

**BIRKENHEAD PRIORY PARISH  
CHRIST THE KING CHURCH AND BIRKENHEAD PRIORY CHAPEL  
ANNUAL REPORT  
AND  
FINANCIAL STATEMENT  
OF THE  
PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL  
FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31 DECEMBER 2024**

**VICAR**

**Reverend Paul Bentley**

**ASSOCIATE MINISTER**

**Reverend Deborah Wilkinson**

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**Reverend Sandra Fletcher**

**Reverend Jane Addenbrooke**

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# **Birkenhead Priory Parish**

## **Annual Report to Trustees for APCM 2025**

### **Aims and purposes**

The Birkenhead Priory PCC has the responsibility of cooperating with the Vicar in promoting in the ecclesiastical parish, the whole mission of the Church, pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical. The PCC is also specifically responsible for the maintenance of the church and community centre at Christ the King, Beckwith Street, Birkenhead and the Chapter House, Birkenhead Priory.

### **Objectives and Activities**

The PCC is committed to reaching out to as many people as possible with the Good News of Jesus Christ. We seek to do this in practical ways, meeting the various needs of those within our parish where we are able, and by sharing our life-changing faith in Jesus with our community wherever we can. When planning our activities for the year, we have considered the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit and, in particular, the supplementary guidance on charities for the advancement of religion. We continue to abide by the Safeguarding Policies and Procedures of the Church of England for safeguarding children and vulnerable adults.

We seek to organise our life and worship in such a way as to be faithful to our identity as children of God, whilst welcoming all within our community to become part of our worshipping family. We are committed to helping people not only find faith, but also to live out their faith through:

- worship and prayer together, studying God's word and growing deeper together in our faith
- providing various points of practical help for the community through The Oak Community Project and other forms of outreach, as an expression of gratitude for the love we have received from God which we pass on to our neighbour
- providing pastoral care for all those in our parish and church family
- working with and supporting other organisations that seek to bring benefit to our local community, including our local schools.

To facilitate this work, it is important that we maintain the fabric of our two buildings, and we are grateful to those who help with their ongoing upkeep, particularly our church wardens.

## **How we've been doing**

*The Five Marks of Mission have been adopted by the wider church as a helpful description of what God calls us to in Christ, through the power of the Holy Spirit, as we serve him as his church in the world. The mission of the Church is the mission of Christ.*

## **Mark of Mission 1: To proclaim the Good News of the Kingdom**

Our times of coming together as a church in worship of God is fundamental to who we are as we share and celebrate the Good News of God's Kingdom.

On the first Sunday of the month we continue to meet at the Priory Chapel at 9am for a said BCP Communion service. This traditional style of service has been appreciated by a good number of people from within our church family and by some who are new to us. Following this service we then hold our 10.30am service at Christ the King Church in St Anne's Room around small tables, with activities on the tables available for all. It is a much more family friendly, interactive service which has been well received and been a welcoming environment for new families to join us. There is no children's group on these Sundays. We now serve a light breakfast before the service which has been greatly appreciated, headed up by James our parish evangelist. Our numbers at the Priory Chapel service have increased, together with our numbers at Christ the King increasing on these Sundays.

All other Sundays of the month we meet for worship at Christ the King Church at 10.30am, with a growing leadership team consisting of our clergy: Revd Paul Bentley, Revd. Debbie Wilkinson, Revd. Sandra Fletcher, Revd. Nigel Schibild, Revd. Jane Addenbrooke, Revd. Ann Stein, our Reader Laura Brough and our Parish Evangelist James Wilkinson. Our services could not take place without the many church family members who lead bible readings and prayers, welcome, providing refreshments, set up and take down, and more. We are grateful to Mark for managing our technology each week and those who assist in that. We continue to make our services available through Zoom for those who find it difficult to attend in person.

We continue to share communion by intinction rather than the common cup, and to use the screen for worship with printed materials available for those who prefer. We use mostly iSingWorship for our music. We also offer prayer ministry during our main worship service, during Communion.

Our children and young people meet in St Peter's room for their own learning during our services - but beginning and ending the service in worship together with the rest of the congregation. We are very grateful to those who continue to lead the children's work each week and encourage them in their faith, and for the space this gives to parents to engage in worship themselves.

Through Holy Week and Easter we journeyed around our three churches as we explored and reflected on the Easter story. At Harvest we joined together for a Harvest Supper which was well attended and much appreciated.

In January of 2024 The Well at Wirral Waters received its status as a Bishop's Mission Order, establishing it as an independent entity. However, we continue to support the work, worship and governance of The Well in various ways as the ministry there grows under the leadership of Debbie, with the ministry team of James, Beth, Steve and Glyn.

We continue to be very involved in our two local Primary Schools: The Priory Parish CE Primary School and Cathcart Street School. We lead in worship, support in prayer, serve in governance and offer help in exploring curriculum topics. The schools also visit church several times throughout the year. Our Foundation Governors played a significant role in achieving a positive SIAMS inspection at the Priory School. Please see our schools report for further details.

This year we ran an Easter Saturday Community Event which took families on a journey around our church and grounds, constructing an Easter garden at each of the Easter story themes stations to take home. We also provided crafts and refreshments. It was very well received. We also hosted a Bonfire Night party at the Vicarage, both of which were very well attended and continued to develop our relationships with families from our community and the school gate. In December we held a Community Christmas Fair at Christ the King which was very well attended by the community and we welcomed stall holders from local charities and community members.

## **Mark of Mission 2: To teach, baptise and nurture new believers**

We continue to be blessed by those God is bringing to us and we rejoice to see people finding faith and growing in faith as disciples of Jesus.

Our leadership team (Paul, Debbie, Nigel, Laura, Ann, James) continues to grow, and on 30<sup>th</sup> June our new curate Revd Sandra Fletcher was ordained Deacon at Chester Cathedral. Paul is also acting as Supervising Minister for a second curate, Revd Jane Addenbrooke who was priested on 15<sup>th</sup> June. We also welcomed a placement student Fred Astbury between February and May. Paul was licensed as Rural Dean of Birkenhead at a service at Christ the King in September. Laura's Reader license was renewed this year also. We were delighted that our former Reader, Arthur, was able to preach on Trinity Sunday.

We have enjoyed welcoming new believers for baptism and have welcomed 4 adults and 4 children for baptism this year. It was a particular celebration to have adult baptisms by full immersion at Easter and just before Christmas, and we look forward to confirmation service in due course. We welcomed 6 couples to be married in our churches. We have also supported 5 families with funerals of their loved ones and provided ongoing pastoral support.

We have admitted two children to Communion after a short preparation course.

We have continued to meet to study the bible together, particularly on a Thursday morning. We have run an Alpha course followed by a bible study on Mark. This led to a Parish Away Day at Foxhill which 22 people attended and was much appreciated. Following that we embarked on the Old Testament part of The Bible Course.

We continue to offer training to our curates as they develop in their ministry and to offer placement experiences to those the Diocese points our way.

In October we welcomed Brendan Bassett and Rebecca Holland to our morning service to introduce the 'Jesus Shaped People Discipleship Adventure' to our church. We have discussed this as a PCC and wider church and will be embarking on Jesus Shaped People in 2025.

In 2024 we provided a programme for reading through the New Testament, Psalms and Proverbs together as a church, with a plan provided each month to guide us through the readings. Not everyone manages it, but it is appreciated by many.

As of 31<sup>st</sup> December 2024 we have 83 members on the electoral roll of the parish, of whom 31 are resident within the parish and 52 are resident outside the parish. This represents a growth of 4 from the previous year.

### **Mark of Mission 3: To respond to human need by loving service**

Our church-based Oak Community Project has continued to serve many from within our community and further afield in a variety of ways as we seek to put the Great Commandment to love God and love our neighbour into practise. A significant element of this is food provision, but we continue to offer much wider support than that. We are very glad to work with our Community Partners, such as Involve NorthWest, who enable us to give a much more holistic care to those coming to us. We are so grateful for the many volunteers who make this ministry possible under the guidance of Denise, our Community and Family Worker. Our Community Hub welcomes in members of our community and partner organisations on a Tuesday and Wednesday and continues to grow busier and busier. Our Community Supermarket has also begun opening on a Thursday also. Please see the Community Project report for more information.

We continue to support our schools in various ways as described above but through initiatives such as Pray, Bake, Read and Here to Listen we are able to bless our local schools – children, staff and families. As members of our church family act as school governors, we are able to shape the life of our school to reflect the values of the Kingdom of God. At the end of the summer term we invited the staff from both our primary schools to the Vicarage

for an afternoon tea, which was greatly appreciated. We enjoy welcoming in parents to our school services and offering them refreshments and a space to chat afterwards.

In July we also open up the Vicarage Garden to our wider church family for a Summer BBQ which is always an enjoyable event.

Our Friendship Group and Women's Group continue to meet, offering an important point of connection for those who might otherwise be isolated, and mutual support for many. The Social and Fellowship group continue to organise events. Our Men's Breakfast continues to be a space where men can come together and talk openly and honestly in a safe space with a good breakfast and great talks. Please see individual reports.

Narcotics Anonymous continue to use our building for a meeting once a week.

At Christmas we again distributed small gifts to 800 households in our community - a bag of sweets with a message from the church, which were well received. A number of people from our community comment that they enjoy getting these through each year.

Our visiting the bereaved, sick and housebound and Home Communion has continued through the year.

In order to do what we do, we make every effort to steward our resources faithfully and with clarity, particularly our finances. We are extremely grateful to our Treasurer Dave, Assistant Treasurer Nathalie and Gift Aid Secretary Sue for all the work they do on behalf of our PCC. At the end of 2024 Nathalie stepped down from her role as Assistant Treasurer; we are very grateful to her for guiding us through a challenging time and implementing new software that has transformed how we administer our finances. We continue to pray to God for a replacement for Nathalie.

#### **Mark of Mission 4: To seek to transform unjust structures of society, to challenge violence of every kind and to pursue peace and reconciliation**

We continue our monthly prayer meeting in person at Christ the King Church at 4pm on the first Sunday of each month. To pray for our church, the community and the world. Our leadership team also meet for prayer once a week to pray for the needs of the parish.

The Priory Night Watch group continues to meet once a month in the Priory Chapel to pray for Birkenhead and the needs of the parish.

We continue to partner with other community organisations, particularly through The Oak Community Project, in order to bring about significant change for people in their lives where they are struggling. We work with Christians Against Poverty in order to offer support to those who find themselves trapped by debt.

We have applied for funding this year in order to offer better digital services in our Community Hub for our local community to use – many in this area struggle to access support because of digital poverty or illiteracy.

We continue to work with local council in different ways, including receiving Household Support Funding to provide crisis hampers to those in need.

We support financially and prayerfully our CMS mission partners in SE Asia as well as Emily Wilkinson who serves in education in Uganda.

### **Mark of Mission 5: To strive to safeguard the integrity of creation and sustain and renew the life of the earth**

Throughout the year we organise regular 'Church and Community Clean Up Days' when we invite local residents to join us as a church family in looking after our local area through litter picks, clearing verges etc. helping this little bit of our world be a nicer place for all to live.

We continue to look after our church buildings as best as we are able with the resources we have, and we are extremely grateful to our church wardens and to all who give their time and expertise in a voluntary capacity to ensure our buildings and grounds are available to our church and community in the best possible way.

In Autumn we obtained funding and faculty permission to insulate the roof space above our community room which has resulted in a warmer room for our church and community to use and much less heat loss through the high ceiling.

We also upgraded our external lighting through similar funding in order to be more energy efficient, but also to provide a better lit, safer environment around our church grounds. Several community members have thanked us for doing this due to high levels of anti-social behaviour in the area, particularly in dark areas.

We received the Archdeacon of Chester on the 27<sup>th</sup> February for his triennial inspection of our buildings and received a good report. This year our Quinquennial Inspections of the Priory and Christ the King have both taken place. Our buildings are generally in a good state of repair and well used, though there are works which we will be attending to in the near future.

We continue to work with Wirral Borough Council regarding remedial works to the Priory Chapel through Town Deal Funding, though this is a slow process and funding will not go as far as hoped. Related to this, we are communicating with the Friends of HMS Conway who occupy the Scriptorium to rework our agreement for use of that room to reflect shared use of the space following the anticipated building works.

## **Looking Ahead**

As a church, community and wider society we continue to face a number of challenges from different directions. However in all of this we continue to see God's provision, strengthening and blessing as a church. It is imperative that we continue to look with courage, creativity and conviction at the opportunities in front of us and seek the wisdom and guidance of the Holy Spirit as we discern what is for now, what is for another time, or what is not to be.

As we look forward to journeying through 'Jesus Shaped People' in 2025, we trust that God will continue to shape us more into the likeness of Christ and give us a clearer vision for who we are and what he is calling us to in this place at this time, and the confidence, courage and faith to follow.

We continue to work hard improving our buildings so that they can be not only an inspiring place for worship but also a vital hub for our community and a gateway to faith and transformed lives for many.

We trust that through obedience and faithfulness and remaining rooted in God with our eyes fixed on Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith, we will continue to be blessed and to bring blessing to those around us as we seek to love God and love our neighbour, to the glory of God.

## **PCC Membership**

Members of the PCC are either ex-officio or elected by the Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM) in accordance with the Church Representation Rules 2022. During the year the following served as members of the PCC:

Revd. Paul Bentley (Vicar and chair)  
Revd. Debbie Wilkinson (Associate Minister)  
Revd. Sandra Fletcher (Assistant Curate)

Gill Dillon (Churchwarden)  
Jane Boote (Churchwarden)

Mary Evans (Deanery Synod)  
Susan Wilks (Deanery Synod)

### **Elected Members:**

Sue E. Blaylock  
David Dillon (Treasurer)  
Sue J. Blaylock



Chris Earnshaw  
Mark Fisher  
Leanne Hellon  
Rebekah Shields  
Emily Wilkinson  
Greg Edwards

**Members Appointed by APCM:**

Laura Brough (Lay Reader) (Safeguarding Officer)

**PCC Appointed:**

Adrienne Allinson (Secretary)

The PCC held 6 meetings during the year.

## **Committees**

The PCC operates through a Standing Committee (when required) and a number of working groups which meet as and when necessary.

Standing Committee: The Standing Committee carries out the routine work of the PCC between each PCC meeting, subject to any directions given by the Council. The Standing Committee consists of the Vicar, churchwardens, Treasurer, Secretary and one other PCC member (elected annually by the PCC). The Standing Committee is responsible to the PCC and reports back through minutes. Other working groups are convened as and when appropriate and dissolved when no longer required. They are made up of both PCC and non-PCC members.

The working groups this year have been:

Social and Fellowship Group

Management Group (overseeing Community and Family Worker and The Oak Community Project)

# **BIRKENHEAD PRIORY PARISH (BPP): TREASURER'S REPORT 2024**

## **Executive Summary**

Analysis of the data show that BPP's net income vs. expenditure is in all cases in a satisfying position which means that the financial management of the church's funds can be considered to be robust and fit for purpose.

## **Balance sheets**

The balance sheets, as with any financial statement, record the net worth which as of 31st December 2024 stands at **£322,932.51 for the BPP accounts** and **£48,817.69 for the TOCP accounts**.

**The combined (BPP + TOCP) total net assets are £371,750.20** much of which is monies which has been bequest to the parish for specific purposes and therefore cannot be used to meet day-to-day operating costs

The balance sheets for 2024 demonstrate that the church is in a relatively healthy position in terms of cash flow (income vs. expenditure) and that the day-to-day running costs are being met.

As in previous years there are reserves, some of which can be drawn upon but the majority of these funds are held for specific purposes.

## **Banking Reserve Policy**

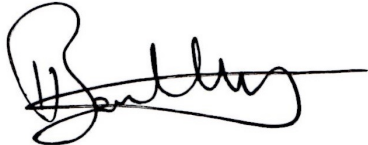
With the introduction of a financial policy document, a formalised approach to a banking reserve policy has been set out as indicated below. This is to ensure prudent financial management of existing funds and to ensure contingencies are in place to allow BPP's Finance team to respond effectively to unexpected short term issues.

- Current accounts
  - It is recommended that the BPP current account and Lifeskills (TOCP) account have a minimum operating of balance of £5k.
  - If either of these accounts fall beneath these limits then the PCC should be consulted as to whether any short term 'top up' or transfer of funds from the reserve account can be made.
- Reserve account
  - It is recommended that the BPP reserve account has a minimum balance of £25K available to offset any short term issues with either of the above current accounts.

- Of the above £25K, £10K is specifically designated for covering salary costs of BPP employed staff in the event of other funding not being available.

The above report and following financial statements were approved by Birkenhead Priory Parochial Church Council at a meeting on Monday 31<sup>st</sup> March 2025.

Signed:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Paul Bentley', with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Revd Paul Bentley, Chair

On behalf of Birkenhead Priory Parish Parochial Church Council.

# Birkenhead Priory Parish

## Statement of Assets and Liabilities (by code) As at: 31 December 2024

Class and nominal code	General (Unrestricted)	Designated	Restricted	Endowment	Total	Last year
<b>Current Asset - Cash At Bank And In Hand</b>						
6501: Bank current account BPP	39,513.29	7,661.57	14,002.41	-	61,177.27	50,111.89
6502: Bank Reserve Account BR	-	-	-	-	-	2.94
6503: Bank Reserve Account CL	37,676.52	-	-	-	37,676.52	37,134.82
6504: Bank Current account LIFE SKILLS (TOCP)	-	-	-	-	-	40,942.43
6506: CAF BPP CURRENT ACCOUNT	-	-	-	-	-	812.99
6507: Deposit Account CDBF	-	-	211,962.17	-	211,962.17	207,731.90
6510: CCLA(CBF) BIRKENHEAD,ST.MARY & ST PAUL RESERVE-DEPOSIT FUND	3,978.83	-	-	-	3,978.83	3,778.29
6511: CCLA(CBF) BIRKENHEAD PRIORY PCC-DEPOSIT FUND	4,761.81	-	-	-	4,761.81	4,670.18
6591: TOCP PETTY CASH	-	-	-	-	-	629.91
<b>Total</b>	<b>85,930.45</b>	<b>7,661.57</b>	<b>225,964.58</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-319,556.60</b>	<b>345,815.35</b>
<b>Current Asset - Investments</b>						
6508: CCLA(CBF) Investment CMS/AC	-	-	-	-	-	3,111.09
6509: CCLA(CBF)BIRKENHEAD PRIORY PCC-ST MARY MISSION ROOM-INVESTMENT FUND	3,375.91	-	-	-	3,375.91	3,300.37
<b>Total</b>	<b>3,375.91</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>3,375.91</b>	<b>6,411.46</b>
<b>Net total assets</b>	<b>89,306.36</b>	<b>7,661.57</b>	<b>225,964.58</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-322,932.51</b>	<b>352,226.81</b>
<b>Represented by</b>						
General (Unrestricted)	89,306.36	-	-	-	89,306.36	84,111.95
Designated - BPP	-	7,661.57	-	-	7,661.57	6,805.20
Restricted - BPP-Restricted	-	-	223,215.77	-	223,215.77	218,361.34
Restricted - TOCP	-	-	-	-	-	41,572.34
Restricted - WIRRAL WATERS	-	-	2,748.81	-	2,748.81	1,375.98
<b>Total</b>	<b>89,306.36</b>	<b>7,661.57</b>	<b>225,964.58</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-322,932.51</b>	<b>352,226.81</b>

**Birkenhead Priory Parish**  
**Receipts and Payments Account**  
**For the period from 01 January 2024 to 31 December 2024**

	Unrestricted funds	Designated funds	Restricted funds	Total funds	Prior year total funds
<b>Receipts</b>					
Donations and legacies	52,953.13	1,636.53	73,432.15	128,021.81	155,563.23
Income from charitable activities	3,933.00	-	-	3,933.00	4,536.00
Investments	9,242.32	-	68.32	9,310.64	7,805.68
<b>Total Receipts</b>	<b>66,128.45</b>	<b>1,636.53</b>	<b>73,500.47</b>	<b>141,265.45</b>	<b>167,904.91</b>
<b>Payments</b>					
Expenditure on charitable activities	60,614.21	780.16	71,583.48	132,977.85	139,678.74
Other expenditure	361.38	-	-	361.38	500.79
<b>Total Payments</b>	<b>60,975.59</b>	<b>780.16</b>	<b>71,583.48</b>	<b>133,339.23</b>	<b>140,179.53</b>
<b>Excess of receipts over payments before transfer</b>	<b>5,152.86</b>	<b>856.37</b>	<b>1,916.99</b>	<b>7,926.22</b>	<b>27,725.38</b>
<b>Transfers:</b>					
Gross transfers between funds - in	-	-	15,839.65	15,839.65	18,619.49
Gross transfers between funds - out	(80.00)	-	(15,759.65)	(15,839.65)	(18,619.49)
<b>Excess of receipts over payments before other gains</b>	<b>5,072.86</b>	<b>856.37</b>	<b>1,996.99</b>	<b>7,926.22</b>	<b>27,725.38</b>
<b>Net movement in funds</b>	<b>5,194.41</b>	<b>856.37</b>	<b>(35,345.08)</b>	<b>(29,294.30)</b>	<b>44,376.53</b>
<b>Reconciliation of funds</b>					
<b>Excess of receipts over payments at beginning of the year</b>	<b>84,111.95</b>	<b>6,805.20</b>	<b>261,309.66</b>	<b>352,226.81</b>	<b>307,850.28</b>
<b>Excess of receipts over payments for the year</b>	<b>89,306.36</b>	<b>7,661.57</b>	<b>225,964.58</b>	<b>322,932.51</b>	<b>352,226.81</b>

# Birkenhead Priory Parish

## Analysis of Receipts and Payments Selected period: 01 January 2024 to 31 December 2024

	General	Designated	Restricted	Total	
				This year	Last year
<b>Receipts</b>					
<b>Donations and legacies</b>					
0101 - Planned Giving - Bank GA	16,380.00	-	-	16,380.00	18,480.00
0102 - Planned Giving - Bank NON GA	9,400.00	-	-	9,400.00	9,200.00
0110 - Gift Aid - Envelopes GA	68.00	-	-	68.00	-
0111 - Non Gift Aid - Envelopes NGA	1,600.00	-	-	1,600.00	1,835.10
0301 - Loose plate collections	3,737.09	-	-	3,737.09	2,497.71
0410 - Giving through church boxes	1,559.40	66.53	200.00	1,825.93	615.98
0411 - Giving through SUMUP	1,606.03	-	13,721.13	15,327.16	9,830.28
0412 - Giving-Flowers	-	570.00	-	570.00	480.00
0501 - One-off Gift Aid gifts	2,500.00	-	-	2,500.00	-
0550 - Donations appeals etc	3,265.15	-	30.00	3,295.15	11,734.68
0551 - Other Donations-Missionary societies etc	100.00	-	772.29	872.29	1,201.64
0552 - Wirral Waters Income	70.00	-	6,050.53	6,120.53	2,020.00
0601 - Tax recoverable on Gift Aid	8,192.33	-	-	8,192.33	15,720.85
08A1 - Non-recurring one-off grants	3,933.00	1,000.00	22,214.00	27,147.00	45,985.00
0901 - Other funds generated	542.13	-	-	542.13	4,244.01
0902 - TOCP Related Income	-	-	23,444.20	23,444.20	24,717.98
0903 - C&FW	-	-	7,000.00	7,000.00	7,000.00
<b>Donations and legacies Totals</b>	<b>52,953.13</b>	<b>1,636.53</b>	<b>73,432.15</b>	<b>128,021.81</b>	<b>155,563.23</b>
<b>Income from charitable activities</b>					
1101 - Fees for weddings and funerals	3,933.00	-	-	3,933.00	4,536.00
<b>Income from charitable activities Totals</b>	<b>3,933.00</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>3,933.00</b>	<b>4,536.00</b>
<b>Investments</b>					
1001 - Dividends	5,441.52	-	-	5,441.52	5,051.94
1020 - Bank and building society interest	1,910.80	-	68.32	1,979.12	1,713.74
1030 - Rent from lands or buildings	1,890.00	-	-	1,890.00	1,040.00
<b>Investments Totals</b>	<b>9,242.32</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>68.32</b>	<b>9,310.64</b>	<b>7,805.68</b>
<b>Receipts Grand Totals</b>	<b>66,128.45</b>	<b>1,636.53</b>	<b>73,500.47</b>	<b>141,265.45</b>	<b>167,904.91</b>

## Payments

### Expenditure on charitable activities

1730 - Costs of fetes & other events	2,816.57	-	-	2,816.57	879.65
1801 - Giving to missionary societies	-	-	772.29	772.29	1,264.64
1850 - Home mission	928.95	-	-	928.95	488.10
1909 - Chester DBF Fees-Weddings and funerals	1,205.00	-	-	1,205.00	1,098.40
1910 - Ministry parish share etc	17,939.16	-	-	17,939.16	17,084.88
2051 - HMRC PAYE	-	-	3,922.20	3,922.20	4,470.34
2052 - TOCP Salary+ Nest Pension	-	-	22,786.64	22,786.64	22,543.20
2053 - Cleaner Salary	2,366.01	-	-	2,366.01	1,976.04

	General	Designated	Restricted	Total	
				This year	Last year
2102 - Wirral Waters Expenses	-	-	4,677.70	4,677.70	777.36
2120 - Council tax	2,253.44	-	-	2,253.44	3,535.68
2140 - Water rates - vicarage	928.10	-	-	928.10	838.90
2145 - Parsonage - water-Curate	-	-	-	-	137.61
2150 - Vicar's telephone	288.00	-	-	288.00	126.00
2301 - Church running - insurance Christ the King	8,847.28	-	-	8,847.28	6,921.48
2302 - Church running - insurance Priory Chapel	1,701.56	-	-	1,701.56	1,586.13
2310 - Church office - telephone/Internet	623.87	-	-	623.87	575.88
2320 - Organ / piano tuning /Speakers	-	-	-	-	588.60
2330 - Church maintenance	5,926.00	-	-	5,926.00	2,630.42
2340 - Upkeep of services	485.48	-	-	485.48	688.46
2341 - TOCP Related Expenses	-	-	39,205.68	39,205.68	46,511.74
2342 - Flowers Expenses	-	780.16	-	780.16	518.96
2360 - Administration	648.88	-	218.97	867.85	770.46
2401 - Church running - electric-BPP Christ the King	4,628.84	-	-	4,628.84	5,262.48
2402 - Church running - electric-Priory Chapel	1,053.30	-	-	1,053.30	2,550.55
2410 - Church running - gas	3,738.92	-	-	3,738.92	4,323.82
2420 - Church running - water-BPP Christ the King	1,553.51	-	-	1,553.51	1,402.09
2421 - Church running - water-4025561319	-	-	-	-	34.06
2501 - Magazine expenses/Books/Worships Resources	1,698.54	-	-	1,698.54	514.81
2701 - Church major repairs - structure	820.80	-	-	820.80	354.00
2710 - Church major repairs - installation	162.00	-	-	162.00	3,174.00
2720 - Church interior and exterior decorating	-	-	-	-	500.00
2910 - Curates Housing	-	-	-	-	5,550.00
<b>Expenditure on charitable activities Totals</b>	<b>60,614.21</b>	<b>780.16</b>	<b>71,583.48</b>	<b>132,977.85</b>	<b>139,678.74</b>
<b>Other expenditure</b>					
2602 - Bank Charges	361.38	-	-	361.38	500.79
<b>Other expenditure Totals</b>	<b>361.38</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>361.38</b>	<b>500.79</b>
<b>Payments Grand Totals</b>	<b>60,975.59</b>	<b>780.16</b>	<b>71,583.48</b>	<b>133,339.23</b>	<b>140,179.53</b>

# The Oak Community Project

## Statement of Assets and Liabilities (by code)

As at: 31 December 2024

Class and nominal code	General (Unrestricted)	Designated	Restricted	Endowment	Total	Last year
<b>Current Asset - Cash At Bank And In Hand</b>						
6504: TOCP-Bank current account	-	-	46,442.09	-	46,442.09	-
6591: TOCP Petty Cash	-	-	2,375.60	-	2,375.60	-
<b>Total</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>48,817.69</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>48,817.69</b>	<b>-</b>
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<b>Net total assets</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>48,817.69</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>48,817.69</b>	<b>-</b>
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<b>Represented by</b>						
Restricted - TOCP	-	-	48,817.69	-	48,817.69	-
<b>Total</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>48,817.69</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>48,817.69</b>	<b>-</b>
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**The Oak Community Project**  
**Receipts and Payments Account**  
**For the period from 01 January 2024 to 31 December 2024**

	Unrestricted funds	Designated funds	Restricted funds	Total funds	Prior year total funds
<b>Receipts</b>					
Donations and legacies	-	-	61,133.05	61,133.05	-
Income from charitable activities	-	-	1,535.90	1,535.90	-
<b>Total Receipts</b>	-	-	<b>62,668.95</b>	<b>62,668.95</b>	-
<b>Payments</b>					
Expenditure on charitable activities	-	-	55,267.87	55,267.87	-
Other expenditure	-	-	155.73	155.73	-
<b>Total Payments</b>	-	-	<b>55,423.60</b>	<b>55,423.60</b>	-
<b>Excess of receipts over payments before transfer</b>	-	-	<b>7,245.35</b>	<b>7,245.35</b>	-
<b>Transfers:</b>					
Gross transfers between funds - in	-	-	-	-	-
Gross transfers between funds - out	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Excess of receipts over payments before other gains</b>	-	-	<b>7,245.35</b>	<b>7,245.35</b>	-
<b>Net movement in funds</b>	-	-	<b>48,817.69</b>	<b>48,817.69</b>	-
<b>Reconciliation of funds</b>					
<b>Excess of receipts over payments at beginning of the year</b>	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Excess of receipts over payments for the year</b>	-	-	<b>48,817.69</b>	<b>48,817.69</b>	-

# The Oak Community Project

## Analysis of Receipts and Payments Selected period: 01 January 2024 to 31 December 2024

	General	Designated	Restricted	Total	
				This year	Last year
<b>Receipts</b>					
<b>Donations and legacies</b>					
0550 - Donations appeals etc	-	-	25,707.05	25,707.05	-
0601 - Tax recoverable on Gift Aid	-	-	897.50	897.50	-
08A1 - Non-recurring one-off grants	-	-	34,520.00	34,520.00	-
0901 - Other funds generated	-	-	8.50	8.50	-
<b>Donations and legacies Totals</b>	-	-	<b>61,133.05</b>	<b>61,133.05</b>	-
<b>Income from charitable activities</b>					
0551 - Food Bag-Donations	-	-	1,535.90	1,535.90	-
<b>Income from charitable activities Totals</b>	-	-	<b>1,535.90</b>	<b>1,535.90</b>	-
<b>Receipts Grand Totals</b>	-	-	<b>62,668.95</b>	<b>62,668.95</b>	-
<b>Payments</b>					
<b>Expenditure on charitable activities</b>					
2340 - Upkeep of services	-	-	7,837.84	7,837.84	-
2342 - TOCP Expenditure	-	-	47,430.03	47,430.03	-
<b>Expenditure on charitable activities Totals</b>	-	-	<b>55,267.87</b>	<b>55,267.87</b>	-
<b>Other expenditure</b>					
2602 - Bank Charges	-	-	155.73	155.73	-
<b>Other expenditure Totals</b>	-	-	<b>155.73</b>	<b>155.73</b>	-
<b>Payments Grand Totals</b>	-	-	<b>55,423.60</b>	<b>55,423.60</b>	-



# CHARITY COMMISSION FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

## Independent examiner's report on the accounts

### Section A

### Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/  
members of

THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL  
PARISH OF BIRKENHEAD PRIORY

On accounts for the year  
ended

31 DECEMBER 2024

Charity no  
(if any)

1196140

Set out on pages

(remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above  
charity ("the Trust") for the year ended DD / MM / YYYY.

Responsibilities and  
basis of report

As the charity trustees of the Trust, you are responsible for the preparation  
of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act  
2011 ("the Act").

I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out  
under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination, I  
have followed 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 (~~other than that disclosed below~~\*) in connection with  
the examination which gives me cause to believe that in, any material  
respect:

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

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

\* Please delete the words in the brackets if they do not apply.

Signed:

J.M.C.

Date:

15/4/2024

Name:

JANET M. CARR

Relevant professional  
qualification(s) or body  
(if any):

F.C.A.

Address:

RIVERHOLME, 18 SANDY LANE, CHESTER. CH3 5UL



## Section B

## Disclosure

Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight matters of concern (see CC32, Independent examination of charity accounts: directions and guidance for examiners).

Give here brief details of any items that the examiner wishes to disclose.

On accounts for the year ended 31 DECEMBER 2024		Report to the trustees/ members of THE PARSONAGE CHURCH COLLEGE OF BISHOP OF BARNHURST PRIORY
Charity no (if any) 1196140		
Set out on pages		
I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31 DECEMBER 2024.		
As the charity trustees of the Trust, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ("the Act").		
I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination, I have followed the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.		
I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention (other than those disclosed below*) in connection with the examination which gives me cause to believe that in any material respect:		
• the accounts do not accord with the accounting records • the accounts do not accord with the accounting records		
I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.		
* Please delete the words in the brackets if they do not apply.		
Signed: J.M.		Date: 15/4/2025
Name: JANEY M. CASE		
Relevant professional qualification(s) or body (if any): F.C.A.		
Address: RIVERHOLME, 18 SANDY LANE, CHESTER, CH1 5UL		