

**Trustees Annual Report and Financial Report**  
**The Parochial Church Council of St Andrew's Church,**  
**Alfriston with Lullington**  
**For the year ended 31 December 2024**

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**Incumbent:** Reverend Prebendary Stephen Stuckes, The Rectory,  
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**Independent Examiner:** Mr Paul Strickland, Rose Cottage, North Street,  
Alfriston, BN26 5QU

**Bankers:** Barclays Bank plc.

**Charity Registration No:** 1185209

## **St. Andrew's Church, Alfriston with Lullington**

### **Trustees Annual Report for the year ended 31 December 2024**

St Andrew's PCC has the responsibility for working with the incumbent, Reverend Prebendary Stephen Stuckes, and the Ministry Team in promoting in the ecclesiastical parish the whole mission of the Church, pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical.

### **Structure, governance and management of the charity**

The Parochial Church Council (PCC) is registered with the Charity Commission as required by the Charities Act 2011. Its governing document is the Parochial Church Councils (Powers) Measure 1956. Charity Registration No 1185209.

When carrying out its duties the PCC and the incumbent give consideration to the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit and, particularly, the specific guidance on 'charities for the advancement of religion'.

Members/ Trustees of the PCC are either ex officio or elected by the annual parochial church meeting in accordance with the Church Representation rules

During the year the following served as members of the PCC and trustees of the charity:

The Incumbent: Reverend Prebendary Stephen Stuckes, the Chairman.

The churchwardens: William Rendall and Sylvia Daw.

The elected members/trustees from the APCM 2024 were Nigel Baelz, Paul Duenas, Jane Ellis, Pauline Kennard, Diana Monteath-Wilson, Rodney Young (Treasurer), Patrick Stevens (deputy churchwarden), Jonathan Porter. Paul Wright had been an elected member/trustee until he resigned April 2024.

The ex-officio members were the Ministry Team, Revd. Christyan James (Associate Priest), Revd. Damien Brennan (Curate) and Kelly Ellis (Pastoral Minister).

Pauline Kennard served as Secretary to the PCC.

### **Committees**

The Restoration and Fabric Sub-Committee, responsible to the PCC, raises funds for the restoration of the church and oversees the maintenance and development of the building along with the church wardens

The Standing Committee consists of the Rector, Churchwardens the Treasurer and the PCC Secretary. It has power to transact the business of the PCC between its meetings, subject to any directions given by the PCC.

### **Church attendance.**

At the Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM) held on 21 April 2024, it was reported that there were 113 parishioners on the church electoral roll, an overall decrease of one from that reported at the previous APCM. It is to be noted the church electoral roll has to be entirely reconstituted in 2025, which has been done and will be reported on in 2026.

During 2024 average church attendance on Sundays remained at somewhere between 50 and 60 for normal services but with considerably increased numbers for Christmas, Easter and other major festivals and special services.

There remains a small number of generally older parishioners who prefer to attend the midweek morning Eucharist, changed from Wednesdays to Thursdays during 2024, rather than the Sunday service, but the number of such communicants remains at between four and six.

Of particular note was the remarkable attendance at the Christingle service for children and their parents, grandparents and others on the afternoon of Christmas Eve when the church was packed with at least 300 children and their relatives. It is clear that this service draws attendance from a far wider area than just the Cuckmere churches parishes and includes a considerable number of people who regard the service as their principle act of worship for Christmas, regardless of whether they have children or grandchildren involved.

There were a number of special services and worthy of mention are the service for All Souls, a Choral Evensong provided by the choir and organist of Chichester Cathedral, presided over by Bishop Martin and the service of lessons and carols prior to Christmas which were all well attended.

The monthly summer services held at the Church of the Good Shepherd at Lullington continued to be popular and well-attended in 2024 and the Easter morning and Advent Lantern services attracted an attendance of 25 and 60 respectively.

There were again seven weddings and services of blessing for marriages held in St Andrew's in 2024 and the Church of the Good Shepherd at Lullington continues to attract those couples wanting a smaller wedding venue, with two marriages and one service of blessing for a marriage being carried out there.

The Parish continues to attract a considerable number of betrothed couples looking for a traditional church wedding and there are a number of bookings for weddings in both the churches of St Andrew's and that of the Good Shepherd in 2025. It is gratifying that a number of couples who were married in St Andrew's continue to regularly worship here.

### **Review of the year.**

The PCC met 4 times during 2024 with the Standing Committee continuing to take a more active role in the day-to-day management of the church and the ecclesiastical parish affairs.

The PCC is very conscious of its role in reaching out to the less fortunate and continues to actively support Christian Aid. Funds have been made available to enable more charitable work to be carried out.

St Andrew's has for a long time been a supporter of our local Families Support group run by Chichester Diocese for the benefit of families in the diocese in need of support. Under the leadership of Maria Armstrong, the parish continues to be a substantial supporter

with regular donations of groceries and other supplies but also very considerable Christmas gifts and Easter eggs.

St Andrew's continues to attract a very large number of tourist visitors each year, drawn by its history and picturesque location on a mound by a loop in the Cuckmere River with the green of the Tye in the front of it. The PCC attempts to accommodate the visitors as much as possible by keeping the church open during daylight hours and conducting occasional guided visits but continues to look for ways to improve the experience for visitors.

The hugely popular South Downs Summer Music Festival continues to be centred round the church for a week in July and there are an increasing number of organisers of musical concerts making use of the excellent acoustics that the church offers. This is something that the church is actively seeking to encourage as both a source of income and as an artistic benefit for the community.

### **Mission and Evangelism**

The Ministry of the Church has remained active and strong during the recent year. It is to be noted that the Ministry team successfully sustained the worship and church life of the benefice during the sabbatical leave of the Rector during the year. The next year will likely be a year of change given that Damien Brennan completes his Curacy in the summer. We engage people through every activity from the choir, which continues to attract new members, to the support of the South Downs Summer Music Festival, where we meet many hundreds of people. Without churches of any other faith in the Benefice we are regarded as 'The Church' and our Ministry is sought even by those without faith.

### **Pastoral Ministry**

Several key church members have 'gone to glory' recently but we continue to engage with and attract new members whilst giving thanks for those who have gone before us. Our ministry to couples seeking marriage is significant given that many of them require a 'Qualifying Connection' meaning they attend church for six months prior to the wedding. This results in some couples forming a deeper connection and especially returning for Baptisms of children subsequently born. All members of the Ministry team engage in pastoral ministry but Pastoral Minister Kelly Ellis takes the lead, especially with the Alfriston primary school. The school children attended for Christmas and Easter services and Kelly was asked to take the Easter service at St Andrew's Preparatory School Eastbourne.

### **Music and the choir**

St Andrew's is fortunate in having the services of David Ollosson as both church organist and choir master. The year has seen a pleasing growth in choir membership with a nice balance of soprano, alto, tenor and bass parts. The choir continues to benefit from a group of additional singers who have joined them for various special occasions and to whom they are very grateful. The choir repertoire has also expanded with an anthem now being sung at all Sunday morning services. Highlights of the year included singing at a Patronal Festival Evensong at Folkington in June, the All Souls' Evensong at St Andrew's in October,

and the Carol Service in December. Thanks to a generous donation, it has also been possible to purchase additional copies of our standard repertoire making it easier to provide for new members.

### **Bellringing**

St Andrew's Bellringing band have managed to ring all 6 bells at the majority of Sunday services and at all the weddings where bells have been requested despite only having a limited number of ringers. As there are only 9 members in our band we are dependent on ringers from local towers to make up the bands for wedding ringing and to help at practises. Sadly, Mary Burr, one of the band, passed away just before Christmas. She had been a great support in the teaching of new recruits. It is important that more recruits are found and trained in order for the bells to continue ringing at this tower and practice times will be arranged to suit those not available on Monday mornings.

### **The Church of the Good Shepherd, Lullington**

Despite being off the beaten track, the Church of the Good Shepherd at Lullington continues welcome people from our local communities, visitors from the UK, Europe and travellers from around the world. Being part of the Pilgrims Path and being open every day has encouraged people of all ages to enjoy the stunning views, peace and tranquillity, to quote 'a thin space nearer to heaven'. All agree it is a very special place and there has been continued media interest in this unique church and setting.

Despite very unreliable weather during the year, the services were once again blessed with some dry weather and glimpses of sunshine. The candlelit Church was full on Easter Sunday morning and the celebration of the first Sunday of Advent in December concluded with candle light. Evensongs and refreshments on every second Sunday afternoon in the month through the summer were well attended, culminating with Harvest Festival in September. An additional early morning Eucharist Service is now offered on Ascension Day.

In the Churchyard, the variety of young trees and drifts of snowdrops continue to flourish, attracting birds and wildlife. With careful maintenance, the Church of the Good Shepherd and it's surrounds continue to give everyone a special haven of peace.

### **Deanery Synod**

The Deanery Synod provides the PCC with an important link between the parish and the wider structure of the church. Important matters such as church finance are discussed and it remains a forum in which parishes in the Deanery can take matters of concern to further levels of Church Government. Although the Parish has had no formally appointed Deanery Synod representative for the last few years, most meetings are attended by the Rector and one or another of a Churchwarden or the Treasurer. For 2025, our churchwarden, William Rendall, is prepared to be formal deanery synod representative if approved.

## **Church cleaning and decoration**

Members of the Flower Guild provide their skills to ensure that the church is beautifully decorated for all occasions including, frequently for weddings, providing a further source of income for the church.

Monthly in house cleaning sessions by a team of volunteers keep the Church of St Andrew in very good day-to-day order.

## **The fabric of the church building**

The condition of the church remains a concern. The detailed Quinquennial report prepared by the architect in 2021 highlighted the aspects most in need of addressing.

It is disappointing to report again that little progress has been made in 2024 in addressing the most urgent matters. This is because it is considered that the best approach is to combine both the restoration and headline maintenance work required with plans for an overall re-ordering of the church to make it suitable for the needs of the 21<sup>st</sup> century in one overall plan that can be pushed forward as a combined project. Some progress has been made in furthering this ambitious project to combine both the needs of the church in its mission with the more secular needs of the community that it serves. An informal meeting was held with the Diocesan Advisory Committee, which proved to be very supportive of the overall concept and plans. However, a further meeting with other amenity bodies who are considered to be stakeholders in such a project was much less satisfactory and significant reservations were expressed. The Fabric and Restoration sub-committee is considering a number of options to overcome the objections of the amenity societies but it has to be recorded that the opposition to the necessary restoration, reordering and general refurbishment of the Church of St Andrew to both prevent its further deterioration and make it fit to serve both the worshipping and the general community of Alfriston is both disappointing and a significant obstacle preventing progress being made in furtherance of the overall objective.

## **The Friends of St. Andrew's**

The Friends of St Andrew's is an independent charity the purpose of which is to assist in the conservation of the church building with membership drawn from those who are not necessarily churchgoers but who value the building and what it represents. The charity is awaiting the approval and finalisation of the plans for restoration, reordering and refurbishment of the church when it is anticipated that it will take the lead in the major fund-raising drive that will be required.

## **Financial Review**

It is the responsibility of the PCC to ensure that the income, expenditure and financial assets of the parish are prudently managed and applied effectively in support of the mission and objectives set out elsewhere in this report. In addition to the role of honorary treasurer the PCC employs a bookkeeper to look after the records of day to day transactions, making use of accounting software package Xero.

The investment policy of the PCC entails the use of CCLA/CBF funds, mainly the CBF Church of England Fixed Interest Securities Fund, for all the parish's endowment funds. A level of funds sufficient for anticipated day to day activities is maintained in a Barclays current account, backed up by an additional reserve in a Barclays savings account which can be accessed quickly if needed. The remainder of the PCC funds, both restricted and general, are pooled for investment purposes and are placed in 3-6 month short term fixed interest bank deposits via the platform provided by CAF and managed by Flagstone. The income from the bank and CAF accounts is then apportioned among the relevant PCC funds in accordance with the average balances of these funds during the year. This approach enables the PCC to maximise investment income consistent with accessibility and security.

For the year to 31 December 2024 the total receipts on general unrestricted funds totalled £111,322 (2023 £103,638) as detailed in the Accounts section of this Report. The total unrestricted donations and grants received, including legacies, amounted to £75,189 (2022 £63,268) Income from other sources amounted to £22,558 (2023 £27,075) with reductions in income from both fees from wedding and funerals and from other trading income. Grant income of £8651 (2023 £ 24,013) reflects a pause in major fund raising activities while future restoration projects are planned and costed. The parish benefited from a grant of £3,500 from the Diocesan Mission Fund towards the cost of reorganising the benefice's administration and accounting functions to free up more clergy time for ministry.

In 2024 the parish benefited from two generous donations from anonymous donors totalling some £28,500. These donations supported the Rector's Mission Fund , which pays the costs of the Assistant Priest and the Pastoral Minister, and enabled us to continue our aspiration of making annual increases in the proportion of the full PMC that we are able to pay.

It has been the PCC's policy to maintain a minimum balance on the general unrestricted funds equating to approximately three months of unrestricted payments, as a contingency against unforeseen circumstances. However, with the church building of St Andrew's still on the "At Risk" register and given current financial uncertainty it has been deemed prudent to retain a balance well above this level. A further transfer of £1,500 has been set aside for replacement of the St Andrew's boilers, bringing the total of this designated fund to £15,000.

### **Endowment Funds**

The PCC is responsible for eight permanent endowment funds, many long-standing. The largest of these is the Parker Property Fund, valued at £20,487 on 31 December 2024. The other funds are much smaller.

The PCC is reviewing these funds in the light of the Charities Act 2022, which allows the PCC, subject to certain conditions, to pass a resolution enabling access to the capital of permanent endowment funds valued at less than £25,000. The Parker endowment was established by a bequest, with the income to be used to maintain the fabric of St Andrew's. The income is modest, and the church is currently in need of extensive repairs and

restoration. In these circumstances the PCC considers that the objectives of the testator can more effectively be met if the capital can be used to part fund these repairs. The PCC adopted the appropriate resolution in December 2024 and this will be actioned in 2025.

### **Sharing the Ministry Costs of the Diocese of Chichester**

The largest expenditure of the PCC was the sum of £44,763 (2023 £40,845) paid to the Diocese of Chichester for our share of all churches Parish Ministry Costs. This amount covers the housing, stipend and pension costs of the clergy and also a standard sum for diocesan central costs, clergy training and a contribution to national church funds. The PCC's aim is to progressively increase our contribution to the parish's allocated share of these costs which, in common with many other parishes, we do not currently meet in full. For the 2024 year we met approximately 85% of our allocated share (2023 80%).

### **Staff Costs**

In 2023 the PCC employed a Parish Administrator, and a Pastoral Minister. For 2024 the Administrator role was divided into the separate roles of Administrator and Bookkeeper. The salaries for these new roles are reflected in the note 5 to the accounts. In addition, during 2024, the costs of the Associate Priest have been paid to the Diocese. These costs, and the salary of the Pastoral Minister are met from the restricted Rector's Mission Fund. Further details are provided in the notes to the accounts.

### **Trustee payments and expenses**

The PCC also supported the clergy by paying council tax, water charges and some minor rectory expenses. In the year the rector claimed expenses of £1,354, bringing the total rectory and rector's expenses to £5,712 (2023 £4,965).

The only elected member of the PCC receiving payments in connection with the church was the Bookkeeper. There were no payments to persons related to or connected with the trustees.

### **Risk management**

The PCC consider that the principal risks and uncertainties are:

- The need to fund unexpected costs associated with the churches listed buildings
- An unexpected fall in income, particularly, given the dependence of the church on a limited number of major regular donors
- The requirement to find volunteers and staff with the appropriate skills, time and commitment to support the ministry of the congregation

The PCC seeks to manage these risks and uncertainties by regularly reviewing its mission action plan and its plans for the use of the church buildings.

**The trustees annual report was approved by the PCC and signed on their behalf by Reverend Prebendary Stephen Stuckes**

Signed: S. Stuckes Date: 6 / 3 / 25



**The Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish  
of St Andrew's Church, Alfriston with Lullington**

Registered Charity no.1185209

**For the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> December 2024**

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# Statement of Financial Activities

	Unrestricted Fund	Restricted Fund/s	Endowed Fund/s	Total Funds 2024	Total Funds 2023	Notes
	£	£	£	£	£	
<b>Income and endowments from:</b>						
Donations and legacies	75,189	27,507	-	102,696	100,074	
Charitable activities	6,868	-	-	6,868	8,791	
Other trading activities	15,690	-	-	15,690	18,284	
Investments	9,610	3,972	1,864	15,445	13,138	
Other receipts	3,965	-	-	3,965	4,559	
<b>Total income</b>	<b>111,322</b>	<b>31,479</b>	<b>1,864</b>	<b>144,664</b>	144,845	2
<b>Expenditure on:</b>				-		
Raising funds	830	-	-	830	1,016	
Charitable activities	87,163	29,896	990	118,049	110,380	
Other trading activities	9,510	-	267	9,777	9,991	
Other expenditure	7,527	-	174	7,701	10,646	
<b>Total expenditure</b>	<b>105,030</b>	<b>29,896</b>	<b>1,431</b>	<b>136,357</b>	132,034	3
Net gains (or losses) on investments	-	-	1,552	1,552	3,323	8
<b>Net income or (net expenditure)</b>	<b>6,292</b>	<b>1,583</b>	<b>1,984</b>	<b>9,860</b>	16,135	
<b>Transfers between funds (net effect) and funds introduced</b>	-	434	(434)	-	17,157	7
	6,292	2,017	1,550	9,860	33,292	
<b>Other recognised gains/(losses):</b>						
Other gains/(losses) on investments	-	-			-	
<i>Reconciliation of funds:</i>						
<b>Net movement in funds</b>	<b>6,292</b>	<b>2,017</b>	<b>1,550</b>	<b>9,860</b>	33,292	
Total funds brought forward	90,658	88,102	56,200	234,961	201,670	
<b>Total funds carried forward</b>	<b>£96,950</b>	<b>£90,119</b>	<b>£57,750</b>	<b>£244,821</b>	£234,961	

## Balance Sheet

	Total Funds 2024	Total Funds 2023	Notes
	£	£	
Intangible assets	-	-	
Tangible assets	-	-	
Heritage assets	-	-	
Endowed investments	57,752	56,201	
<b>Total fixed assets</b>	<b>57,752</b>	<b>56,201</b>	<b>8</b>
Stocks	1,200	1,500	
Debtors	10,800	16,583	10
Investments	-	-	
Cash at bank and in hand	193,953	196,862	
<b>Total current assets</b>	<b>205,953</b>	<b>214,945</b>	
Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year	(12,634)	(23,684)	11
<b>Net current assets or (liabilities)</b>	<b>193,319</b>	<b>191,261</b>	
<b>Total assets less current liabilities</b>	<b>251,071</b>	<b>247,462</b>	
Creditors: Amounts falling due after more than one year	(6,250)	(12,500)	12
Provisions for liabilities	-	-	
<b>Total net assets or (liabilities)</b>	<b>£244,821</b>	<b>£234,962</b>	
<b>The funds of the charity:</b>			
Endowment funds	57,751	56,199	
Restricted income funds	90,119	88,102	
Unrestricted funds	96,950	90,659	
<b>Total charity funds</b>	<b>£244,821</b>	<b>£234,961</b>	<b>13</b>

## Notes to the financial report (continued)- Note 2

### Analysis of income and endowments

	Unrestricted Fund	Restricted Fund/s	Endowed Fund/s	Total Funds 2024	Total Funds 2023
	£	£	£	£	£
Planned Giving	18,754	-	-	18,754	18,015
Donation Box	7,077	-	-	7,077	7,665
Service collections	4,735	-	-	4,735	7,388
General donations	31,765	1,113	-	32,878	22,622
Gift Aid recoverable	5,707	-	-	5,707	4,311
Restoration Income incl Gift Aid	-	45	-	45	60
Rectors Mission Fund incl Gift Aid	-	24,849	-	24,849	15,000
Legacies	-	-	-	-	1,000
Grants	7,151	1,500	-	8,651	24,013
<b>Donations and legacies</b>	<b>£75,189</b>	<b>£27,507</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>£102,696</b>	<b>£100,074</b>
Fees for weddings & funerals	6,868	-	-	6,868	8,791
<b>Charitable activities</b>	<b>£6,868</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>£6,868</b>	<b>£8,791</b>
Music events	7,005	-	-	7,005	7,373
Other fundraising Income	-	-	-	-	390
Flowers	1,850	-	-	1,850	2,225
Cuckmere News adverts	4,800	-	-	4,800	5,166
Stall sales	2,035	-	-	2,035	3,129
<b>Other trading activities</b>	<b>£15,690</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>£15,690</b>	<b>£18,284</b>
Bank & CAF deposit interest	4,210	3,431	-	7,641	6,296
CCLA investment fund dividend	-	-	1,864	1,864	1,037
Chancel Trust Fund income	-	541	-	541	405
Rent from letting of investment property	5,400	-	-	5,400	5,400
<b>Investments</b>	<b>£9,610</b>	<b>£3,972</b>	<b>£1,864</b>	<b>£15,445</b>	<b>£13,138</b>
<b>Other parish contributions to joint benefice costs</b>	<b>3,965</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>3,965</b>	<b>4,559</b>
<b>Total income on all funds</b>	<b>£111,322</b>	<b>£31,479</b>	<b>£1,864</b>	<b>£144,664</b>	<b>£144,845</b>
<b>Increase ( Decrease) in investment values</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>1,552</b>	<b>1,552</b>	<b>3,323</b>
<b>Total income and endowments on all funds</b>	<b>£111,322</b>	<b>£31,479</b>	<b>£3,416</b>	<b>£146,216</b>	<b>£148,168</b>

## Notes to the financial report (continued)- Note 3

### Analysis of Expenditure

	Unrestricted Fund	Restricted Fund/s	Endowed Fund/s	Total Funds 2024	Total Funds 2023	Notes
	£	£	£	£	£	
Fundraising incl Restoration fund	830			830	1,016	
<b>Cost of raising funds</b>	<b>£830</b>			<b>£830</b>	<b>£1,016</b>	
Charitable grants and donations				-	-	4
Rectors Mission Fund		24,048		24,048	16,834	
Diocesan parish share	44,763			44,763	40,845	
Clergy and rectory expenses	5,712			5,712	4,965	
Parish administration	7,926			7,926	6,979	
Service costs	638			638	216	
Insurance	3,554			3,554	3,523	
Utility costs	7,900			7,900	8,329	
Office and misc expenses	3,353			3,353	3,112	
Churchyard and memorial garden	5,088	1,114		6,203	6,513	
St Andrew's church maintenance and cleaning	2,659	1,320	696	4,675	4,106	
The Good Shepherd Maintenance	1,506		294	1,800	1,800	
Restoration project building costs		3,414		3,414	12,156	
Bell restoration project costs		-		-	210	
Governance	-			-	-	
Accountancy and bookkeeping assistance	3,912			3,912	500	
Bank charges and investment fees	154			154	293	
Youth Fund	-			-	-	
<b>Cost of charitable activities</b>	<b>£87,163</b>	<b>£29,896</b>	<b>£990</b>	<b>£118,049</b>	<b>£110,380</b>	
		-	-	-	-	
Cuckmere News and other printing	5,864			5,864	6,297	
Stall costs	984			984	1,364	
Flowers	2,662		267	2,929	2,329	
<b>Cost of other trading activities</b>	<b>£9,510</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>£267</b>	<b>£9,777</b>	<b>£9,991</b>	
<b>Music costs</b>	<b>6,886</b>		<b>174</b>	<b>7,060</b>	<b>9,646</b>	
<b>Lullington cottage maintenance and insurance</b>	<b>641</b>			<b>641</b>	<b>1,000</b>	
<b>Total expended on all funds</b>	<b>£105,030</b>	<b>£29,896</b>	<b>£1,431</b>	<b>£136,357</b>	<b>£132,034</b>	

## Notes to the financial report (continued)

### 4. Missionary and charitable giving:

	Unrestricted Fund	Restricted Fund/s	Endowed Fund/s	Total Funds 2024	Total Funds 2023	Notes
	£	£	£	£	£	
Family Support		-	-	-	265	
Childrens Society	473	-	-	473	470	
	473	-	-	473	735	

### 5. Staff costs

Three members of staff were employed throughout 2024

	Unrestricted Fund	Restricted Fund/s	Endowed Fund/s	Total Funds 2024	Total Funds 2023	Notes
			£			
<b>Remuneration</b>						
Wages and salaries	10,161	11,187	-	21,348	20,325	
Employer social security costs	-	82	-	82	-	
Employer pension costs	-	-	-	-	-	
	10,161	11,269	-	21,430	20,325	

### 6. Governance

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Fund/s	Endowed Fund/s	Total Funds 2024	Total Funds 2023	Notes
	£	£	£	£	£	
Independent examination	-			-	-	
	-	-	-	-	-	

### 7. Transfers between funds

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Fund/s	Endowed Fund/s	Total Funds 2024	Total Funds 2023	Notes
	£	£	£	£	£	
Transfer from unrestricted funds to Boiler designated funds	1,500		-	1,500	-	
	1,500		-	1,500	-	

# Notes to the financial report (continued)

## 8. Fixed Assets

### Investments

	Unrestricted Fund	Restricted Fund/s	Endowed Fund/s	Total Funds 2024
	£	£	£	£
Market value 1 January 2024	-	-	56,200	56,200
Disposals at carrying value	-	-	-	-
Purchases at cost	-	-	-	-
Transfer from other endowments	-	-	-	-
Net gains and revaluation	-	-	1,552	1,552
Market value 31 December 2024	-	-	£57,752	£57,752

# Notes to the financial report (continued)

## 9. Analysis of net assets by fund

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Fund/s	Endowed Fund/s	Total Funds 2024	Total Funds 2023	Notes
	£	£	£	£	£	
Fixed assets			57,752	<b>57,752</b>	56,201	
Stock	1,200	-	-	<b>1,200</b>	1,500	
Current assets (except cash)	7,533	3,266	-	<b>10,800</b>	16,583	
Cash at bank and on deposit	107,614	86,339	-	<b>193,953</b>	196,862	
Current liabilities	(12,120)	(513)	-	<b>(12,634)</b>	(23,684)	
Long term liabilities	(6,250)	-	-	<b>(6,250)</b>	(12,500)	
	<b>£97,977</b>	<b>£89,092</b>	<b>£57,752</b>	<b>£244,821</b>	£234,962	

## 10. Debtors

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Fund/s	Endowed Fund/s	Total Funds 2024	Total Funds 2023	Notes
	£	£	£	£	£	
Accounts receivable	2,599			<b>2,599</b>	4,316	
Gift Aid and VAT recoverable	1,911		-	<b>1,911</b>	6,261	
Prepayments	179	-	-	<b>179</b>	1,160	
Chancel trust funds	-	3,266	-	<b>3,266</b>	4,388	
Accrued Income	2,844			<b>2,844</b>	457	
	<b>£7,533</b>	<b>£3,266</b>	-	<b>£10,800</b>	£16,583	

## 11. Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Fund/s	Endowed Fund/s	Total Funds 2024	Total Funds 2023	Notes
	£	£	£	£	£	
Accruals for utilities and other costs	1,317	-	-	<b>1,317</b>	9,843	
Church collections for charities		513	-	<b>513</b>	470	
Fees paid in advance	690	-	-	<b>690</b>	655	
Income received in advance	6,250	-	-	<b>6,250</b>	7,192	
DBF re Fees	2,663	-	-	<b>2,663</b>	3,524	
Wedding deposits	1,200	-	-	<b>1,200</b>	2,000	
	<b>£12,120</b>	<b>£513</b>	-	<b>£12,634</b>	£23,684	

## 12. Creditors: amounts falling due after more than one year

Deferred income	<b>£6,250</b>	-	-	<b>£6,250</b>	£12,500
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## Notes to the financial report (continued)

### 13. Statement of funds

	Balances b/fwd 1 Jan 2024	Income	Expenditure	Transfers, other gains and losses	Balances c/fwd 31 Dec 2024
	£	£	£	£	£
Parker - Property	20,028	696	(696)	459	20,487
Dr Thomas Beautification	5,299	171	(171)	160	5,459
Penfold Trust- Flowers	2,991	96	(96)	90	3,081
Penfold Trust- Music	5,372	174	(174)	162	5,534
Wimbush Foundation Lullington	9,089	294	(294)	274	9,364
Endowment Fund - AA Baker for Sick and Needy	5,293	171		(11)	5,452
Endowment Fund - Breton for Sick Poor	2,147	69		(4)	2,212
Endowment Fund - Charles Edward Austen Leigh	5,982	194		(13)	6,163
<b>Total of all endowed funds</b>	<b>56,200</b>	<b>1,865</b>	<b>(1,431)</b>	<b>1,117</b>	<b>57,751</b>
Fabric fund	28,368	1,174	-	-	29,542
Memorial Garden	1,092	22	(1,114)	-	(1)
Bell Ringers fund	3,438	564			4,002
Bell Restoration fund	2,641	1,640	-		4,282
Restoration fund	21,125	849	(3,414)		18,560
Lullington fund	3,918	876		-	4,794
Rectors Mission fund	18,453	25,629	(24,048)		20,034
Chancel Trust funds	4,657	541	(1,320)		3,877
Alfriston Charity Fund	4,412	183		434	5,028
<b>Total of all restricted funds</b>	<b>88,102</b>	<b>31,479</b>	<b>(29,896)</b>	<b>434</b>	<b>90,119</b>
General fund	77,158	111,322	(105,030)	(1,500)	81,950
Designated Boiler fund	13,500			1,500	15,000
<b>Total of all unrestricted funds</b>	<b>90,658</b>	<b>111,322</b>	<b>(105,030)</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>96,950</b>
<b>Total funds</b>	<b>£234,961</b>	<b>£144,665</b>	<b>£(136,357)</b>	<b>£1,551</b>	<b>£244,821</b>

# **Independent Examiner's Report to the PCC of St Andrew's Church, Alfriston with Lullington**

**For the year ended 31 December 2024**

This is my report to the Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish (PCC) of St Andrew's Alfriston with Lullington on the annual report for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> December 2022 set out on pages 1 to 17

## **Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner**

The PCC members are responsible for the preparation of the annual reports. The PCC members consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 ("The Charities Act") and that an independent examination is needed.

### **It is my responsibility to:**

1. Examine the accounts under section 145 of the Charities Act,
2. To follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission (under section 145{5}{b} of the Charities Act, and
3. To state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

## **Basis of Independent Examiner's statement**

My examination was carried out in accordance with 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.

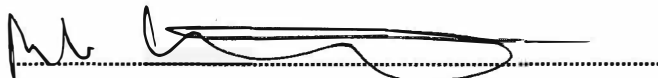
## **Independent Examiner's Statement**

In connection with my examination, no material matters have come to my attention which gives me cause to believe that in any material respect:

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

I 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.

Examiner's signature



Examiner's name

MR PAUL STRICKLAND

Date:

4 / 4 / 2025

Relevant professional qualification{s} or bodies if any: ..... Examiner's

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