

Berwick PCC

Trustees Annual Report and Financial Report

UK registered charity number 1197144

For the year ended 31st December 2024

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Berwick PCC

Trustees Annual Report

For the Year Ended 31 December 2024

1 Background

St Michael and All Angels Church is situated off the A27 at Berwick, East Sussex. It falls within the boundaries of the South Downs National Park and forms part of the Diocese of Chichester within the Church of England. The Parochial Church Council (PCC) is a body corporate established under sections 2 and 3 of the Parochial Church Councils (Powers) Measure 1956, and is a UK registered charity, Berwick PCC, number 1197144.

2 Our aims and purposes as a charity

The primary objective of the Parochial Church Council of St Michael's and All Angels' Church, Berwick is the promotion of the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to the doctrines and practices of the Church of England.

The PCC has the responsibility of co-operating with the incumbent, the Reverend Peter Blee, in promoting in the ecclesiastical parish, the whole mission of the Church: pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical. The councillors have complied with the duty in section 17(5) of the Charities Act 2011 to have due regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on Public Benefit in deciding what activities the PCC should undertake.

The main objectives of the PCC are:

- To encourage worship, prayer and learning about the Gospel
- To develop links with the wider community
- To develop youth worship
- To maintain the Church buildings and grounds

Membership of the PCC is determined under the Church Representation Rules and consists of the incumbent, ex-officio, the Churchwardens and up to 9 members of the Church who are elected at the Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM). Casual vacancies may be filled by the PCC by co-option. Members of the Church are warmly encouraged to stand for election to the PCC and we try to ensure a balance of skills and experience where possible.

3 Membership

During the year the following served as members of the Parochial Church Council:

Ex Officio members

Incumbent	Revd Canon Peter Blee	<i>Chair</i>
Churchwardens	Mr Paul Lewis	<i>Vice Chair</i>
	Mr Andrew Williamson	<i>Vice Chair</i>

Elected Members

Mr Charles Anson	
Mr Jonathan Chiswell-Jones	
Mrs Jane Corkran	
Ms Rosemary Roscoe	
Mr Crispin Freeman	<i>Treasurer</i>
Mrs Catherine Marsh	
Mrs Ruth Nares	
Mrs Christine Skinner	<i>Safeguarding officer</i>
Mrs Beryl Smith	

Standing Committee

Chair: the incumbent, the churchwardens and the treasurer.

The Standing Committee is the only committee required by law. It has power to transact the business of the PCC between its meetings, subject to any directions given by the PCC.

Electoral Roll Officer Mr Keith Sutton.

4 Church Attendance

There are 65 parishioners on the Church Electoral Roll, of whom 47 are not resident in the parish. The average Sunday attendance for the services in church was 29 adults and 2 children.

5 Review of the Year

The full Parochial Church Council met four times during the year. Additional meetings between the incumbent and the churchwardens and other PCC members were held as required in relation to the restoration project and outreach. The Standing Committee met once during the year.

Berwick Church is part of the Berwick benefice of churches – Alciston with Selmeston, Arlington, Wilmington and Berwick. Reverend Shirley Pearce, the Assistant Priest, has particular responsibility for the parishes of Arlington and Wilmington. The pattern of services for worship in the Church was maintained on nearly all Sundays, and Morning Prayer was held on Wednesdays. The Church was kept open throughout the year.

A vicar's ministry includes preaching, teaching and offering pastoral care to the sick, bereaved, or those in any kind of trouble - whether members of the Church or not. He is supported in his ministry by his Churchwardens, PCC, members of the congregation and the 'Benefice Administrator'. The Incumbent is also involved in encouraging Church members to exercise their own particular vocations and work in the service of Christ and in the service of their community. The Benefice maintains its links with the wider Church through the Deanery Synod and Clergy Chapter. A Lent course was held at Berwick based on an exploration of T S Eliot's poem Ash Wednesday led by Antony Mair, the poet in residence. The Benefice has a Mission Action Plan which covers all areas of Church life and identifies a number of aims and objectives. Weddings, Baptisms and Funerals are important events in the life of the community and the benefice Churches are often full on such occasions. The pastoral care of the Church extends to the elderly, sick and those preparing for marriage. Newcomers are welcomed.

Christine Skinner continued as Parish Safeguarding Officer reporting to every PCC meeting on safeguarding matters including regulatory and training compliance. Her role is to ensure that both national and diocesan policies and procedures are followed that protect children, young people and vulnerable adults. In this reporting year no safeguarding concerns or investigations have been recorded and ten PCC members have achieved full compliance with both DBS and training requirements.

The Cuckmere Pilgrim Path linking the churches in the Benefice together with the adjacent churches of Alfriston and Lullington continues to attract people from outside the Benefice. A Poet In Residence for the Cuckmere Pilgrim Path was appointed for the year, Antony Mair until July, and Oenone Thomas from September. A number of poetry events were held during the year for parishioners and brought local poetry groups to the church.

The Mission Links were maintained with Eastbourne Network, a charity supporting refugees and immigrants in Eastbourne and the nearby locality, with the diocesan charity Family Support Work, and with the UK charity Desta Ethiopia which supports remote communities in Ethiopia.

Church members are active in producing the parish magazine, published monthly.

The books published or commissioned by the parish continue to sell from the bookstall in the church, and via the virtual bookstore on the parish's website. These are Berwick Church and The Bloomsbury Group, Reverend Peter Blee's scholarly book on the wall paintings in the Church, the updated edition of The Recollections of a Sussex Parson, the memoir of Edward Boys Ellman, rector of Berwick 1844 to 1906, and the books produced by Rodney Castleden on the History of Berwick and the Cuckmere Pilgrim Path. Also on sale are the booklets produced by the poets in residence, For the Journey by Fr Kevin Scully, and Behind the Seen by Antony Mair.

Richard Constable at Sunset Design continues to manage our new website www.Berwickchurch.org.uk, and the website for the Cuckmere Pilgrim Path www.cuckmepilgrimpath.org.uk.

One of the aims of the restoration project completed in 2023 was to make the Church more accessible and available for different charitable groups and faith organisations as a place of retreat, reflection and creativity. The aim is to work particularly with groups and individuals from disadvantaged backgrounds and those who are vulnerable. We were successful in a bid to Chichester Diocesan Fund and Board of Finance Mission Fund for a grant for outreach, supplemented by a generous gift from the late Lord Lloyd of Berwick. This enabled us to appoint an Education and Outreach Facilitator, Catherine Marsh, to reach out to groups and arrange visits. Various schools and groups visited during the year. These included; Young Oasis, Imago Community, Towner Gallery Wriggle Room, Abbots Wood Manor Care Home, Esteem, DV8 College Brighton, Ocklynge Junior School, St John's Meads, The Lindfield School, Breakwater Academy, Family Support Work, Survivors of Bereavement by Suicide, mindfulness workshops, Battle Abbey School, St Peters College, Oxford, Summerdown School, Compass Arts, and Hazel Court School. We also hosted a Prayer Presence Retreat.

The late Lord Lloyd of Berwick had generously given the Church funding for a series of Ludlay concerts, and string quartet performances led by Maeve Jenkinson were held in April and November supporting the Church and our Mission Links - Eastbourne Network, Desta Ethiopia, and Family Support Work.

A play written for the church by Jeanette Adams for the children of Alfriston Primary School called 'The Magi' was performed in the church on 12th and 13th December.

The Churchyard is being managed for nature conservation as well as for visitors to graves.

It is with great sadness we report the death of The Right Honourable The Lord Lloyd of Berwick on 8th December 2024. Lord Lloyd, with his wife Lady Jane Lloyd who survives him, was a dedicated member of the congregation and a great benefactor of the Church. He and Lady Lloyd gave exceptionally generously to the Murals Conservation Fund, enabling the project to move forward with confidence, and more recently Lord Lloyd made substantial donations to the Education Fund to facilitate our outreach programme and to the Music Fund so the church could put on a series of "Ludlay" concerts, named after his beloved home. He is buried in the churchyard.

6 Basis of Preparation of the Accounts

As the Church's income in the year was less than £250,000 we have again chosen to prepare the accounts on the receipts and payments basis.

7 Financial Review - Unrestricted Fund

Incoming and outgoing resources

For Berwick PCC unrestricted fund income was £96,339 (2023 £78,770) and expenditure was £94,162 (2023 £67,398). The net surplus was £2,177 (2023 £4,972) and the balance carried forward at the year end is £104,084 (2023 £101,907).

Fund raising activities

The planned giving through the Parish Giving Scheme was £21,158 (2023 £14,955). Non-gift aided donations through the wall safe and contactless payment machines were £7,412 (2023 £7,805). Collections at services were £3,727 (2023 £4,770), and other donations were £10,243 (2023 £2,314). Gift aid recovered was £4,490 (2023 £7,237). We also received a grant from The Old School House Berwick Trust £3,005 (2023 £2,577) to help defray the Benefice administration costs incurred.

Bookstall sales of cards and other items were £12,656 (2023 £12,763), and book sales of The Bloomsbury Group in Berwick Church written by Revd Peter Blee were £10,053 (2023 £9,692). Other book sales were £2,645 (2023 £1,882). Income from concerts was £2,511 (2023 £1,360), talks and tours in the church brought in £2,501 (2023 £1,932). The renewable heat incentive income from the ground source heating system was £3,954 (2023 £2,834).

Deposit interest was £8,629 (2023 £5,737).

Sharing the ministry costs of the Diocese of Chichester

The largest unrestricted expenditure of the PCC was the Parish Share of £34,120 (2023 £33,083) paid to the diocese for our share of all Churches' Parish Ministry Costs. This amount contributes towards the housing, stipend and pension costs of the clergy, and also a standard sum for diocesan central costs, clergy training and a contribution to national Church funds. It represents 84.4% of the costs the diocese asked us to cover (2023 84.4%). It is the diocese's intention that the Parish Share should rise in the years ahead to cover 100% of costs.

Staff costs

The PCC pays for relief clergy from time to time, as detailed in Note 5 to the accounts.

Trustee payments and expenses

The PCC supported the incumbent by paying £7,386 in respect of the parsonage, administration expenses, and motoring (2023 £2,288), and refunding him for other costs incurred by him for the PCC £401 (2023 £634). Expenses of the assistant priest were reimbursed £Nil (2023 £413). In addition, payments of £6,116 were made to 8 other PCC members during the year to reimburse expenditure incurred by them on behalf of the PCC (2023 £4,670 to 7 other PCC members). Catherine Marsh provided services to the PCC as Education and Outreach Facilitator costing £11,257 (2023 £6,167). No remuneration was paid by the PCC to any other member.

Repairs to the fabric of the Church building

Various small repairs were carried out to the Church facilities during the year totalling £1,881 (2023 £1,309). In addition costs were incurred on the outside classroom gazebo in the churchyard and Pilgrim Path stations £13,643 (2023 £2,050), and consultancy and planning costs were spent on preparations for a planning application for a new car park totalling £6,347 (2023 £1,734), and on legal fees with a view to securing a lease for the land occupied by the ground source heat plant room and boreholes £3,432 (2023 £Nil).

8 Financial Review – Endowment Fund

The Capital & Fabric Endowment Fund is an expendable endowment which has been raised for maintenance of the Church building and facilities. It received a donation £1,750 (2023 £1,750 plus gift aid £438) and did not incur any expenditure (2023 £Nil). The resulting balance carried forward is £123,421.

9 Financial Review – Restricted Funds

The Education Fund comprises the balance brought forward from 2023 £20,123. The Chichester Diocesan Fund and Board of Finance Mission Fund for education outreach made the 2nd of 3 committed grants £9,000. Expenses incurred £14,530 were the funding of the Education and Outreach facilitator, materials and resources for educational purposes, and contributions to the transport costs for school visits. The balance at the year end was £14,593.

The Music Fund comprises the balance brought forward from 2023 £8,450, funded by a donation from the late Lord Lloyd of Berwick, less the costs of two Ludlay concerts held in the church in April and November 2024 £4,000. The balance at the year end was £4,450.

Funds raised for third party charities £2,704 comprise amounts raised at the Desta Ethiopia ecumenical service in October £1,195, the Christmas collection for Eastbourne Network £156 and Family Support Work £156, the Josphat, Kenya, appeal £930, and the collection for Royal British Legion at the Remembrance Day service £267. Expenditure £2,392 comprised Desta Ethiopia event expenses £383, the payment of the net proceeds to Desta £812, payment to Josphat £930, and payment to Royal British Legion £267, leaving a balance at 31 December 2024 of £312. This was defrayed in January 2025 when the Christmas Collection was paid to Eastbourne Network £156 and Family Support Work £156.

10 Why we hold some money in unrestricted reserve

The balance on the Unrestricted Fund at 31 December 2024 was £104,084 (2023 £101,907). It is PCC policy to maintain a balance on the unrestricted fund which equates to a minimum six months' worth of recurring unrestricted payments, say £35,000, as the PCC's income is seasonally affected and we need sufficient funds to pay our Parish Share to Chichester diocese as detailed above. In addition, the unrestricted fund is earmarked for completing the outside classroom gazebo in the churchyard, developing the new car park once the necessary planning permission has been obtained, and a parish office.

11 Risk Assessment

The PCC confirms that the major risks to which the council have been exposed have been identified and reviewed, and systems and procedures put into place to manage these risks. The health and safety of all who visit our Church is paramount. The PCC confirms it has had due regard to the House of Bishop's guidance on safeguarding of children and vulnerable adults as noted in section 5 of the Safeguarding and Clergy Discipline Measure 2016.

This Trustees' Annual Report was **approved** by the PCC and signed on their behalf by The Revd Peter Blee, PCC Chairman

Reverend Canon Peter Blee

Date *23 April 2025*

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Statement of Financial Receipts and Payments

For the year ended 31 December 2024

The financial effect of our activities during the year can be summarised as follows

	<i>Unrestricted</i>			<i>Total</i>	<i>Total</i>	
	<i>General</i>	<i>Restricted</i>	<i>Endowed</i>	<i>All Funds</i>	<i>All Funds</i>	
	<i>Fund</i>	<i>Funds</i>	<i>Fund</i>	<i>2024</i>	<i>2023</i>	<i>Notes</i>
	£	£	£	£	£	
Income and endowments from:						
Donations and legacies	50,035	10,509	1,750	62,294	210,710	
Charitable activities	3,307	-	-	3,307	2,085	
Other trading activities	34,321	1,195	-	35,516	31,580	
Investments	8,629	-	-	8,629	5,737	
Other receipts	47	-	-	47	-	
Total received	96,339	11,704	1,750	109,793	250,112	3
Expenditure on:						
Cost of raising funds	-	-	-	-	-	
Charitable costs	91,147	16,923	-	108,069	189,763	
Trading costs	2,877	4,000	-	6,877	29,714	
Other payments	138	-	-	138	-	
Total paid	94,162	20,923	-	115,085	219,477	4
<i>Reconciliation of funds:</i>						
Net income or (net expenditure)	2,177	(9,219)	1,750	(5,292)	30,635	
Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-	
Net movement in funds	2,177	(9,219)	1,750	(5,292)	30,635	
Bank accounts at 1 January	101,907	28,573	121,671	252,151	221,516	
Bank accounts at 31 December	104,084	19,355	123,421	246,859	252,151	11

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Statement of Assets and Liabilities

As at 31 December 2024

Our financial position at the year-end was

	<i>Unrestricted</i>			<i>Total</i>	<i>Total</i>	
	General	Restricted	Endowed	All Funds	All Funds	
	Fund	Funds	Fund	2024	2023	Notes
	£	£	£	£	£	
Assets:						
Cash at bank and in hand	35,202	11,657	-	46,859	102,151	
CBF Deposit Fund	68,881	7,698	123,421	200,000	150,000	
PCC-owned bank balance	104,084	19,355	123,421	246,859	252,151	
Total bank and deposit accounts	104,084	19,355	123,421	246,859	252,151	11
Gift Aid recoverable	7,856	2,768	875	11,498	5,707	
Other debtors	5,469	-	-	5,469	4,365	
Debtors	13,325	2,768	875	16,967	10,072	
Stock of cards etc for bookstall	2,823	-	-	2,823	4,885	
Stock of books	17,900	-	-	17,900	22,181	
Stocks at cost	20,723	-	-	20,723	27,066	
Plant room	41,778	-	-	41,778	42,705	
Ground source heat equipment	49,379	-	-	49,379	52,671	
Organ	16,472	-	-	16,472	17,130	
Fixed assets at cost less notional depreciation	107,628	-	-	107,628	112,506	10
Total assets	245,760	22,122	124,296	392,178	401,796	
Liabilities						
Creditors	4,738	1,714	-	6,453	3,508	
Total liabilities	4,738	1,714	-	6,453	3,508	

This Financial Report for the year ended 31st December 2024, including the notes following, was approved by the PCC and signed on its behalf by The Revd Peter Blee, PCC Chairman:

Reverend Canon Peter Blee

Date *23 April 2025*

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Notes to the Financial Report

For the year ended 31 December 2024

1 The financial statements of the PCC have been prepared in accordance with the Charities Act 2011 and current Church Accounting Regulations, using the receipts and payments basis.

2 The following assets are recognised but not valued in the Statement of Assets and Liabilities: Movable church furnishings held by the churchwardens on special trust for the PCC, which require a faculty for disposal.

3 Analysis of total received

	<i>Unrestricted</i>			Total	<i>Total</i>	
	General	<i>Restricted</i>	<i>Endowed</i>	All Funds	<i>All Funds</i>	
	Fund	Funds	Fund	2024	2023	<i>Notes</i>
	£	£	£	£	£	
Planned giving (excl. tax refunds)	21,158	-	1,750	22,908	16,705	
Loose cash collections	3,727	-	-	3,727	4,770	
Other donations	10,243	1,509	-	11,751	4,370	
Wall safe	7,412	-	-	7,412	7,805	
Gift Aid recovered	4,490	-	-	4,490	12,073	
Legacies	-	-	-	-	827	
Grants	3,005	9,000	-	12,005	164,160	
Donations and legacies	50,035	10,509	1,750	62,294	210,710	
Fees for weddings & funerals	3,307	-	-	3,307	2,085	
Charitable activities	3,307	-	-	3,307	2,085	
Concert income	2,511	-	-	2,511	2,477	
Tours & Talks	2,501	-	-	2,501	1,932	
Ethiopian Ecumenical service	-	1,195	-	1,195	-	
Bookstall sales	12,656	-	-	12,656	12,763	
Book: Bloomsbury Group	10,053	-	-	10,053	9,692	
Book: Reflections of a Sussex Parson	1,781	-	-	1,781	1,275	
Book: Go Home, Dear Friends	-	-	-	-	495	
Book: Berwick History	70	-	-	70	20	
Book: Cuckmere Pilgrim Path	451	-	-	451	32	
Poetry books - Scully	188	-	-	188	60	
Poetry books - Mair	155	-	-	155	-	
Renewable Heat incentive	3,954	-	-	3,954	2,834	
Other trading activities	34,321	1,195	-	35,516	31,580	
Deposit interest	8,629	-	-	8,629	5,737	
Investments	8,629	-	-	8,629	5,737	
Other receipts	47	-	-	47	-	
Total received on all funds	96,339	11,704	1,750	109,793	250,112	

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Notes to the Financial Report

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4 Analysis of total paid

Notes to the Annual Financial Report

Analysis of total paid:

	<i>Unrestricted</i>			Total	<i>Total</i>	
	General	<i>Restricted</i>	<i>Endowed</i>	All Funds	<i>All Funds</i>	
	Fund	Funds	Fund	2024	2023	<i>Notes</i>
	£	£	£	£	£	
Investment management costs	-	-	-	-	-	
Cost of raising funds	-	-	-	-	-	
Charitable grants and donations	942	2,392	-	3,334	2,518	
Parish share to Chichester Diocese	34,120	-	-	34,120	33,083	
Clergy and other people's expenses	7,386	-	-	7,386	2,701	6
Salaries and honoraria incl NI	112	-	-	112	115	5
Mission & evangelism costs	712	14,530	-	15,242	9,096	
Church running costs	13,157	-	-	13,157	12,092	
Electricity	3,323	-	-	3,323	3,074	
Benefice administration	3,153	-	-	3,153	2,888	
Church maintenance and repair	1,881	-	-	1,881	1,309	
Upkeep of churchyard	60	-	-	60	1,513	
New building work - Gazebo & Pilgrim Path stations	13,643	-	-	13,643	2,050	
New building work - Car Park	6,347	-	-	6,347	1,734	
New Building Work - Plant room lease	3,432	-	-	3,432	-	
Murals Conservation Project	-	-	-	-	114,946	
Independent Examiner	2,880	-	-	2,880	2,646	
Charitable costs	91,147	16,923	-	108,069	189,763	
Costs for tours & talks	341	-	-	341	394	
Costs of concerts	-	4,000	-	4,000	3,904	
Bookstall costs	2,326	-	-	2,326	2,580	
Book: Bloomsbury Group	-	-	-	-	13,626	
Book: Reflections of a Sussex Parson	-	-	-	-	8,760	
Book: Go Home, Dear Friends	-	-	-	-	240	
Book: Berwick History	-	-	-	-	70	
Book: Cuckmere Pilgrim Path	210	-	-	210	140	
Trading costs	2,877	4,000	-	6,877	29,714	
Other payments	138	-	-	138	-	
Total paid on all funds	94,162	20,923	-	115,085	219,477	

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5 Staff costs

Staff costs

	2024	2023
	£	£
Relief clergy	112	115
	112	115

6 Payments to PCC members

The PCC supported the incumbent by paying £7,386 in respect of the parsonage, administration expenses, and motoring (2023 £2,288), and refunding him for other costs incurred by him for the PCC £401 (2023 £634). Expenses of the assistant priest were reimbursed £Nil (2023 £413). In addition, payments of £6,116 were made to 8 other PCC members during the year to reimburse expenditure incurred by them on behalf of the PCC (2023 £4,670 to 7 other PCC members). Catherine Marsh provided services to the PCC as Education and Outreach Facilitator costing £11,257 (2023 £6,167). No remuneration was paid by the PCC to any other member.

7 Transactions with persons related to PCC members

Payments of £831 were made in the year to 2 persons related to PCC members (2023 £998 to 2 such persons).

8 Donations by PCC members

PCC Members made identified donations during the year in aggregate £7,114 (2023 £5,083). In addition to this, PCC members may give anonymously such as through cash collections and therefore it is not practical to quantify the full amount of donations received from PCC Members during the year.

9 Transactions with related charities

The Old School House Berwick Trust, of which the incumbent and the churchwardens are the trustees, made a grant to the PCC of £3,005 (2023 £2,577).

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10 Fixed assets

	Plant room	GSHP equipment	Organ	Total
	£	£	£	£
Cost				
At 1 January 2024	46,378	65,838	19,763	131,979
Additions	-	-	-	-
At 31 December 2024	46,378	65,838	19,763	131,979
Notional Depreciation				
At 1 January 2024	3,673	13,168	2,632	19,473
Provision for Year	928	3,292	658	4,878
At 31 December 2024	4,601	16,460	3,291	24,351
Net book value at 31 December 2024	41,778	49,379	16,472	107,628
<i>Net book value at 31 December 2023</i>	<i>42,705</i>	<i>52,671</i>	<i>17,130</i>	<i>112,506</i>

Notional Depreciation rates

Plant room	2%	p.a. straight line over 50 years of the lease
GSHP equipment	5%	p.a. straight line over 20 years consistent with RHI grant period
Organ	3.33%	p.a. straight line over 30 years as advised by Wyvern Organs

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Notes to the Financial Report

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11 Statement of funds

Explanation of funds

Endowment Fund

The Capital & Fabric Endowment Fund is an expendable endowment which has been raised for maintenance of the Church building and facilities.

Restricted funds are not invested permanently but are to be spent within reasonable timescales.

The Education Fund comprises the balance brought forward £20,123 together with a grant £9,000 in 2024. Expenses incurred were the funding of the Education and Outreach facilitator, materials and resources for educational purposes, and transport for school visits.

The Music Fund comprises the balance brought forward £8,450, funded by a donation from the late Lord Lloyd of Berwick, less the costs of two Ludlay concerts held in the church in April and November 2024.

Funds raised for third party charities £2,704 comprise amounts raised at the Desta Ethiopia ecumenical service in October £1,195, the Christmas collection for Eastbourne Network £156 and Family Support Work £156, the Josphat, Kenya, appeal £930, and the collection for Royal British Legion at the Remembrance Day service £267. Expenditure £2,392 comprised Desta Ethiopia event expenses £383, the payment of the net proceeds to Desta £812, payment to Josphat £930, and payment to Royal British Legion £267. The Christmas Collection was paid to Eastbourne Network £156 and Family Support Work £156 in January 2025.

Unrestricted funds are not subject to any donor restrictions and can be spent as the PCC decides.

Summary of funds

Fund income and expenditure and final balances are as follows:

	Balances b/fwd 1 Jan 2024	Income	Expenditure	Transfers, other gains and losses	Balances c/fwd 31 Dec 2024
	£	£	£	£	£
Capital & Fabric Endowment Fund	121,671	1,750	-	-	123,421
Total of all endowed funds	121,671	1,750	-	-	123,421
Education Fund	20,123	9,000	(14,530)	-	14,593
Music Fund	8,450	-	(4,000)	-	4,450
Fund raised for third party charities	-	2,704	(2,392)	-	312
Total of all restricted funds	28,573	11,704	(20,923)	-	19,355
Unrestricted fund	101,907	96,339	(94,162)	-	104,084
Total of all unrestricted funds	101,907	96,339	(94,162)	-	104,084
Total funds	£252,151	£109,793	£(115,085)	-	£246,859

Independent Examiner's Report to Berwick PCC for the Year Ended 31 December 2024

This is my report to the Berwick PCC on the annual report for the year ended 31st December 2024 set out on pages 2 to 12.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner The PCC members are responsible for the preparation of the annual reports. The PCC members consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 ("the Charities Act") and that an independent examination is needed. It is my responsibility to:

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

Basis of independent examiner's statement My examination was carried out in accordance with general Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts and seeking explanations from the trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair' view and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

Independent examiner's statement In connection with my examination, no material matter has come to my attention which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

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

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

Examiner's signature *R. Walsh*

Examiner's name Rowena T K Walsh FCCA
Date *22 April 2025*

Relevant professional qualification Certified Chartered Accountant

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