

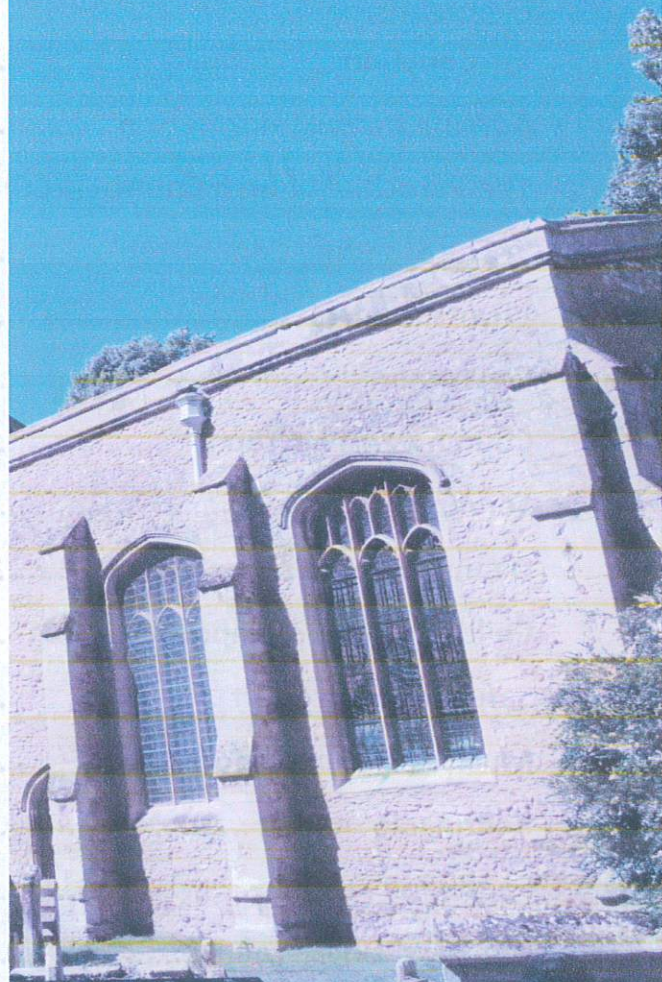
Annual Report 2025

**Report for the Annual
Meeting of Parishioners
and the
Annual Parochial Church
Meeting**

**with the
Financial Report for 2024**

27 April 2025

All Saints Parish Church



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Introduction

The Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM) elects PCC members, Deanery Synod Representatives every third year and sidesmen (and women) for the coming year. It also receives reports on the Electoral Roll, the work of the Parochial Church Council; Fabric, Goods and Ornaments; Church Finances; the Deanery Synod; and other matters of general interest.

The Annual Meeting of Parishioners (AMP) elects the churchwardens for the forthcoming year.

This report summarises the activities of our parish church over the last year. This meeting will give you an opportunity to ask any questions about these activities and about the financial report.

Administrative information

All Saints' Church is situated in St Ives Cambridgeshire and is part of the Church of England Diocese of Ely.

The correspondence address is The Vicarage, Westwood Road, St Ives, Cambridgeshire, PE27 6DH.

The Parochial Church Council is a registered charity (number 1188642).

The Parochial Church Council (PCC)

The PCC has the responsibility for co-operating with the Vicar, in promoting in the ecclesiastical parish the whole mission of the Church, pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical.

The PCC also has financial and maintenance responsibilities for All Saints' Church, the Parish Hall, the surrounding land and the Parish Hall Cottage.

The PCC members who have served from May 2024 until the present are:

Role	Name(s)
Incumbent	The Rev'd Fr Mark Amey (Vicar and Chair)
Churchwardens	Barry Wills (elected at AMP) Callum Dickerson (elected at AMP)
Ex officio members	Canon Simon Kershaw (Diocesan Synod & Vice-Chair) Elaine Midgley (Reader (LLM), Treasurer)
Representatives on the Deanery Synod	Peter Smith (Safeguarding Officer) Verity Trynka-Watson
Electoral Roll Officer and Gift Aid Officer	Janet Parker
Elected members	John Bacon Martin Collier Jackie Greenwood Maureen Haigh Karen Kershaw Deirdre Milner

The Standing Committee

The PCC is supported by the Standing Committee which may meet between full meetings of the PCC. It has the power to transact the business of the PCC between meetings, subject to any directions given by the Council. Its members are:

- The Rev'd Mark Amey (Chair)
- Simon Kershaw (Vice-Chair)
- Barry Wills (Churchwarden)
- Callum Dickerson (Churchwarden)
- Elaine Midgley (Treasurer)

Vicar's report

There is a lot to say and I am aware that for many lunch is looming. So lastly a big THANKS to all who contribute to the life of our parish. Knowing that you do this out of the love of God and not for any material gain or sense of self importance is a good indicator as to the health of the parish. Which is good in so many ways.

There are however two areas of concern that need to be addressed as a matter of priority. First is the financial security of the parish. We survive by virtue of Booze in the Pews. Fundraising is an important factor in our church life but BITP was intended, in the main to support outreach and other initiatives and not paying for the vicar, (through propping up the parish share, this should be the responsibility of the congregation. I know Elaine will talk about this latter so enough said. Last but not least is the attendance at weekday services, especially on holy days. These have never really recovered from the days of Covid-19 restriction and I urge you all to review your commitments and make these a priority based on our Sunday attendance I would like to see both these areas increase by at least fifty percent over the next twelve months. It is an important step to our ability to stand alone as a parish and not face possible calls to merge with others over the years ahead. Just remember that 'With God all things are possible' consequently there is no reason to have despair over these.

As we journey on as an Easter People let our love of God and each other be the motivating factors that we may live up to the claim to be a 'visible and generous people of Jesus Christ'.

Once again THANK YOU and May God bless you all

Fr Mark Amey

Vicar

Electoral roll report

The total number of parishioners on the electoral roll in December 2024 was 96, down from 101 which was due to several reasons.

2025 sees us having to complete a new electoral roll and everyone will have to complete an Application to Register. This takes place every 6 years and it is essential that we all take up our right to be able to vote at the APCM for selection of churchwardens and PCC members and their roles within the PCC.

Janet Parker

Electoral Roll Officer

Churchwardens' report

We began the year as usual with supporting the delivery of the Langley Bread by St Ives United Charities. Along with Bible Dicing following Pentecost, the United Charities support the continuation of a few old traditions of the town, which are found nowhere else, and the church is represented by its two wardens, who are permanent trustees (changing only as the office holder changes).

We have continued with our usual maintenance and cleaning of the church throughout the year, including working with the Town Council to ensure that the churchyard is maintained to a suitable standard. 2024 also saw the completion of the quinquennial inspection. This inspection, which should take place every five years, details the current state of the fabric of the building and lists items requiring attention according to their severity. There are items which need attention however, as is sadly usual, we are limited by cash flow in what we can do. With the sale of the hall on the horizon, the PCC has instructed architects to outline some possibilities for the reordering of the church, which will include some of the remedial works from the inspection.

On the subject of the sale of the hall, we would like to extend our thanks to John Bacon and the Hall Committee who have worked so hard over the years to get us the planning permission for redevelopment of the hall, in order for us to market it (for those who were unaware, as a charity we are legally duty bound to maximise the profit from a sale, hence we were advised to get planning permission to increase the value of the hall before we sold it). We attended the HDC Planning Committee in April to show support for the PCC and hear the council's final decision. Since then, we have supported the necessary work to bring the hall to market.

In May, Callum represented Fr Mark at the annual Mayor Making ceremony, and he has also accompanied Fr Mark at other events such as the Michaelmas Fair. We are aware that with Fr Mark's retirement approaching in the next couple of years, opportunities like this to build connections between the church and local bodies will enable a smooth transition through the interregnum and into the next incumbency.

As usual, we would like to offer our thanks to everyone who is involved in the day-to-day running of the church. As custodians of the building, it is our job to manage the maintenance and upkeep of our church and churchyard, and we certainly couldn't do that on our own! Sadly, we have noticed that the same few people are taking on more and more and we would be happy to hear from anyone who feels they can do a little bit (whatever that may be) to support our work throughout the year.

Finally, a personal note from Callum: As you will all be aware, this year's APCM marks the end of Barry's time as a churchwarden and member of the PCC. Barry has given over 30 years of his life in support of our parish as a churchwarden, and it will be difficult to fill the gap he leaves. I am very grateful for his support over the past two years as I have begun my journey as a churchwarden and, even more so, I am grateful that he has said he will still be there to offer advice going forward! I look forward to working with our new warden (as yet unknown at the time of writing this), continuing to stand up for our beautiful building as so many have done before us.

Callum Dickerson and Barry Wills

Churchwardens

Servers' report

The serving team have continued to support services at the church for another year, supplying a serving party for all major festivals, masses, funerals etc. Due to the low number of volunteers, we occasionally have to double up or get someone to help us out. Many thanks to the dedicated servers who have always been on call and enjoyed serving.

If you would like to join our team you would be very welcome - it's a privilege to serve at the Lord's table. Please speak to Fr Mark or Barry if you would like to join us or are interested in finding out more about what's involved.

Barry Wills

Head server

Deanery Synod report

St Ives deanery Synod met five times during 2024. Agenda items included finances, safeguarding, mission and work with children.

The guest speaker for the autumn meeting was Ruth New. Ruth is a diocesan children and family worker. Her role is to support work with children at parish level.

Each parish/benefice in the deanery gave a presentation about the work in our churches.

Three lay members of All Saints congregation, and clergy, represent our church.

Peter Smith

Deanery Synod Representative

Children's church report

Children's church took place during the 10.15 service every Sunday in 2024.

Children met in the church chancel after the collect, or in the churchyard on fine days during summer months.

We are pleased to have five regular families and to welcome visiting children.

Our age range is from two to twelve years.

We start with a bible story which is usually the gospel for the day.

Children gather round the altar to lead the Lord's Prayer and receive a blessing.

Craft activities are designed to suit the varying ages of the children. These help them to remember what they have learned and are displayed at the back of church during coffee for the congregation to see.

Thanks to parents and helpers for their support and to the children for their enthusiasm.

Peter Smith

Parish Safeguarding Officer

Safeguarding report

All Saints PCC follows guidance from the House of Bishops on safeguarding.

The parish safeguarding policy was reviewed and approved by the PCC. The policy is the model safeguarding policy from the Diocese of Ely. The policy is displayed on the parish website, with a link from the website home page.

The PCC has appointed Peter Smith as parish safeguarding officer (PSO). The PSO has attended all necessary safeguarding training and regular update sessions.

PCC members completed required DBS checks at appropriate levels and are completing on-line safeguarding training. Training and checks on food bank volunteers are completed as appropriate.

The required safeguarding information posters are displayed in church.

Information on keeping children safe at the beer festival was provided to parents.

There are no outstanding safeguarding concerns.

Peter Smith

Parish Safeguarding Officer

Music and choir report

The choir remains small but extremely dedicated to leading the singing at Mass week by week and membership has remained steady. We are able to sing in complete 4-part harmony when everyone is present, which makes it possible to sing occasional anthems or motets or to sing suitable verses of Communion hymns unaccompanied.

We have continued with the now established pattern of Mass settings. This is not intended to be fixed for all time, but is somewhat limited by the fact that good quality settings which are easy for a congregation to sing are extremely difficult to find. The penitential seasons are marked by relatively reflective music, with a Plainsong setting for most of the Sundays of Lent. At other times we are currently using Masses by Dom Gregory Murray or Martin Everett. On occasions when the congregation is likely to be augmented by people who do not attend church on a regular basis, we use some simpler, hymn-like music which is designed to be more easily picked up by those who might find the more complex settings difficult or even off-putting.

Our team of Cantors continue to make a valuable contribution to music in the liturgy, regularly singing parts of the Penitential Rite, the Responsorial Psalm and the Gospel Acclamation, and leading hymns (especially those that are less well known) on occasion.

However loyal and dedicated the existing choir members may be, it would nevertheless be good for membership of the choir to grow. Any of the congregation who would like to join would be welcome at any time. You do not need to be able to read music and you do not have to commit to being present every single week of the year: enthusiasm, the ability to sing in tune and a willingness to take part as regularly as you can are the things we are looking for! Regular rehearsals take place on Thursday evenings at 7.30 for about an hour.

Finally, on a cautionary note, the organ malfunctioned at the Parish Concert in September and has done so on occasions since. These are symptomatic of the problems to be expected with a thirty year old computer. I would urge that to budget now for an upgrading of the internals would be a prudent move as this would be considerably more economic than a replacement.

Martin Everett

Director of Music

Bellringers' report

Our band of ringers at All Saints' has remained fairly constant during the past year, and there has been ringing for all the Sunday services, sometimes with visitors, and half-muffled ringing for Remembrance Sunday.

The New year was welcomed with a quarter peal on 1st January 2024, and there were three other quarter peals, including one to mark Claire Brockelsby's ordination to Deacon on 30th June and one as a training exercise at a Monday evening practice, when there were only six ringers. There was also ringing on Saturday 6th June, to commemorate the 80th anniversary of D Day, with an 80 of Grandsire Doubles being rung during the ringing before the morning service the following day.

There were two weddings with bells last year, and ten visits from ringers from other towers, which is considerably up on previous years. One of the visits coincided with the Heritage Open Day, which gave visitors to All Saints' a demonstration of the skill required to ring the bells.

Members from our team again hosted visits from various youth groups, showing them the ropes and taking them up to see the bells in the tower, as well as giving them the chance to toll a bell and try a method on hand bells.

Our Monday evening practices have been well attended, with several regulars from local towers, and we have a couple of youngsters learning the ropes, along with one adult who rang with us for the Eucharist on Remembrance Sunday.

Several of our ringers help at the Booze in the Pews festivals and following the February one the ringers were invited to sample the remaining barrels after our Monday evening practice, which gave a welcome chance to socialise. We also have a regular visitor to our practices, who just likes to listen to the bells. It is nice to feel appreciated.

Sue Bates

Tower Secretary

Foodbank report

2023 saw me take over the management of the foodbank as the first paid Operations Manager. My thanks go to Karen who led the foodbank as a volunteer in the years prior, and especially for her guidance in the first couple of months of my new role.

Following our tenth anniversary in 2023, 2024 was a year of change for the foodbank. We went into the year being aware that the potential sale of the hall was likely fast approaching, so the main project of the year would be to prepare to move premises. Sadly, Fr Gary had to stand back from the foodbank around Easter time, before officially resigning later in the year, which left us in the unfortunate position of having no stores manager in place as we readied for our move.

We were initially working on a potential move date of early July (having toured a warehouse unit and knowing how much space we would have going forward), so prior to this we needed to work on reducing our stock levels to minimise the work required to move. We began by increasing the amount of stock being sent out in food parcels, along with adding in as many non-standard items as possible. Unfortunately, even with these efforts it was clear stock levels could not be reduced quickly enough to meet the needs of a move. By chance, around that time Cambridge City Foodbank had put out a TV appeal saying they were needing to spend £300 a day to buy in stock to meet their requirements, so we were able to provide excess stock from us to them, at a much reduced RRP.

We entered the summer being in a ready-to-go state, working in a very temporary and slightly disruptive way when, unfortunately, our move was delayed by legal processes. We finally got the green light to move in at the start of October, giving us 24 hours to get the new unit ready before the stock started to arrive! From then, until the end of the year, we were 'firefighting' to keep us running, having had all our harvest donations come in at the same time.

I would like to extend my thanks to our wonderful volunteers who have worked through all the last-minute changes of plans, to 42 REME (Geographic) for their help in moving the stock to the new unit, and a special thanks to Fr Mark, whose previous life in logistics and warehouse management proved invaluable in helping to get things running at our new unit.

Having spent many months without a nominated stores manager, during which period we were grateful to Mr Martin Collier for his assistance during this time, we formally employed Jason Hall to manage our stores from December. He has already made great progress, devising a new stores management system which is working well.

My thanks also go to Leonie, Mary and Sally, and all the regulars at the church on a Tuesday and Friday morning, who offer the sometimes much needed face-to-face aspect of the foodbank.

2024 saw a reduction in client numbers, although we did support 214 new clients last year (this is down from 290 new clients in 2023). We provided 16.6 tonnes of food which fed 1,194 people over exactly 600 packages. This was 344 single packages, 112 couple packages, 103 small families and 41 large families. This is a decrease on the 20.7 tonnes given out in 2023, despite several months of inflated parcel sizes. Over the past year we have worked on providing more information to clients to help them reduce dependability on the foodbank, and we have noticed a reduction in repeat clients coming back.

The breakdown of reasons for needing the foodbank for the last three years is included below, which demonstrates the changes throughout the cost-of-living crisis, by primary cause. The big one to note is homelessness, which is the default reason given for anyone who has been placed in temporary accommodation. We are fortunate in St Ives that we have very few people homeless on the streets, however we do have homeless people who are placed in Olivers Lodge by local councils as temporary accommodation. Clients often go into Olivers Lodge with little or no supplies, and we are often called upon to provide support, hence why the homelessness category has grown so much.

Nature of crisis	2024	2023	2022
Low Income	153	284	352
Outstanding Debt	37	38	58
Benefit Delay	82	63	82
Cost of Living	36	63	33
Unemployment	36	31	20
Sickness/Disability	47	53	61
Homelessness	128	45	7
Other	93	86	41

We remain grateful to everyone who supports our work in whatever way – be this by donating to us in the supermarkets or online, helping as a volunteer, or simply by praying for the work we do and those who we are privileged to support.

Callum Dickerson

Foodbank Operations Manager

Mothers' Union report

This year our MU Branch has 24 members.

The Branch hosted a Service for the Feast of the Annunciation to which we invited members from other Branches in our Group. We were joined by members from Brampton and St Neots and we enjoyed fellowship and afternoon tea.

We have been visited by a variety of speakers who have both entertained and educated our meetings, with talks on flowers in the Bible, being an evacuee in Wales and a visit from a Speaker from The Leprosy Mission.

The Women's Refuges have continued to be supported and we are grateful to the members of the Congregation who have helped in this regard with their generous donations. Members have also continued making knitted items to help others.

At the beginning of August our banner was included in a wonderful display of Mothers' Union Banners and artefacts, which was well attended by people from all over the country.

Our fundraising event of Afternoon Teas raised £924, which was equally divided between AFIA (Away from it All), offering holidays for those otherwise unable to afford to, and "Summer of Hope", helping those around the World who are trying to establish some security for themselves and their families. The teas were well attended and we are grateful for the support of Fr. Mark for arranging the use of the gazebo and Mr. Peter Smith, Mr Gavin Hitchcock and Messrs David and Edward Milner for their help in erecting it to ensure shelter from rain and sun.

In December some members travelled to St Neots to participate in an Advent Service followed by lunch. We also enjoyed a wonderful time of fellowship and readings and shared a delicious lunch at the home of Janet and Malcolm Cockcroft.

Our meetings have been well attended throughout the year and we have enjoyed worship and fellowship.

Deirdre Milner

Mothers' Union

Treasurer's Annual Report

The Church had a challenging financial year in 2024, despite good cost control and fundraising events.

The Church has made a loss of £18,919 on the year of which £5,153 can be attributed to the church and £13,766 as a budgeted deficit by the Foodbank.

Key factors that contributed to the loss include lower levels of income in stewardship, donation and fees from services than hoped, as well as less Hall income due to the move of the Foodbank from the Hall to its new premises.

Costs were also higher with increase in gas and electricity bills and considerable unavoidable maintenance costs such as boiler repairs and electric system repairs required to maintain safety standards and insurance expectations after an insurance audit.

The Foodbank moved premises and incurred the costs of paying for rent over 3 years in a single lump sum in order to secure a favourable annual rate. It also incurred the costs of setting up the new premises to be able to accommodate necessary racking and administrative space. The Foodbank was successful in securing a grant from the National Lottery Community Fund, however, which notably off-set these additional costs.

The PCC voted to elect Peter Watson as the Independent Examiner for the 2024 accounts during the year.

Reserves Policy

The Church has a policy that its Unrestricted Reserves should aim not to fall below the level of approximately 3 months' expenditure (currently set at £50,000 based on annual expenditure of approx. £200,000) and has a target for 6 months running costs (£100,000). Unrestricted Reserves currently stand at £32,887 and are below the ideal level.

The holding of sufficient Unrestricted Reserves enables the Church to continue to operate and pay its liabilities for a full business quarter in the event that a matter of extreme misfortune occurs. The holding of free reserves also ensures that the Church holds the necessary funds to manage steady cashflow throughout the year, despite an unsteady flow of income and expenditure.

The Church holds a number of Unrestricted Designated Funds. These funds are held to enable investment in the mid-term future to preserve the Church's building and assets, or to fund an activity to honour a donor who has made a Bequest (a donation made after their death).

The Church also has a series of Designated Restricted Funds for the Foodbank to help to manage known and unknown risks to its operations and planned future development. For example, the Foodbank may have staffing costs in the event that it needs to replace staff who leave or become unwell, and now holds a building lease on a fully repairing basis which may mean it needs to invest in building repairs as they fall due. The Church will need to increase its Restricted Designation to £20,400 by continuing to build reserves to cover this over the forthcoming years before this falls due.

The Church's Reserves are allocated as follows from 31st December 2024:

CHURCH Unrestricted Reserves (at 31 Dec 24)			
Free reserves (general fund)	Free	£2,054	
Reordering	Designated	£11,228	Held to cover fees and costs associated with a planned church re-ordering project.
Youth Work	Designated	£1,005	Held to support the costs of Youth and Children's Work
Organ	Designated	£14,600	Held to support repairs to the Organ & future investment in a replacement
Equipment and capital	Designated	£2,000	For purchase of equipment or repairs to the Church's fabric
Community and mission	Designated	£2,000	For furthering the Church's mission in the community
Total		£32,887	

CHURCH Restricted Reserves (at 31 Dec 24)			
Flowers	Restricted	£1,135	For purchase of flowers for church services
Reordering	Restricted	£5,000	Held to cover fees and costs associated with a planned church re-ordering project.
Total		£6,135	

FOODBANK Restricted Reserves (at 31 Dec 24)

Emergency Staffing	Restricted/ Designated	£20,000	Held to manage the cost of paying for unanticipated staff costs including recruitment, training, leave and other HR expenses
Rent	Restricted/ Designated	£15,000	Held to enable payment of rent that will fall due from 2028
General	Restricted/ Undesignated	£3,246	For general Foodbank purposes
Total		£38,246	

Elaine Midgley

Treasurer

Annual Accounts 2024

RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT		Unrestricted Funds	Designated Funds	Restricted Food Bank	Restricted Other	Total 2024	2023
		£	£	£		£	£
RECEIPTS							
Voluntary Receipts							
Planned giving		47,383				47,383	48,328
Collections at services		2,846				2,846	3,126
All other giving/voluntary receipts	6a	9,067			5,810	14,877	8,260
Gift Aid recovered		11,712				11,712	12,466
		71,008	0	0	5,810	76,818	72,180
Activities for generating funds	6b	48,010				48,010	43,601
Investment income	6c	899		907		1,806	1,252
Church activities	6d	7,710			2,634	10,344	9,555
Food Bank	6e			66,821		66,821	39,684
TOTAL RECEIPTS		127,627	0	67,728	8,444	203,799	166,272
PAYMENTS							
Church Activities							
Diocesan parish share		63,378				63,378	60,943
DBF fees (collected by parish)					2,634	2,634	1,250
Clergy and church staffing costs	6f	5,839				5,839	6,206
Church running expenses	6g	35,716			486	36,202	36,220
Food Bank running expenses	6h	0		81,494		81,494	55,891
Hall costs	6i	3,489	3,778			7,267	8,904
Mission giving & donations	6j	700				700	906
		109,122	3,778	81,494	3,120	197,514	170,320
Costs of generating funds	6k	25,204	0	0	0	25,204	23,066
TOTAL PAYMENTS		134,326	3,778	81,494	3,120	222,718	193,386
(Deficit)/Excess of Receipts over Payments for the year		-6,699	-3,778	-13,766	5,324	-18,919	-27,114
Transfers between funds	5	0	0	0	0	0	0
Net movement in funds for the year		-6,699	-3,778	-13,766	5,324	-18,919	-27,114
Cash and net monetary assets at 1st January		8,753	34,613	52,010	811	96,187	123,301
Cash and net monetary assets at 31st December		2,054	30,835	38,244	6,135	77,268	96,187

STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES			Unrestricted Funds	Designated Funds	Restricted Food Bank	Restricted Other	Total 2024	Total 2023
			£	£	£		£	£
Cash Funds								
Barclays Current Account	Church		500				500	500
Barclays Deposit Account	Church		3,342	23,088	-1,412	6,135	31,153	28,677
Petty cash	Church		8				8	37
CBF Deposit Fund	Church			7,747			7,747	7,747
Parish Fees Account	Church		1,357				1,357	4,108
Barclays Current Account	Food Bank				2,566		2,566	7,601
Barclays Deposit Account	Food Bank				37,078		37,078	45,775
			5,207	30,835	38,232	6,135	80,409	94,445
Other Assets (pending income)								
Gift Aid			857		910		1,767	6,316
Donation			1,000				1,000	0
Refund on purchases			21				21	0
			1,878	0	910	0	2,788	6,316
Other Liabilities (pending expenditure)								
Bills due			-5,031		-898		-5,929	-4,574
Due to Food Bank							0	0
			-5,031	0	-898	0	-5,929	-4,574
Net Assets			2,054	30,835	38,244	6,135	77,268	96,187

Approved by the PCC on 27 April 2025 and signed on their behalf by Rev Father Mark Amey (PCC Chairman)



NOTES

1. The financial statements of the PCC have been prepared in accordance with the Church Accounting Regulations 2006 using the Receipts and Payments basis

2. Fixed Assets retained for Church use are the freehold properties of Church Hall on Ramsey Road, St Ives and 4A Ramsey Road, St Ives

3. Fixed Assets retained for the use by the Food Bank are:

An electric van and charging point	33,800 Paid for in 2022 & 2023
Scissor lift	6,286 Paid for in 2024

4. Movements in funds during the year were:

	Opening balance at 1st January 2024	Receipts	Payments	Transfers	Closing balance at 31st December 2024	Movement in 2024
General Fund	8,753	127,627	-134,326	0	2,054	-6,699 decrease
Designated Funds						
Reordering	15,006		-3,778		11,228	-3,778 decrease
Youth Work	1,005				1,005	0 decrease
Organ	14,600				14,600	0 decrease
Equipment and capital	2,000				2,000	0 decrease
Community and mission	2,000				2,000	0 decrease
Total for designated fund	34,611	0	-3,778	0	30,833	-3,778 decrease
Restricted Funds						
Food bank	52,012	67,728	-81,494		38,246	-13,766 decrease
Church Fabric	0	5,000		0	5,000	5,000 increase
Flowers	811	810	-486		1,135	324 increase
PCC fees due to Ely	0	2,634	-2,634		0	0 change
	811	8,444	-3,120	0	6,135	
Total for restricted funds	52,823	76,172	-84,614	0	44,381	-8,442 decrease
TOTAL FUNDS	96,187	203,799	-222,718	0	77,268	-18,919 decrease

Fund Details

Designated Funds

Reordering	During 2024 planning related expenses in connection with the sale of the hall were incurred.
Youth Work	There was no movement on this fund in 2024
Organ	There was no movement on this fund in 2024
Equipment and capital	There was no movement on this fund in 2024
Community and mission	There was no movement on this fund in 2024

Restricted Funds

Food bank	The Food Bank is run by the church, but is a restricted activity, meaning income for it can only be spent on Food Bank activities and not on church buildings or church ministry. Within the Food Bank restricted reserve of £38,246: £20,000 has been designated to emergency staffing £15,000 has been designated to property and lease commitments £3,246 is undesignated
Church Fabric	A bequest was made to the church during 2024.
Flowers	This is held and spent on church flowers
PCC fees due to Ely	This is funds collected by the PCC from weddings and funerals on behalf of the Diocese, which is then paid to them.

There are no endowment funds

5. Transfers between funds

There were no transfers during 2024

6. Further analysis of Receipts and Payments

a. All other giving/voluntary receipts

	Unrestricted Funds £	Designated Funds £	Restricted Food Bank £	Restricted Other	Total 2024 £	Total 2022 £
Coffee	1,009				1,009	891
Flower Fund				810	810	719
Bequests				5,000	5,000	0
Giving for other charities	710				710	516
Other general donations	7,032				7,032	5,372
DBF Energy Assistance					0	0
Parish Share Rebate	316				316	762
	9,067	0	0	5,810	14,877	8,260

b. Activities for generating funds

Festivals	47,995				47,995	43,444
Parish Socials & Small Events	15				15	157
Refunds & misc					0	0
	48,010	0	0	0	48,010	43,601

c. Investment income

Bank interest	899		907	0	1,806	1,252
	899	0	907	0	1,806	1,252

Investment income on designated funds is credited to the general fund.

d. Church activities

PCC fees	2,249			2,634	4,883	2,232
Hall hire (incl Foodbank usage)	5,400				5,400	7,200
Other	61				61	123
	7,710	0	0	2,634	10,344	9,555

e. Food Bank

Food bank donations			35,629		35,629	36,178
Gift Aid on food bank donations			2,762		2,762	3,506
Lottery grant			28,430		28,430	0
	0	0	66,821	0	66,821	39,684

f. Clergy & church staffing costs

Clergy expenses	2,594				2,594	2,111
Organist	3,245				3,245	4,095
3rd Party Funeral Fees					0	0
	5,839	0	0	0	5,839	6,206

g. Church running expenses

Church utilities	9,305				9,305	9,948
Admin, bookkeeping, sundry and office costs	2,803				2,803	2,323
Stationery and printing	4,875				4,875	5,686
Insurance	8,941				8,941	8,236
Minor repairs & maintenance	5,722				5,722	6,065
Toilet hire	1,801				1,801	1,801
Flowers				486	486	132
Service and related costs	2,269				2,269	2,029
	35,716	0	0	486	36,202	36,220

	Unrestricted Funds	Designated Funds	Restricted Food Bank	Restricted Other	Total 2024	Total 2023
h. Food Bank running expenses						
Utilities			2,971		2,971	2,039
Hall hire			36,000		36,000	7,200
Food			367		367	880
Moving / relocation one off costs			2,188		2,188	0
Vehicle insurance and running costs			1,581		1,581	1,392
Capital equipment			6,286		6,286	12,439
Other equipment expensed including food crates			4,929		4,929	4,529
Salaries and on costs and other staffing costs			21,201		21,201	23,149
Property repairs			813		813	685
Administration, bookkeeping, and office costs			5,158		5,158	3,578
	0	0	81,494	0	81,494	55,891

In October 2024 the rent on unit 10 Stephenson Road was paid in advance to 30th September 2027.

The prepaid rent at 31st December 2024 was £28,050.

i. Cottage expenses						
Rates	3,489				3,489	1,256
Architect/consultant fees		3,778			3,778	7,648
	3,489	3,778	0	0	7,267	8,904
j. Mission giving & donations						
Donations to other charities	700				700	906
	700	0	0	0	700	906
k. Costs of generating funds						
Festivals	23,682				23,682	19,765
Social events & refreshments	526				526	617
Videography		0			0	2,500
Equipment expenses	996				996	184
	25,204	0	0	0	25,204	23,066

Independent Examiner's Report to the members of St Ives Church, St Ives, Parochial Church Council.

I report on the account for the year ended 31st December 2024 set out on previous pages

Respective responsibilities of the Trustees and Independent Examiner

As trustees of the charity, the members of the PCC are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011.

It is my responsibility to:

examine the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 Act;
follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act; and
state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of Independent Examiner's Statement

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 management committee concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in a full audit, and consequently I do not express an audit opinion on the accounts.

Independent Examiner's Statement

In connection with my examination, no matters have come to my attention

1. which give me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements

to keep accounting records in accordance with s130 of the 2011 Act: or
to prepare accounts which accord with these accounting records have not been met; or

2. to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.



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Independent Examiner

Dated:

Annual Meeting of Parishioners 2025

The Annual Meeting of Parishioners (AMP) is open to anyone who is resident in the ecclesiastical parish or on the church electoral roll. Everyone, except clergy, is entitled to vote.

Nominations for the office of Churchwarden must have been received and approved by the incumbent prior to the commencement of the meeting (Church Representation Rules 2011).

Agenda

1. Opening prayers
2. Apologies
3. Appointment of Clerk for the meeting(s)
4. Minutes of the 2024 AMP
5. Election of Churchwardens (2)
6. Closing prayers

Minutes of the AMP 15 May 2024

Election of Churchwardens:

There being no other nominations the Chair declared that Callum Dickerson and Barry Wills are duly elected.

Annual Parochial Church Meeting 2025

The Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM) is open to anyone who is on the Church Electoral Roll. All, except clergy, are entitled to vote. Others may attend at the discretion of the meeting but are not entitled to vote.

This parish, in accordance with Church Representation Rules (2011), elects one third of its membership each year, Due to adjustment owing to a reduction in membership we have three members retiring this year with only one eligible to re-election however owing to a vacancy we need to elect three members one of whom will be drawn by lot to serve for one year only with each member elected to serve a three year term. No member can be elected for more than two consecutive terms.

Agenda

1. Opening prayers
2. Apologies for absence
3. Minutes of the 2024 APCM
4. Reports for the Parochial Church Council
 - a. Changes to the Electoral Roll
 - b. Activities of the PCC and Financial Statement of the PCC
 - c. Fabric, Goods and Ornaments (presented by Churchwardens)
 - d. Deanery Synod
5. Elections and Appointments
 - a. Members of the PCC (3)
 - b. Sidesmen
 - c. Independent Examiner or Auditor