### **INCOME**

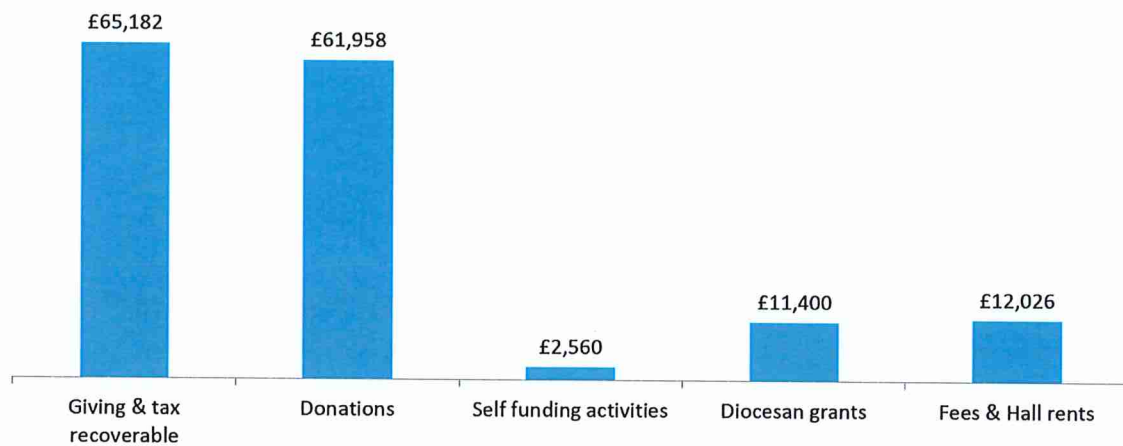
The work of St Mark's is financed largely through voluntary giving from within our congregation, as well as tax recoverable through the Gift Aid scheme on giving. Together these accounted for 43% of our income in 2024 (£65,182, 2% higher than previous year).

Donations relate primarily to the legacy received in the year, plus external donations for our 'Pastoral Assistant' Account for staffing of the church's work with families and young people, legacies received and other sundry donations. Donations totalled £61,958 in 2024, of which £47,898 relates to the legacy.

Fees relate to church hall rental fees and fees for weddings & funerals. Hall hire fees totalled £12,026 for the year.

'Self-funding activities' such as the Tuesday Fellowship account for a similar amount of income and expenditure each year.

The chart below shows an analysis of our income for 2024:

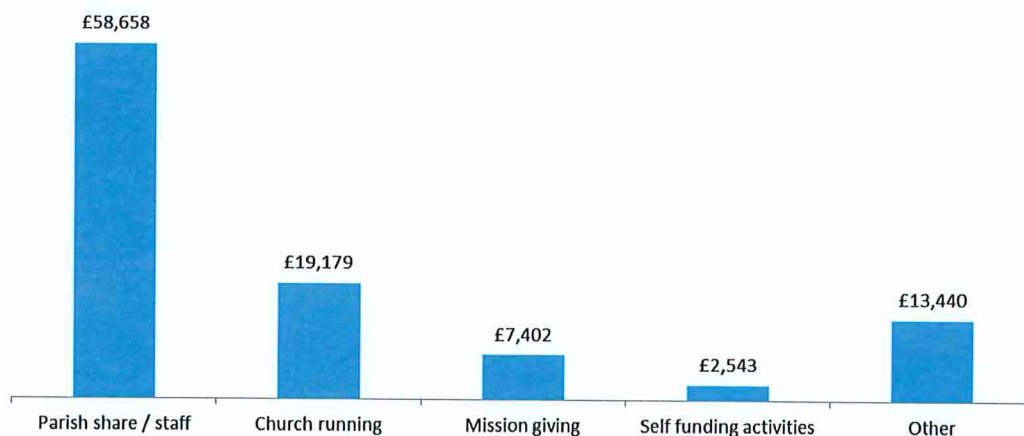


## EXPENDITURE

The majority of our expenditure relates to the costs of having full time gospel workers to minister among us (£58,658 in 2024, including curate housing costs). The Parish Share of payable to the Diocese (£46,998) reflects not only the costs of having a full time incumbent but also a contribution towards the central costs of our Diocese within the Church of England, including training costs.

After people costs, the second most significant part of our expenditure is building costs, relating to insurance, utilities and repairs and maintenance. These costs totalled £19,179 in 2024.

The chart below shows an analysis of our expenditure for 2024:



## Supporting Mission

Giving to external Mission was £7,402 in 2024, with new mission partners taken on board to replace mission partners who have retired or moved on to new ventures.

## Cash position

Our year end cash balance is £85,223. This represents an increase of £51,904 versus prior year. This increase is primarily due to the legacy received in the year.

### Cash statement at 31 December 2024

		2024	2023	Variance
Unrestricted funds	General / PA Account	£73,463	£22,326	£51,137
	Mission Account	£7,331	£6,581	£750
	Tuesday Fellowship	£1,308	£1,291	£17
Restricted funds	Parish Account	£3,121	£3,121	£0
<b>TOTAL funds</b>		<b>£85,223</b>	<b>£33,319</b>	<b>£51,904</b>

## St Mark's New Ferry

### Receipts and Payments Account for the Year ended 31 December 2024

£	2024			2023		
	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	TOTAL	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	TOTAL
<b>INCOMING RESOURCES</b>						
Voluntary Income						
Planned giving	54,433		54,433	53,679		53,679
Tax recoverable	10,749		10,749	10,446		10,446
Curate related income (grants)	11,400		11,400			
Donations	61,958		61,958	15,312		15,312
 Income from church activities						
Fees	1,003		1,003	1,147		1,147
Hall Rents	11,023		11,023	8,993		8,993
Tuesday Fellowship	2,560		2,560	2,998		2,998
Bookstall						
Luncheon Club						
Weekend Away					2,390	2,390
Sundry				-	46	46
<b>Total incoming resources</b>	<b>153,127</b>		<b>153,127</b>	<b>92,529</b>	<b>2,390</b>	<b>94,919</b>
 <b>RESOURCES EXPENDED</b>						
Mission and charitable giving	7,402		7,402	7,340		7,340
 <i>Activities directly related to the work of the church</i>						
Diocesan parish share	46,998		46,998	44,421		44,421
Curate related costs	9,300		9,300	5,288		5,288
Staff costs	2,360		2,360	18,375		18,375
Other ministry costs	8,298		8,298	6,187		6,187
Printing & Stationary						
Church Activities						
Training				603		603
Tuesday Fellowship	2,543		2,543	2,760		2,760
Bookstall						
Luncheon Club						
Weekend Away					3,289	3,289
Camp / weekend donations						
 <i>Church running &amp; maintenance</i>						
Insurance	6,464		6,464	6,401		6,401
Heat & Light	6,817		6,817	4,317		4,317
Repairs & Maintenance	5,898		5,898	5,534		5,534
Other expenses	5,143		5,143	3,495		3,495
<b>Total Resources Expended</b>	<b>101,223</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>101,223</b>	<b>104,722</b>	<b>3,289</b>	<b>108,011</b>
 Cash brought forward	30,198	3,121	33,319	42,391	4,020	46,411
Surplus / (Deficit) for the period	51,904	-	51,904	12,193	899	13,092
Cash carried forward	82,102	3,121	85,223	30,198	3,121	33,319

## **Looking ahead**

We hope and pray that our resources will continue to increase to fund our future gospel-centred activities, but will also actively seek external funding where this is realistic and appropriate.

## **Notes to the Accounts**

### **General**

1. The accounts are stated on a Receipts & Payments basis, in line with Charity Commission guidelines for Charities with an income of £250,000 or lower.

### **Parish Account**

2. The Parish Account contains donations received with a specified purpose, and is primarily used to account for the weekend away (where individual congregation members attending pay a contribution specifically towards these costs).

