

ST JOHN THE DIVINE WEST WORTHING



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TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

For the Year Ended 31st December 2024

Registered Charity No: 1178660

Presentation to the Annual Parochial Church Council Meeting
at St John the Divine, West Worthing on Sunday 11 May 2025 at 11-30am.

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1. Structure, Governance & Management

The Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish of St John the Divine, West Worthing ("the PCC") is a Charity ("the Charity") registered with the Charity Commission under No: 1178660. The members of the PCC, as Trustees, have the responsibility for co-operating with the Incumbent, or, during an interregnum, Deanery and Diocesan Officers to promote in the ecclesiastical parish the whole mission of the church; pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical. The Charity also has a responsibility for the maintenance of the church hall and grounds in Ripley Road, Worthing and has paid the utility costs for the vicarage in Reigate Road, Worthing. The vicarage is currently tenanted whilst there is no incumbent parish priest and the rental income is payable to the Diocese and not the Charity.

Membership

Membership of the PCC is determined under the Church Representation Rules. In addition to those members of the church elected at the Annual Parochial Church meeting (APCM) it also includes Ex Officio members who are any licenced clergy, Churchwardens and members of the Deanery and Diocesan Synods. Members of the congregation are warmly encouraged to stand for election to the PCC and we try to ensure a balance of skills and experience where possible.

PCC members are also Trustees and must accept the ultimate responsibility for directing the affairs of the Charity for the benefit of the public for whom it has been set up, including deciding how the funds of the Charity are to be spent.

PCC members who are Trustees and have served at any time during the year 2024 are:-

Ex Officio Members

The Rev'd Canon Timothy Peskett- appointed incumbent on 5 May 2020
(retired 2 May 2024)

The Revd Canon Rachel Bennett- Licensed as Assistant Curate on 22 February 2024

Wardens

Martyn Shanks	Appointed on 28 May 2023
Dorothy Smith	Appointed on 3 September 2023

Diocesan and Deanery Synod

Kim Upton	Appointed on 26 May 2024
Martin Lloyd	Appointed on 18 June 2024 (also Safeguarding Officer)
Ros Ashton	Appointed on 26 May 2024
Dorothy Smith	Appointed on 18 June 2024

Elected Members

Gillian Almond	Appointed on 29 May 2022
Mike Chatfield	Appointed on 26 May 2024
Alan Caperon	Appointed on 11 October 2020 retired 26 May 2024
Caroline Burke	Appointed on 29 May 2022
Margaret Borbone	Appointed on 29 May 2022 (Secretary)

Co-Opted Members- There were no Co-Opted members.

2. Aim and Purpose.

The primary objective of the Charity is to promote the whole mission of the church.

- Pastoral, evangelical, social and ecumenical

The Charity together with the Churchwardens support and cooperated with the incumbent, and the assistant clergy to continue to maintain the condition of St John's church, the church hall and grounds and the interior of the vicarage in Reigate Road. The vicarage is currently tenanted during a time of interregnum of parish priest. The rental income is payable to the Diocese. The church is a Society Parish which maintains the Anglo Catholic tradition for which it was founded in 1901 while still recognising that the world around us is always changing.

3. Objectives and activities.

The Charity is committed to enabling as many people as possible to both worship at our church and to become part of our parish community at St John's.

The PCC makes suggestions of how our services can involve the many differing groups within the parish.

We put faith into practice through prayer, scripture, music and sacrament.

When planning our activities for the year we have considered ideas from our mission action group, especially: -

1. Provision of pastoral care for those living in our community, such as the many care homes in our parish.
2. Our community has many single people we need to consider in our outreach.
3. To facilitate this work, we need to be seen to be going out into our community to cover those areas that are being missed.
4. In 2024 St. John's church was used as a polling station for the benefit of the local community.

4. Achievements and performance

The PCC is keen to offer a range of church services through the week and during the year that our community will find both beneficial and spiritually fulfilling, in quiet reflective worship and also through fellowship after Sunday services.

Our Parish Clergy team continue to visit on a regular basis and offer communion to those people who for whatever reason cannot attend church.

We would like to thank all our volunteers for their hard work in making our church a lively and welcoming community, including the PCC, its sub committees, our honorary Clergy, servers, sacristans, sidespersons, lay ministers, magazine producers, pew sheets, website and flower arrangers, café team, social committee, work with children and all those who have worked so hard.

5. Review of the year

At the start of the year, still occupied with water damage repairs, we may have thought we could soon be back to order and with a new fresh look in the church to kick off the year. It was quite a shock therefore to hear the news from Fr Tim that he was taking early retirement due to considerable health issues. He would be going after Easter, and the parish would begin an interregnum forthwith. Fr Tim also had to let the people of St Andrew's hear the same news, it was a sad time all round.

During the time the insurance claim was being processed, the loss adjusters requested the current Quinquennial inspection report. After a major search, it was discovered that the inspection took place in March 2020 but the report was never produced. We eventually received one with just one year to go to the next inspection; there was much that had to be done but we managed it.

After Deacon Rachel retired from working as chaplain at Worthing Hospital, the Bishop arranged her licensing on 22 February 2024, at St John's with St Andrew's, as non-stipendiary Assistant Curate to both parishes. How bountiful a gift this would prove to be in the coming interregnum.

Lent was well covered with opportunity to increase our relationship and discipleship with God. The Mondays Bible study continued, and Wednesday mornings offered Stations of the Cross and Mass, followed by an austerity lunch of soup bread and cheese. A pleasing number of people attended and donations for the lunch was passed to Turning Tides for support of the homeless. A good quantity of food also, was collected in church during Lent and was gifted to the homeless project.

Holy Week was full of opportunity for worship and quiet contemplation. Maundy Thursday with the post Mass beautiful time to be with Jesus in the Garden as He prepared Himself for what He knew was being asked of Him for our sake.

The children gathered in the hall and in church on Good Friday which is always well attended. Our worship on Good Friday was all it could be, and with the Easter Vigil on Holy Saturday we began our joyful celebration of greeting our Risen Lord.

Saying goodbye to Fr Tim, so much earlier in his ministry here, was sad but made memorable with a gift from the parishioners, refreshments and a glass to wish him well. The day he finished and all packed to go was on the eve of the general election. The church was hired by the local council for this purpose and Fr Tim kindly spent one more night at the vicarage, in order to open the church at 6am the next day and let the council in to set up. We were now in interregnum.

Life here at St John's in the interregnum continued as normal, made possible and with gratitude to Fr Roger and Deacon Rachel. Bible study more than survived, thanks to Deacon Rachel: work on the building continued thanks to the Wardens... in fact everything just quietly carried on with the same order and gratitude to all who serve the parish, by week, day by day, with good cheer; Clergy and Laity; all the people who are invested in keeping the parish whole and viable. We are determined to do our part during this time of considerable change following Fr Tim's retirement. With pastoral reorganisation to be agreed and accepted we are facing a future that only God knows the outcome of. Our faith and trust is paramount, as we turn to another chapter, in the life and wellbeing of our future survival, as a community of God in this place.

The Archdeacon met with the wardens from St John's and St Andrew's soon after Fr Tim had left. The main point of the meeting was to let the wardens know that in order to fund a new incumbent the parishes would have to include another vacant church, this being St Botolph's Church Heene. Since when the Archdeacon has met with each PCC to explain the situation.

At this point, the Archdeacon who was preparing to meet with all three parish wardens was appointed Bishop of Richborough, the process then was halted until an acting archdeacon was chosen to carry on the work. The rest of the progress on this matter is in 2025.

Despite the extra burdens on the clergy, Deacon Rachel still took a united St John's and St Andrew's on pilgrimage to Walsingham in the summer.

We said a sad goodbye to Ros Rowley earlier this year, Ros was long-time worshipper and contributor at St John's. May she rest in peace.

The strength in any parish lies in its people. No one greater, no one lesser; we follow our Lord and do what he bids us do to keep the parish alive, prayerful and fortified.

Dorothy Smith
Vice Chairman of PCC

6. Financial Review

St John's Church achieved a total income of £103,119 (2023 £66,456). The increase in revenue in the year arose because of legacies, donations and increased income from the church hall.

The expenditure for the year was £86,933 (2023 £53,797), including a contribution towards our parish share for our clergy of £33,000 (2023 £30,000). The expenditure increased in the year due to the significant repairs and renewals carried out to the church in the year.

It is pleasing to report that St John's church had a surplus with income exceeding expenditure this year by £16,186 (2023 surplus £12,659).

The market value of investments at 31 December 2024 was £27,747 which was an increase of £621 compared to the value at 31 December 2023 of £27,126.

The total net assets of St John's church after taking into account debtors and creditors at 31 December 2023 was £156,697 (2023 £139,890).

The St John's Preschool results are included in the Charity's consolidated accounts. The Preschool incurred a deficit in the year of £3,720 (2023 deficit £6,105), after taking into account the hire of the church hall of £6,825.

The consolidated accounts show that the total assets of the Charity at 31 December 2024 were £208,265 (2023 £195,178), which represented an increase of £13,087 (2023 increase of £8,887). This increase is made up of the net surplus made by St John's church of £16,186 (the increase in the value of investments of £621), less the St John's Preschool deficit of £3,720.

7. Reserves Policy

It is PCC policy to retain a level of reserves appropriate to the Charity's future needs.

Roof funds-restricted and designated at 31 December 2024

The restricted roof fund is currently at a level whereby it is unlikely that any significant work can be undertaken to completely renew the church roof. The PCC decided to utilise the roof designated fund for remedial works to repair leaks, damp and water ingress from the roof.

At 31 December 2024 the funds retained for the roof were £42,681 made up as follows:-

- Roof restricted £29,265 (2023 £27,700)
- Roof designated £13,416 (2023 £16,212)

Restricted funds at 31 December 2024

At the 31 December 2024 the restricted funds totalled £73,060 (2023 £72,335) made up as follows:-

- Roof restricted £29,265 (2023 £27,700)
- Solar panels £10,000 (2023 £10,000)
- Pan Bailey legacy £17,310 (2023 £22,569)
- Specific purpose fund £3,645 (2023 £4,030)
- Children fund £688 (previous the Survivors fund)
- Redecoration fund £415
- Share revaluation fund £4,745 (2023 £4,124)
- Dividends on investment fund £2,231 (2023 £1,478)
- Interest on restricted funds £4,761 (2023 £2,434)

Designated funds at 31 December 2024

At the 31 December 2024 the designated funds totalled £24,977 (2023 £21,736) made up as follows:-

- Roof designated fund £13,416 (2023 £16,212)
- Church redevelopment-designated £4,251 (2023 £4,251)
- Interest on designated funds £2,389 (2023 £1,273)
- Hall designated fund £4,921

Charity's reserves at 31 December 2024

The Charity's reserves at 31 December 2024 totalled £208,265 (2023 £195,178) and are made up as follows: -

- Restricted funds of £73,060 (2023 £72,335)
- Designated funds of £24,977 (2023 £21,736)
- Preschool designated funds of £51,568 (2023 £55,288)
- Unrestricted funds of £58,660 (2023 £45,819)

The movements in reserves are shown in more detail within these accounts.

Alan Caperon

Treasurer



St John's Preschool, West Worthing

Ofsted registration number: URN EY402776

Key Extracts from the Governors' Report for the period 1 January – 31 December 2024

Summary of the purposes of the Preschool as set out in its governing document.
(SORP Ref: Para 1.17)

St John's Preschool is a not-for-profit early years setting registered with Ofsted that is part of the work and ministry of the Ecclesiastical Parish of St John the Divine, West Worthing. The purpose of the Preschool is outlined in its constitution document:

Aim

'To provide the community with a valuable, high profile service by means of a Christian Preschool'.

Objectives

- 1 'To provide a first-class programme of preschool education, including spiritual development.'
- 2 'To provide a Christian environment in which children are encouraged to develop physical, intellectual, language, emotional and social skills, in work, play and social situations.'
- 3 'To develop links between the children, parents, carers and staff associated with the Preschool and St John's Church.'
- 4 'To operate in a Christian environment without discrimination concerning the child's religion, racial origin, cultural and linguistic background or special needs.'
- 5 'To function in accordance with standards approved by appropriate governmental bodies eg. Ofsted.'

Summary of the main activities in relation to those purposes for the public benefit, in particular, the activities, projects or services identified in the accounts
(SORP Ref: Para 1.17 and 1.19)

The Preschool operates in St John's Church Hall on Monday – Friday (Term time only) 8.30 am – 2.30 pm as a pack-away early years setting. It provides early years education through learning activities and play for children 2-4 years old.

The Preschool follows the Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS) Statutory Framework from the Department for Education. This specifies requirements for learning and development, for safeguarding children and for promoting their welfare.

The Preschool supports children in their spiritual, moral, social and cultural development. The curriculum delivered is designed to meet the individual needs of all children, with specific additional support given to SEND or disadvantaged children. Every child in the Preschool has key worker on the staff.

Regular assemblies and special events are held in church for the children, to which families and members of the congregation are often invited.

Statement confirming whether the Governors have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit
(SORP Ref: Para 1.18)

The Preschool's constitution reflects the 'benefit' and 'public' aspects of the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit, notwithstanding that it is not a separately registered Charity.

Contribution made by volunteers
(SORP Ref: Para 1.38)

All the Governors are volunteers; parents are being recruited to help as volunteers in the preschool.

Summary of the main achievements of the Preschool, identifying the difference the Preschool's work has made to the circumstances of its beneficiaries and any wider benefits to society as a whole
(SORP Ref: Para 1.20)

The Preschool is a happy, friendly, family environment where children, parents and staff all work together. The children learn through fun and play; these experiences give them a secure foundation for their future education and development, by building up their confidence and instilling in them an excitement for learning.

It also introduces the children to bible stories and to church; before the Covid pandemic, there were monthly assemblies in church led by one of the parish clergy.

Many parents return with siblings, demonstrating how happy they are with what the Preschool provides for their children.

Review of the Preschool's financial position at the end of 2024
(SORP Ref: Para 1.21)

The Preschool's financial position at 31 December 2024 remained strong, despite an operating deficit of £5,153 which after other income reduced the deficit to £3,720.

The Governors are aware that the majority of the Preschool's income is public funding which has been provided for the purpose of educational provision.

Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held
(SORP Ref: Para 1.22)

The Governors have designated specific funds as reserves to ensure they manage the financial risks effectively and the Preschool remains financially viable in the medium and long term.

The Governors also want to ensure there are always sufficient funds available to enable them:

- to meet their statutory responsibilities as employers,
- to provide a high quality of educational provision for the children,
- to create a safe environment for adults and children in the Preschool,
- to ensure the Preschool benefits the life of the parish and the local community.

Explanation of any uncertainties about the Preschool continuing as a going concern
(SORP Ref: Para 1.23)

The Governors recognise that the numbers of children on the roll fluctuate for several reasons: the variation in the birth rate and the impact of other early year's provision being the main ones.

As the Preschool's income is linked directly to the numbers on roll, the Governors have agreed to hold designated funds as reserves, to manage the financial uncertainties caused by the fluctuation of numbers on roll in the short, medium and long term.

The Preschool's principal sources of funds
(SORP Ref: Para 1.47)

There are two principal sources of funding:

1. West Sussex County Council – government funding for all children eligible for free childcare.
2. Fees – paid by parents for children who are not eligible for government funded free childcare, or who wish to pay for more hours at the Preschool if their children are only entitled to 15 hours a week of government funding.

A description of the principal risks facing the Preschool
(SORP Ref: Para 1.46)

The Preschool's funding is based on the numbers of children on its roll. It is always very difficult to predict the numbers on roll on a year-to-year basis and they fluctuate considerably over the short, medium and long term.

Type of governing document
(SORP Ref: Para 1.25)

The constitution document for St John's Preschool was approved by the Parochial Church Council of the Parish of St John the Divine, West Worthing at its meeting on 14 July 2009 and amended slightly in September 2023 when co-opted governors were introduced.

Governor selection methods including details of any constitutional provisions
(SORP Ref: Para 1.25)

- The Incumbent of the Parish is an ex-officio foundation governor.
- Four foundation governors are appointed by the Parochial Church Council for a term of office of three years, which is renewable*.
- One parent governor is elected by parents.
- One staff governor is nominated by staff or the governors.

The Governors approved a new policy for the induction of governors in 2023. This policy will be reviewed every three years.

The Preschool relates to:

- The Parochial Church Council- Regular reports are given at PCC meetings and annual accounts are provided. A report is written for the APCM.
- Other Local Early Years Settings-There has sometimes been liaison with other local early years settings.
- Early Years Alliance-An annual membership fee provides access to the EYA website, advice and information.
- West Sussex County Council-Advice and support are received from the Early Years Team.
- Ofsted-An annual registration fee is paid to Ofsted; the Preschool has an Ofsted Designated Person who is responsible for ensuring that all the requirements of the Ofsted registration are met.

Sally Thompson
Chair of Governors
March 2025

Respective Responsibilities of Trustees and the Independent Examiner

I report on the accounts of the Charity for the year ended 31 December 2024.

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(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act) as amended by the Charities Act 2022 and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

1. Examine the accounts (under section 145 of the 2011 Act)
2. To follow the procedures laid down under the General Directions given by the Charity Commission (under section 145(5) (b) of the 2011 Act); and
3. To state whether any particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of the Independent Examiner's Report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the 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

The accounts for the year to 31 December 2024 comply with the requirement to produce consolidated accounts and include the Designated Funds of the Preschool.

I conclude as the Independent Examiner that the accounts for the year ended 31 December 2024 accord with the accounting records. The accounts therefore comply with the accounting requirements of the Charities Act 2011 as amended by the Charities Act 2022 and provide a proper understanding of the accounts of the Charity.

Please ensure that the St John the Divine Financial Statements are filed with the Charity Commission.

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CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
(Incorporating an income and expenditure account)
FOR THE YEAR TO 31 DECEMBER 2024

	Unrestricted Funds			Restricted funds	Total All funds 2024	Year to 31-Dec-23
INCOMING RESOURCES	General	Designated	Designated Pre school			
St John The Divine, income	£	£	£	£	£	£
Planned giving	19,540				19,540	20,757
Other gift aided donations	15,111			2,250	17,361	13,515
Other donations	17,122			730	17,852	1,795
Gift aid	4,176				4,176	3,380
Children fund				688	688	
Donations and legacies total	55,949			3,668	59,617	39,447
Pre school income						
Fees for the year			84,255		84,255	84,167
Other income for the year			492		492	873
Other income-interest			941		941	380
			85,688		85,688	85,420
St John The Divine, income						
Weddings, funerals and other income	2,162				2,162	1,610
Charitable activities total	2,162				2,162	1,610
St John The Divine, income						
Fundraising and social events	3,999				3,999	2,193
Insurance claim	8,020				8,020	0
Parish magazine sales	150				150	177
Hall and church hire		17,573			17,573	13,562
Hall and church hire-pre school		(6,825)			(6,825)	(6,825)
St Andrew's contributions	1,173				1,173	1,797
100 Club	321				321	345
Flower fund	769				769	0
Polling	2,150				2,150	700
Sundry income	582				582	967
Photocopying	60				60	60
Magazine advertisement fees	288				288	528
Catering	50				50	100
Other Fundraising activities total	17,562	10,748			28,310	13,604
Bank and CBF deposit interest	2,009	1,116		2,327	5,452	4,229
CBF investment fund dividend				753	753	741
Investment income	2,009	1,116		3,080	6,205	4,970
TOTAL INCOME RESOURCES	77,682	11,864	85,688	6,748	181,982	145,051

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(Incorporating an income and expenditure account)
FOR THE YEAR TO 31 DECEMBER 2024

RESOURCES EXPENDED	Unrestricted Funds			Restricted funds	Total All funds 2024	Year to 31-Dec-23
	General	Designated	Designated Preschool			
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Charitable donations	1,809				1,809	174
Parish share to Chichester Diocese	33,000				33,000	30,000
Clergy property costs and clergy expenses	1,169				1,169	4,741
Weddings, funerals and baptisms etc	1,095				1,095	300
PCC governance costs	2,151				2,151	271
Other charitable costs	0				0	513
Total direct costs of charitable activities	39,224				39,224	35,999
Preschool expenditure						
Year to 31 December 2024			89,408		89,408	91,525
Pre school payments to St John's			(6,825)		(6,825)	(6,825)
			82,583		82,583	84,700
Flowers for church	810				810	113
Church insurance	2,415				2,415	2,376
Accountancy and Xero licence	446				446	413
Hall, water, gas, and electricity		4,675			4,675	3,325
Church water, gas, electricity and refuse	7,581				7,581	2,285
Hall cleaning and wages		3,697			3,697	3,150
Hall maintenance and repairs		2,057			2,057	927
Hall insurance		1,812			1,812	1,788
Insurance claims and property costs						1,182
Telephone and Internet	411	411			822	820
Bank charges	81				81	84
Parish office copier rental						(1,928)
Other regular church running costs	875				875	913
Printing and photocopying	911				911	543
Church maintenance and repairs	10,884				10,884	1,082
Roof repairs		2,796			2,796	
Cross	257				257	
Path				2,480	2,480	
Bike rack				149	149	
Statue				3,630	3,630	
Alter fabric				385	385	
Walsingham	60				60	105
Subscriptions	266				266	
Depreciation	620				620	620
Total indirect costs of charitable activities	25,617	15,448		6,644	47,709	17,798
TOTAL RESOURCES EXPENDED	64,841	15,448	82,583	6,644	169,516	138,497

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FOR THE YEAR TO 31 DECEMBER 2024

	Unrestricted Funds			Restricted Funds	Total	Year to
	General	Designated	Designated Preschool		All funds 2024	31-Dec-23
	£	£	£	£	£	£
MOVEMENT IN TOTAL FUNDS FOR THE YEAR						
Net income/expenditure for the year	12,841	(3,584)	3,105	104	12,466	6,554
Revaluation of shares				621	621	2,333
Preschool hall hire		6,825	(6,825)			
TOTAL FUNDS AT 1 JANUARY 2024	45,819	21,736	55,288	72,335	195,178	186,291
TOTAL FUNDS AT 31 DECEMBER 2024	58,660	24,977	51,568	73,060	208,265	195,178

**CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEET
FOR THE YEAR TO 31 DECEMBER 2024**

	Unrestricted Designated			Restricted funds	Total All funds 2024	Total All funds 2023
	General	Designated	Pre School			
	£	£	£	£	£	£
FIXED ASSETS	1,860		340		2,200	2,480
CURRENT ASSETS						
CAF Bank current account	3,481				3,481	8,929
Bank current account-pre school			33,996		33,996	29,857
Bank deposit account-pre school			40,053		40,053	40,053
Cash in hand			72		72	
CBF Deposit fund	49,380	20,513		49,276	119,169	99,866
Children fund				688	688	0
Cash at bank	52,861	20,513	74,121	49,964	197,459	178,705
Investments						
1200CBF Investment fund shares				27,747	27,747	27,126
Investment assets at market value				27,747	27,747	27,126
<i>Share valuation at 31 Dec 2024</i>						
Total assets	54,721	20,513	74,461	77,711	227,406	208,311
DEBTORS						
HMRC-gift aid	2,718				2,718	1,606
Hall rent	801				801	504
Christmas service donations	794				794	1,050
Interest	572	244		586	1,402	1,271
St Andrews						330
Flower fund	248				248	189
Sundry debtors	150				150	252
Advertising						160
	5,283	244	0	586	6,113	5,362
CREDITORS						
WSCC and prepaid fees			(20,306)		(20,306)	(12,666)
Accruals			(2,008)		(2,008)	(1,956)
HMRC			(579)		(579)	
Gas and electricity	(974)				(974)	(563)
Bank charges	(17)				(17)	(18)
Donation from church collection	(887)				(887)	
Funeral fee						(217)
Diocese						(2,500)
Trade suppliers	(483)				(483)	(575)
Petty cash expenses						
Total liabilities	(2,361)		(22,893)	0	(25,254)	(18,495)
Funds transfers 2025	1,017	4,220		(5,237)		
NET ASSETS after debtors/(creditors)	58,660	24,977	51,568	73,060	208,265	195,178

**CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEET
FOR THE YEAR TO 31 DECEMBER 2024**

	General £	Designated £	Designated Pre School £	Restricted £	Total All funds 2024 £	Total All funds 2023 £
CURRENT ASSETS						
CHARITY FUNDS						
UNRESTRICTED FUNDS	<u>58,660</u>				<u>58,660</u>	<u>45,819</u>
DESIGNATED FUNDS-St John's						
Roof		13,416				
Hall fund		4,921				
Church development fund		4,251				
Interest on funds		<u>2,389</u>				
		<u>24,977</u>			<u>24,977</u>	<u>21,736</u>
DESIGNATED FUNDS-Preschool			<u>51,568</u>		<u>51,568</u>	<u>55,288</u>
RESTRICTED FUNDS						
Roof				29,265		
Solar panels				10,000		
Pam Bailey fund				17,310		
Redecoration fund				415		
Children fund				688		
Special purpose fund				3,645		
Interest on funds				4,761		
Dividends				2,231		
Share revaluation				4,745		
				<u>73,060</u>	<u>73,060</u>	<u>72,335</u>
TOTAL CHARITY FUNDS	<u>58,660</u>	<u>24,977</u>	<u>51,568</u>	<u>73,060</u>	<u>208,265</u>	<u>195,178</u>

**ST JOHN THE DIVINE BALANCE SHEET
FOR THE YEAR TO 31 DECEMBER 2024**

	Unrestricted funds		Restricted Funds	Total All funds 2024	Total All funds 2023
	General	Designated			
	£	£	£	£	£
FIXED ASSETS	1,860			1,860	2,480
CURRENT ASSETS					
CAF Bank current account	3,481			3,481	8,929
CBF Deposit fund	49,380	20,513	49,276	119,169	99,866
Children fund			688	688	0
	52,861	20,513	49,964	123,338	108,795
Investments					
1200CBF Investment fund shares			27,747	27,747	27,126
Investment assets at market value	0	0	27,747	27,747	27,126
<i>Share valuation at 31 Dec 2024</i>					
TOTAL ASSETS	54,721	20,513	77,711	152,945	138,401
DEBTORS					
HMRC-gift aid	2,718			2,718	1,606
Hall rent	801			801	504
Christmas service donations	794			794	1,050
Interest	572	244	586	1,402	1,271
St Andrews					330
Flower fund	248			248	189
Sundry debtors	150			150	252
Advertising					160
	5,283	244	586	6,113	5,362
CREDITORS					
Gas and electricity	(974)			(974)	(563)
Bank charges	(17)			(17)	(18)
Donation from church collection	(887)			(887)	
Funeral fee					(217)
Trade suppliers	(483)			(483)	(575)
Diocese					(2,500)
Total liabilities	(2,361)	0	0	(2,361)	(3,873)
Transfers	1,017	4,220	(5,237)		
NET ASSETS after debtors/(creditors)	58,660	24,977	73,060	156,697	139,890
CHARITY FUNDS					
Restricted funds			73,060	73,060	72,335
Designated funds		24,977		24,977	21,736
Unrestricted funds	58,660			58,660	45,819
TOTAL CHARITY FUNDS				156,697	139,890

Charity reserves fund (adjusted for transactions received and paid in year to 31 December 2024)
Fund income & expenditure

Fund name	Balances b/f 1 Jan 2024	Income	Expenditure	Adjustments	Balances c/f 31 Dec 2024
	£	£	£	£	£
Restricted funds					
Special purpose fund	4,030		(385)		3,645
Pam Bailey legacy	22,569		(5,259)		17,310
Solar panels	10,000				10,000
Roof	27,700	1,565			29,265
Children fund		688			688
Redecoration fund		415			415
Interest received	2,434	2,327			4,761
Dividend income	1,478	753			2,231
Revaluation of shares	4,124			621	4,745
Total of all restricted funds	72,335	5,748	(5,644)	621	73,060
Designated funds					
Roof-designated fund	16,212		(2,796)		13,416
Hall fund		17,573	(12,652)		4,921
Church redevelopment-designated fund	4,251				4,251
Interest	1,273	1,116			2,389
Total of all designated funds	21,736	18,689	(15,448)	0	24,977
Unrestricted funds	45,819	77,682	(64,841)	0	58,660
Total funds	139,890	102,119	(85,933)	621	156,697

ST JOHN' S STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS FOR THE YEAR TO 31 DECEMBER 2024

	Unrestricted funds		Restricted funds	Total All funds 2024	Total All funds 2023
	General	Designated			
Income	£	£	£	£	£
Donations and legacies	55,949		3,668	59,617	39,447
Charitable activities	2,162			2,162	1,610
Other trading activities	13,149	17,573		30,722	17,587
Investments	2,009	1,116	3,080	6,205	4,970
Other receipts	4,413			4,413	2,842
Total received	77,682	18,689	6,748	103,119	66,456
Expenditure					
Charitable direct costs	(62,228)	(2,796)	(6,644)	(71,668)	(42,588)
Charity trading costs	(2,613)	(12,652)		(15,265)	(11,209)
Total paid out	(64,841)	(15,448)	(6,644)	(86,933)	(53,797)
NET EXPENDITURE	12,841	3,241	104	16,186	12,659
Net movement in funds	12,841	3,241	104	16,186	12,659
Adjustment-investment to transfer					
Revaluation of shares (see notes)		-	621	621	2,333
Cash & investments on 1st January 2024	45,819	21,736	72,335	139,890	124,898
Cash and investments on 31st December 2024	58,660	24,977	73,060	156,697	139,890

ST JOHN'S CHARITY INCOME FOR THE YEAR TO 31 DECEMBER 2024

	Unrestricted	Designated	Restricted	Total All funds 2024	Total All funds 2023
INCOMING RESOURCES					
St John The Divine, income	£	£	£	£	£
Planned giving	19,540			19,540	20,757
Other gift aided donations	15,111		2,250	17,361	13,515
Other donations	17,122		730	17,852	1,795
Gift aid	4,176			4,176	3,380
Children fund			688	688	
Donations and legacies total	55,949		3,668	59,617	39,447
St John The Divine, income					
Weddings, funerals and other income	2,162			2,162	1,610
St John The Divine, income					
Fundraising and social events	3,999			3,999	2,193
Insurance claim	8,020			8,020	0
Parish magazine sales	150			150	177
Hall hire		10,748		10,748	6,737
Hall hire preschool		6,825		6,825	6,825
St Andrew's contributions	1,173			1,173	1,797
100 Club	321			321	345
Flower fund	769			769	0
Polling	2,150			2,150	700
Sundry income	582			582	967
Photocopying	60			60	60
Magazine advertisement fees	288			288	528
Catering	50			50	100
Other activities total	17,562	17,573		35,135	20,429
Bank and CBF deposit interest	2,009	1,116	2,327	5,452	4,229
CBF investment fund dividend			753	753	741
Investment income	2,009	1,116	3,080	6,205	4,970
TOTAL INCOME RESOURCES	77,682	18,689	6,748	103,119	66,456

ST JOHN'S CHARITY EXPENDITURE FOR THE YEAR TO 31 DECEMBER 2024

	Unrestricted funds		Restricted funds	Total All funds 2024	Total All funds 2023
	General	Designated			
	£	£	£	£	£
Charitable donations	1,809			1,809	174
Parish share to Chichester Diocese	33,000			33,000	30,000
Clergy property costs and clergy expenses	1,169			1,169	4,741
Weddings, funerals and baptisms etc	1,095			1,095	300
PCC governance costs	2,151			2,151	271
Other charitable costs	0			0	513
Total direct costs	39,224			39,224	35,999
Church insurance	2,415			2,415	2,376
Accountancy and Xero licence	446			446	413
Hall, water, gas, and electricity		4,675		4,675	3,325
Church water, gas, electricity and refuse	7,581			7,581	2,285
Hall cleaning and wages		3,697		3,697	3,150
Hall maintenance and repairs		2,057		2,057	927
Hall insurance		1,812		1,812	1,788
Insurance claims and property costs					1,182
Telephone and Internet	411	411		822	820
Bank charges	81			81	84
Parish office copier rental					(1,928)
Other regular church running costs	875			875	913
Printing and photocopying	911			911	543
Church maintenance and repairs	10,884			10,884	1,082
Roof repairs		2,796		2,796	
Flowers	810			810	113
Cross	257			257	
Path			2,480	2,480	
Bike rack			149	149	
Statue			3,630	3,630	
Alter fabric			385	385	
Walsingham	60			60	105
Subscriptions	266			266	
Depreciation	620			620	620
Total indirect costs	25,617	15,448	6,644	47,709	17,798
Total paid out on all funds	64,841	15,448	6,644	86,933	53,797

ST. JOHN'S PRESCHOOL

RECEIPTS & EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT FOR THE
YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2024

	Total (3 terms) £	3 terms to 31-Dec-23 £
Income		
Fees	84,255	84,167
Fundraising	367	861
Bank interest	941	380
T Shirt income	0	12
Sundry income	125	
	85,668	85,420
Less Expenditure		
Curriculum costs	(3,976)	(3,551)
Salaries	(73,401)	(74,189)
Premises costs	(241)	(223)
Hall hire	(6,825)	(6,825)
Administration costs	(1,580)	(2,280)
Professional fees	(1,759)	(384)
Service costs	(1,413)	(3,341)
Fund raising costs	(213)	(732)
	(89,408)	(91,525)
Excess of (expenditure) over income	(3,720)	(6,105)
Summary for 2024		
Operating deficit	(5,153)	
Fundraising	367	
Bank compensation	125	
Bank interest	941	
Excess of (expenditure) over income	(3,720)	

ST. JOHN'S PRESCHOOL

	31-Dec-23	
STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES AS AT 31st DECEMBER 2024	£	£
FIXED ASSETS	340	
CURRENT ASSETS		
Bank accounts		
Bank account	33,996	29,857
Cash in hand	72	0
Deposit Account	40,053	40,053
	74,121	69,910
TOTAL ASSETS	74,461	69,910
LESS LIABILITIES		
WSCC prepayment and prepaid fees	(20,306)	(12,666)
HMRC	(579)	0
Accruals	(2,008)	(1,956)
Total liabilities	(22,893)	(14,622)
Net assets at 31st December 2024	51,568	55,288
REPRESENTED BY		
Reserves b/f	55,288	61,393
(Deficit) for the year	(3,720)	(6,105)
Reserves c/f	51,568	55,288

Notes to the accounts

1. St John The Divine has been registered as a Charity with the Charity Commission since 6 June 2018 and since that date has submitted its own accounts. Prior to that date, St John's Parochial Church Council ("the PCC") was a Charity excepted from registration with the Charity Commission. In order to provide a better understanding of the Charity's funds within the accounts, it was necessary in the year to review certain historical transactions. The outcome of the review has identified the source of certain of the Charity's funds and the specific bequests from the donors. These accounts properly reflect the Restricted Funds and Unrestricted Funds (which includes Unrestricted Designated Funds).
2. The financial statements of the Charity have been prepared in accordance with the Charities Act 2011 as amended by the Charities Act 2022 and current church accounting regulations.
3. The consolidated accounts separately identify the hall hire which is a cost to the Preschool and its corresponding income to St John The Divine but these transactions are still included in their respective accounts.
4. The consolidated accounts show the Preschool results as Designated Funds in accordance with the aim of the Preschool to provide the community with a valuable, high profile service by means of a Christian preschool.
5. St Andrew the Apostle church reimburses 50% of the clergy property costs (see paragraph 7).
6. The share investment has increased in value as at the 31st December 2024 by £621 to £27,747 (2023 increase by £2,333 to £27,126). The value of the shares is not realised until the shares are sold.
7. Clergy and other allowances and expenses:-

This expenditure included Council tax on the vicarage to 30 April 2024, plus water, gas and electricity charges until the vicarage was relet by the Diocese but these costs were reduced by the contributions made by St Andrew the Apostle Church.

8. Regular church running costs:-

This expenditure includes sacristy costs including candles, oil for candles and also the costs of the organist.

9. Other charitable costs

This expenditure includes:

- Repairs includes the costs associated with the water ingress including the new church carpet, these costs formed part of the insurance claim.
- Drinks licence
- Website maintenance
- CCLI licence – copyright payment for music in church.
- Forward in faith
- Office telephone and broadband
- Payment for safeguarding

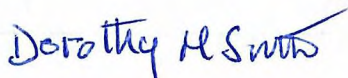
Notes to the accounts

10. The following assets are recognised but not valued in the Balance sheet:

- a. Movable church furnishings held by the churchwardens on special trust for the PCC, which require a faculty for disposal.
- b. The church building on the corner of Elm Grove and Ripley Road, Worthing and the separate church hall building, situated within the church grounds in Ripley Road are excluded from the accounts
- by c. 10(2) of the Charities act 2011.

Trustees' annual report and financial statements presented at the Annual Parochial Church Council meeting on 11 May 2025.

Signed as approved



Vice Chairman of the PCC

Reports from groups and committees

WARDENS REPORT

a. Fabric

At the beginning of the year, completion of the work to repair the water ingress damage of the previous year was achieved. The insurance claim covered these repairs, including the new carpet in the church. The roof continued to be maintained using a portion of the roof fund (see in the accounts under dedicated roof fund) to keep the roof watertight.

The Vicars board had Fr Tim's name added in time before he retired on 2 May 2024.

Rising damp at the back of the Lady Chapel wall by the bell rope, was thought to be caused by the outside drain in that area. The drains were tested, a missing brick was replaced on the drain wall. Since this work was done the internal wall appears to be drying out.

The doors at the south entrance were persistently sticking and very hard to open and close. Restoration work was carried out on these in May 2024. While the work was being carried out a heavy downpour revealed that the gutter adjacent to the doors was overflowing down the wall, soaking the doors and rotting them along the bottom edge. The internal wall of the entrance, by the water stoop, was damaged also.

The gutters were repaired and the damage inside the entrance can now be made good and redecorated. Ros Rowley kindly left a small legacy which should cover the cost of the redecoration of these two internal wall areas.

The lighting conductor was tested as were the electrics. The organ and piano were tuned. The clock was serviced. Work was carried out on the platform of the statue of St John, sited on the church tower. The platform is now sound and wooden figure of St John now has a good coat of waterproofing.

The south path to the church entrance was resurfaced and our thanks to a parishioner who gifted the parish a generous amount towards the cost.

The gas heaters in the church have been serviced. One heater in the café area no longer works and has been put out of use as unsafe for service. The heater by the south entrance has a few problems also. It is easily blown out when the door opens on draughty days. The PCC are aware that heating the church will need attention during 2025. The heaters cannot be repaired as they are out of production.

At the end of the year a smart meter was installed in the gas meter.

A golden cross was purchased in memory of Jo Downes. The cross is sited above the blessed sacrament and further enhances this sacred area.

Fr Ron left a legacy which enabled the purchase of new liturgical books at Advent when updated versions were introduced.

A thurible was returned from a long holiday at St Mary's Church, Goring.

An altar cloth was purchased using leftover funds from the Silver Threads group.

b. Attendance

Regular worshippers on a Sunday including 8am Mass, 10am Parish Mass and 6pm Evening Prayer and Benediction, amount on average to 45 members attending.

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c. Bible Study Group

The Bible Study Group meets each Monday afternoon in St John's. Fr Tim led this group up until his retirement when Dcn Rachel received the baton. Over the past year it has been a joy to welcome new folk to the group. The Bible Study is open to all and we have enjoyed having a member of the St Andrew's congregation participating. Each week we focus on the Scripture readings for the following Sunday. We begin with a prayer and then listen to the four lectionary readings. Dcn Rachel opens the discussion with some background to the readings, before inviting members of the group to share their thoughts and questions. The discussion is engaging and often lively yet thought provoking. It is encouraging to share our journey of faith and have space to ask questions about the scriptures and the way it shapes our lives. We end the study time with silence and prayer and continue with fellowship over refreshments.

Deacon Rachel

d. Social Committee Report

The Social Committee met several times during the last year to discuss and plan various activities and to review past events in order to improve future ones. Designated charities were also discussed with Turning Tides and Chestnut Tree House being decided upon for Harvest Supper and Christmas Fair respectively.

The Summer Fair held on 6 July was moderately successful despite the fewer number of stalls and activities and the relatively small number of people attending, partly due to the weather and to the fact that many other events were being held on the same day throughout Worthing. Many lessons were learned about the practicality of having a summer event.

The next event on the social calendar was the Harvest Supper on 5th October which was greatly enjoyed by those who attended. Good food, good company, fun quizzes, a raffle and much hilarity were in evidence.

Before long, it was time for the Christmas Fair on Saturday 7th December which was a resounding success, despite the awful weather! Wind and rain didn't keep people away, not even Father Christmas! All our traditional Christmas Fair stalls were boosted by the addition of ten vendors from the Great Little Farmers' Market and they were a very welcome addition. They enjoyed the experience of joining us and have expressed a wish to continue their association with St. John's, an association which we will be happy to endorse.

None of these events would have occurred or been successful without the willing band of volunteers – publicists, furniture movers and decorators, cooks and bakers, stall holders, donors of gifts and raffle prizes, numerous assistants or "gofers" and last but not least all those who attend which make the events so warm and welcoming. The Social Committee thanks you all for your support.

Rosemary Stock
Secretary

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e. Sidespersons

Our gratitude goes to the faithful team of sidepersons who turn up week after week to greet and help all who come through our doors. This is an incredibly important role to give a positive and warm welcome to our worship and they do a great job.

f. Serving team

At St. John's we are so fortunate to have a small but totally dedicated team of Servers. The level of serving has remained consistently high throughout the year and our team of servers have assisted the clergy for big occasions, major feast days, Holy Week liturgies, funerals, Requiem Masses and Sunday by Sunday. We all owe our Serving and Sacristy Teams a huge debt of thanks for serving at the Altar and preparing behind the scenes for the wide range of services and liturgical events, without fuss and in such a dignified and fitting manner. Everything in the serving and sacristy is done to a very high standard.

g. St. John 100 Club

A total of 58 tickets were sold in 2024, down 2 from 2023.

Each month there are 5 prizes of £5, and at Christmas two additional prizes of £50 and £25. At the end of this year, we gave £321 to Church funds.

The 100 Club has been running since 2012 when we had 63 participants. This is slowing reducing year by year. In the last twelve years, we have given St John's a total of £4,198.

Thank you for your continued support.

If you would like to purchase a number, please contact me.

Lyn Gough Tel: 07880 796619

h. Church Flowers

Donations have been generously given to commemorate an annual occasion, such as wedding anniversaries or remembering a loved one, or marking a special event.

At the start of the year, we had £189 remaining in the fund from 2023. Personal donations totalled £769, £100 came from Church funds, and the cost of flowers was £809.62. There was a surplus of £248.38 remaining for use in 2025.

I am always looking for volunteers, either to arrange flowers or to help in the preparation and clearing up. Easter and Christmas are particularly busy, so please me know if you can help.

There is a flower request list in the Church for you to complete with the details that you want placed by your flowers. A pedestal will cost from £25, but any donation is welcome.

I would appreciate at least two weeks' notice, with your donation.

Please see me or phone me on 07880 796619

Lyn Gough

Reports from groups and committees

i. Parish Office

The Parish Office continues to be open on Thursday mornings 10am – 12 noon.

We print the pew sheet weekly with the Sunday readings on the reverse. Brian Hatton produces the parish magazine monthly and Sheila Hillary and I help by printing and stapling it.

Our colour printer and upgraded laptop continue to work very well and make light work of the work we ask of them. We are now printing a weekly pew sheet for St Andrew's in much the same format as the one we do for St John's.

The Parish Office also provides a venue for meetings and we can offer small quantities of personal photocopying and laminating.

We welcome enquiries for baptism, weddings and any other general church enquiries.

Lois Watson

j. Parish Magazine

The Magazine is published monthly and printed in the Parish Office. The copies disappear fast and is appreciated by many. Contributions are welcomed by the editor and advertisers help cover the cost of production. Our thanks go to Brian Hatton for his hard work in producing this meaningful edition to our parish family life.

k. St John's Hall

Last year the hall was busy with birthday parties and social events.

A local nursery school hired the hall for the six-week summer holiday while they had some work done to their premises. We used some of the income to replace the kitchen floor, and we now have a new dishwasher and hopefully a new cooker soon.

Preschool continues to be popular with local families. The hall is hired out to regular groups four evenings and their feedback is excellent.

A small group have been working hard to sort out the rainbow room which involved trips to the tip and charity shop, it is now nearly finished. Maintenance/repairs have been regularly carried out but there is still a list of jobs to be done.

Thank you to everyone who has given their time to help.

Caroline Burke

l. St John's Website www.stjohnwestworthing.org.uk

The website continues to be updated weekly with the Pewsheets and Sunday liturgy and monthly with the Parish Magazine. When possible, I have featured upcoming events both sacred and secular on the website's home page. In this regard it would be very helpful if church members could send a flyer or information in good time so that I can update the website.

When people move to or visit the area, they increasingly will use the internet to find a place of worship. The C of E sponsors a website called 'A church near you' to help with this and our website is linked to it.

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The program for the website is now old, cannot be updated and is becoming unreliable. It is time for a new, modern website to be developed to ensure this aspect of St John's outreach and witness can not only continue but be enhanced. This will, I hope, be taken forward by the PCC shortly.

Will Oakeshott

m. St John's Preschool

Our preschool is a not-for-profit early years setting registered with Ofsted that is part of the work and ministry of our parish. The aim of our preschool is set out in its constitution approved by the PCC in 2009: 'To provide the community with a valuable, high profile service by means of a Christian Preschool'. The preschool operates in the church hall on Mondays to Fridays from 8.30 am to 2.30 pm in the school term time.

We are fortunate to have a very dedicated team of staff and governors who are committed to ensuring the success of our preschool. Jude Waterhouse was the preschool manager for most of the year and we are very grateful for her contribution to the development of the preschool. Our new manager is Faith Miles.

The parents of the children in our preschool are also very important to the operation of our preschool. We welcome their feedback and are always encouraged by their positive comments, many of which can be viewed on our website. These comments reflect how much their children benefit from coming to our preschool and how amazing they think our staff are. We are expecting a visit from Ofsted in 2025 and look forward with confidence to reading the inspection report.

Children in the preschool attend church for assemblies to gain an insight into the Christian faith. Every child receives a children's bible when they leave to start at primary school in the Autumn term. Numbers of children attending the preschool vary over the years but staff work hard to attract new children and there was a positive trend in the preschool numbers over the year.

Our preschool has been proud to stand within the life of our parish over the last fifteen years as a very happy and caring place for children. Each child matters and is important, alongside their parents/carers and wider families.

Martin Lloyd

n. Safeguarding

In our parish, the safeguarding of everyone, and especially of children and vulnerable adults, is at the heart of everything we do in our life and worship together. Abuse and mistreatment can take many forms and we are fully committed to following up any safeguarding concerns appropriately, in line with parish, diocesan and national church policies.

The parish has continued to receive support in 2024 from those with a range of expertise in the Diocesan Safeguarding Team based at Church House in Hove. The importance of safeguarding in our parish was demonstrated by having reports at every PCC meeting in 2024. The contact

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details for the Parish Safeguarding Officer are also easily accessible in a prominent position on the front page of the parish website.

Throughout the year, a number of DBS disclosure checks were carried out for people in leadership roles at St John the Divine, and for governors and staff at St John's Preschool. All members of the PCC have had a DBS disclosure check. In line with Diocesan policy since January 2023, all DBS disclosure checks will be renewed every three years.

Martin Lloyd

Parish Safeguarding Officer

o. Deanery

In 2024, the Worthing Deanery Synod met twice:

2 May 2024 at St George's Church, Worthing

At its meeting in May, there was a presentation from Christians Action Against Poverty. The speaker challenged churches in the deanery to consider what they can do to support people in their communities who suffer from poverty or unemployment.

19 September 2024 at St Andrew's Church, Tarring

At its meeting in September, the synod had a presentation from Revd Earl Collins -Church House, Hove about plans in the diocese for 'The Year of Faith' in 2025 that will celebrate the 950th anniversary of the Cathedral and the 1700th anniversary of the Nicene Creed. He mentioned the Diocesan Lent Course in 2025 which will help parishes to explore the meaning of the Nicene Creed.

Heather Crookes has continued her work as the paid Deanery Development Officer throughout the year and worked closely with the rural dean. She has produced regular deanery newsletters distributed to all the parishes.

Key roles in the Deanery Synod in 2024:

Rural Dean: Revd Felix Smith – Vicar of South Lancing and Sompting,
and Lancing with Coombes.

Lay Chair: Martin Lloyd – St John the Divine, West Worthing.

Treasurer: Liz Farrow - St Mary's, Broadwater.

Deanery Development Officer and Secretary: Heather Crookes – Lancing Parishes

Martin Lloyd

Lay Chairman of Worthing Deanery Synod

