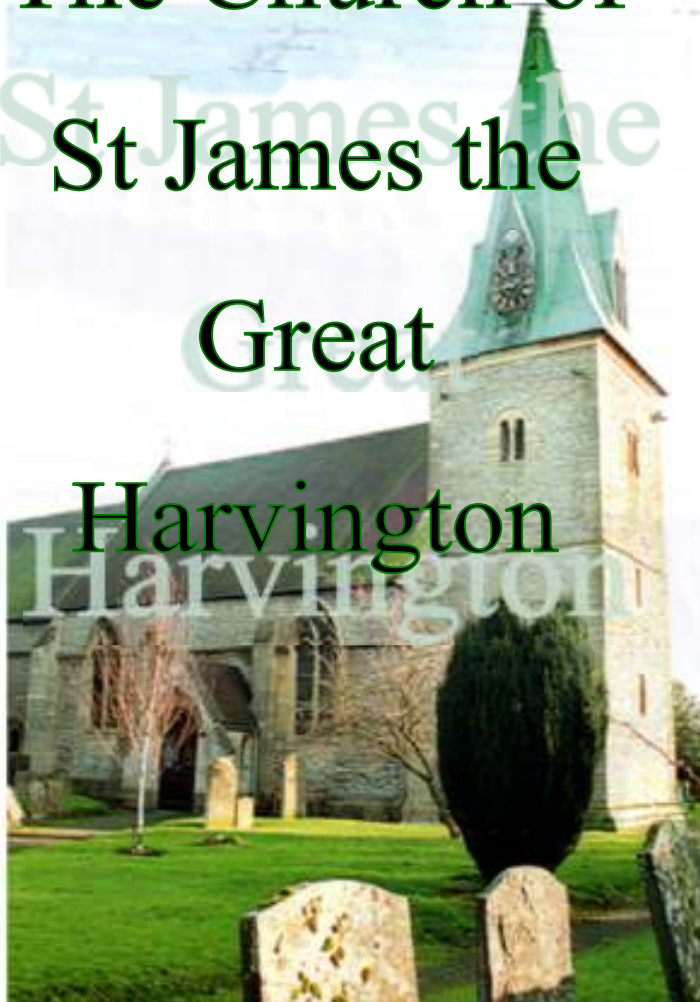


The Church of St James the Great Harvington



**Annual Report and Financial Statement
31st December 2024**

The Church of St James the Great, Harvington

Mission Statement: To Show Our Love for God and You



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Incumbent

Reverend Canon Richard Thorniley

***Bank
COOP***

Associate Minister & Pioneer Deacon

The Reverend Chris Sheehan

Churchwardens

Elliot Grainger
Katie Horton

Organist
Sally Livingstone

Licensed Lay Minister
Pippa Heenan

Authorised Lay Minister
John Liggitt

Verger
Members of the PCC

***Independent
Examiner***
Mr Andy Tooth

Eucharist Assistants

David Battin, Annette France, Elliot Grainger, Katie Horton, John Liggitt, Graham Pearson, Janet Stean

Sides Persons

Michael Barbour, David Battin, Sophie Dodds, Annette France, Jill Francis, Jack Hegarty, Alan Hirst, John Liggitt, Karen O'Neill, Graham Pearson, Joy Rawes, John Redman

Number on Electoral Roll: 55

Average weekly attendance: 28

Parochial Church Council

The Parochial Church Council (PCC) of St James the Great, Harvington, Evesham is a charity excepted from Registration with the Charity Commission. It aims to co-operate with the minister in promoting in the parish the whole mission of the church – pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical [PCC (powers) Measure 1956].

Risk management

The PCC has agreed on a risk management plan and procedures have been designated to manage effectively risks which may arise. The responsible officers for this plan are churchwardens, who may modify it from time to time. A current copy is kept in the church.

PCC members

Incumbent	The Reverend Canon Richard Thorniley (Chair)
Deacon, Pioneer Minister	The Reverend Chris Sheehan
Licensed Lay Minister	Pippa Heenan
Churchwardens	Elliot Grainger and Katie Horton

Deanery Synod Representatives	Jack Hegarty and Elliot Grainger
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Elected members	John Liggitt, Annette France, Jill Francis, Joy Rawes, Graham Pearson, Alan Hirst, Jack Hegarty
Treasurer	John Liggitt
Secretary	Diane Ashplant
Parish Safeguarding Officer	Jill Francis

Standing Committee

Chair: Reverend Canon Richard Thorniley, Diane Ashplant, Elliot Grainger, Katie Horton, John Liggitt, Graham Pearson.

PCC Sub-committees 2024

Mission and Worship – *all PCC not met this year*

Pastoral

Chair: Reverend Canon Richard Thorniley, Wendy Monks, Konrad Monks, Sue Bullard, Annette France, Michael Barbour, Kay Barrett, Joy Rawes, Judith Noon and Sheila Hemming.

PCC members are appointed in accordance with the Church Representation Rules. The Incumbent, Church Wardens and Deanery Synod Representatives are ex-officio members of the PCC. Other members are elected at the Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM) or co-opted during the year.

Statement of Trustees' Responsibilities

The trustees are responsible for preparing the Trustees' Annual Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

The law applicable to charities in England and Wales requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity and of the incoming resources and application of resources of the charity for that period. In preparing these financial statements, the trustees are required to:

- (a) select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- (b) observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP 2015 (FRS 102);
- (c) make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- (d) state whether applicable accounting standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements;
- (d) prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in operation.

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and to enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011, the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 and the provisions of the trust deed. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud or other irregularities.

The trustees are responsible for the maintenance and integrity of the charity and financial information included on the charity's website. Legislation in the United Kingdom governing the preparation and dissemination of financial statements may differ from legislation in other jurisdictions.

Review of the Year 2024



Sub-committee Reports

Worship and Outreach in 2024

Six days a week a Morning Service is hosted by The Revd Chris Sheehan at 8.30 am via Zoom using the online liturgy offered by the Church of England, Monday-Friday and the shorter Northumbrian Community on Saturday mornings. At 6.00 pm two to three days a week The Revd Richard Thorniley hosts Evening prayer using the Church of England liturgy. Between 4 – 10 of us gather for this from across the Benefice and Evesham. This has continued since April 2020.

Our pattern of services continue as follows: the first Sunday of the month begins with a Morning Service, with an evening BCP Communion, the second Holy Communion, the third Family Service and finally Holy Communion on the fourth. On 5th Sundays we travel around for a Benefice Eucharist taking it in turns to host in our various Benefice churches. Mid-week BCP Holy Communion is offered on a fortnightly basis at 11.00 am on Wednesdays and has an established following.

We have consolidated our numbers and are offering 'Cross Club' (Sunday school) in the choir vestry on the Sundays other than Family services. Children are involved in the Family services doing the readings, leading intercessions and the occasional sketch. The families are recruited via our Youth Group and Holiday club and of course Cross Club.

Taizé service in March led by Pippa Heenan our Benefice LLM (Licensed Lay Minister) was well supported and included an impressive high tea. She also managed to pull off a miraculous provision of Croissant and Pain au Chocolat' at our Benefice Palm Sunday service and Palm procession hosted by Church Lench where an unknown and considerable number of attendees were all provided and scarcely any baskets of crumbs were collected it was so spot on.

Our only Special Service was a Stewardship in September as there's a considerable increase in our Ministry Share demand. More of that in the financial section of the report. We also enjoyed another special Benefice service again hosted by Church Lench where we had a service led by Pastor Theo Spielmann from our link parish in Magdeburg with his son Philipp playing the organ. We also had the opportunity to meet them over tea and a lunch during their long weekend visit in August.

There was a very full programme of events throughout the year including Summer and Christmas Fetes/Fayres – and a HAT festival which was an unexpected addition and another success. The latter produced a surplus enabling us to buy new hymn books. The Open Gardens drew visitors from all over the country and was blessed with gorgeous weather. More of this and other events elsewhere in the report.

We again enjoyed joint services with Harvington Baptist Chapel (HBC) in August taking turns to host a service each during the holiday month. They also joined us for the Remembrance Service with the Act of Remembrance itself taking place at 11.00 at the War Memorial which was well supported by the village.

Carols in the churchyard took place outdoors with hot chocolate, mulled wine and mince pies and was again well attended. This was preceded by Harvington School Key Stage 2 Carol Service earlier in the week which was packed with parents and siblings and was well led by the children.

Our Christmas Eve Family Service included lovely sketches and commentaries provided by children and adults in equal measure.

The Reverend Chris Sheehan continued to host daily morning prayer via Zoom at 8.30 am Monday to Saturday. The Reverend Richard Thorniley hosts Evening prayer at 6.00 pm 2-3 days a week using the Church of England morning and evening prayer except on Saturday when it is Northumbrian Prayer.

Holiday club

We had three Holiday Clubs which took place in February half term, March, Easter Holiday Club and July our summer one. The Holiday Clubs included wonderful craft opportunities, Easter egg hunt, walks, games and in the summer the now traditional obstacle course at Ellenden farm. Lively singing of well-known school songs from iSingPop selection at the start of the day along with prayers made these two clubs a great success.

Outreach

Open the Book (now called Open the Bible) took place in school again and the team comprising Pete Ashplant, Jill Francis, Michael Bowen, Gill Thorniley, Ruth Axten and joined by Matt Cook (Harvington Youth Worker) joined us in September and Richard Thorniley. A series of stories from the Old and New Testament are presented in sketch form to the children's delight especially when they can provide noises, moves and additional story tellers.

A placement

We were blessed by the placement of Kathryn Trinder, an Licensed Lay Minister (LLM) in Training in the summer. Who offered great company, sermons and led services – and participated in many activities in the Benefice. An experience she was delighted to take back to her home parish of Bretforton.

Acknowledgements

Our sincere thanks go to all those who have led services during this year, including Reverend Richard Thorniley, Reverend Chris Sheehan, Bishop Robert Paterson, Reverend David Foster, Reverend Gerry Foster, Reverend Steve Tilley, Licensed Lay Minister (LLM) Pippa Heenan and Authorised Lay Minister (ALM) John Liggitt. We offer our grateful thanks to Sally Livingstone, who plays the organ and the keyboard for us at services at St. James' with additional support from Richard Ball when Sally is away.

Caring Hands

Sophie Dodds writes:

Our grateful thanks go out to our congregation, the community of Harvington and beyond and all members of the public who faithfully have donated to Caring Hands. The need to help our neighbour is getting greater than ever before and that is where this worthy cause in Evesham and surrounding areas is a vital lifeline for so many needy and destitute people.

It is called “***The Lighthouse***” where they serve cooked lunches during the week, prepare food parcels for individuals and families and generally support people who are in need. Diana Bennett always confirms that CARING HANDS and all who are supported are very grateful for all the help received.

THANK YOU FOR THE LOVE YOU SHOW FOR OUR NEIGHBOUR!!!

Cameo Teas

Sophie Dodds writes:

Cameo Teas started from humble beginnings and is growing from strength to strength. This is only due to the continuous support by our loyal organisers and supporters throughout the years. We meet on the second Wednesday at 3.00 pm at St. James's church for tea and cakes and of course a chat to catch up with our friends and neighbours.

The group is self-funding and in 2024 we have had our usual special outing visiting Hillers Farm Shop for Afternoon Tea and Cakes. We try to keep local because some of our friends find it too taxing to go further afield.

Year 5 from the Harvington School were invited again in June for Afternoon Tea in Church. Our Rev. Richard organises a quiz for the children which even some of us adults find difficult to answer. The children love to meet us adults and it has created an intergenerational forum over the years.

In July we are invited by the children who receive us with tea and cakes, and are delighted to listen to their well-prepared songs which they have practised specially for us.

The highlight of the year is when we start the Christmas Season with the usual Christmas Carol Service followed by our traditional Christmas Lunch at the Kings Court Hotel. Again we are self-financing and all our friends enjoy this special get-together.

Thank you again to all the Harvingtonians who have been supporting this friendly group for many years and all the volunteers who have helped to make this happen!!!

Pastoral sub-committee

Wendy and Konrad Monks write:

The Harvington Community Support Group was originally initiated by Sheila Harris, and is overseen by the Rector, Rev. Richard Thorniley. It is currently coordinated by Wendy and Konrad Monks who have lived in Harvington for many years.

The purpose of the group is to provide low-key practical and emotional support to residents of the village, or to provide advice about how to access help for more complex needs. Our team of volunteers has gradually expanded, so that as well as Mike Barbour, Kay Barrett, Joy Rawes, and Annette France, we have also recently welcomed Judith Noon and Sheila Hemming to our group.

The extra volunteers are much appreciated as demand for our services continues to steadily increase.

Over the course of 2024 the team responded to 82 individual requests for help, and remarkably, we have so far only ever had to say 'no' once. Most of the people who get in touch with us are elderly, and some are very frail. The kind of help needed is often transport and assistance with attending appointments, but also sometimes getting in shopping, sitting with someone whilst a carer goes out, general 'friendly visiting', helping with computer problems and admin, minor DIY etc.

The "Welcome to Harvington" booklet was up-dated in the spring and was distributed to every household in the village. Feedback from residents both new and old has been very positive and sincere thanks are due to Mike who has put many hours into this project. Thanks are also extended to the Parish Council for funding the production of the up-date.

Feedback we have had from residents suggests that the help we provide is appreciated and that people derive a sense of comfort knowing we are there in the background. As co-ordinators, we enjoy our role in this, but we couldn't do it without the commitment of our always willing volunteers and we very much value their input.

CHURCH WARDENS' REPORTS 2024

Churchwarden Katie Horton writes:

I would like to start my report by thanking everyone for their support as I have learnt to find my way through the last 9 months as Churchwarden. Your knowledge and encouragement have been invaluable.

One of my first introductions into my new role as Churchwarden was to complete the Church Inventory. This started with the desire to re-organise a few things. Along with the support of the events team we sorted out the Choir Vestry, Priests Vestry, and Bell Tower. It was followed by a revamp of the children's corner - creating a brighter and more welcoming feel, with some quiet toys and activities for all ages, alongside resources for them to help explore their faith.

However, one of my main interests has been to enhance the church's engagement with the community, through events and activities for all ages.

The first outreach that St James's was part of, was The Welcome Team headed by Gerry Foster. It was mainly aimed at newcomers who moved into the village, presenting them with bags full of treats and information about Harvington, with welcome messages from both churches. It was very well received, and encouraged us to organise a Welcome Afternoon Tea get-together in the Village Hall, inviting groups, organisations and the Harvington community.

The success of this get-together gave us the enthusiasm to plan further events throughout the year.

- The Summer Fete and yearly favourite; Flower Festival, held in June - was very well attended and enjoyed by the whole village. The feedback was positive, so we now continue to plan further for 2025.
- A Songs of Praise service
- Carole Barbour organised the most incredible Hat Festival, which we were able to add to our events calendar. It brought so many visitors to the village and church and raised an outstanding amount which was used to buy new Hymn books.
- In October we had the Harvest Service followed by a Bring and Share lunch - this worked well and was enjoyed by many.
- Meeting the Spielmann family, our twinning Association from Germany, in August, led to the idea of making Froebel Stars ourselves for the Church Christmas Tree. We merged this with Gill Thorniley's idea for a coffee morning and selling Christmas Cards. Two lovely sessions of community activity, hosted by the church! We hope to repeat this again this year.
- Our Christmas fair was a slightly more polished version than the one in 2023 and was another wonderful success for the Church and the Village.

We now have a Calendar of Events in place for 2025, with some exciting new events, and some of the regular ones too.

Some of our faithful and dedicated Cleaning Ladies retired this year, but we have been able to recruit new volunteers and are grateful for the past and future commitments given to keep the church clean and welcome for us all.

Our focus for 2025

- Continuing to build the events programme to achieve our fundraising goal
- Continue to work with the wider community- including individuals and groups - doing God's work in alternative ways and traditional worship
- Put a health and safety plan into place to include: Risk assessments & fire safety
- Put in place a booking agreement for hire of occasional functions in the church
- To set up a display board of Church Officers and events (with Joy Rawes)
- Plus - working through the interregnum

It has been a privilege to be engaged with the church, the community and organise events to show our love for GOD and YOU. None of the above would have been possible without the hard work and dedication of all the volunteers in Harvington.

Churchwarden Elliot Barfield Grainger writes:

It has been a privilege to be Church Warden for another year, joined this year by Katie Horton; having two Church Wardens has made the role easier and more enjoyable. Thanks must go again to the team approach to the Church Warden duties, particularly to David Battin and Alan Hirst and also to Graham Pearson. Special thanks also to John Liggitt for his financial guidance, and for Jill Francis for her safeguarding leadership. Thank you, for sharing some of the administration and continuing to support ongoing projects and for general advice and reminders through the year. We are very fortunate to have such collaboration in maintaining our beautiful building for the community and for God.

Thanks also to all who support the work of the Church in delivering services each Sunday, and the huge range of other work that the Church community provides within the village, as the below outlines there is much going on within our community. This year, it must also be noted that as a group of parishes we are continuing to work more collaboratively and closely with our brothers and sisters across the Benefice.

Strategic Review

In 2022 we developed a strategic plan for the years ahead - a plan which officially closes in Easter 2025, as we also prepare for change in our Parish with the retirement of Father Richard.

In a repeat of last year, it is worth reflecting on our progress in delivering the **St James's Church Harvington, Strategy for Growing and Sustaining, Easter 2023 - Easter 2025**. The Strategy has given us all much to aim for, and it has been really exciting to see a whole host of people from across the congregation stepping up to make things happen over this past year.

In the Strategy we set ourselves 7 Objectives, across which we are making headway. What follows is a brief review of where we are against each of the metrics.

- To increase the monthly average regular attendance at church on Sundays by 25% to reach an average of 30 people;
Achieved - sort of. Congregation numbers continue to rise, and whilst our annual average remains 28, if we look at "term time" services, and particularly if we look at services outside of ordinary time we are frequently seeing services of 32+. This seems to be stronger in the first half of the year, declining in the second half. The implication is that we continue to have a wider cohort of regular attendees, and we know of

several new attendees - a couple from our outreach work in Messy Church.

- ii. To have regular (at least monthly) gatherings of 8+ adults for prayer and praise at least two other occasions in church during the week outside of the main parish Sunday service;

Achieved. The regular bi-monthly mid-week services are now well reestablished post the COVID era. This joins the daily morning prayer online. The regular gathering of people is also up to being on average just shy of 8 - crucially these congregations are made up of some people who do not all attend church on Sunday extending our worshipping community. Efforts will need to be taken to see how we can maintain this momentum in the interregnum and under our new incumbent.

- iii. To triple the regular home groups taking place within our parish community;

Achieved. The regular prayer groups continue, however we may as a community want to explore new ways of sharing the Good News as we head into our period of reflection and change.

- iv. To establish a permanent Cross Club meeting during Sunday morning services in term time;

Achieved. With many thanks to Gill Thorniley and team for making this a regular term-time occurrence, going from strength to strength. Again, how this is maintained as we say goodbye to Gill will be a challenge we need to step up to.

- v. To plant one sustainable, “fresh expression” by which we mean a financially self-sustaining, regularly meeting group by Easter 2025;

Achieved. Messy Church continues to strengthen and attendance has become more regular with an annual programme of activity set. With thanks to all who volunteer to make this happen, and who are keeping costs low as it seeks to become a truly self-sustaining fresh expression within our community.

- vi. To place the church at the centre of village and community life, seen by people as more than a place of worship, as recognised by its increased ranking in a repeat survey; and

Assessing this objective at the end of year 2 remains challenging. It is proposed to repeat the survey from 2022 to 2025 to see if we have achieved it. However, we should assume that sentiment has not shifted much. Further efforts on delivering some of the action points will be explored in 2025 as we seek to make our church more useful and accessible both physically as well as spiritually.

- vii. To increase income to the church by £10,000 from 2022 levels

Achieved. Finances will be discussed across the report for the APCM. However, the £10,000 increase is now not being seen as enough to meet the ever-increasing demands for money from the Diocese. As we face demands for maintaining the fabric of the building, we need to reflect again on our stewardship and donations, but also acknowledge the huge success of the parish in delivering new fundraising activity.

The strategy has been a useful way for us to mark what is happening in our congregation. It also responded to a call from the *Diocese for a “Health and Sustainability Plan”* Elements of the strategy easily help us identify our priorities, and the Plan has also been used to help us focus on what we want

to achieve in 2025. I would argue that we repeat the process as a community as we prepare for a new Rector.

Much of what is happening is because of the motivation of the Holy Spirit within members of our community. People are stepping up to help, but also coming forward with ideas. To everyone on the PCC who keeps things moving and our traditions in place but evolving - thank you.

Thanks also go to Gerry Foster who has spearheaded a team on the “Welcome Packs”, to the new Events Team with the “St James’s Church Presents” calendar. I want to thank Jean Spires for the flower arranging, especially as she seeks to step back in the year ahead, we must all step forward to take up the high standards she has set. Thank you to the opening teams who keep our church open every day of the year, and to the cleaning teams, many of whom are also stepping back this year, and to all those who have stepped up to keep our roster full. To Joy and Julian Rawes for their care of the churchyard along with all those who volunteer to support these activities.

David Battin deserves another mention both for his work in maintaining our service roster, ensuring the readers, prayers and refreshments for every service, but also for spearheading the eco-Church activity, and successfully taking us to **Silver award last year**.

I also thank Diane Ashplant for her work as our secretary and keeping the Standing Committee on point, and Jack Hegarty for his support with the Mission Accompanier and on the Deanary Synod.

And finally, thank you to Richard, who has done so much for the Parish and the Benefice, working hard across four churches, and of course being open to discussions on his retirement so publicly with us all, helping ensure we can prepare to build on success in the years ahead. I wish him all the very best for his retirement and hope that he will not be a stranger.

Benefice Meetings

It has been great to engage in several Benefice meetings with my fellow church wardens this past year. Rev. Richard reinstated these as we started to discuss managing his final two years and succession planning, as well as meeting together as we explored our mission accompanist’s advice and guidance, and more recently our work to develop the materials for recruiting a new rector.

We at Harvington are the larger partner in the benefice and have agreed to take on a larger share of the Mission Share as the village population increases. We also have a larger congregation, and are seeing positive signs of action and activity. This is not the same for our partners in the benefice, and we all need to continue to support our family of churches as we head into 2025.

We are fortunate that the diocese is keen for us to quickly find a new incumbent, but we were reminded by the Archdeacon that at present, we are still not meeting our obligations in our “voluntary Parish Share” and that further reorganisations of ministries within the diocese continue.

Building and Fabric

Quinquennial Inspection

The Quinquennial Inspection of the fabric of St James’s was undertaken on the 5th December 2024. In addition, a previous consultation was held with the community to explore what we might do to develop a functioning building fit for the needs of the community for the decades, if not the best part of the next century ahead.

The QI raised 26 recommendations for action which together have an estimated budget of £139,000. These cover general needs for better assessments of the building and its use, the exterior roof needing remedial work to prevent more long-term damage, and the internal ceilings needing renovation, along with ongoing monitoring and repairs of the walls, windows and churchyard.

In response to the QI and alongside the community consultation I prepared a report which creates four potential work packages over the next five years. As a result the PCC has agreed to establish a Fabric Committee to oversee work on the building in response to the report, which will meet for the first time in spring 2025.

Boundary Walls

The boundary wall to the north east of the churchyard has been repaired. A faculty for greater repairs to the north wall was suspended as we review the needs of the Quinquennial.

Audio and Electrics

There was small remedial work done to the electrics running under the pulpit in the nave. In addition, there remains a check of the lights to be addressed following some strobing.

Eco Church

David Battin writes:

For eighteen months, a wide range of people associated with St James' Church have been working on a range of environmental projects. These have ranged from increasing biodiversity in the churchyard, various church projects and sharing information with friends in the community. Thank you to everyone who took part. We were awarded the Eco Church Silver Award in January 2025 and the appropriate plaque is now displayed in the church porch.

Church Activities

Faith Today Group

Sophie Dodds writes:

We meet on the second Friday in the month from 10-12noon at Breslau, but have a pause during the summer months. It has been so heart-warming to see how the word of God has encouraged more people to join our group. What would we do without Faith Today? It reminds us of the WORD, it helps us and supports us when we are in doubt and it gives us a firm foundation to cope throughout the vagaries of life.

We discussed the following subject: The Sermon on the Mount; Baptism; The Lord Prayer; About Easter; The Garden; Jesus the Rebel; The Kingdom; Jesus through the Middle Eastern Eyes; God is Love.

The subjects are agreed by our friends prior to the meetings and they have the opportunity to lead a subject if desired by not mandatory. We all work together and that is so interesting, enriching and also fun and there is never enough time to cover it all during the two hours. The faith and interest shown by our friends shows us that the Holy Spirit is alive. **We have planned a number of very interesting subjects for 2025; you are very welcome to join us!**

Cross Club

Gill Thorniley writes:

The Post Covid version of Cross Club has been running now for over a year. We meet in the choir vestry during the services on average three weeks a month, the fourth week is usually a family service, so families are together in church.

Gill Thorniley heads it up with a team of helpers, and a back-up team to cover for emergencies. Thank you to all the helpers who give up their Sunday worship to be part of the children's worship. Gill is in the process of trying to future proof Cross Club so that it will continue to run after she leaves in July 2025.

We continue to use ROOTS as our main source of inspiration. ROOTS is a flexible resource that can be used in any churches who follow the lectionary readings. This means that most weeks the session is designed around the same readings as in the main church service. The session starts with a gathering activity, then we share the Word and then explore what that means for us in age-appropriate ways. And then finally we are sent out with suggestions on how we can continue responding to the Word during the coming week. That is the plan, and sometimes it happens and sometimes we get sidetracked, but we are journeying together.

Cross Club now has a regular attendance of 6 young people, whose ages range from three to twelve. Over the last year we have got to know each other well, and what works for us as a group, and have formed a safe space for us all to discover more about our faith, and to have fun together.

It continues to be a joy to spend time together on our faith journey.

The Lenches and Harvington Messy Church

Rev. Chris Sheehan writes:

We started a Messy Church (The Lenches and Harvington Messy Church) in 2019 and the event alternated between village halls (chosen because they are not the inherited church building and have kitchens and more flexible space). The church is registered with the national Messy Church organisation. Restarted after the pandemic this year we are running a Messy Church every month except August and December on Sundays between 3.30 and 5.30pm.

The event has a team of 6-8 volunteers who carry out the planning and delivery using the standard Messy Church format. So, a welcome and registration on arrival; a summary of the theme; exploration of the theme via four different craft tables; the celebration using slides, songs and prayers and bible stories often using items made during the craft phase and then a two course hot meal.

We take safeguarding very seriously and work with Jill Francis, our Parish Safeguarding Officer. The aims of Messy Church are getting families together, removing the mystique of God/Church, ensuring the spiritual side is met for people put off traditionally organised religion and discipleship. There is no charge for attendees and we are funded by Harvington PCC. We publicise the Messy Church events using messaging to our two C of E first schools via the schools, FaceBook, physical banners and word of mouth.

Parents (dads as well as mums) attend and interact with their children. Numbers attending vary but are typically children in the 2-8 year age group - usually 10-25 children and 20 adults.

Food is prepared by staff with Level 2 hygiene certification with clear labelling and gluten and lactose free and vegan options. Attendees often make food as part of the bible exploration.

We aim to involve parents more in running and planning Messy Church events and have seen good cross-over between Family services, holiday clubs and Messy Church.

Some people coming never attend a traditional church and it may be the first experience of any church for others.

We plan in 2025 to run Messy Church monthly and register it as a New Worshipping Community.

Safeguarding

Safeguarding officer for the Arch Benefice, Jill Francis writes:

The Parochial Church Council has complied with the duty under section 5 of the Safeguarding and Clergy Discipline Measure 2016 (duty to comply with the House of Bishops' guidance on safeguarding children, young persons and vulnerable adults).

- There have been no reported Safeguarding concerns during the last year.
- During the last year eight people have renewed their DBS certificates (now required every three years). These were for volunteers involved with Messy Church, Cross Club, Youth Project and Pastoral Support. The PCC is very grateful to all these people who give their time voluntarily.
- All new volunteers are encouraged to complete online Safeguarding Awareness Training and existing volunteers are reminded to refresh their Safeguarding Awareness Training every three years. This training can now be completed online using the Diocesan Safeguarding website.
- During the last year ten people from the Benefice have engaged in Safeguarding Awareness Training on the Diocesan Portal and received certificates.
- From January 2024 all DBS criminal checks have to be carried out every three years (formerly five years). This will be a time-consuming task for the PSO.
- The Parish Safeguarding Officer (PSO) has continued to review and update information onto the Diocesan Parish Dashboard. This online facility shows evidence of our church's progress in implementing required procedures for a Safer Church and also shows where we still need to improve. It can be viewed by the Diocese at any time.
- It is pleasing to inform the meeting that St James Church has achieved 92% progress on the Dashboard with only two church activities requiring risk assessments and role descriptions.
- A further update this year is the news that The Church of England began (in January 2024) a new three-year programme of Safeguarding Audits for Dioceses and Cathedrals. Auditors visited the Worcester Diocese in July 2024 and were highly impressed by the progress being made in our dioceses' churches and parishes towards safer church environments and recruitment and our emphasis on Safeguarding Awareness Training.

Church Bell ringing teams

Tower Captain, Anthony Wheeler writes:

We started the New Year 2024 by ringing just before and after Midnight.

Feb 3rd The Four Shires visited Harvington for a practice evening, 17 ringers in total including myself, Sheila, Judith and Mike from our band.

June 1st the WDRCA visited for an afternoon practice, 20 ringers in total including myself, Sheila, Mike, Judith, Chris and John C from our band.

June 6th the 80th Anniversary of the D Day Landings was marked by us ringing for 45mins. There was also ringing up and down the country for this event.

July 27th we rang for the Wedding Service of Mathew Nicklin and Charlene Manning.

Oct 19th a quarter peal of Grandsire Doubles was completed by a band from Alcester led by Katie Wheeler in 37 minutes.

Nov 2nd another visit from The Four Shires for a practice evening, 20 ringers total attended.

Nov 10th Remembrance Sunday was observed with half muffled ringing for the morning service.

Dec 12th, we had another Four shire visiting team from Bidford led by Sandra Parker

Dec 28th Holy Innocence Day, the bells were rung half muffled.

Many thanks as usual to the bell ringers for their continued support and dedication. Thanks to the PCC for our Christmas gifts. Thanks to Richard for chairing our meeting.

St James Hand bell ringers report

Keith Hemming writes:

The handbell ringers have had another busy year, we attended several rallies around the region and also a few care homes. The residents love it not only listening to the bells but they also sing along to them.

Since the last report we have two new members join us and are doing well, but we are always open for more which would help any availability problems we may encounter.

Christmas fundraising started at the beginning of December and again we were collecting for the Midlands air ambulance and the Warwickshire and Northampton air ambulance. We were very busy doing care homes and supermarkets. In 2024 we collected our highest ever total of £5100.00. Can we do better this year? - well, only time will tell. Bookings are coming in thick and fast and we already have one new engagement to attend.

Churchyard Vergers report

Joy and Julian Rawes write:

We have had another busy year working in the churchyard and have had amazing help from our team of volunteers. We now have over 20 people involved as gardeners or supporters. Each month we have an average of 12-17 people who are ready and willing to lend a hand and we are never short of a job to do. The group has gradually become a kind of social support group, what better time to chat about your problems than when you are gardening together? Many thanks to Keith for all the mowing and to Jack for taking on the strimming.

In the churchyard we have kept the graves and flowerbeds tidy and continued developing the wildlife area near the dovecot. Our neighbours have put birdfeeders in the area and we have a very small pond for wildlife. Buddleia bushes for butterflies are doing well and also some nettles left on purpose! We mow a path through the long grass which is well used and appreciated. There are 12 birdboxes in the churchyard...well hidden!

In the burial ground we are keeping three wild areas, plus a patch of cowslips, Keith mows carefully round them. We keep the graves tidy, removing dead flowers and looking after the graves which are not visited very often. Some problems with graves with fancy edgings and artefacts around make mowing almost impossible! The massive hedge was again cut in house but as we all getting older, we have to think again about this year! We are making more burial space by reducing the beech hedge at the far side, removing soil from around the tree stumps, then we will need some professional help to remove these.

Finally, to say that the churchyard is very much appreciated in this village and every day many people visit, to tend graves, walk dogs, walk with children in a safe space and just to sit and admire this beautiful garden. Our reward is to see the pleasure it gives and to talk with our many visitors.

Electoral Roll

Annette France writes:

Number on roll is 55.

Harvington Youth Project

Peter Ashplant Chairperson of the Harvington Youth Project Steering Group writes:

I reported last year that an opportunity arose to apply for a revenue grant to the Church of England Healthier Churches Fund. In November 2023, a number of meetings took place and it was decided to

apply. The focus of the bid was to expand the youth worker post to full time and spread the work of the Project further into other parts of the Benefice as well as linking into neighbouring rural churches. The application was successful in obtaining 5-year funding totaling £125,000, as announced by Bishop's Council in February 2024.

2024 has been a wonderful opportunity to employ a full-time youth worker. The core of the Project is still a strong collaboration between St. James and the Baptist Chapel.

For over a year, the wonderful commitment and care of volunteers meant that the youth groups continued to run as we waited for Matt Cook (our new Youth and Children's Worker) to start on September 4th 2024. Sadly, we have had to say goodbye to some of those volunteers. Sue Stokes for grandparent duties and Matthew Owen moving to Solihull (with his family) who both left the Tuesday Explorers after many years of wonderful service. Judy Perry, Kathryn Evans and Jean Spires all "retired" from their tireless voluntary service to the project too. We are so indebted to them all and thank them so much for the care and time they all devoted to the children and young people.

A new era has arrived and we must grasp the opportunities with both hands. As Matt will report, we need to recruit more volunteers to work alongside him in the evening groups, holiday clubs and Messy Church. The campaign has already started and we shall be looking to offer local people in the community the chance to share their time and skills by volunteering.

With opportunities come challenges. Fundraising is still needed and we are so grateful for the ongoing generosity of the Baptist Chapel and St James' the Great Anglican Church. The Parish Council has also committed its support to us too in the future. We continue to look for grant opportunities and Tesco in association with Groundworks UK are considering a grant for equipment in the summer of 2025.

5 years fly by though and we must plan ahead for life beyond 2029. Considering how close we were to financial closure before this grant came from the Diocese of Worcester, we need to plan sustainability from this moment on.

On March 4th 2025, Matt will have completed his first 6 months and he will reflect on that with you. We are convinced that the path we have taken to grow this Project is with God's blessing and we are very lucky to have attracted a committed Christian in the form of Matt Cook to help us on our journey. More than ever, our children need a safe place outside of their home and school to meet friends and learn social skills. I am very proud to say that it is the Christian community in Harvington which is leading that journey.

Matt Cook, Youth and Children's Worker writes:

I am very pleased to be able to look back upon my first six months in-post.

Our Youth Groups have continued to thrive, with regular attendance from an amazing group of young people aged 7-18. Highlights from the sessions include some fantastic discussions on challenging Biblical topics, and a very successful series on Women in the Bible that was run with our 13-18s. The young people have responded particularly well to our latest series exploring the life of Jesus which has contributed to improved engagement and a positive atmosphere.

One of the key challenges during this period has been the recruitment of volunteers which I am happy to say is starting to bear some fruit. I would like to highlight, that the commitment and enthusiasm from our volunteers have ensured that the quality of our provision remains high.

Looking ahead, we are excited to begin planning our summer holiday club. We are also working on strengthening partnerships with local schools, community groups, and families to further support the needs of our young people.

I am incredibly grateful to the team, volunteers, and the wider community for their support over the past six months. I am pleased to say that we continue to offer a welcoming and safe space where young people can learn about themselves, grow in their faith, and have fun.

Current Health of Youth Groups

There have been many positives to come out of our groups, the most notable for me being the number of meaningful interactions and conversations that have been had by myself and the volunteers with young people. The questions that they ask and the discussions that they engage in have at times shown great maturity and biblical knowledge. This has been encouraging to witness and demonstrates the impact of the safe and supportive environment we aim to provide.

Beyond spiritual discussions, we have also seen growth in other areas such as social skills, confidence and willingness to engage with new activities. Many participants have stepped out of their comfort zones to try new things, build friendships and develop leadership qualities. It is particularly encouraging to see older young people mentoring and supporting younger ones, fostering a strong sense of community and mutual respect within the groups.

Church Lunch

Building upon the strong relationship that the project has with Church Lunch First School over the years through Messy Church and Open the Bible, we have started up a weekly Lunchtime Club in the school. Every Thursday lunchtime, we have been providing a half-hour club with puzzles/word searches, card and board games, colouring activities and a safe conversation space. We have had an excellent response to this club from the school and students. It is building relationships which, hopefully, will result in young people coming along to youth groups because of lunchtime club.

Future Plans and Aspirations

The big thing currently on the horizon for the project is the departure of Rev Thorniley and Gill, who have been huge supporters of the Harvington Youth Project. Richard, of course, has been the organiser of the Holiday Clubs and Open the Bible sessions, as well as a dedicated volunteer on Thursday nights. Gill has also been a consistent presence, volunteering on Monday nights. Their contributions have been invaluable, and their departure will undoubtedly be felt across the project.

Given these changes, the main objective going forward is to maintain the stability of our current groups and events. We are committed to ensuring that the Holiday Clubs, weekly youth groups, and faith-based initiatives like Open the Bible continue to run smoothly. Efforts are already underway to recruit new volunteers to fill the gaps left by Richard and Gill, ensuring that the young people continue to benefit from the support that the project provides.

Additionally, we will explore ways to strengthen community partnerships and where new ministries can develop. We would like to spend more time in Harvington First School and will be looking for ways that we can better support our local schools. We are currently in discussion with the Diocese about supporting work in Badsey. Despite the challenges posed by these transitions, our focus remains on providing a welcoming, engaging, and supportive environment for the young people we serve.

Deanery Synod Report

Representatives: Jack Hegarty writes:

Jack Hegarty and Elliot Granger are your representatives. Meetings were held in March and July 2024. In addition, an Open Deanery Service was held in November at All Saints Church in Evesham led by our new Archdeacon, Mark Badger reflecting on our journey together towards the light.

At the meeting on 13th March there was a varied agenda which included a presentation by Alison Maddocks (the Dean of Smaller Churches) on the topic of 'Simplifying the Parish' - with suggestions for making the governance of parishes less onerous, reflecting on situations where clergy roles can be very stretched and lay roles are duplicated. This generated much debate and questions.

A paper prepared by Jack Hegarty had been circulated prior to the meeting emphasising that this Deanery will be taking the greater share of the new housing planned for South Worcestershire, some of which

will include significant numbers including Worcester Parkway with up to 10,000 homes and Throckmorton 5000 homes. These large developments over the next decade will have huge social impact. Archdeacon Mark Badger is having meetings with developers and is looking at what could be done ecumenically.

A further agenda item related to eco-champions and the fact that many churches in the Deanery had achieved eco awards.

The meeting on 23rd July at St Andrews Centre, Pershore focused on new worshipping communities with a presentation from Kim Brown (the new Diocesan New Communities Enabler). Kim referred to an excellent CofE resource for introducing a short period of informal worship entitled 'How to introduce worship into an outreach or social action group'.

Finally, the Rous Lench solar panels project was showcased to those present and the huge efforts to bring forward this ambitious scheme.

Flower Rota

Jean Spires writes:

During the year a pedestal arrangement of flowers has been placed by the Altar. The flower team have helped to decorate the church for Easter and Harvest Festival. My thanks to you all. An arrangement for Pentecost was placed in front of the Altar to depict fire, using red and yellow flowers and twigs. An arrangement of lilies was placed in the prayer corner for All Souls Day, together with a Scroll with the names of the departed. For Remembrance Day poppies were arranged in Church. For Christmas a lovely tree was placed by the Altar and decorated with the lovely Stars made by a group. Thank you so much for all your hard work.

Flower Festival.

A Flower Festival was held in June together with the Annual Fete. The theme being Vivaldi's "Four Seasons". Thank you to all who managed to help. We had many visitors and a "Treasure Hunt" was organised for the children where they had to find various items in the floral arrangements, great fun was had by all, and a prize for a completed entry.

Arch Messenger

Richard Thorniley writes:

Grateful thanks are offered to Cathy Davies for editing the Arch Messenger our Benefice magazine and Chris Reed for overseeing the advertising which ensures that it can be distributed free to all households. The distribution is enabled through the good offices of Kay Barrett who carefully nurtures our hard working distributors. It is a labor of love that is warmly welcomed by many in the community and enables the church to share the Christian message of hope as well as news and events in the community.

Summary

4 baptisms, 1 wedding and 10 funerals took place in 2024. The baptisms were all boys including 3 Barfield Graingers and a Thomson. The funerals included an ex-Church warden Diana Huggins and two well known members of the Village Pam Walden and Rob Parry, the latter had been a Harvington School caretaker. We also mourned the loss of Helen Fishbourne, a hugely respected Head Teacher of Harvington First and Nursery School.

The report is full of achievements – a busy programme of events, and evidence in a variety of ways of a vibrant lively community – that's fun to be part of. The growth of the Cross Club and Messy Church is evidence at the younger end, the support of the community at the activities offered by St James's including the care of the Churchyard, the Holiday Club, the Youth Project and the Community Support Group, CAMEO Teas all point to the fact that the Church Community is offering a service to the community that is relevant and appreciated.

Visitors to events such as the Flower and Hat Festivals and the churchyard when in full bloom shows that St James church is a place of destination of wonder and beauty.

St James community is in a great place full of the evidence that the Benefice mission statement '***To show our love for God and You***' is at its heart and not merely a guiding principle.

It is a delight to sign off my final Annual Report summary knowing that St James is a community that is full of love, hope, and joy founded on a faith in our Risen Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. Years of prayer answered.

Richard Thorniley

Financial Statements for the year ending 31 December 2024

Church of St James the Great
Harvington, Parochial Church Council



Financial Review

I would like to start my report with a huge thank you to all who support our church financially. Your continued generosity ensures that we can fulfill our mission to bring the Love of God to all in our community.

Following last year when we reported a small surplus in our unrestricted activities, we have had a financially challenging year, and are now reporting a deficit of £983.

Last year, I warned that we cannot be complacent and must continue to seek increases in income whilst being vigilant on our expenditure, without compromising our mission.

This is and will continue to be a big challenge.

As mentioned last year, the request from the Diocese for our Ministry Share continues to be the largest element of our expenditure.

In 2023, I expected our Ministry Share to be £49,860 and that we were applying for a grant of £11,047, leaving £38,813 for us to fund.

The Diocese did not allow the grant for 2024 and we were therefore challenged to find an additional £11,000 over and above our forecast.

We have been advised that our Ministry Share for 2025 is £50,409.

In our accounts for 2024, we have paid £35,688 towards the 2024 share, a shortfall of £14,172.

The Ministry Share is used to cover the costs of our Rector, including salary, pension, housing, training etc. and following discussion, the PCC consider that we should use the voluntary income we receive to fund this and other fund raising income, investment income and grants should be used to cover the costs of running and maintaining the building and undertaking our mission.

We therefore need to increase our personal giving in order to ensure that we continue to receive the support and leadership of our own rector.

Other costs have decreased overall in 2024, but we recently had our Quinquennial Inspection and this has identified costs estimated at between £25,000 and £50,000 over the next five years.

Looking at the figures in greater detail shows the following:

Income

Planned Giving – There has been a further small increase in the amount received from planned giving from £28,896 in 2023 to £29,294. Once again, thank you..

Collections – have again decreased slightly from £3,110 in 2023 to £1,813.

Donations – An decrease from £2,715 in 2023 to £800.

Gift Aid – Receipts from Gift Aid have increased from £7,137 in 2023 to £8,466. The Parish Giving Scheme is still the most efficient method of giving and if anyone would like further details please contact either the Treasurer or Rector.

Income from Activities to generate funds

This income is from two sources. Firstly the fees we charge for Weddings and Funerals which have increased from £5,035 in 2023 to £3,372. This reflects a reduction in the number of weddings and funerals. Secondly from fund raising which, thanks to our Events Team, has increased from a net £2,844 in 2023 to £6,564.

Expenditure

Ministry Share – As outlined above, our share has increased from £26,839 in 2023 to £35,688 with even larger increases to come in 2025 and 2026.

There have been no other exceptional changes in our expenditure.

**Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of
St James' Harvington Parochial Church Council**

I report to the members on my examination of the accounts of the PCC for the year ended 31 December 2024 which are set out on pages 21 to 35.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charities members 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 charity's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 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 charity 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

Mr A Tooth
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Dated 2025

St James Harvington PCC

Statement of Financial Activities

For the Year Ended 31st December 2024

	Unrestricted Funds	2024 Restricted Funds	Total	2023 Total
Incoming Resources				
Planned Giving	28,664	630	29,294	28,896
Collections and other giving	1,813		1,813	3,110
Donations	800		800	2,715
Legacies			-	1,000
Investment Income	2,400		2,400	2,054
Income from activities to further the work of the Church	1,000		1,000	1,000
Income from activities to generate funds	10,204		10,204	8,372
Income tax (GA) recovered	7,666		7,666	6,100
Debtor Gift Aid to be recovered	799		799	1,037
Benefice Account	13,491		13,491	13,124
Total Incoming Resources	66,838	630	67,468	67,408
Resources Expended				
Diocesan Parish Share	35,688		35,688	26,839
Local and overseas mission		3,558	3,558	2,625
Activities to generate funds	268		268	563
Church Running Expenses	210		210	575
Utilities	2,595		2,595	2,705
Insurance	2,614		2,614	2,475
Benefice/Clergy Expenses	5,206		5,206	4,654
Repairs	1,356	5,409	6,765	10,762
Sundries	498		498	104
Benefice Account	13,491	-	13,491	13,124
Total Resources Expended	61,926	8,966	70,892	64,425
Transfers between Funds	(5,895)	5,895	-	-
Net movement in Funds	(983)	(2,441)	(3,424)	2,983
Reconciliation of Funds				
B/Fwd Balance	1,166	111,957	113,123	110,140
Net movement in Funds	(983)	(2,441)	(3,424)	2,983
C/Fwd Balance	183	109,516	109,699	113,123

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Balance Sheet as at 31st December 2024

	2024	2023
Current Assets		
Current Bank Account	9,639	9,786
Cash in Hand	327	817
CCLA Church of England Deposit	3,828	3,633
Bank Deposits	100,000	100,000
Debtors & Prepayments	6,359	5,375
Total Current Assets	120,153	119,610
Current Liabilities		
Accruals	10,454	6,487
Total Current Liabilities	10,454	6,487
Net Current Assets	109,699	113,123
Funds		
General Fund	(15,520)	(13,949)
Fabric Fund	110,005	110,629
Clock Appeal	-	1,371
Churchyard Funds	14,532	13,944
Mission Fund	-	446
Education Fund	53	53
Harvington Support Fund	629	629
Benefice Account	-	-
	109,699	113,123

The Revd Canon R Thorniley
Chairman of the PCC

Mr John Liggitt
Treasurer

Date 2025

St James Harvington PCC
Financial Statements
For the Year Ended 31st December 2024
General Fund (Unrestricted)

Incoming Resources	2024	2023
Incoming Resources from donors		
Planned Giving	28,664	28,296
Collections and other giving	1,813	2,560
Income tax (GA) recovered	7,494	5,950
Debtor Gift Aid to be recovered	799	1,037
	<u>38,770</u>	<u>37,843</u>
Other Voluntary incoming resources		
Donations	800	1,943
Legacies	-	1,000
Bank & CCLA Interest	2,400	2,054
	<u>3,201</u>	<u>4,997</u>
Income from activities to further the work of the Church		
Contributions for the use of the Church	1,000	1,000
	<u>1,000</u>	<u>1,000</u>
Income from operating activities to generate funds		
Special Events Note 2	6,832	3,307
Sundries	-	30
	<u>6,832</u>	<u>3,337</u>
Total Incoming Resources	<u>49,803</u>	<u>47,177</u>
Resources Expended		
Church Activities		
Diocesan Parish Share	35,688	26,839
Church Running Expenses	210	575
Utilities	2,595	2,705
Insurance	2,614	2,475
Benefice/Clergy Expenses	5,206	4,654
Organ Expenses	-	-
	<u>46,313</u>	<u>37,248</u>
Church Management & Admin		
Printing & Stationery	11	-
Sundries	487	104
	<u>498</u>	<u>104</u>
Special Events	<u>268</u>	<u>563</u>
Total Resources Expended	<u>47,079</u>	<u>37,915</u>
Transfer to Fabric Fund	1,184	5,028
Transfer to Mission Fund	3,111	2,250
Transfer to Churchyard Fund	-	-
Surplus/Deficit for year	<u>(1,571)</u>	<u>1,984</u>
Opening balance	<u>(13,949)</u>	<u>(15,933)</u>
Closing balance	<u>(15,520)</u>	<u>(13,949)</u>

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Fabric Fund

Incoming Resources	2024			2023
	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total	
Planned Giving	-	630	630	600
Gift Aid	173	-	173	150
Fees	-	-	-	-
Church Fabric Donations	-	-	-	-
Total Incoming Resources	173	630	803	750
Resources Expended				
Repairs	1,356	-	1,356	5,178
Bell Maintenance, Ropes and Stays	-	-	-	252
Total Resources Expended	1,356	-	1,356	5,430
Surplus/Deficit for year	(1,184)	630	(554)	(4,680)
Transfer from General Funds	1,184	-	1,184	5,028
Transfer to Clock Appeal Fund	-	(1,254)	(1,254)	-
Opening balance	-	110,629	110,629	110,281
Closing balance	-	110,005	110,005	110,629

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Clock Appeal (restricted)

	2024	2023
Incoming Resources from donors		
Donations	-	-
Gift Aid	-	-
	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Total Incoming Resources	-	-
Resources Expended		
Repairs	<u>2,625</u>	<u>1,686</u>
Total Resources Expended	<u>2,625</u>	<u>1,686</u>
Surplus/Deficit for year	(2,625)	(1,686)
Opening balance	1,371	3,057
Transfer from/(to) Fabric Fund	<u>1,254</u>	<u>-</u>
Closing balance	<u>-</u>	<u>1,371</u>

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Churchyard Fund

Incoming Resources	2024			2023
	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total	Total
PCC Fees	3,372		3,372	5,035
Memorials	-	-	-	-
Donations	-	-	-	772
Gift Aid	-	-	-	-
Total Incoming Resources	3,372	-	3,372	5,807
Resources Expended				
Lawn & Tree Maintenance	-	1,473	1,473	2,039
General Maintenance	-	1,311	1,311	1,607
Living Memory	-	-	-	-
Total Resources Expended	-	2,784	2,784	3,646
Surplus/Deficit for year	3,372	(2,784)	588	2,161
Opening balance	13,944	-	13,944	11,783
Transfer from Unrestricted	(2,784)	2,784	-	-
Closing balance	14,532	-	14,532	13,944

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Mission Fund (Restricted)

	2024	2023
Incoming Resources		
Nominated Charity	-	551
	<hr/>	<hr/>
Total Incoming Resources	<hr/> -	<hr/> 551
Resources Expended		
Harvington Youth Project	3,000	1,500
Messy Church	558	-
Pastoral Care	-	741
Nominated Charities	-	304
	<hr/>	<hr/>
Total Resources Expended	<hr/> 3,558	<hr/> 2,545
Surplus/Deficit for year	<hr/> (3,558)	<hr/> (1,994)
Transfer from General Fund	3,111	2,250
Opening balance	<hr/> 446	<hr/> 190
Closing balance	<hr/> -	<hr/> 446

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Education Fund

	2024	2023
Incoming Resources		
Donations	-	-
Gift Aid	-	-
Total Incoming Resources	-	-
Resources Expended		
Peru Mission	-	-
Total Resources Expended	-	-
Surplus/Deficit for year	-	-
Opening Balance	53	53
Closing Balance	53	53

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Harvington Support Fund

	2024	2023
Receipts		
Donations received	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Total Receipts	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Payments		
Meals & vouchers provided	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Other assistance	<u>-</u>	<u>80</u>
Total Payments	<u>-</u>	<u>80</u>
Surplus/Deficit for year	<u>-</u>	<u>(80)</u>
Opening Balance	<u>629</u>	<u>709</u>
Closing Balance	<u>629</u>	<u>629</u>

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Benefice Account

	2024	2023
Receipts		
Holiday Club	1,322	901
Arch Messenger	3,345	2,915
Allocation	5,206	4,654
Harvington		
Others	3,618	4,654
Total Receipts	13,491	13,124
Payments		
Clergy Expenses	3,482	3,117
Holiday Club	587	354
Arch Messenger	4,053	3,932
Parish Administrator	3,744	3,527
Stationery & Photocopying	1,626	2,195
Sundries	-	-
Total Payments	13,491	13,124
Surplus/Deficit for year	-	-
Opening Balance	-	-
Closing Balance	-	-

St James Harvington PCC

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Notes to the Financial Statements

1 Accounting Policies

Basis of financial statements

The financial statements have been prepared under the Church Accounting Regulations 2006 in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS102) 'Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS102) (effective 1 January 2015)' and the Charities Act 2011.

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention except for investment assets, which are shown at fair 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 owe their affiliation to another body, nor those that are informal gatherings of church members.

Fund accounting

Restricted funds comprise revenue donations or grants for a specific PCC activity intended by the donor. Where these funds have unspent balances, interest on their pooled investment is apportioned to the individual funds on an average balance basis.

Unrestricted funds are income funds which are to be spent on the PCC's general purposes.

Designated funds are general funds set aside by the PCC for use in the future. Project funds are designated for particular projects for administration purposes only. Funds designated as invested in fixed assets for the PCC's own use abated in line with assets' annual depreciation charges in the SOFA. Designated funds remain unrestricted and the PCC will move any surplus to other general funds.

Incoming resources

Planned giving, collections and similar donations are recognised when received. Tax refunds are recognised when the incoming resource to which they relate is received. Grants and legacies are accounted for when the PCC is entitled to the use of the resources, their ultimate receipt is considered reasonably certain and the amounts due are reliably quantifiable. Interest as and when accrued by the payer. All incoming resources are accounted for gross.

Resources expended

Grants and donations are accounted for when paid over, or when awarded, if that award creates a binding or constructive obligation on the PCC. The diocesan parish share expected to be paid over is accounted for when due.

All other expenditure is generally recognised when it is incurred and is accounted for gross.

St James Harvington PCC

Financial Statements

For the Year Ended 31st December 2024

Notes to the Financial Statements (Continued)

2 Fund Raising

	Income	Expenditure	Net 2024	Net 2023
Open Gardens/Flower Festival	1,073		1,073	695
Xmas fayre	2,287		2,287	1,959
Tree of Light	120		120	310
Fete	2,490	268	2,222	-
Barn Dance/BBQ	125		125	-
St James Easter Holiday Club	22		22	-
Hat Festival	714		714	-
Other expenses	-		-	(120)
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To General Fund	6,832	268	6,564	2,844

3 Transfers between Funds

The sum of £3,111 (2023 £2,250) was transferred from the General Fund to the Mission Fund to cover the cost of a £3,000 (2023 £1,500) contribution to Harvington Youth Project and £558 (2023 £240) to Messy Church.

The sum of £2,784 (2023: £2,873) was transferred from the Unrestricted Churchyard fund to the Restricted Churchyard fund to cover ongoing costs of maintaining the Churchyard.

The sum of £1,184 (2022: £5,028) was transferred from the General Fund to the Unrestricted Fabric Fund to cover cost of repairs and maintenance.

The sum of £1,254 (2023: £nil) from the restricted Fabric Fund to the Clock Appeal Fund.

St James' Handbell Ringers

Balance Sheet

Year ending 31st December 2024

Receipts

Charitable Collections (Card payment charges deducted)
Grants
Misc. Donations
Playing Fees
Member Subscriptions
Rally income

Funds		Capital	Total	2023
General	Charity			
	£5,110.56		£5,110.56	£4,680.34
			£0.00	£0.00
£95.00			£95.00	£0.00
			£0.00	£0.00
£480.00			£480.00	£405.00
£0.00			£0.00	£0.00

Total receipts

£575.00 £5,110.56 £0.00 £5,685.56 £4,027.49

Payments

Licenses (Music royalties)
Subscriptions (HRGB, Heart of England Handbell Society)
Marketing
Team Expenses (Gift for Clive, team tops)
Equipment (Music, music stands)
Hall hire
Rallying expenses (Arley Kings, HRGB)
Donations to Charities (Christmas 2023 collections)

£55.20			£55.20	£49.80
£130.00			£130.00	£10.00
£0.00			£0.00	£0.00
£148.30			£148.30	£0.00
£263.47			£263.47	£28.00
£0.00			£0.00	£0.00
£119.32			£119.32	£70.00
	£4,460.00		£4,460.00	£3,482.00

Total payments

£716.29 £4,460.00 £0.00 £5,176.29 £4,323.60

Surplus/Deficit

-£141.29 £650.56 £0.00 £509.27 -£296.11

Fund balance as at 1st January 2024

£866.36 £4,761.06 £175.24 £5,802.66 £4,377.12

Transfers 2024

Surplus/Deficit

-£141.29 £650.56 £0.00 £509.27

Fund balance as at 31st December 2024

£725.07 £5,411.62 £175.24 £6,311.93 £5,802.66

Represented by

Lloyds TSB bank
Petty Cash

£6,311.93
£0.00

Total

£6,311.93

I have examined the accounting documents provided for me and the annual financial statement for the 31st December 2024 does not contain any items which give me cause for concern.

Signature

L. Knight

Date

27/2/25

Mrs L. Knight
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Harvington