

ANNUAL REPORT 2024



Vicar's Report



Enlarge the place of your tent, stretch out your tent curtains wide, do not hold back; lengthen your cords, strengthen your stakes.' – Isaiah 54.2 NIV

I can sum this last year up as a season of 'stretching.' Our church has stretched in terms of numbers, reach and depth of discipleship in this past year. All to ensure that people get to know the beating heart of God's love that we want to share with people so that they can get to know Jesus and his transforming love in their lives.

There have obviously been the big events that have stretched our confidence in evangelism – Festival Teesside, summer fun days, co-ordinated alphas, holiday clubs and Christmas bazaars along with our regular coffee mornings and other activities. We helped make the Festival happen and it was great to see members of St Paul's in hi-vis jackets at the event as more than 32,000 people heard the Gospel preached. After which we held a successful sports-based holiday club and community fun day, building relationship with people in our community so that they can begin to connect and explore faith in Jesus Christ. We are stretching!

We have seen new Christians coming to faith and celebrated baptisms across the year as young and old alike gave their lives to Jesus. We have seen the launch of Bubble church this year – our fun filled, puppet packed church service for youngsters and their adults – and it has grown considerably. So much so that there are plans in 2025 for this to be twice a month rather than simply once. PCC have also been stretched this year as we became part of the diocesan 'Health for Growth' cohort. This looked at various aspects that mark a healthy church, as a result we are beginning to really emphasise the benefits of joining a life group in church. These help to encourage us in our walk with Christ and build friendships that last and go deep.

2024 was also a year tinged with sadness as we said farewell to one of our long standing members, Jim Kane, whose funeral was held at the end of the year. As we look ahead there are still exciting moments of being stretched in 2025: our growth in relationship with God and each other, our growth in impact in the community and our growth in numbers as we continue to see new people encounter Jesus. My prayer is that we can continue to stretch out the tent, that we won't hold back. Because as we take those steps of faith in 2025 God will be helping us every step of the way.



Warden Report



The Good:

The continued support received from Julie, Dorothy and Tracy when the warden was acting as default treasurer.

The relief when Zoe stepped in as treasurer at the post APCM PCC meeting.

The joy when Sally agreed to be co-warden (as warden elect) with me since October.

The wonderful growth we've seen in families becoming part of the St Paul's family.

The generosity of the established congregation, joyfully making space for the new.

Happy children in church.

Pastoral care and Safeguarding continue to be well managed and supported.

St Paul's Church has developed its own forward-looking culture.

Fabric:

The modelling of the proposed partitioning of the chapel from the chancel has been received favourably.

Discussions with DAC on Hall, Chapel, Chancel, Café and Den works went on until July. They have agreed in principle the works and format.

It is now hoped that the works to electrical compliance (all areas), Hall heating and lighting will be completed in August 2025 (after Holiday Club).

Partition and other works to Chapel to follow repairs to "angled window roof", drying out and replastering, again a warm weather job.

Café/servery can commence when amendment to an existing faculty is processed.

The Hole:

We await a response from the Architect to our question "Is there any way to resolve this issue that doesn't involve taking legal action against WB Construction?" (WB Construction were the main contractors for the 2020/21 works).



Safeguarding



Safeguarding is the responsibility of the whole church and St Paul's takes safeguarding of its parishioners extremely seriously. We aim to guide and protect all who come to seek a safe place within our community. The PCC have adopted the diocesan safeguarding policy and under diocesan guidance we seek to support, listen to and guide all who need it. We refer to the best service suppliers where necessary and ensure all those who need it are fully and appropriately trained.

What has this entailed over 2024

- All staff who are in service are DBS checked and relevant training undertaken for them to safely carry out their role.
- Concerns reported and given due care within 48 hours of disclosure, checking in and follow-up conversations done.
- There have been two safeguarding issues which have safely been addressed, logged and followed thoroughly, and using other agencies correctly.
- Minor concerns are logged in case follow-up is required.

Durham Diocese along with other Dioceses within the country have moved from paper trails to an online safeguarding hub which ensures that we are transparent with our safeguarding training and issues within the Parish.

Joan Williams, Parish Safeguarding Officer

Children & Youth



We long to see the children of this area reached and transformed by the love of God and 2024 has been a great year for this at St Paul's.

We have reached nearly 200 people for Jesus (children and their parents/carers) across our ministries this year. This isn't including all the school pupils that we see in collective worship and school visits.

In church on a Sunday Kids Space ministry grew. Creche launched in December with Linda and team providing a safe and fun space to nurture faith in under 5s.

Through the week: Baby and Toddler Church reached 42 children. Youth Life Group reached up to 6. Bubble Church launched in April averaging 7 families plus team across all ages.

We loved reaching new people and our work with schools and in events helped us to do that. We work with four schools through assemblies, worship, prayer spaces (with an average of 23 children a week at St Mark's), and school visits, exploring faith in Jesus together. Events like Festival Teesside, work in Newham Grange Park and Half Time Holiday Club, have extended our reach further. Thanks to Scottsdale Bible Church and Scripture Union for their help with this.

Our Holiday Club for 7-11s demonstrated a need for something here. We are planning a new group – called Voyagers – tailored to their needs. Team are gathered and we launch in January 2025.

Pray that growth can be sustained with people called into this ministry area who are passionate about reaching children, young people and their families with God's love and that those exploring faith would go deeper and experience God's love for themselves. If that is you and God is nudging you to help, talk to me.

Lauren Goodrick, Children and Youth Outreach Worker.



Pastoral Care

The pastoral team has continued this year and meets regularly to consider how to support those in need in our parish.

This year there have been a number of complex pastoral issues that required in-depth support. As well as starting to take flowers around to people in the church each week. A big thanks to the whole team who have been a part of this. Please continue to pray for and encourage them in their calling.

Electoral Roll

This year was a year for a full renewal of our electoral roll, which means that we throw away the old roll and start again with a brand new roll. This happens every 6 years.

Last year we predicted that our roll of 57 would dip considerably as there were a number of people who were on the roll who had left during lockdown and never really come back to the church. Our new roll now stands at 39 - this is actually really encouraging as it is a higher number than we expected would be on the roll after our renewal and it doesn't represent everyone who attends or sees this church as 'theirs'.

If you are not on the electoral roll and would like to be please do see Reverend Paul or Tracy Carson our administrator and they will happily help you to apply.

Curate's Report



I cannot quite believe I have been at St Paul's for almost two years! Being part of the team here continues to be an amazing privilege. 2024 has been a significant year for me, especially with my ordination to the Priesthood in June. For years, I had been anticipating how it would feel to preside at the table during Holy Communion, and it has quickly become one of my favourite things in the world to do.

In August, I served on one of the children's teams at New Wine Summer Festival, and when I came back, it was almost straight into our kids' Holiday Club. Both gave me a renewed passion for the church's work with children, and I was delighted to discover that Lauren also felt that the church was called to start a mid-week group for 7 to 11-year-olds. After gathering the team and much planning, it has been excellent to see Voyagers get off to a solid start in 2025. Alpha has continued to be a highlight. Our Alphas have not been huge, with dozens of people attending. However, they have been significant. Each course has seen multiple people encounter Jesus, particularly on the Holy Spirit away days. Through this, we have seen new families become active parts of our church family. What a joy! Previous participants have been keen to be on the team for future courses, even leading discussion times.

Looking to 2025, I am eager to see how I grow as a priest and continue to see what God has planned for St Paul's. Thank you to everyone who has been supporting me on this journey.

At St Paul's we are called to be
the beating heart of God's love
for Stockton. To do this we hold 6
All's at our heart we are ALL:

- GOD'S FAMILY
- SPIRIT LED
- JESUS CENTRED
- ALL IN
- ALL REAL
- ALL CAN PLAY

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The Parochial Church Council of the St Paul's Church, Stockton-on-Tees
Financial Statements
For the year ended 31st December 2024

The Parochial Church Council of the St Paul's Church, Stockton-on-Tees

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The Parochial Church Council of St Paul's Church, Stockton-on-Tees
Annual Report
For the Year Ended 31 December 2023

The Parochial Church Council present their report and financial statements for the year ended 31st December 2024.

Reference and Administration Information

Principal address	Bishopton Road Stockton-on-Tees TS18 4PB
Status	Registered Charity No: 1195893
Chairpersons	Rev. P. Arnold
Treasurer	Zoe Smith
Trustees	Rev Paul Arnold Zoe Smith Sally Rosser Rollinson Cathy Ben Ameh <i>Resigned</i> Linda Catherine Errington Joan Ursula Williams John Gordon Eyles Julie Collins Dorothy Frances Aithwaite Faye Ellen Thompson
Independent Examiners	Lynne Dickson FCA JBC Accountants Limited 3B Lockheed Court Preston Farm Stockton-on-Tees TS18 3SH
Bankers	Barclays Bank plc 49 High Street Stockton-on-Tees TS18 1AG

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The primary objective of the PCC is the promotion of the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to the doctrines and practices of the Church of England.

The PCC of St Paul's has the responsibility of co-operating with the clergy team in promoting in the ecclesiastical parish, the whole mission of the Church, pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical.

The PCC is committed to enabling as many people as possible to worship at St Paul's Church.

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

- Worship and prayer; learning about the Gospel and developing their knowledge and trust in Jesus;
- Provision of pastoral care for people living in the parish;
- Missionary and outreach work.

Achievements and Performance

- * Worship and Prayer - In April we launched a new worshipping community aimed at primary school children and their families "Bubble Church," this has thrived during the year.
- * Pastoral Care - our pastoral team has grown and we have provided much needed care to those in need in the parish.
- * Mission and outreach - included a successful holiday club for ages 7-11, helping to organise Festival Teesside with over 30,000 people reached, and a community fun day and BBQ that raised the profile of the church.
- * We have added to our support for schools and now also visit St John the Baptist CofE Primary School alongside our other schools (St Mark's, Oak Tree Academy, Green Gates) with prayer spaces for schools and regular collective worship as well as regular visits to St Paul's church building.

Financial Review

Unrestricted funds

Total incoming resources on unrestricted funds were £42,778 (2023: £35,071) of which £15,324 (2023: £14,002) were planned voluntary donations via standing order, envelope or the Parish Giving Scheme (PGS). Also £2,635 (2023: £3,054) via the collection plate, £1,646 (2023: £520) fees from weddings/funerals, £5,088 (2023: £2,057) from hall lettings and £624 (2023: £1,658) from events, eg coffee mornings, etc.

Income tax receivable from gift aid was £4,072 (2023: £3,790)

In our outgoings, our utility costs (electricity and water) totalled £8,288 (2023: £7,542).

Other running expenses (insurance, phone, etc) totalled 3,479 (2023: £6,380).

Loan repayments totalling 13,332 including interest of £2,477 were made (2023: £16,459).

£7,720 (2023: £8,800) was paid towards our Diocesan Quota for 2024.

Restricted funds

The Restoration account is used to pay for regular maintenance of the church and grounds and costs totalled £4,980 (2023: £8,328).

Grafting account - final payments for phase 1 works were made from this account, totalling £10,798.

Reserves policy

It is the intention of the PCC to maintain a balance on unrestricted funds of at least £5000, in case of a sudden drop in giving, or other emergency situations which may arise from time to time. The balance held on unrestricted funds is in line with this policy.

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Structure, Governance and Management

The Parochial Church Council is a corporate body established by the Church of England. The PCC operates under the Parochial Church Council Powers Measure (1956) as amended and Church representation rules that came into force on 1st April 2013. The PCC is registered with the Charities Commission during the year.

The method of appointment of PCC members is set out in the Church Representation Rules. All Church attendees are encouraged to register on the Electoral Roll and stand for election to the PCC.

Appropriate induction and training procedures are in place, and PCC members are sent on relevant training courses when, and where necessary.

The major risks to which the PCC is exposed, as identified by the PCC members, have been reviewed and systems or procedures have been established to manage those risks.

Approved by the PCC on
14/04/2025

and signed on their behalf by:

Zoe Smith - Treasurer



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Independent Examiners Report
For the Year Ended 31 December 2024

I report on the accounts of the PCC for the year ended 31st December 2024, which are set out on pages 5 to 11.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the members of the PCC, 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 on the PCC's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination, I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; or
- the accounts did not accord with the accounting records; or
- the accounts did not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair' view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

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

Signed:



Name: Lynne Dickson FCA

Firm: JBC Accountants Limited

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Date:

29 April 2025

The Parochial Church Council of St Paul's Church, Stockton-on-Tees
Statement of Financial Activities
For the Year Ended 31 December 2024

	Note	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2024 £	Total 2023 £
Income and endowments from:					
<i>Donations and legacies</i>	2a	24,492	66,080	90,572	90,645
<i>Church activities</i>	2b	6,734	-	6,734	2,577
<i>Other trading activities</i>	2c	624	-	624	1,658
<i>Investments</i>	2d	73	943	1,016	344
<i>Other</i>	2e	10,855	-	10,855	8,810
Total		<u>42,778</u>	<u>67,023</u>	<u>109,801</u>	<u>104,034</u>
Expenditure on:					
<i>Raising funds</i>	3a	72	-	72	172
<i>Mission giving & donations</i>	3b	71	1,821	1,892	1,013
<i>Church activities</i>	3c	24,614	87,313	111,927	75,823
Total		<u>24,757</u>	<u>89,134</u>	<u>113,891</u>	<u>77,008</u>
Net income/(expenditure)		18,021	(22,111)	(4,090)	27,026
Transfer between funds		-	-	-	-
Net movement in funds		<u>18,021</u>	<u>(22,111)</u>	<u>(4,090)</u>	<u>27,026</u>
Total funds brought forward	8 & 9	(73,479)	83,087	9,608	(17,418)
Total funds carried forward	8 & 9	<u>(55,458)</u>	<u>60,976</u>	<u>5,518</u>	<u>9,608</u>

The notes on pages 7 to 11 form part of these accounts.

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Balance Sheet
For the Year Ended 31 December 2024

		2024	2023
	Note	£	£
Current Assets:			
Debtors	5	1,827	2,088
Cash at bank and in hand		<u>86,673</u>	<u>93,987</u>
		88,500	96,075
Liabilities:			
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	6	17,446	10,076
Total assets less current liabilities		<u>71,054</u>	<u>85,999</u>
Creditors: amounts falling due after more than one year	7	65,536	76,391
Total net assets		<u>5,518</u>	<u>9,608</u>
Parish funds:			
Unrestricted funds	8	(55,458)	(73,479)
Restricted funds	9	60,976	83,087
	10	<u>5,518</u>	<u>9,608</u>

The notes on pages 7 to 11 form part of these accounts.

Approved by the Parochial Church Council 14/04/2025

Approved by:

Rev. P. Arnold

Mrs. Z. Smith



The Parochial Church Council of St Paul's Church, Stockton-on-Tees
Notes to the Financial Statements
For the Year Ended 31 December 2024

1 ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of preparation

The PCC constitutes a public benefit entity as defined by FRS 102.

The financial statements have been prepared under the Charities Act 2011, in accordance with the Church Accounting Regulations 2006 governing the individual accounts of PCCs, under FRS102 (2016) as the applicable accounting standards and the 2016 version of the Statement of Recommended Practice, Accounting and Reporting by Charities (SORP(FRS102)).

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention, except for Investment Assets, which are shown at market value.

The financial statements include all transactions, assets and liabilities for which the PCC is responsible in law.

They do not include the accounts of church groups that owe their main affiliation to another body, nor those that are informal gatherings of church members.

The PCC has taken advantage of the following disclosure exemption in preparing these financial statements, as permitted by FRS 102: - the requirements of Section 7 Statement of Cash Flows.

Funds

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.

Restricted funds comprise (a) income from endowments that's is to be expended only on the restricted purposes intended by the donor and (b) revenue donations or grants for a specific PCC activity intended by the donor.

Income and endowments

Donations and legacies

Planned giving, collections and similar donations are recognised when received. Income tax recoverable on Gift Aid donations 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 probable and the amounts due are reliably quantifiable.

Other trading activities

All incoming resources including fundraising are accounted for gross.

Church activities

Rental income from the letting of church premises is recognised when the rental is due.

Investments

Dividends are accounted for when declared receivable, interest as and when accrued by the payer.

Expenditure

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.

Fixed Assets

Consecrated property and moveable church furnishings:

Consecrated and beneficed property of any kind is excluded from the accounts by S.10(2)(a) and (c) of the Charities Act 2011.

Moveable church furnishings held by the vicar and churchwardens on special trust for the PCC and which require a faculty for disposal, are inalienable property, listed in the Church's Inventory which can be inspected (at any reasonable time).

For anything acquired prior to 2000 there is insufficient cost information available and therefore such assets have not been valued in the accounts. Subsequently no individual item has cost £1,000 so all such expenditure has been written off when incurred.

Other fixtures, fittings and office equipment:

Equipment used within the church premises is capitalised and depreciated on a straight line basis over four years.

Individual items of equipment with a purchase price of £1,500 or less are written off when the asset is acquired.

Current assets

Amounts owing to the PCC at 31st December in respect of fees, rents or other income are shown as debtors less provision for amounts that may prove uncollectable.

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2 Income and endowments from:	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2024 £	Total 2023 £
2a Donations and legacies				
Planned: Standing Orders	15,324	-	15,324	14,002
Income Tax Recoverable	4,072	-	4,072	3,790
Open collections	2,635	-	2,635	3,054
Sundry donations	1,961	1,821	3,782	1,756
Legacy received	-	-	-	2,000
Grants received	500	64,259	64,759	66,043
	<u>24,492</u>	<u>66,080</u>	<u>90,572</u>	<u>90,645</u>
2b Church activities				
Fees for weddings and funerals	1,646	-	1,646	520
Church hall lettings	5,088	-	5,088	2,057
	<u>6,734</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>6,734</u>	<u>2,577</u>
2c Other trading activities				
Coffee mornings/fundraising	624	-	624	1,658
	<u>624</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>624</u>	<u>1,658</u>
2d Investments				
Bank interest received	73	943	1,016	344
2e Other - RHI scheme incentives	10,855	-	10,855	8,810
Total	<u>42,778</u>	<u>67,023</u>	<u>109,801</u>	<u>104,034</u>

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3 Analysis of expenditure

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2024 £	Total 2023 £
3a Raising funds	72	-	72	172
3b Mission Giving & Donations	71	1,821	1,892	1,013
3c Church activities				
Parish Share	7,720	-	7,720	8,800
Salaries, wages and honoraria	300	45,609	45,909	29,489
Clergy & staff expenses	1,249	-	1,249	1,027
Mission & evangelism costs	638	12,406	13,044	4,721
Church running expenses	3,479	8,500	11,979	21,533
Church utility bills	8,288	-	8,288	7,542
Miscellaneous expenses	130	-	130	284
New Building work to church/hall	-	10,798	10,798	-
Loan interest	2,260	-	2,260	1,877
Other expenditure	-	10,000	10,000	-
Independent Examiner's fee	550	-	550	550
	<u>24,614</u>	<u>87,313</u>	<u>111,927</u>	<u>75,823</u>
Total	<u>24,757</u>	<u>89,134</u>	<u>113,891</u>	<u>77,008</u>

4 Employee Costs	2024 £	2023 £
Wages and salaries	42,507	28,588
Social security costs	-	-
Pension costs	3,102	901
	<u>45,609</u>	<u>29,489</u>

The average number of staff employed during the year was

(1 x Admin/Comms & 1 x Children/Youth worker): 2 2

No employee earned more than £60,000 during the year.

The vicar's and curate's expenses are included within the detail of Note 3c.

No other members have had expenses reimbursed.

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5 DEBTORS	2024	2023
	£	£
Income tax recoverable	1,160	1,370
Other debtors	667	718
	<u>1,827</u>	<u>2,088</u>

6 LIABILITIES: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR	2024	2023
	£	£
Loan	5,000	5,000
Trade creditors	236	2,650
Accruals	2,210	2,426
Other creditors	10,000	-
	<u>17,446</u>	<u>10,076</u>

7 LIABILITIES: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE AFTER ONE YEAR	2024	2023
	£	£
Loan	<u>65,536</u>	<u>76,391</u>

A loan of £100,000 was received in 2021 from Durham Diocese to purchase ground source heating. This is being repaid over 20 years, with the first payment made in March 2022. The conditions of the loan are that the amount of capital to be repaid would be the higher of £5,000 plus interest (3%) or the amount received in the previous year from the RHI scheme.

8 UNRESTRICTED FUNDS	2024	2023
	£	£
Brought forward at 1st January 2024	(73,479)	(80,047)
Income	42,778	35,071
Expenditure	(24,757)	(28,503)
Transfers	-	0
Carried forward at 31st December 2024	<u>(55,458)</u>	<u>(73,479)</u>

9 RESTRICTED FUNDS					
2024:	At 1 January	Income	Expenditure	Transfers	At 31 December
	£	£	£	£	£
Restoration fund	27,884	943	(4,980)		23,847
Grafting fund	14,760		(10,798)		3,962
National Lottery grant	10,000		(10,000)		-
Garfield Weston grant	30,000				30,000
Donations	-	1,821	(1,821)		-
Strategic Development Funding	443	64,259	(61,535)		3,167
	<u>83,087</u>	<u>67,023</u>	<u>(89,134)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>60,976</u>

Quarterly payments from a bequest have now ceased but the Restoration fund is still used for ongoing maintenance to church, hall and grounds.

The Grafting fund is used for building works. A grant for £30,000 was received from Garfield Weston in 2023 towards the costs of a Community Café. This work is yet to be started. Due to increased costs and other funds not being available, replacement baptistry windows were not purchased. The PCC have therefore decided to return the grant of £10,000 to the National Lottery and this was repaid in 2025.

The PCC qualified for Strategic Development Funding (SDF) from Durham Diocese during 2021. This funding is for 4 years and covers staff salaries, mission objectives and resources. These are paid for upfront and reimbursement is requested the following month.

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9 RESTRICTED FUNDS (continued)

2023:	At 1 January	Income	Expenditure	Transfers	At 31 December
	£	£	£	£	£
Restoration fund	33,926	2,287	(8,329)		27,884
Grafting fund	14,760	-	-		14,760
National Lottery grant	10,000	-	-		10,000
Garfield Weston grant	-	30,000	-		30,000
Donations	-	633	(633)		-
Strategic Development Funding	3,943	36,043	(39,543)		443
	<u>62,629</u>	<u>68,963</u>	<u>(48,505)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>83,087</u>

10 ANALYSIS OF FUNDS

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	2024 Total £	2023 Total £
Current assests	27,524	60,976	88,500	96,075
Liabilities: amounts falling due within one year	(17,446)	-	(17,446)	(10,076)
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	<u>(55,458)</u>	<u>60,976</u>	<u>5,518</u>	<u>9,608</u>

11 RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURES

There have been no transactions involving related parties in 2024.

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Annual Report
For the Year Ended 31 December 2023

The Parochial Church Council present their report and financial statements for the year ended 31st December 2024.

Reference and Administration Information

Principal address	Bishopton Road Stockton-on-Tees TS18 4PB
Status	Registered Charity No: 1195893
Chairpersons	Rev. P. Arnold
Treasurer	Zoe Smith
Trustees	Rev Paul Arnold Zoe Smith Sally Rosser Rollinson Cathy Ben Ameh <i>Resigned</i> Linda Catherine Errington Joan Ursula Williams John Gordon Eyles Julie Collins Dorothy Frances Aithwaite Faye Ellen Thompson
Independent Examiners	Lynne Dickson FCA JBC Accountants Limited 3B Lockheed Court Preston Farm Stockton-on-Tees TS18 3SH
Bankers	Barclays Bank plc 49 High Street Stockton-on-Tees TS18 1AG

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The primary objective of the PCC is the promotion of the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to the doctrines and practices of the Church of England.

The PCC of St Paul's has the responsibility of co-operating with the clergy team in promoting in the ecclesiastical parish, the whole mission of the Church, pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical.

The PCC is committed to enabling as many people as possible to worship at St Paul's Church.

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

- Worship and prayer; learning about the Gospel and developing their knowledge and trust in Jesus;
- Provision of pastoral care for people living in the parish;
- Missionary and outreach work.

Achievements and Performance

- * Worship and Prayer - In April we launched a new worshipping community aimed at primary school children and their families "Bubble Church," this has thrived during the year.
- * Pastoral Care - our pastoral team has grown and we have provided much needed care to those in need in the parish.
- * Mission and outreach - included a successful holiday club for ages 7-11, helping to organise Festival Teesside with over 30,000 people reached, and a community fun day and BBQ that raised the profile of the church.
- * We have added to our support for schools and now also visit St John the Baptist CofE Primary School alongside our other schools (St Mark's, Oak Tree Academy, Green Gates) with prayer spaces for schools and regular collective worship as well as regular visits to St Paul's church building.

Financial Review

Unrestricted funds

Total incoming resources on unrestricted funds were £42,778 (2023: £35,071) of which £15,324 (2023: £14,002) were planned voluntary donations via standing order, envelope or the Parish Giving Scheme (PGS). Also £2,635 (2023: £3,054) via the collection plate, £1,646 (2023: £520) fees from weddings/funerals, £5,088 (2023: £2,057) from hall lettings and £624 (2023: £1,658) from events, eg coffee mornings, etc.

Income tax receivable from gift aid was £4,072 (2023: £3,790)

In our outgoings, our utility costs (electricity and water) totalled £8,288 (2023: £7,542).

Other running expenses (insurance, phone, etc) totalled 3,479 (2023: £6,380).

Loan repayments totalling 13,332 including interest of £2,477 were made (2023: £16,459).

£7,720 (2023: £8,800) was paid towards our Diocesan Quota for 2024.

Restricted funds

The Restoration account is used to pay for regular maintenance of the church and grounds and costs totalled £4,980 (2023: £8,328).

Grafting account - final payments for phase 1 works were made from this account, totalling £10,798.

Reserves policy

It is the intention of the PCC to maintain a balance on unrestricted funds of at least £5000, in case of a sudden drop in giving, or other emergency situations which may arise from time to time. The balance held on unrestricted funds is in line with this policy.

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Structure, Governance and Management

The Parochial Church Council is a corporate body established by the Church of England. The PCC operates under the Parochial Church Council Powers Measure (1956) as amended and Church representation rules that came into force on 1st April 2013. The PCC is registered with the Charities Commission during the year.

The method of appointment of PCC members is set out in the Church Representation Rules. All Church attendees are encouraged to register on the Electoral Roll and stand for election to the PCC.

Appropriate induction and training procedures are in place, and PCC members are sent on relevant training courses when, and where necessary.

The major risks to which the PCC is exposed, as identified by the PCC members, have been reviewed and systems or procedures have been established to manage those risks.

Approved by the PCC on
14/04/2025

and signed on their behalf by:

Zoe Smith - Treasurer



The Parochial Church Council of St Paul's Church, Stockton-on-Tees
Independent Examiners Report
For the Year Ended 31 December 2024

I report on the accounts of the PCC for the year ended 31st December 2024, which are set out on pages 5 to 11.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the members of the PCC, 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 on the PCC's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination, I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; or
- the accounts did not accord with the accounting records; or
- the accounts did not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair' view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

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

Signed:



Name: Lynne Dickson FCA

Firm: JBC Accountants Limited

Address: 3B Lockheed Court
Preston Farm
Stockton-on-Tees
TS18 3SH

Date:

29 April 2025

The Parochial Church Council of St Paul's Church, Stockton-on-Tees
Statement of Financial Activities
For the Year Ended 31 December 2024

	Note	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2024 £	Total 2023 £
Income and endowments from:					
<i>Donations and legacies</i>	2a	24,492	66,080	90,572	90,645
<i>Church activities</i>	2b	6,734	-	6,734	2,577
<i>Other trading activities</i>	2c	624	-	624	1,658
<i>Investments</i>	2d	73	943	1,016	344
<i>Other</i>	2e	10,855	-	10,855	8,810
Total		<u>42,778</u>	<u>67,023</u>	<u>109,801</u>	<u>104,034</u>
Expenditure on:					
<i>Raising funds</i>	3a	72	-	72	172
<i>Mission giving & donations</i>	3b	71	1,821	1,892	1,013
<i>Church activities</i>	3c	24,614	87,313	111,927	75,823
Total		<u>24,757</u>	<u>89,134</u>	<u>113,891</u>	<u>77,008</u>
Net income/(expenditure)		18,021	(22,111)	(4,090)	27,026
Transfer between funds		-	-	-	-
Net movement in funds		<u>18,021</u>	<u>(22,111)</u>	<u>(4,090)</u>	<u>27,026</u>
Total funds brought forward	8 & 9	(73,479)	83,087	9,608	(17,418)
Total funds carried forward	8 & 9	<u>(55,458)</u>	<u>60,976</u>	<u>5,518</u>	<u>9,608</u>

The notes on pages 7 to 11 form part of these accounts.

The Parochial Church Council of St Paul's Church, Stockton-on-Tees
Balance Sheet
For the Year Ended 31 December 2024

		2024	2023
	Note	£	£
Current Assets:			
Debtors	5	1,827	2,088
Cash at bank and in hand		<u>86,673</u>	<u>93,987</u>
		88,500	96,075
Liabilities:			
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	6	17,446	10,076
Total assets less current liabilities		<u>71,054</u>	<u>85,999</u>
Creditors: amounts falling due after more than one year	7	65,536	76,391
Total net assets		<u>5,518</u>	<u>9,608</u>
Parish funds:			
Unrestricted funds	8	(55,458)	(73,479)
Restricted funds	9	60,976	83,087
	10	<u>5,518</u>	<u>9,608</u>

The notes on pages 7 to 11 form part of these accounts.

Approved by the Parochial Church Council 14/04/2025

Approved by:

Rev. P. Arnold

Mrs. Z. Smith



The Parochial Church Council of St Paul's Church, Stockton-on-Tees
Notes to the Financial Statements
For the Year Ended 31 December 2024

1 ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of preparation

The PCC constitutes a public benefit entity as defined by FRS 102.

The financial statements have been prepared under the Charities Act 2011, in accordance with the Church Accounting Regulations 2006 governing the individual accounts of PCCs, under FRS102 (2016) as the applicable accounting standards and the 2016 version of the Statement of Recommended Practice, Accounting and Reporting by Charities (SORP(FRS102)).

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention, except for Investment Assets, which are shown at market value.

The financial statements include all transactions, assets and liabilities for which the PCC is responsible in law.

They do not include the accounts of church groups that owe their main affiliation to another body, nor those that are informal gatherings of church members.

The PCC has taken advantage of the following disclosure exemption in preparing these financial statements, as permitted by FRS 102: - the requirements of Section 7 Statement of Cash Flows.

Funds

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.

Restricted funds comprise (a) income from endowments that's is to be expended only on the restricted purposes intended by the donor and (b) revenue donations or grants for a specific PCC activity intended by the donor.

Income and endowments

Donations and legacies

Planned giving, collections and similar donations are recognised when received. Income tax recoverable on Gift Aid donations 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 probable and the amounts due are reliably quantifiable.

Other trading activities

All incoming resources including fundraising are accounted for gross.

Church activities

Rental income from the letting of church premises is recognised when the rental is due.

Investments

Dividends are accounted for when declared receivable, interest as and when accrued by the payer.

Expenditure

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.

Fixed Assets

Consecrated property and moveable church furnishings:

Consecrated and beneficed property of any kind is excluded from the accounts by S.10(2)(a) and (c) of the Charities Act 2011.

Moveable church furnishings held by the vicar and churchwardens on special trust for the PCC and which require a faculty for disposal, are inalienable property, listed in the Church's Inventory which can be inspected (at any reasonable time).

For anything acquired prior to 2000 there is insufficient cost information available and therefore such assets have not been valued in the accounts. Subsequently no individual item has cost £1,000 so all such expenditure has been written off when incurred.

Other fixtures, fittings and office equipment:

Equipment used within the church premises is capitalised and depreciated on a straight line basis over four years.

Individual items of equipment with a purchase price of £1,500 or less are written off when the asset is acquired.

Current assets

Amounts owing to the PCC at 31st December in respect of fees, rents or other income are shown as debtors less provision for amounts that may prove uncollectable.

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2 Income and endowments from:	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2024 £	Total 2023 £
2a Donations and legacies				
Planned: Standing Orders	15,324	-	15,324	14,002
Income Tax Recoverable	4,072	-	4,072	3,790
Open collections	2,635	-	2,635	3,054
Sundry donations	1,961	1,821	3,782	1,756
Legacy received	-	-	-	2,000
Grants received	500	64,259	64,759	66,043
	<u>24,492</u>	<u>66,080</u>	<u>90,572</u>	<u>90,645</u>
2b Church activities				
Fees for weddings and funerals	1,646	-	1,646	520
Church hall lettings	5,088	-	5,088	2,057
	<u>6,734</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>6,734</u>	<u>2,577</u>
2c Other trading activities				
Coffee mornings/fundraising	624	-	624	1,658
	<u>624</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>624</u>	<u>1,658</u>
2d Investments				
Bank interest received	73	943	1,016	344
2e Other - RHI scheme incentives	10,855	-	10,855	8,810
Total	<u>42,778</u>	<u>67,023</u>	<u>109,801</u>	<u>104,034</u>

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3 Analysis of expenditure

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2024 £	Total 2023 £
3a Raising funds	72	-	72	172
3b Mission Giving & Donations	71	1,821	1,892	1,013
3c Church activities				
Parish Share	7,720	-	7,720	8,800
Salaries, wages and honoraria	300	45,609	45,909	29,489
Clergy & staff expenses	1,249	-	1,249	1,027
Mission & evangelism costs	638	12,406	13,044	4,721
Church running expenses	3,479	8,500	11,979	21,533
Church utility bills	8,288	-	8,288	7,542
Miscellaneous expenses	130	-	130	284
New Building work to church/hall	-	10,798	10,798	-
Loan interest	2,260	-	2,260	1,877
Other expenditure	-	10,000	10,000	-
Independent Examiner's fee	550	-	550	550
	<u>24,614</u>	<u>87,313</u>	<u>111,927</u>	<u>75,823</u>
Total	<u>24,757</u>	<u>89,134</u>	<u>113,891</u>	<u>77,008</u>

4 Employee Costs	2024 £	2023 £
Wages and salaries	42,507	28,588
Social security costs	-	-
Pension costs	3,102	901
	<u>45,609</u>	<u>29,489</u>
The average number of staff employed during the year was (1 x Admin/Comms & 1 x Children/Youth worker):	<u>2</u>	<u>2</u>

No employee earned more than £60,000 during the year.

The vicar's and curate's expenses are included within the detail of Note 3c.

No other members have had expenses reimbursed.

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5 DEBTORS

	2024 £	2023 £
Income tax recoverable	1,160	1,370
Other debtors	667	718
	<u>1,827</u>	<u>2,088</u>

6 LIABILITIES: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	2024 £	2023 £
Loan	5,000	5,000
Trade creditors	236	2,650
Accruals	2,210	2,426
Other creditors	10,000	-
	<u>17,446</u>	<u>10,076</u>

7 LIABILITIES: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE AFTER ONE YEAR

	2024 £	2023 £
Loan	65,536	76,391

A loan of £100,000 was received in 2021 from Durham Diocese to purchase ground source heating. This is being repaid over 20 years, with the first payment made in March 2022. The conditions of the loan are that the amount of capital to be repaid would be the higher of £5,000 plus interest (3%) or the amount received in the previous year from the RHI scheme.

8 UNRESTRICTED FUNDS

	2024 £	2023 £
Brought forward at 1st January 2024	(73,479)	(80,047)
Income	42,778	35,071
Expenditure	(24,757)	(28,503)
Transfers	-	0
Carried forward at 31st December 2024	<u>(55,458)</u>	<u>(73,479)</u>

9 RESTRICTED FUNDS

2024:	At 1 January £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers £	At 31 December £
Restoration fund	27,884	943	(4,980)		23,847
Grafting fund	14,760		(10,798)		3,962
National Lottery grant	10,000		(10,000)		-
Garfield Weston grant	30,000				30,000
Donations	-	1,821	(1,821)		-
Strategic Development Funding	443	64,259	(61,535)		3,167
	<u>83,087</u>	<u>67,023</u>	<u>(89,134)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>60,976</u>

Quarterly payments from a bequest have now ceased but the Restoration fund is still used for ongoing maintenance to church, hall and grounds.

The Grafting fund is used for building works. A grant for £30,000 was received from Garfield Weston in 2023 towards the costs of a Community Café. This work is yet to be started. Due to increased costs and other funds not being available, replacement baptistry windows were not purchased. The PCC have therefore decided to return the grant of £10,000 to the National Lottery and this was repaid in 2025.

The PCC qualified for Strategic Development Funding (SDF) from Durham Diocese during 2021. This funding is for 4 years and covers staff salaries, mission objectives and resources. These are paid for upfront and reimbursement is requested the following month.

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9 RESTRICTED FUNDS (continued)

2023:	At 1 January	Income	Expenditure	Transfers	At 31 December
	£	£	£	£	£
Restoration fund	33,926	2,287	(8,329)		27,884
Grafting fund	14,760	-	-		14,760
National Lottery grant	10,000	-	-		10,000
Garfield Weston grant	-	30,000	-		30,000
Donations	-	633	(633)		-
Strategic Development Funding	3,943	36,043	(39,543)		443
	<u>62,629</u>	<u>68,963</u>	<u>(48,505)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>83,087</u>

10 ANALYSIS OF FUNDS

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