

Emmanuel Church

Weston-super-Mare

Registered Charity No 1182674

ANNUAL REPORT

and

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

of the

Parochial Church Council

For the year ended 31 December 2024

Incumbent

The Rev Tom Webber

The Cedar

Montpelier

Weston-super-Mare

Bank

Nat West

High Street

Weston-super-Mare

Independent Examiner

Mrs H C Evans ACCA (Affiliate)



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/
members of

Charity Name

The PCC of Emmanuel Church Weston-super-Mare

On accounts for the year
ended

31 December 2024

Charity no
(if any)

1182674

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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 trustees of the Trust, 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 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 which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

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

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

Signed:

Date:

23 February 2024

Name:

Helen C Evans

Relevant professional
qualification(s) or body
(if any):

Association of Chartered Certified Accountants (Affiliate)

Address:

171 Longridge Way Weston Village

Weston-super-Mare North Somerset BS24 7HT

BACKGROUND

Emmanuel Parish Church continues as part of a joint benefice with Christ Church remaining independent in terms of being self-governing and responsible for the management of its own affairs. During 2024 we have maintained our fellowship and co-operation with Christ Church. We continue with the online weekly news sheet "Connected" started during the pandemic which is delivered to those without technology, and covers news and information about both churches.

MEMBERSHIP

Members of the PCC are either ex-officio or elected by the APCM in accordance with the Church Representation Rules, the following served as PCC members during 2024.

Incumbent	Revd T Webber
Curate	Revd L Trust – resigned September 2024
Reader	Mrs M Hill – Lay Chair
Reader	Mrs D Pilgrim
Church Wardens	Mrs M Palmer – from 14.04.24
	Mrs M Passey
	Mr K Bury – resigned 14.04.24
Representative on Deanery Synod	Mrs D Pilgrim
	Ms S Judson
Elected Members	Mrs S Beckford
	Mrs P Blake – from 14.04.24
	Mrs C Evans
	Ms P Hanson – resigned 14.04.24
	Mrs D Hill
	Mrs D Parker
	Miss J Morgan

CHURCH ATTENDANCE - There are 46 parishioners on the Electoral Roll.

STANDING COMMITTEE

This is the only committee required by law. It has power to transact the business of the PCC between meetings subject to any direction given by the council.

It was unanimously agreed that the Standing Committee should comprise:-

Revd T Webber	PCC Chair
Revd L Trust	Curate – resigned September 2024
Mrs M Hill	Reader and PCC Vice Chair
Mrs D Pilgrim	Reader
Mrs M Palmer	Church Warden – from 14.04.24
Mrs M Passey	Church Warden
Mr K Bury	Church Warden – resigned 14.04.24
Mrs C Evans	Treasurer
Mrs D Parker	Project Manager

REVIEW OF THE YEAR

The full PCC met 6 times during 2024. At the post APCM meeting officers to serve for the coming year were appointed as follows:

PCC Vice Chair	Mrs M Hill
PCC Treasurer	Mrs C Evans
PCC Secretary	Mrs D Hill
Project Manager	Mrs D Parker

PARISH LIFE 2024

The Beacon and the Thursday Friendship Group continued to meet as before. Our hall was well used by AA, NA and CA while New Dawn Counsellors worked in the first floor offices. Monthly coffee mornings were held on the first Saturday of the month from April until December and these were always well attended. Communion continued to be served with wafers dipped in wine and the monthly midweek communion service was held on the second Wednesday of the month unless otherwise notified. Deaf Church met at Emmanuel on the second Sunday of the month. The Service of Light in January was held at St Andrews Church and on the first Friday in March the World Day of Prayer Service was held at the Salvation Army, both events were attended by members of Emmanuel.

At the APCM on Sunday, 14th April Mary Passey agreed to continue as church warden and Mavis Palmer was elected as church warden to replace Keith Bury who stepped down. Sheila Judson and Donna Pilgrim continued as Deanery Synod Reps and Pat Blake was elected to PCC to replace Pat Hanson. Sadly we lost several members from our electoral roll when Brian Crellin (Deaf Church), Margaret Young, Revd Ian Girling, Derrick Lewis, and Richard Maggs died during the year. We also miss Lynn Maggs, a staunch member of our singing group, as she decided to attend a more local church after Richard died. Several new members have joined and the electoral roll stands at 46. The main work this year on the church was the installation of gates to protect the area around the South Door and the replacement of new guttering on the south side of the church. The church wardens were kept busy during the year with the repair work going on in our building and general maintenance.

Open Gardens were held by Meg, Donna and Ray and Sandy and Tony, which were all well supported and enjoyed. The summer fete, quiz and cream tea and Christmas bazaar were well attended too. At our Harvest celebrations in September we were encouraged to donate to Ripple Effect following a talk by Lynda Morris about their work, and £500 was raised. As a result of Lynda's talk, it was decided that monthly a church member would be given the opportunity to address the congregation about a charity they were passionate about.

Claire Horton led church members on a Vision Day which Donna organised on the 20th May. One of the suggestions that came out of the Vision Day meeting was a day time Life Group to encourage members and John Birkett started one. A Vision Day Follow-Up Group was set up and included June Morgan, John Birkett, Penny Cockell and Donna. A Sunday Evening meeting was later held to read and pray about all aspects of the Vision Day Report. A bereavement course ran from September to mid-December at Christ Church with approximately 20 people taking part, 2 being non-Christians brought along by a member of the congregation, those taking part thought it was very helpful. 10th September was celebrated as Homelessness Sunday. Our curate Larissa left in September to become Vicar of St Augustine's, Locking and St Mary's, Hutton; a framed version of our Sung Blessing was organized as a gift from our congregation. Many of the congregation attended her installation as vicar at Locking. The Church Weekend Away at Home, held at Christ Church, was led by Donna and she encouraged everyone to stay connected to God on a daily basis.

Carols in the Square was held on Monday 9th December at 2.30pm, followed by refreshments organised by the Welcome Group; the Town Centre Carol service took place at lunchtime on the 11th December; our Carol Service was held on Friday 20th December and the final service of the year was on Sunday 29th December.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Our giving in 2024 was up by £1,506.61, however we did not hold a Gift Day therefore tax recovered was less being £2,336.73. Income on our hall letting was up by £452 and we have to thank Meg who organises them. The fete, bazaar, cream tea and quiz, which together with Open Gardens held by Meg, Tony and Sandy and Donna and Ray raised £2,328 which was £238 more than in 2023. Saturday coffee mornings raised £1,247 a little less than in 2023, but Storm Darragh put paid to the 7 December Coffee Morning and Sale. Gifts and Legacies included a generous donation of £1,000 from a member of the congregation, donations at our Carol Service and Carol singing in Church Square and small donations from the congregation. Another church member donated £500 towards the cost of running a course called "Being With" to be held in 2025. The VAT claim raised £8,670.

The Children's Society annual box opening and donations raised £323.13. We contributed £85 to Easter Eggs and £40 to Christmas hampers for Christians Against Poverty clients. At Harvest we raised the sum of £500 for Ripple Effect after Lynda had given us a fascinating talk about their work. We contributed £135 to joint leaving gifts with Christ Church to our curate Larissa, also a gift and flowers organised by Ray and Donna from ourselves to Larissa and £50 to Archdeacon Adrian Youing's leaving gift.

Our giving to Missions and Charities on page 6 shows that we gave £600 to Interserve for the BLiSS project; £200 each to Tearfund, Andrew and Lydia's work at Life Book shop, and St Peter's Church Youth Drop in Centre and £100 to support Revd Julie Birkett's work as College Chaplain. We gave Christians Against Poverty £50 per month towards their work in 2024, but as they have stopped working in this area, this amount ceased earlier this year. World Day of Prayer subs was £10.

After all Larissa's successful work in securing finance and organising our Gift Day in 2023, to repair the windows and mullions on the west side of the building we made the final payment of £1,211.94 in July. We knew we needed to repair the guttering on the south side of the building but had found that the work was going to be much more expensive than we expected. As reported last year, New Dawn kindly donated £1,500 towards work on the gutters and these were installed during the summer for £11,961.60. New LED lights were installed in the upper hall for £544.72 and New Dawn kindly contributed half the cost. Loose ceiling plaster in the church and porch cost £633 to make all safe which included hiring a scissor lift. Double gates were installed on the south side costing £4,620, which allows us free church access. Organ tuning and adjustments cost £318; Portable Appliance Testing was undertaken for £127.20; the kitchen cooker was repaired for £195; several plumbing jobs were undertaken for £275 and 2 new Air pots were purchased for storing hot water for teas and coffees costing £69.57. Mavis Palmer and Sheila Judson attended a First Aid Training Course at Christ Church costing £120.

My thanks go to Keith Bury and Mary Passey for care of our church collections which Keith banks. We have paid for the servicing of our gas boilers and fire extinguishers, periodic inspection and testing of the fire alarm system and emergency lights, had our lightning conductor checked and had no outstanding bills at the year end. We have a new 3 year fixed energy tariff which is dearer than our previous one.

Our Parish Share becomes Benefice Share (with Christ Church) in 2025 and the PCC agreed to pay the same as they did in 2024. Caring for Emmanuel will always be our concern as well as our outreach, and we need to search our hearts and consider our giving. If you pay income tax, do tell me then I can claim it back (25p in the £), however if you use the contactless device and pay tax, I cannot claim it as I have no means of tracing the giver.

EMMANUEL CHURCH - WESTON-SUPER-MARE

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

GENERAL FUND - RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT

RECEIPTS	2024 £	2023 £
Giving	19,125.97	£17,619.36
Gift Day	0.00	£11,050.00
Tax recovered on giving	2,336.73	£6,782.86
REGULAR RECEIPTS	£21,462.70	£35,452.22
Bank & CBF Deposit A/c Interest	980.50	£864.64
Catering Events	1,247.20	£1,463.66
Church Course	500.00	
Fete, Bazaar & Open Garden	2,328.01	£2,090.78
Windows	0.00	£16,600.00
Gutter fund	0.00	£1,500.00
Flowers for Church	20.00	£0.00
Gas and Electricity Refund	534.01	£1,126.80
General Refund	60.00	£0.00
Gifts and Legacies	1,189.50	£1,277.78
Hall Lettings incl Deaf Church	13,874.36	£13,422.50
HMRC VAT Claim	8,670.71	
Insurance Claim	430.00	£3,985.00
Magazines, Directories & Weston's Heart	78.75	£48.16
New Dawn Heating	1,477.04	£1,216.65
Parochial Fees Funerals	516.00	£176.00
UNRESTRICTED RECEIPTS	31,906.08	£43,771.97
Accrual	36.46	
	31,942.54	
Grants & Donations - Restricted		
Charity Collections	948.33	£1,343.03
Cost of Energy Grant		£1,000.00
Hardship Fund - Restricted	£120.00	£120.00
Restricted Receipts	£1,068.33	£2,463.03
TOTAL RECEIPTS	£54,473.57	£81,687.22

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GENERAL FUND - RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT

PAYMENTS	2024 £	2023 £
Admin Expenses	1,756.08	1,200.00
Architect's/Surveyor's Fees	881.70	2,757.35
Catering Events	263.63	-
Church Service Expenses	238.24	369.36
Clergy, Readers, & Verger Expenses	864.00	852.00
Diocesan Parish Share	18,363.60	16,688.88
Fixtures & Fittings	4,689.57	6,101.34
Gas, Electricity and Water	5,151.00	5,333.50
Halls-Cleaning and Supplies	4,045.00	4,325.00
Insurances	2,593.15	2,218.26
Maintenance-Equipment	2,302.82	1,648.74
Missions and Charities	1,900.00	2,240.00
Organists & Organ Tuning/ Repairs	343.00	427.00
Repairs	15,531.60	4,175.84
Sunday Link	220.32	243.27
Sundries	640.35	198.30
Gifts	221.51	110.00
Window Project	22,492.92	25,984.60
Unrestricted Payments	82,498.49	76,382.13
Prepayments	600.00	
	81,898.49	76,382.13
Restricted Payments		
Missions & Charities - Restricted	948.13	952.99
Winter Warmth - Restricted	0.00	61.69
Restricted Payments	948.13	1,014.68
Total Payments	£82,846.62	77,396.81
Total Receipts	54,473.57	81,656.92
Receipts over Payments	-£28,373.05	4,260.11
Bank Current & Deposit A/cs at 1 Jan	55,286.90	51,026.79
Bank Current & Deposit A/cs at 31	£26,908.41	55,286.90

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GENERAL FUND RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT

MISSIONS & CHARITIES

	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>
	£	£
Children's Society	323.13	327.69
Christians Against Poverty	725.00	1046.00
Interserve BLISS	600.00	600.00
Life Book shop	200.00	0.00
Operation Christmas Child	0.00	40.00
Prayer for Israel	0.00	300.00
Revd J Birkett	100.00	0.00
Ripple Africa	0.00	10.00
Ripple Effect	500.00	519.30
St Peter's Youth Drop In	200.00	50.00
Tearfund	200.00	300.00
World Day of Prayer subs	10.00	10.00
	<u>£2,858.13</u>	<u>£3,202.99</u>

MONETARY ASSETS

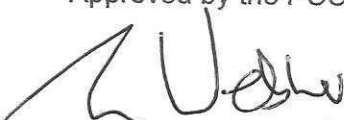
B/fwd 1/1/24
Receipts 2024
Payments 2024
T/fer funds
C/fwd 31/12/24

Represented by:-

NWB Current Account
CBF Deposit Account
Total Monetary Assets

GENERAL FUND £	RESTRICTED FUND £	TOTAL 2024 £
54,028.49	1,258.41	55,286.90
53,405.24	1,068.33	54,473.57
-81,898.49	-948.13	-82,846.62
25,535.24	1,378.61	26,913.85
23,155.94	1,378.61	24,499.55
2,379.30		2,379.30
25,535.24	1,378.61	26,878.85

Approved by the PCC on 24 March 2025 and signed on its behalf by



Rev T Webber - Chairman



Mrs C Evans - Treasurer