



**Annual Report and Accounts for the Parochial Church  
Council of the Parish Church of Holy Trinity, Southchurch  
Year ended 31 December 2024**

**Registered charity number 118443**

# **The Parish Church of Holy Trinity Southchurch**

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## **Report of the Parochial Church Council**

### **Aim and purposes**

Holy Trinity's Parochial Church Council (PCC) has the responsibility of cooperating with the incumbent in promoting in the ecclesiastical parish the whole mission of the church, pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical. Holy Trinity Church was in an interregnum until April 2024 when the Revd. Claire Abraham was appointed Priest in Charge at Holy Trinity and at St Mary's North Shoebury.

The PCC is also specifically responsible for the maintenance of the Church and its other buildings.

### **Objectives and activities**

The PCC is committed to enabling as many people as possible to worship at our church and to become part of our parish community. The PCC maintains an overview of worship throughout the parish and makes suggestions about how our services can involve the many groups that live within our parish. Our services and worship put faith into practice through the celebration of the sacraments, prayer and scripture, and a rich musical tradition.

When planning our activities for the year, we have considered the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit and the supplementary guidance on charities for the advancement of religion. In particular, we try to enable ordinary people to live out their faith as part of our parish community through:

- worship and prayer; learning about the gospel; developing their knowledge and trust in Jesus;
- provision of pastoral care for people living in the parish; and
- missionary and outreach work.

To facilitate this work, it is important that we maintain the fabric of the church of Holy Trinity and its church hall and keep the church on a sound financial footing.

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### **Achievements and performance**

#### ***Worship and prayer***

The PCC is keen to offer a range of services during the week and over the course of the year that everyone in our community finds both beneficial and spiritually fulfilling.

Opportunities are provided for people to engage in a more modern form through the Sunday morning Sung Eucharist, which uses contemporary language and is supported by our parish choir. We provide opportunities for traditional and reflective services each week through our 8am Holy Communion and 6:30pm Evensong, both using the traditional form of words from the Book of Common Prayer. Our weekly Wednesday Holy Communion at 10am provides an opportunity for people who cannot attend at the weekend, as well as an opportunity for those who attend on Sunday to grow in their prayer life throughout the week.

Our provision for children has been enhanced in two ways. Each month we hold a multi-sensory and interactive Children's Service with Eucharist, with craft activities, age-appropriate Bible readings and songs. In addition the Sunday morning Eucharist uses a different format on one Sunday each month to provide all age worship for everyone in our community.

All are welcome to attend our services. At present there are 68 parishioners on the church electoral roll, of whom 53 live outside the parish. The average Sunday attendance, counted during October, was 56 including 5 children. The number of communicants at Christmas was 30, with a total of 301 attending. Our Christingle service attendance was 244, along with our usual carol services for Southend High School for Girls, Thorpe Hall School, and Hamstel Junior School. During Advent, the total number of people attending special services held for the congregation and the local community was 166 and the total number of people attending special services held specifically for civic organisations or schools was 710. Holy Week and Easter were celebrated in church. The number of communicants on Easter Day or Easter Eve was 60, with a total of 99 attending.

As well as our regular services, we enable our community to celebrate and thank God at the milestones of the journey through life. Through baptism we thank God for the gift of life; in marriage public vows are exchanged with God's blessing; through funeral services friends and family express their grief and give thanks for the life which is now complete in this world, and commend the person into God's keeping. In 2024 we celebrated one baptism and one wedding. We also held three funerals and one memorial service in our church and conducted eight burials of ashes.

Throughout the year we were supported by our dedicated Director of Music, Roger Humphrey, and our volunteer choir. They continue to serve us by helping maintain a weekly

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pattern of sung services. We are delighted that, in keeping with our musical traditions, our worship is still enhanced from time to time by the choir leading a full Choral Evensong and through the Service of Nine Lessons and Carols each Christmas. We are now unique in offering such a pattern of worship in Southend.

### ***Mission and evangelism***

2024 was a special year at Holy Trinity as we celebrated with our local community the 200<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the donation of Southchurch to Canterbury Cathedral. Our mission this year reflected that through a number of wonderful events including:

- an art competition for local primary schools;
- a three-day flower festival during the late May Bank holiday weekend;
- a Family Fun Day and barbecue on Trinity Sunday;
- a Heritage day with a history talk, mini pageant and afternoon tea, as part of the National Trust Heritage Open Days in September;
- a Trinity Consort concert in September; and
- a performance of Handel's Messiah by the Bach Choir in November.

We also seek to welcome our local community to the church on a regular basis throughout the year. Each month we hold our 'Rainbow Refresh' Open Church, where we can enjoy seeing the church being used by multiple generations - all sharing our sacred space and enjoying homemade cake, craft and toys. The number of attendees of all ages has been very encouraging.

In September 2024, Mother Claire and a team of volunteers started our new toddler group, Trinity Teenies. Babies and children up to the age of five, accompanied by their parents/carers, are welcomed into the Church Hall each Monday morning during school termtime, where play, conversation and refreshments are enjoyed in a friendly and relaxing environment. Activities enjoyed include sand play, role play in our kitchen/shopping area, fun with ride on vehicles, puzzles, dinosaurs, cars, books and a dedicated area for babies to play. Once per term part of the session takes place in church, with an interactive seasonal activity on offer. Attendance numbers have grown quickly, with around 15-20 children attending most weeks and sometimes more! Many are now regular attendees with some also attending other church events.

Christmas provides Holy Trinity with a wonderful opportunity to share our faith with the local community. We are delighted that four local schools chose to come to Holy Trinity to hold their school carol services or for Christingle making, a tour of the church and Advent activities. Our Crib Service with Christingles on Christmas Eve continues to be very well supported. Through these Advent and Christmas services and events we welcomed over 700 children to the church.

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We also had a magical time at All Hallows' Eve. We filled the church with candlelight and carved pumpkins with Christian symbols, with the pathway also lit with candles hanging from trees, lanterns and pumpkins. We welcomed approximately 80-90 children into our church.

During the summer holidays we provided two 'fun days' for the local community in our church, hall and garden, with a range of activities for children of all ages.

Helping those in need is a demonstration of our faith. During the year we have raised money for Embrace, Harp, Safer Places, Christian Aid and the Children's Society.

Following on from the great support for the Southend Foodbank, we have continued regularly supporting them with ongoing collections of food from the congregation with a carboy available for those who wish to donate cash. This has been very well supported.

We also have a website, an email newsletter, and a Facebook page. Together with the What's On leaflet distributed at services each week, these keep our parishioners and wider community informed of the important matters affecting our church and articles that help develop our knowledge and trust in Jesus.

### ***Church fabric***

As noted in the Quinquennial Inspection of May 2022, the church building is in good condition. As a result, only minor repairs were necessary in 2024. These included the repair of a lightning conductor, with maintenance work to roofing and rainwater goods carried out in early 2025.

The Church Hall was regularly used both by the church and by outside groups. During the week, in addition to the Tuition Pod, the hall was hired by Active Lives for multiple sessions per week and Everyone Health. The hall was also used weekly by Guides, Rainbows, and Brownies. The PCC discussed the best way of securing the long-term future of the church hall, as it continues to need major improvements. The lobbies to the hall, including the flat roofs to the lobbies, were renovated in 2024. The PCC is very grateful to a group of local volunteers who carried out vital maintenance work, including to the hall's rainwater goods. The group also made major improvements to the church hall garden and to areas of the churchyard near to the hall.

The School House is tenanted under a Fixed Term (12 months) Tenancy Agreement. Maintenance costs have been minor in recent years but the PCC noted that significant work will be needed in 2025, including to the windows.

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### ***Social***

The Wednesday coffee morning follows the 10am Holy Communion and continues to be well attended. Lent Lunches are held in church from Ash Wednesday throughout Lent, with all donations going to Christian Aid.

We are delighted that many of our social activities through the year are shared with our friends from St Mary's North Shoebury. These include:

- quarterly 'Saintly Strollers' walks around our parishes, including a visit to Southchurch Hall;
- a barbecue at the Rectory;
- a bring and share Harvest supper; and
- Hymns and Pimms at St Mary's.

### ***Deanery Synod***

Two members of the PCC sit on the Southend Deanery Synod. This provides the PCC with a link with the churches around us and with the Diocese as a whole. It also receives reports from the General Synod.

Deanery Synod meetings are held up to three times a year, chaired by the Area Dean, Revd. Canon Louise Williams. The June 2024 meeting was held at Holy Trinity Southchurch, and the speaker was the Diocesan Chief Executive Officer who explained the Diocesan finances, including the importance of giving, the Parish Share, and the costs of a stipendiary vicar. In November the Synod held its meeting at St Peter's, Westcliff, and the guest was the Director of the Chelmsford Diocesan Board of Education, which supports C of E schools, including St Mary's School, Prittlewell.

### ***Safeguarding***

Holy Trinity takes seriously its responsibility to protect and safeguard the welfare of all its congregation. Safeguarding is on the agenda of each PCC meeting, and PCC members, as charity trustees, are required to familiarise themselves with church policy documents, to undertake Safeguarding training and have a DBS check every three years. The Parish Safeguarding Officer (PSO) arranged for DBS checks for several PCC members to be renewed in the past year.

The PSO completed the Safer Recruitment course on Zoom and arranged Safeguarding training for members of the congregation who volunteered to help with the new Toddler group, school visits and school carol services. The parish safeguarding policy was reviewed and agreed by the PCC. This and other safeguarding information is on display in the church, church hall, and on our website. Two matters of safeguarding concern were raised in the past year, and advice sought from the Diocesan Safeguarding Team with no further action needed.

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### ***Pastoral care***

Some members of our parish are unable to attend church due to sickness or age. Church members who have requested to celebrate communion at their home, are visited regularly.

We maintain a GDPR compliant pastoral contact list, which enables us to be more intentional with our pastoral care. It also allows people to tell us exactly how they would like to be contacted and supported. Everyone who provided consent in the parish has received regular contact throughout the year through email, telephone call, or letter. We are unable to provide pastoral care without explicit consent.

Our fortnightly e-newsletter for all who would like to receive it, maintaining contact with parishioners.

### ***Financial review***

During 2024, expenditure was up, and income down. However if it were not for the £50,000 legacy we received in 2023, income would be very slightly up. Total receipts on unrestricted funds were £87,274 of which £43,673 was voluntary income from parishioners, including £10,444 from Gift Aid. Unrestricted donations of £8,293 were received, and restricted donations of £2,805 were also received, these were given towards various charities and appeals. The School House provided an income of £7,356.

Of the voluntary income, £29,992 was through the Parish Giving Scheme (PGS), which also collected £7,498 of the Gift Aid we received. The PGS is now our largest form of regular income.

The amount raised by fundraising was £1,872, down from £2,362 in 2023.

The parish share in 2024 was £48,500, which we paid in full. Expenditure on the church building was £3,610, up from £602 in 2023.

Other expenditure was generally as those of 2023, with £90,637 spent on activities relating to the work of the church, £3,586 donations given to other charities, £1,609 on church administration, and £2,576 on redecorations etc to the Rectory.

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### **Reserves policy**

The policy of the PCC is:

- to keep a working balance of approximately 3 months' expenditure in a current account;
- to maintain a deposit account for medium term projects and expenditure;
- to invest long term investments (those intended for a minimum of 5 years) in the CBF Church of England Investment Fund.

### **Structure, governance and management**

The Parochial Church Council is a corporate body established by the Church of England. The PCC operates under the Parochial Church Council Powers Measure. The method of appointment of PCC members is set out in the Church Representation Rules. The Council comprises the Incumbent, the Churchwardens, those elected to the Deanery Synod, and other members who are elected at the Annual Parochial Church Meeting. All those who attend our services/members of the congregation are encouraged to register on the electoral roll and are eligible to stand for election to the PCC.

The PCC members are responsible for making decisions on all matters of general concern and importance to the parish, including deciding on how the funds of the PCC are to be spent.

The full PCC met 9 times during the year with an average level of attendance of 90%.

Additionally, the PCC has appointed members to manage and report to them on specific matters, both forming permanent items on each PCC meeting agenda:

- Safeguarding Jenny Butler
- Health & Safety Churchwardens.

All contractors working in or on the church and church hall, and hirers of the church or hall, are required to comply with both our Health & Safety Policy and our Safeguarding Policy, which follow the guidance and requirements of our Diocese.

The minutes of PCC meetings are available to be read by anyone on the electoral roll upon request.

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### **Administrative information**

Holy Trinity Church is situated in Southchurch Boulevard, Southend-on-Sea. It is part of the Bradwell Episcopal Area, Southend Archdeaconry, Southend Deanery and the Diocese of Chelmsford, within the Church of England. The PCC is a body corporate (PCC Powers Measure 1956 and the Church Representation Rules 2022) and a Charity excepted from registration with the Charity Commission.

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PCC members who have served from 1st January 2024 until the date this report was approved were:

#### **Ex officio members:**

Incumbent: The Revd Claire Abraham (Installed April 2024)

Churchwardens: Linda Wonnacott  
Jane Payn

Deanery Synod Rep: Jenny Butler (Elected for a three-year term ending May 2026)

#### **Elected members**

*For a three-year period ending May 2025*

Pearl Bailey

Richard Mantell

Paul Schurer Treasurer to the PCC

*For a three-year period ending May 2026*

Jan Axcell

Rosemary Humphrey

Sandra Evans LLM (Co-opted June 2024)

Michael Penry (Co-opted November 2024)

Approved by the PCC on 23<sup>rd</sup> April 2025 and signed on its behalf by:



Revd. Claire Abraham (Chair)



Paul Schurer (Treasurer)

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#### **INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF HOLY TRINITY SOUTHCHURCH**

**Year ended 31 December 2024**

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I report on the accounts of the Trust for the year ended 31 December 2024, which are set out on pages 11 to 17.

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

As the charity trustees (the member of the Parochial Church Council) 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 all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

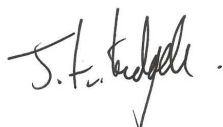
#### **Independent examiner's statement**

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:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the Trust as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do 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.

J K Kidgell ACA CTA  
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Westcliff-on-Sea  
Essex  
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23 April 2025

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### STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

Year ended 31 December 2024

|  | Note | General Fund<br>£ | Restricted Funds<br>£ | Total 2024<br>£ | Total 2023<br>£ |
|--|------|-------------------|-----------------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| <b>Incoming resources</b>  |      |                   |                       |                 |                 |
| Voluntary income from parishioners   | 1(a) | 43,673            | -                     | 43,673          | 40,679          |
| Other voluntary incoming resources   | 1(b) | 10,165            | 2,970                 | 13,135          | 61,429          |
| Incoming resources from operating activities to further the Council's objectives | 1(c) | 21,101            | -                     | 21,101          | 23,333          |
| Income from investment   | 1(d) | 12,335            | 123                   | 12,458          | 10,836          |
| <b>Total incoming resources</b>  |      | <b>87,274</b>     | <b>3,093</b>          | <b>90,367</b>   | <b>136,277</b>  |
| <b>Resources expended</b>  |      |                   |                       |                 |                 |
| Activities directly relating to the work of the church                           | 2(a) | 50,154            | 40,483                | 90,637          | 78,239          |
| Grants and donations   | 2(b) | -                 | 6,279                 | 6,279           | 2,794           |
| Costs of generating funds  | 2(c) | -                 | 441                   | 441             | 285             |
| Church administration  | 2(d) | 38                | 1,571                 | 1,609           | 1,210           |
| <b>Total resources expended</b>  |      | <b>50,192</b>     | <b>48,774</b>         | <b>98,966</b>   | <b>82,528</b>   |
| <b>Net incoming / (outgoing)</b>   |      | <b>37,082</b>     | <b>(45,681)</b>       | <b>(8,599)</b>  | <b>53,749</b>   |
| Gains on investment assets on revaluation  |      | 11,228            | -                     | 11,228          | 34,976          |
| <b>Net movements in funds</b>  |      | <b>48,310</b>     | <b>(45,681)</b>       | <b>2,629</b>    | <b>88,725</b>   |
| Balances brought forward<br>At 1 January 2024                                    |      | 479,087           | 63,112                | 542,199         | 453,474         |
| Transfers between funds  |      | -                 | -                     | -               | -               |
| <b>Balances carried forward at<br/>31 December 2024</b>                          |      | <b>527,397</b>    | <b>17,431</b>         | <b>544,828</b>  | <b>542,199</b>  |

The notes on pages 14 to 17 form part of these financial statements.

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### BALANCE SHEET

Year ended 31 December 2024

|   | Note | 2024<br>£      | 2023<br>£      |
|---|------|----------------|----------------|
| <b>Fixed assets</b>                                     |      |                |                |
| Tangible fixed assets                                   | 4    | 364,264        | 356,077        |
| Investment assets                                       | 5    | 135,913        | 132,872        |
|   |      | <u>500,177</u> | <u>488,949</u> |
| <b>Current assets</b>                                   |      |                |                |
| Tax recoverable   | 6    | 785            | 839            |
| Debtors and prepayments                                 | 7    | 3,875          | 3,276          |
| Cash at bank and in hand                                | 8    | 40,792         | 49,514         |
|   |      | <u>45,452</u>  | <u>53,629</u>  |
| <b>Creditors: - amounts falling due within one year</b> | 9    | (801)          | (379)          |
| <b>Net current assets</b>                               |      | 44,651         | 53,250         |
| <b>Total assets less current liabilities</b>            | 10   | <u>544,828</u> | <u>542,199</u> |
| <b>Represented by:</b>                                  |      |                |                |
| General Fund  |      | 527,397        | 479,087        |
| Restricted Funds  | 11   | 17,431         | 63,112         |
|   |      | <u>544,828</u> | <u>542,199</u> |

The financial statements on pages 11 to 17 were approved by the Parochial Church Council on 23 April 2025 and were signed on its behalf by:

Revd. Claire Abraham (Chair)



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### ACCOUNTING POLICIES

#### Year ended 31 December 2024

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The accounts (financial statements) have been prepared under the Church Accounting Regulations 2006 together with Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard for Smaller Entities (FRSSE), and the Charities Act 2011 and applicable regulations. The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention except for investment assets which are shown at market value. The financial statements include all transactions, assets and liabilities for which the PCC is responsible in law. They do not include the accounts of church groups that operate independently and/or owe their main affiliation to another body nor those that are informal gatherings of Church members.

#### **Funds**

The unrestricted funds of the PCC are not subject to any restrictions regarding their use and are available for application for the general purposes of the PCC.

The restricted funds of the PCC are subject to restrictions imposed by the donee at the time the funds were given to the PCC.

The financial statements include transactions, assets and liabilities for which the PCC is responsible in law. They do not include the accounts of church groups that owe their main affiliation to another body or those that are informal gatherings of church members.

#### **Incoming resources**

Collections are recognised when received by or on behalf of the PCC. Planned giving receivable under Gift Aid is recognised when received from the parishioner. The income tax recoverable on these Gift Aid donations is recognised at the same time as the underlying donation.

The PCC is a member of the Parish Giving Scheme (PGS). The PGS is a separate charity that receives giving on behalf of the PCC by direct debit, and returns the giving to the PCC together with any Gift Aid. The amounts returned to the PCC are included in 1(a) as 'Planned giving under Gift Aid', or 'Other planned giving' as appropriate. Similarly the Gift Aid claimed by the PGS and returned to the PCC is included 1(a) as 'Income Tax recoverable on Gift Aid'.

Grants and legacies to the PCC are accounted for as soon as the PCC is notified of its legal entitlement, the amount due is quantifiable and its ultimate receipt by the PCC is reasonably certain. Funds raised from activities to further the council's objectives are accounted for gross of expenses met by the PCC. Dividends and interest are included on the receipts basis.

#### **Resources expended**

Expenditures is accounted for on an accruals basis. Grants and donations are accounted for in the accounting period in which approved.

#### **Fixed assets**

##### *Consecrated land and buildings and moveable church furnishings*

Consecrated and beneficed property is excluded from the accounts by S.10(2)(a) and (c) of the Charities Act 2011. Moveable church furnishings held by the Rector and Churchwardens on special trust for the PCC and which require a faculty for disposal, are accounted for as inalienable property unless consecrated. All expenditure in the year on consecrated or beneficed buildings and moveable church furnishings, whether maintenance or improvement, is written off as incurred.

##### *Tangible fixed assets*

The tangible fixed assets, comprises the School House and the Church Hall. The School House is stated at its insurance valuation and is revalued annually. The PCC consider the insurance valuation to be approximately equal to the open market value of the property.

The Church Hall is stated at a nominal valuation as significant costs are involved in assessing its value in continuing use to the PCC. These costs are considered onerous compared to the additional benefit derived by users of the accounts in assessing the PCC's stewardship of the Church Hall.

##### *Investment assets*

Investments are stated at their market value, and are revalued annually.

##### *Other equipment*

All equipment used by the PCC is depreciated on a straight line basis over 4 years. Individual items of equipment with a purchase price of £1,000 or less are written off in the period in which the asset is acquired.

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### NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Year ended 31 December 2024

| <b>I. INCOMING RESOURCES</b>  | <b>General Fund<br/>£</b> | <b>Restricted Funds<br/>£</b> | <b>Total 2024<br/>£</b> | <b>Total 2023<br/>£</b> |
|---|---------------------------|-------------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|
| <b>(a) Voluntary income from parishioners</b>   |                           |                               |                         |                         |
| Planned giving under Gift Aid   | 31,452                    | -                             | 31,452                  | 29,238                  |
| Income tax recoverable on Gift Aid  | 10,444                    | -                             | 10,444                  | 9,966                   |
| Other planned giving  | 1,777                     | -                             | 1,777                   | 1,475                   |
| Collections at services   | -                         | -                             | -                       | -                       |
|   | <b>43,673</b>             | <b>-</b>                      | <b>43,673</b>           | <b>40,679</b>           |
| <b>(b) Other voluntary incoming resources</b>   |                           |                               |                         |                         |
| Donations, appeals, etc   | 8,293                     | 2,805                         | 11,098                  | 7,652                   |
| Legacies  | -                         | -                             | -                       | 50,000                  |
| Grant income  | -                         | 165                           | 165                     | 1,415                   |
| Fundraising   | 1,872                     | -                             | 1,872                   | 2,362                   |
|   | <b>10,165</b>             | <b>2,970</b>                  | <b>13,135</b>           | <b>61,429</b>           |
| <b>(c) Incoming resources from operating activities to further the Council's objectives</b> |                           |                               |                         |                         |
| Church Hall and Church rents  | 14,694                    | -                             | 14,684                  | 17,861                  |
| Fees paid to the PCC  | 6,407                     | -                             | 6,407                   | 5,472                   |
|   | <b>21,101</b>             | <b>-</b>                      | <b>21,101</b>           | <b>23,333</b>           |
| <b>(d) Income from investments</b>  |                           |                               |                         |                         |
| Dividends   | 4,635                     | 123                           | 4,758                   | 2,905                   |
| Rent  | 7,700                     | -                             | 7,700                   | 7,660                   |
| Other interest receivable   | -                         | -                             | -                       | 271                     |
|   | <b>12,335</b>             | <b>123</b>                    | <b>12,458</b>           | <b>10,836</b>           |
| <b>Total incoming resources</b>   | <b>87,274</b>             | <b>3,093</b>                  | <b>90,367</b>           | <b>136,277</b>          |

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| <b>2. RESOURCES EXPENDED</b>                                      | <b>General Fund<br/>£</b> | <b>Restricted Funds<br/>£</b> | <b>Total 2024<br/>£</b> | <b>Total 2023<br/>£</b> |
|---|---------------------------|-------------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|
| <b>(a) Activities directly relating to the work of the church</b> |                           |                               |                         |                         |
| Parish Share  | 48,500                    | -                             | 48,500                  | 49,500                  |
| Expenses of Ministry – Clergy expenses                            | -                         | -                             | -                       | -                       |
| Power, insurance and cleaning                                     | (80)                      | 14,735                        | 14,655                  | 12,744                  |
| Church repairs and renewals                                       | -                         | 3,610                         | 3,610                   | 602                     |
| Upkeep of services  | -                         | 3,992                         | 3,992                   | 2,376                   |
| Church Hall running expenses                                      | -                         | 2,395                         | 2,395                   | 3,891                   |
| Church Hall repairs and renewals                                  | -                         | 7,905                         | 7,905                   | 1,054                   |
| School House repairs and renewals                                 | (4)                       | 344                           | 340                     | 425                     |
| Rectory expenses  | -                         | 2,576                         | 2,576                   | 182                     |
| Director of Music, choristers, locum priest, organist             | 1,738                     | 4,926                         | 6,664                   | 7,465                   |
|   | 50,154                    | 40,483                        | 90,637                  | 78,239                  |
| <b>(b) Grants and donations</b>                                   |                           |                               |                         |                         |
| Missionary services   | -                         | 3,586                         | 3,586                   | 2,794                   |
| Relief and development  | -                         | 2,693                         | 2,693                   | -                       |
|   | -                         | 6,279                         | 6,279                   | 2,794                   |
| <b>(c) Cost of generating funds</b>                               |                           |                               |                         |                         |
| Fund raising expenses   | -                         | 441                           | 441                     | 285                     |
| <b>(d) Church administration</b>                                  |                           |                               |                         |                         |
| Stationery printing and administrative expenses                   | 38                        | 1,571                         | 1,609                   | 1,080                   |
| Photocopier maintenance   | -                         | -                             | -                       | 130                     |
|   | 38                        | 1,571                         | 1,609                   | 1,210                   |
| <b>Total resources expended</b>                                   | 50,192                    | 48,774                        | 98,966                  | 82,528                  |

| <b>3. STAFF COSTS</b> | <b>2024<br/>£</b> | <b>2023<br/>£</b> |
|-----------------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| Director of Music     | 3,695             | 3,550             |
| Choristers            | 440               | 125               |
| Licenced Lay Minister | 106               | 64                |
| Verger                | -                 | -                 |
| Locum Priest          | 1,938             | 3,256             |
| Locum Organist        | 485               | 470               |
|                       | 6,664             | 7,465             |

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#### 4. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

|   | 2024<br>£ | 2023<br>£ |
|---|-----------|-----------|
| <b>The School House</b>                     |           |           |
| Valuation at 1 January 2024                 | 356,076   | 331,850   |
| Revaluation in the year                     | 8,187     | 24,226    |
| Valuation at 31 December 2024               | 364,263   | 356,076   |
| <b>The Church Hall</b>                      |           |           |
| Valuation at 1 January and 31 December 2024 | 1         | 1         |
| <b>Total</b>                                | 364,264   | 356,077   |

The freehold land and buildings represent the School House and the Church Hall.

#### 5. INVESTMENT ASSETS

|                               |         |         |
|-------------------------------|---------|---------|
| Valuation at 1 January 2024   | 132,872 | 97,122  |
| Addition                      | -       | 25,000  |
| Revaluation in the year       | 3,041   | 10,750  |
| Valuation at 31 December 2024 | 135,913 | 132,872 |

#### 6. TAX RECOVERABLE

The amount shown as tax recoverable has been reclaimed from HM Revenue & Customs.

#### 7. DEBTORS AND PREPAYMENTS

|               |       |       |
|---------------|-------|-------|
| Other debtors | -     | 275   |
| Prepayments   | 3,875 | 3,001 |
|               | 3,875 | 3,276 |

#### 8. CASH AT BANK

|  |        |        |
|--|--------|--------|
| CBF Deposit Account                    | 23,493 | 19,804 |
| The Cooperative Bank – current account | 17,299 | 29,208 |
| Other current accounts                 | -      | -      |
| Cash in hand                           | -      | 502    |
|  | 40,792 | 49,514 |

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| 9. CREDITORS - DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR | 2024  | 2023  |
|------------------------------------|-------|-------|
|                                    | £     | £     |
| Creditors                          | -     | -     |
| Accrued expenses                   | 801   | 379   |
|                                    | <hr/> | <hr/> |
|                                    | 801   | 379   |

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| 10. ANALYSIS OF NET ASSETS BY FUND | General Fund | Restricted Funds | Total 2024 | Total 2023 |
|------------------------------------|--------------|------------------|------------|------------|
|                                    | £            | £                | £          | £          |
| Fixed assets                       | 500,177      | -                | 500,177    | 488,949    |
| Current assets                     | 28,021       | 17,431           | 45,452     | 53,629     |
| Creditors due within one year      | (801)        | -                | (801)      | (379)      |
|                                    | <hr/>        | <hr/>            | <hr/>      | <hr/>      |
| Net assets                         | 527,397      | 17,431           | 544,828    | 542,199    |

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#### II. FUND DETAILS

The Restricted Funds at 31 December 2024 of £17,431 (2023 - £63,112) are held for the following purposes:

##### *Church buildings*

Held for the maintenance and upkeep of the fabric of the Church buildings. Balance at 31 December 2024 £4,721 (2023- £8,472 )

##### *Choir and Church Music*

Held to provide music at church services. Balance at 31 December 2024 £6,082 (2023 - £6,212)

##### *Whickman Legacy*

Held for any purpose other than paying the parish share. Balance at 31 December 2024 £6,628 (2023 - £48,428)

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