

The Parish of Ordsall and Retford St Michael

Annual Report 2024-25 & Financial Statement for 2024



The Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish of Ordsall and
Retford, St Michael

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Parochial Church Council Membership 2024 - 2025

CLERGY

Alex Shiells
David Bean

WARDENS

Nigel Bower
Barbara Burrows
Michael Storey

DEANERY SYNOD 2023-2025

Helen Richards

UNTIL 2025

Janet Lewis
Kane Marsh
Amanda Old
Peter Thomas

UNTIL 2026

Pam Phillips
Isabelle Richards
Tessa Rolph
Alison Thorpe

UNTIL 2027

Martin Bloomfield
Chris Porter
Stephen Thorpe
Rachel Waby

CO-OPTED

Maxine Fisher
Don Phillips

EX-OFFICIO

Chris Trend

PCC Officers and Representatives:

Role	Name
Chair	<i>Alex Shiells</i>
PCC Secretary	<i>Alison Thorpe</i>
Lay Chair	<i>Isabelle Richards</i>
Treasurer - All Hallows and Retford St Michael	<i>Martin Bloomfield, Tessa Rolph acting treasurer</i>
Planned Giving Secretary - All Hallows	<i>Malcom McDonald</i>
Planned Giving Secretary - St Michael	<i>Martin Bloomfield</i>
Electoral Roll Officer	<i>Alison Thorpe</i>
Safeguarding Officer - All Hallows and Retford St Michael	<i>Don Phillips</i>
DBS Safe Recruiter	<i>Rachel Waby/ Helen Richards</i>
Health and Safety - All Hallows	<i>John Pashley</i>
Health and Safety - St Michael	<i>Rachel Waby</i>
Church Property	<i>Peter Thomas</i>
Christian Aid	<i>Pat Bloodworth</i>
Children's Society	<i>Sally Hardman</i>

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Women's World Day of Prayer

Margaret Green, Margaret Akerman

DRAFT Minutes of the Annual Parochial Church Meeting held on 28th April 2024 in All Hallows Church

1. Attendance:

Joan Henderson	Shirley Thomas	Lavinia Swannack	Rachel Waby
Kathryn Biggs	Pat Bloodworth	Margaret Akerman	Alison Thorpe
Chris Porter	Janet Lewis	Barbara Burrows	Revd. Alex Shiells
Paul Richards	John Palmer	Michael Storey	Brian Crawley
Helen Richards	Joan Palmer	Malcom Mc Donald	Amanda Old
Isabelle Richards	Peter Thomas	Gill Glover	
Ivy Kibble	Jean Morris	Revd. David Bean	

Apologies:

Don Phillips	Sandra Sendall	Russell Bloodworth	Martin Bloomfield
Pam Phillips	Richard Sendall	Nigel Bower	Paul Hardman
Sally Hardman	Ann Jones		

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2. Minutes of the Annual Parochial Church Meeting held on **28th May 2023** in St Michael's Chapter House, to be agreed as a true record:

Proposed: Lavinia Swannack *Seconded:* Janet Lewis agreed: 14
Abstentions: 13

3. Electoral Roll: The total number of names on the Electoral Roll is 119.

4. Nominations for Churchwardens 4 vacancies

<i>Nomination</i>	<i>Proposer</i>	<i>Seconded</i>
Barbara Burrows	Helen Richards	Tessa Rolph
Nigel Bower	Rachel Waby	Pat Bloodworth
Michael Storey	Barbara Burrows	Ann Jones

5. Appointment of tellers: *Not necessary*

6. Election of Churchwardens: Barbara Burrows, Nigel Bower, and Michael Storey, were duly elected.

Revd. Alex welcomed

7. Election of PCC members: *2 nominations x three year vacancy*

<i>Nomination</i>	<i>Proposer</i>	<i>Seconded</i>
Chris Porter	Peter Thomas	Barbara Burrows
Rachel Waby	Janet Lewis	Pat Bloodworth

8. Appointment of tellers: *Not necessary*

9. Election of PCC Members for three years: Chris Porter and Rachel Waby were duly elected

10. Nominations for PCC Membership for one year - One Vacancy for one year - no nominations.

11. Election of Deanery Synod Representatives:

<i>Nomination</i>	<i>Proposer</i>	<i>Seconded</i>
Helen Richards	Barbara Burrows	Tessa Rolph

12. Appointment of tellers: *Not necessary*

Revd. Alex thanked all those standing for office.
Revd. Alex also encouraged those present who were not members, to think about standing
as Deanery Synod Members or joining the PCC.

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1) Statutory Reports:

- a) **Safeguarding Report:** Thanks to Don Phillips our Safeguarding Officer for keeping us on track. Brian Crawley has now set the fastest record for completing the safeguarding training needed!
- b) **Electoral Roll:** No questions or answers.
- c) **Audited Accounts:** See Vicar's report
- d) **PCC Secretary:** No questions or answers.
- e) **Deanery Synod:** Revd. Alex again encouraged those present who were not members, to think about standing as Deanery Synod Members.
- f) **Fabric:** Many thanks to our Church Wardens and to Peter Thomas
- g) **Vicar:**

Financial Review: we have three sets of Accounts. One for each of our churches and one for the Common Fund. This is better for tracking our financial situation. There was a planned giving increase of 23% at All Hallows. The accounts also show the Charities that we have been able to support.

Many thanks to Peter Thomas who has gone above and beyond in obtaining grants for work done at All Hallows and the Parish Hall.

All Hallows new Insurance contracts are cheaper than the contracts they replaced.

Ordsall Parish Hall - there has been a significant increase in the use of the Hall.

The photocopier is very expensive so we are trying to keep its use to a minimum. Our outgoings are greater than our income.

The South side porch has been repointed. About £7,000 has been spent on both churches.

We are on track to pay our Parish Share in full.

The planned giving increase at St Michael's was about 16%.

A reminder that it is best to gift aid donations to the church if you pay tax.

The Organ recital at St Michael's and the Michaelmas Fair were well attended. The Michaelmas Fair raised more than £1000.

The Lightning Conductor has been sorted and the Sound system has been installed. Thanks to Russell Bloodworth and Martin Bloomfield for all their hard work.

Also at St Michael's, Pat Bloodworth and Nigel Bower have been looking at ways to develop the Church and the Community Hall. Simon Holdaway has been helping with future plans. Thanks to Pat, Nigel and Simon. Thanks also to Ivy Kibble.

Barbara Burrows thanked Revd. Alex, and all of our Ministry Team.

2) Property belonging to Ordsall and Retford, St Michael's Parish

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h) Ordsall Parish Hall: The Hall is now making more money, improvements have been made to the Hall during the year. Many thanks to Debbie Aston, Peter and Shirley Thomas and Tessa Rolph.

i) St Michael's Community Hall: Thanks to Prue Lamb

j) Croft Cottage, Glebe Cottage, 19, Grange Road: Many thanks to Peter Thomas for his management of the Church Property for many years. Rachel Waby has now taken over as our Property Manager - thanks also to Rachel.

k) All Hallows Allotment: Thanks to Peter Thomas

3) Church Activities throughout the year

l) Health and Safety: Thanks to John Pashley and Rachel Waby. There is now a new risk assessment for All Hallows.

m) Craft Circle: This has now changed its name to the Arts and Craft Café. These groups are both nurturing and caring. The group is smaller at St. Michael's but people keep popping in and out.

n) Bell Ringers: Thanks to the Tower Captain, Paul Richards. Potential new recruits are now being trained

o) Places of Welcome: Open Wednesdays at All Hallows - Bassetlaw Connect are not coming in as frequently. Thanks to Helen Richards and Tessa Rolph.

Open Tuesdays at St Michael's - between 25 and 30 people attend each week, about half are not church members, some have also started to come to Communion. Thanks to Pam Phillips, Janet Lewis, Nigel Bower and Christine Theodosius.

p) After Service Coffee: Thanks to Amanda Old and Richard and Julia Morton.

q) Mother's Union/Contact centre: Thanks to Tessa Rolph

r) Merry Ladies: Thanks to Irene Haw.

s) Churchyard Group: Thanks to Peter Thomas.

t) Events Committee: The Summer Fair Meeting is coming up.

4) PCC Links and Representatives

u) Christian Aid: The posters for the Christian Aid lunches are up already!

v) Rakitova Self Sufficiency Fund: thanks to Pam Phillips

Suggested date for next Annual Parochial Church Meeting: to be confirmed

Revd. Alex thanked everyone for coming to the meeting

The meeting finished with the Grace

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1. Statutory Reports

a. Safeguarding

Training

This year we have focussed our major effort on ensuring that all our excellent volunteers are up to date with their Safeguarding training. To that end we have organised two face to face courses for Safeguarding Basic Awareness and Foundation the latter of which was particularly well attended and included volunteers from other local churches. In addition, many other volunteers have completed online Safeguarding courses and face to face training elsewhere. To everybody who has undertaken the training and all of those who have supported and helped me in this effort please accept my grateful thanks.

National Safeguarding Standards

During the year the Church of England have launched their new National Safeguarding Standards to which all parishes must demonstrate compliance by the end of 2027. There are five standards:

- Culture, Leadership and Capacity
- Prevention
- Recognising, Assessing and Managing Risk
- Victims and Survivors
- Learning, Supervision and Support

Each of these standards has a list of 'What Good Looks Like' indicators to assist parishes in their achievement.

Initial work on achieving these standards has already started under the supervision of the PCC and is being led by Rev. Alex Shiells, Rev. David Bean and myself.

Safeguarding Hub

The Parish has for some years been using the Parish Dashboard to monitor compliance with the Church of England's safeguarding requirements and this year have commenced use of the Safeguarding Hub. This new system which is fully integrated with the Dashboard and will assist us to monitor our compliance comply with the Church of England's 'Safer Recruitment and People Management Guidance' mandatory requirements. The Hub

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and the Dashboard will also help us to monitor our progress in working towards compliance with the new National Safeguarding Standards.

Don Phillips Parish Safeguarding Officer

b. Electoral Roll

This year we had to prepare a new Electoral Roll. The formal notice of this revision was published on Sunday 2nd February 2025 and the Roll was closed to new entries on Sunday 16th March. It was then displayed for correction between Sunday 23rd March and Sunday 6th of April.

As of Sunday 16th March the total of the Roll was 86.

Alison Thorpe - Electoral Roll Officer

c. Independently Examined Accounts

Opening remarks -

It may not be obvious, but there has been a slight improvement in the normal day-to-day overall finances of the legal Parish, combining both St Michaels and All Hallows churches, compared with 2023! However, this was offset by some larger one-off expenses and there is still a current decline in ongoing account balances due to the continuing excess of expenditure over income. Looking forward, it is hoped that increased congregations will be able to support the continuing work of the two churches, both with their time and financially.

Planned giving has remained stable and the Parish Share was paid in full as a matter of policy. The work of our vicar, Revd Alex, together with other assisting clergy and readers is much appreciated by the congregation and community and there is a lot of additional support available from the Diocese in various ways.

By the nature of the physical church buildings, there is significant expenditure involved in their upkeep (repairs, roof alarms, insurance etc). Grants are always obtained where possible to help with repair work.

The cottages continue to offer some challenges at times and larger than usual expenditure was required for roof work at 19 Grange Road. However, they still provide a good return on investment and a notable income for the Parish.

In early 2024, a substantial part of the historic Miss Flowers endowment legacy became available for general use and a £9000 transfer was made

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from the Endowment to Unrestricted funds. This helped fund the work on the church roof and cottages.

During the year, Kathryn Watkinson was recruited to become our new Children and Families Community Engagement Worker on a one-year contract. We are grateful to Bassetlaw CVS and District Councillors for grants received to support her salary and work in establishing a Toddler Group in Ordsall. We are actively looking for ways in which this and other community work can continue.

Ordsall Parish Hall's finances have been in a much better position during 2024, with an increase in regular and one-off lettings.

All expenditure is constantly monitored for potential savings, but we do rely on increased congregations and increased giving generally (including potential legacies) plus additional fundraising, to ensure the future viability of the two churches.

Anyone wishing to discuss a change in their level of giving, a one-off gift or the wording for a potential legacy can contact either myself as the Treasurer at Tessa.owr@gmail.com or the regular giving officer, Martin Bloomfield.

All Hallows Ordsall -

Planned Giving – Regular receipts remained consistent during the year, augmented by regular Gift Aid and GASDS claims. 2024 totals of £29.2k were marginally less than the previous year (£29.4k)

Casual giving & donations – Plate collections were a mere £52 less than 2023. Casual donations were less by around £350 but were equally offset by an increase in online giving, either through the Sumup machine in church or by use of the donations section of the website.

Just over £3k of welcome donations were received for specific projects, with £2.2k of this given towards enhancing the floor in the Parish Hall - this enabled the new Toddler Group and other similar groups to take place safely.

Grants & legacies – Grants were received from Bassetlaw CVS and District Councillors to support our Community worker. An additional £4.6k grant was received from Bassetlaw DC for improvements to the Parish Hall lighting and insulation.

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A Growing Disciples grant was received from the Diocese. The aim of this grant is “to support mission & discipleship enabling the Diocesan Vision of Growing Disciples of Christ with Compassion, Confidence and Courage to flourish”. The money is being used in various ways to help support and encourage an increasing congregation, particularly through the use of up to date technology.

No legacies were received in 2024.

Fund raising & events – Having renovated the floor, Parish Hall lettings increased by £4.1k and particular thanks go to our Hall bookings officer for encouraging its usage. Though a decision was taken not to hold a Scarecrow festival in 2024, an increase in Live & Local receipts (£583), together with other Hall events, nevertheless ensured a regular stream of income and its financial viability.

The Summer and Christmas fairs resulted in a favourable £1.7k return, and refreshment donations saw an increase of some £517 (81.5%). Income from these activities realised a total increase of £6.7k (35.6%). All sundry cash donations are also eligible for an additional 25% top up from HMRC through the Gift Aid Small Donations Scheme (GASDS)

Other income – The Church properties are now managed by professional letting agents, and regular rents were received on time. The total of £22,940 is an increase of £5.5k (31.8%) on the total in the previous year, part of which is due to accounting now for gross rental income, rather than netting off the letting agency charges. Bank interest and share dividends were broadly in line with the 2023 amounts.

Total income for 2024 resulted in an overall increase of £19.4k (23.7%), though it should be borne in mind that around £9k of that total represents new money from grants and donations for specific projects.

Charitable Giving – This was around £260 less than the previous year, partially due to fewer baptism services. Local charities continue to be supported, including Bassetlaw Food Bank. The customary Christmas Christingle service meant we were able to send money as usual to the Children’s Society.

Ministry costs – As mentioned at the outset, the Parish Share was paid in full, notwithstanding the increase of about £2.8K. Clergy expenses were consistent with expectations.

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Running costs - Insurance for both churches was paid from our Common fund, and the 2.9% increase of 2023 was within expectations. Telephone and internet costs rose by £380 (60.9%), mainly due to the cost of routers and service provider charges.

Utilities - Gas heating resulted in a modest increase of £535, whilst electricity remained roughly the same.

Church maintenance – Routine maintenance on the church properties amounted to an increase of around £600. Additional work is due to be carried out with reference to the 5-yearly Quinquennial Review and its priorities. Grants are obtained where possible to assist such work and Peter Thomas is very successful in researching all such sources.

Parish hall - Electricity and insurance met budgeted targets, though the cost of heating saw an unexpected reduction in gas expenditure, reducing by around £1k (79.4%). The hall's business rates have now levelled out from previous years, with a discount received of nearly 100%.

It was discovered that the Hall cleaner's pay had not been reviewed adequately in recent years and a back payment of more than £2k was issued. With this extraordinary item being stripped out, Parish Hall expenditure increased by £140 (1.6%).

Operating Activity costs – In 2024 these include the cost of our Community worker and associated activities, so the unusual increase of £4.5k (617.3%) is understandable.

Repairs & maintenance – Significant amounts were incurred for the church roof (£2.7k), Parish Hall (£6.8k) and properties (£5.2k), not all of which could be funded with grants. The resulting increase of £10.2k (223.8%) represents a major hit to our available funds and contributed to their overall reduction over the full year.

Support costs – We continue to apply an annual salary increase for our employees, by reference to the Living Wage.

The **Management & Administration** costs for 2023 included £1020 for the quinquennial inspection. If this is stripped out, the corresponding total for 2024 saw an actual reduction of £936 (27.6%). This is partially due to the reduction in travel expenses of £206 (33.6%) and the impact of Revd Alex's temporary absence.

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However there may be some necessary future outlay in accounting software and time for the maintenance of the churches' financial records, as this burden becomes impractical to be dealt with by one volunteer.

Tangible and Investment Assets – A modest percentage increase was applied to the year-end valuations of the Hall and cottages, representing a fair asset price in line with similar properties. (Note that the Church rental properties have now been reclassified as Investment Assets, rather than Tangible). Our shares increased in value by £282 (6.4%), meaning our tangible and investment assets increased by £24.3k (7.2%).

The balances held in our bank accounts and short-term deposits decreased by £2.1k (5.2%). Part of the bank accounts also represents advance grant receipts, the value of which will be utilised in 2025.

End of year assessment – the level of overall wealth increased by £20.7k (5.3%), with Fixed assets increasing by £24.8k (7.2%), and Net Current assets reducing by £4.1k (9.9%). The latter reduction continues to give some cause for concern, and requires constant review to ensure future solvency.

St Michaels -

Planned giving - increased by £382 (2%), with Gift Aid & GASDS providing an additional £201 income.

Casual giving & donations - Plate collections remained stable, and a similar practice of offering baptism donations to a charity of the family's choice was implemented. Voluntary donations were received towards the cost of the ongoing boiler contract.

Grants & legacies – A Growing Disciples grant was once again received from Southwell Diocese, allowing Revd Alex to implement improved outreach. No legacies were received during the year.

Fund raising & events – Hall lettings encouragingly increased by £160 (28.1%), and refreshment donations also saw an increase of £437 (56.1%). Whilst takings from the Michaelmas fayre reduced by £155 (15.3%), overall fund raising ended the year with a credible increase of £338 (11.0%).

Charitable giving - St Michaels continues to support RAKITOVO, as well as several local and wider charitable causes. The Charity fund was not utilised during the year.

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Running costs - Insurance continues to be paid via the Common fund held by All Hallows Ordsall, and a monthly contribution of £2,250 was made in 2024 by St Michaels to finance this and other identified common expenditure.

Utilities – Heating costs saw gas invoices reduce by £1k (37.2%), and electricity costs by £44 (8.7%). Each of these welcome reductions is to be applauded and perhaps display the value of negotiating better contracts, which came into force during the year!

Repairs & maintenance – An increase of £752 (41%) was experienced, with the security alarm bills representing around £600 (84.6%) of the total. The organ was not tuned during the year. A one-off cost item of £360 was paid to Windsor Garden Services to carry out a general tidy-up of the churchyard to improve the appearance of the church.

Development fund - £1500 was paid to Castle Surveys to carry out a 3D laser scan of the church building. This will assist with any plans which may be discussed in the coming months. Revd Alex utilised monies from the Growing Disciples grant towards additional multimedia capabilities, which should enhance members' and visitors' experiences.

Overall balances - The TSB bank account ended the year £4.2k (14.4%) lower than the previous year. Like Ordsall, it is recognised that such an ongoing reduction is unsustainable, and suitable remedial action will need to be implemented to halt this flow.

In conclusion –

Although the last three years have seen various challenges emerge at both churches, it is pleasing to report that these are being met head on. The financial situation has a more established footing, with the formation of individual finance committees overseeing the planning and development of a medium to long-term strategy.

Since the last funding campaign, significant contributions have been in evidence from loyal supporters at each church, and it is hoped that the next one will result in a similar amount of success. Regular Gift Aid and GASDS claims are submitted to HMRC to optimise the giving, and timely returns for VAT reclaims under the Listed Places of Worship Grant scheme also ensure all available income sources are utilised.

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A considerable emphasis is placed on fund-raising activities, and we are fortunate to have many dedicated volunteers who help ensure that every member and visitor has a positive experience. However, Covid and the passing of the years have taken their toll on these volunteers and there is always a need for new and/or younger members to offer their skills and help where possible.

A further degree of emphasis has been placed surrounding cost efficiencies. Insurance and utility contracts have been re-negotiated, and economies of scale are achieved through the Common fund.

At Ordsall, significant improvements have been made to the Hall and properties to maximise their income potential, and recent returns on those investments are now beginning to bear fruit.

St Michaels however, does not have the same historic investments and additional properties with their related interest and rental income. Instead, St Michaels relies solely on the goodwill of its members, both in terms of regular financial support and voluntary fund-raising. As one legal Parish though, each church supports the other financially.

The potential is there for the situation to be turned around, but progress may well be slow. It is hoped that the recent implementation of a Reserve fund will allow sustainable financial viability in the short term, until such long-term progress may be realised. Currently, a contribution of 10% of the Planned Giving is transferred into this Reserve fund, after an agreed monthly amount is contributed to the Common fund. It is hoped that this strategy will slow down the rate at which St Michaels reduces its overall wealth.

General Thanks

During 2024, there were some changes in the administration of the finances. The existing Treasurer, Martin Bloomfield, stood down later in the year and Tessa Rolph offered to take over as Treasurer in a caretaking capacity from the beginning of September, until a permanent replacement can be found. However, Martin Bloomfield continues to offer invaluable support, which is very much appreciated. He has been particularly helpful in collating the end of year accounts and in the continuing general support of the accounting software used.

Additional thanks are due to Russell Bloodworth and Nigel Bower at St Michaels Church for ensuring the smooth running of the finances there,

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Julia and Richard Morton and Michael Storey at All Hallows for their diligent banking and Malcolm McDonald for ensuring the Gift Aid records are kept up to date.

Tessa Rolph Acting Treasurer

d. PCC Secretary's Report

Our Parochial Church Council (PCC) is made up of representatives from our two congregations. It is governed by the Parochial Church Council Powers Measure (1956). PCC members have a legal responsibility for our churches finances, their buildings, movable property, employees and safeguarding. PCC meetings are open to all. At the discretion of the chair anyone may contribute (and is welcome to do so), though only members may vote.

The full PCC has met six times during the year. Our Fabric and Finance Committees, meeting between our full PCC meetings, have allowed us to talk through in greater depth the various matters discussed. This has also helped to free up time in our PCC meetings.

The minutes of the PCC meetings can be viewed on our churches 'A Church Near You' pages. Please note that all matters of a confidential nature will have been removed from the minutes.

Martin Bloomfield resigned as Treasurer at the end of August and we thank him for his sterling work in this role. We are also extremely grateful to Tessa Rolph for taking on the job of Acting Treasurer.

I wish to thank Isabelle Richards (now Macpherson) for her work as Lay Chair and Nigel Bower for being willing to take over this important role.

We remember with great affection, Chris Trend, a much valued member of our PCC who sadly died in January. Chris was our Deputy Lay Chair who, sometimes at very short notice, was called upon to chair our meetings. He always did this with good grace and good humour. Chris will be much missed by all of us.

I would like to thank all PCC members for all their hard work during what has once again been a challenging year.

Alison Thorpe PCC Secretary

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e. Deanery Synod

Bassetlaw & Bawtry Deanery has met twice in the past year, on both occasions at St Anne's Church in Worksop. It is helpful to meet together with members of other churches to share good news and ideas on how to face common challenges. At the November synod we were guided through prayers for the situation in Gaza and Isreal/Palestine and heard more about eco award scheme open to churches.

The March synod heard more about Growing Leaders/Enabling Commitment/Vocations from Rev Craig Hunt, the Diocesan Director of Ordinands. Rev Becki Hancock presented a report on the recent General Synod which was dominated by the Makin report and the aftermath of the resignation of the Archbishop of Canterbury.

Future Deanery synod dates are: 2nd July & 19th November; 7.30pm at St Anne's, Worksop

Helen Richards Deanery Synod Rep.

f. Fabric Reports

i) All Hallows Fabric

You will note from the Agenda that there are vacant Churchwarden posts at All Hallows. Please consider standing for these important posts and our best wishes to those successfully appointed. The vacancies arise as the maximum six years term of office for Michael Storey is over and Barbara Burrows resigned from the office at the end of 2024.

The Church of England has described the role of church wardens as:

"the senior lay representatives of the parish. The role of the churchwarden is extremely varied but generally involves management, maintenance and mission in accordance with the Churchwardens Measure 2001 and the Canons of the Church of England (see in particular Canon E1). They are the foremost in representing the laity and in co-operating with the incumbent, and they have a duty to maintain order and decency in the church and churchyard, particularly during the times of divine service. In co operation with the incumbent, churchwardens are generally responsible for the day-to-day functioning of the parish."

The last year has not been an easy one as some of you will be aware but we have tried our best and are grateful for the support shown by the All Hallows congregation and our wider community. This was particularly evident in summer during the sick absence of our Vicar. Services continued as we had

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wonderful support from retired clergy within our congregations. You make the role worthwhile.

Last year we mentioned regular meetings with Rev Alex. Clearly these were unable to continue during his sick absence and then regrettably not formally reinstated during his reintegration into the full working role.

The fabric of the All Hallows building continues to be an issue. Work on the roof was done, as mentioned last year, but large amounts of paint continue(d) to fall at irregular intervals and we remain thankful that no one has been injured. Lots of people clean up the fallen paint and dust as they arrive and discover the mess – thank you. A large Thank you to Paul Richards who recently spent a morning scraping as much loose paint as possible. What is left on the walls looks much more secure. The advice we have been given is that the stonework needs to dry before paint is replaced and that paint is likely to be expensive – one contractor mentioned he has used paint costing over £100 per tin (and didn't let on how big a tin!)

The light needing repair has not been fixed. To do so requires expensive safety equipment. An inspection of the electricity supply to All Hallows is due so it will be better to receive that and consider our power supply needs as a whole.

Boilers are serviced annually but there have been a couple of call outs needed due to faults – one of which had never been seen before by the heating engineer but was effectively dealt with following advice from the boiler manufacturers.

Peter Thomas continues to deserve great thanks for his continued leadership of the Monday morning churchyard volunteers as well as often spotting building work that needs attention. But he doesn't stop there as he will find available grants and often successfully apply for grant money.

We also have the continuing support of John Pashley our Health & Safety officer making regular inspections and drawing attention to what needs doing.

Churchwardens *Michael Storey & Barbara Burrows* (to December 2024)

ii) St Michael's

This last year has been one of maintenance and planning.

All required maintenance has been completed to the alarm systems and fire extinguishers. The maintenance of the boiler systems has been handed over

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to Durham`s as planned last year and their first service is booked for April. P A T testing was completed in the summer.

Plans are afoot to re carpet the church and a faculty has been granted pending further information being provided.

The ongoing issue with the community hall roof leaking in heavy rain continues and a plan to have the gutters cleaned is in place as a possible solution?

Further enquiries have been made with the Diocesan Architect about upgrading the boiler and heating system.

Improvements to the bell chamber walls are also pending and the lighting has been improved.

Plans are being made to improve the lighting in the chancel.

I wish to give my thanks to everyone who has contributed in any way this year to maintain or improve our church and community hall and to Ivy for her sterling work keeping the hall clean.

Nigel Bower Church Warden

g. Vicar's Report

This year marks 3 years since I began in my role as Priest in Charge in the parish. It has been a difficult year for me in many ways, but as we look towards the future and what God is doing in our churches there is much to be excited about. As we continue to work towards our vision, we are seeing new people come to church and our community outreach expanding, and it is these things that I want to reflect on in this report.

Across the parish we have seen a real increase in new people looking to learn more about faith or deepen in their discipleship. As of the time of writing this report we have just started our Lent Courses and have seen around 30 people get involved so far. We also give thanks for record numbers at our Christmas services since the pandemic, very good engagement during Holy Week last year and a real increase in both our ministry to children and families and community outreach. In May 2024 we were able to employ Kathryn Watkinson for 12 months as our Children and Families Community Engagement Worker and this has led to the start of Ordsall Baby and Toddler Group, which meets every Monday morning

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and has seen 15-20 families attend each week. We are also seeing new families come to church at St Michael's, and the introduction of a monthly Kids Church service at All Hallows has been received positively. During this year we have also seen new clergy join our ministry team, and have appointed Becki Porter as our volunteer Children's Ministry Leader. It is fantastic to see new people becoming part of our team.

The highlight of our community engagement continues to be our Open Tuesdays and Open Wednesdays coffee mornings and places of welcome. Through these spaces we have been able to provide a warm space for anyone in the local area and offer a cup of tea or coffee, some refreshments and the opportunity for conversation and companionship. In both churches we have seen more people engage with these spaces and have received funding to help run each group. Thank you to everyone who is involved in this wonderful community work.

There are challenges ahead and we continue to discern how we can best rise to meet these. We are in a time of volunteer turnover, with a number of key individuals taking a break from PCC this year, and a need for more help in all areas of parish life. We continue to see a reduction in our overall funds each year, so further fundraising is needed to make us financially sustainable for the long term. In these challenges, we know that God is with us and will guide us. As we move forward together, our vision continues to be to share the good news of God's love and welcome for all. In the year to come we will do our best to share God's love with one another and our parish.

I also want to pay tribute to our friend and Licensed Lay Minister Chris Trend, who passed away suddenly in January 2025. This has been a significant loss to not only our parish but the wider Retford community, and we are still coming to terms with this. We held Chris's funeral service at St Michael's Church in February and had a packed church of people coming to pay tribute to Chris. I am so grateful for Chris's ministry and example to us, and the way that our community rallied to come together and support one another in the wake of his loss.

Finally, I want to say thank you to everyone who has supported me and our churches over this past year, particularly during my leave of absence. Thank you to everyone who helped to run our services and events and all of our volunteers, without which we can do nothing. Please join with me

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in giving thanks to God for all of our ministry together, and continuing to
pray for all that is to come.

Rev'd Alex Shiells

2. Property belonging to the Parish

h. Ordsall Parish Hall

Regular bookings throughout the week are looking very good with three new groups meeting on Monday evenings having relocated from a previous venue. Party bookings are currently slow but expected to pick up with the warmer weather.

The new lighting has been a huge success, with groups commenting on how much brighter the hall is, especially in the evenings. The outside light was recently replaced and this has improved the light levels on entrance and exit. The newly varnished floor continues to look good and is regularly cleaned with an appropriate detergent. The window blinds require frequent repair to maintain them and to keep up the hall's appearance.

Thanks to regular users for leaving the hall clean & tidy, and especially to Peter & Shirley Thomas for their help and support which is much appreciated.

Deb Aston – Hall Booking Secretary

i. Community Hall (formerly Chapter House)

Very little to report re St Michaels church hall. Two regular users as in previous years, plus open church activities on Tuesdays.

Prue Lamb

j. Cottages & Grange Rd

Glebe Cottage and Croft Cottage have been managed by JS Lettings Ltd since November 2023

Inspection reports were completed on both properties and rents were increased in November 2024.

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Croft Cottage revealed some non-urgent issues which included a sticking front door, and small cracks in the bathroom plaster work. There was also some moisture around one of the bedroom windows which could indicate a broken seal. The kitchen is dated and if the current tenants moved out, may need some investment to maximise rental potential.

Minor repairs have been carried out throughout the year.

Glebe Cottage inspection identified issues with the gable end with a gap between the fascia board and brick work. The work was completed with photographic evidence.

There was no smoke detector or CO2 detector in the property, both of which are legal requirements, so this was rectified immediately.

The cottage has been kept to a very high standard by the tenants, however again the kitchen is dated and although functional has issues with the sink and drainer. Consideration should be given to investment in the kitchen before it becomes a more significant issue.

Grange Road is managed by JS Lettings and the rent was increased from December 2024.

Considerable investment has gone into this property to address the damp, access for the water company which resulted in moving the existing fencing, a bathroom leak and replastering part of the kitchen ceiling.

Rachel Waby

k. Community Allotment

The allotments were established in 2008 and continue to flourish since lockdown. There were 14 tenants whose plots varied in size. An additional plot was created in 2024 on the bank. All plots have been kept in good order. The annual meeting in 2024 was well attended and a day agreed to sort out the compost bins. This day was also well attended. A notice was sent round towards the end of the year that the annual rent would be increased in 2025.

Peter Thomas

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3. Church activities throughout the year

I. Health & Safety

i) It pleasing to report that there have been no major accidents this year that's not to say we have been accident free

We had minor accidents, so lets not complacent. We are not only responsible for our own safety but we are also responsible for other people's safety.

All our statutory checks are up to date in the health and safety log.

The PAT testing I reported in 2019 has still not done.

John Pashley – All Hallows H&S Officer

ii) St Michael's

Risk assessment completed in January and as of March 2025, these are the areas that are still outstanding.

Areas to be addressed were:

- the sacristy back door raised mat area, still outstanding, mat now in place but warning tape could be put down to highlight
- the slate flooring has become detached in a small area to the left of the alter, still outstanding
- carpet area around the alter uneven, stuck down where possible but trip hazard requires addressing. still outstanding

The carpet around the alter has been discussed and quotes received for new carpet and the old heating plumbing pipe grates to be recovered, however action has not been taken due to concerns over whether the work will be permitted in removing the old grates. Still pending awaiting decision. As a significantly used area of the church it is recommended that this is addressed.

Rachel Waby – St Michael's H&S Officer

m. Craft Circle

This year both of our Craft Circle groups have continued to be successful and an important part of our community work, welcoming new people to come and craft and talk in a comfortable environment. At St Michael's,

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Craft Circle has taken on a life of its own as part of Open Tuesdays in the Community Hall, with anyone welcome to join us between 2pm and 4pm. After a busy coffee morning and lunch period, this has provided the opportunity for some quiet and a smaller group of people gather with a variety of craft projects.

At All Hallows' we took a break this year and decided to move the group from church into the Rectory Office, where the space is easier to warm and the lighting is brighter. To do this we purchased a 6ft table and this has proven to be a successful move, with both new members joining and existing members coming from church, and the group now meeting at the revised times of 1:30 - 3pm. As the group continues to welcome new people, we will explore whether a larger venue is needed and whether using the Parish Hall would help us welcome new members.

All are welcome to attend Craft Circle. If you would like more information or to get involved, please come along or speak to me and I will be happy to help.

Rev'd Alex Shiells

n. Bell Ringing

i) There is still a shortage of bellringers in Retford, however we now have eight ringers available to ring for Sunday morning services as two of our learners are now experienced enough to be able to join us, but this still means that most of us ring at both churches every Sunday. Our thanks go to these ringers, as without their continued willingness to be flexible we would be unable to ring for as many services as we do.

In addition, we have a further four trainee ringers attending regularly on practice nights, it would be fantastic if all of these can go on to become fully trained ringers. We have started holding one practice night each month at St Michaels, to give our new ringers experience of ringing different bells.

We continue to welcome visitors to the tower on practice nights and on other occasions by arrangement. We had a visiting group ring a full peal earlier this year and it is the donations from these occasional visits that have helped us collect enough funds for 50% of the cost of a new set of muffles. We also have put by funds for minor running repairs as and when these are required.

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We held a Christmas social evening for the ringers at the Parish Hall, which was a great success so we are planning a repeat in the coming year.

Paul Richards – Tower Captain (All Hallows)

ii) The West Retford & Ordsall Ringers continue to support each other to ring the bells for all occasions. There have been a number of visiting groups from different areas of the country visit in the past year. We have started to hold a practice on the first Monday of the month, this has been of benefit to the newer ringers learning at Ordsall, as the bells are hung on different bearings at West Retford. New and emergency lighting was installed in the tower and staircase a few months ago. It has been a great improvement and the ringers would like to thank the P.C.C for their quick response regarding this. The new muffles arrived on the 21st February, these are used on the clappers on solemn occasions, such as Remembrance Sunday. The ringers raised half of the total amount needed for the purchase of these. Special ringing this year will be for the 80th Anniversary of V.E Day on May 8th at 5.30pm and we hope to ring a quarter peal for the patronal festival of St Michael in September. Regular routine maintenance is carried out on the bells and fittings.
Kane Marsh Tower Captain (West Retford)

o. Places of Welcome

i) Open Wednesdays at All Hallows continues to see of members of the wider community regularly using church as place to rendezvous with friends, or somewhere to come when alone and needing space to be quiet or alternatively, the chance of some company over a cuppa.

We are immensely grateful to the team of loyal volunteers who staff the refreshment table and chat to our visitors, and have previously found this a gentle way to draw people into the life of the church. The necessary safeguarding training requirements has proved to be an insurmountable obstacle on occasion, but the volunteer team continues to grow and we frequently find we are scrambling to seat all of our guests.

Games, jigsaws and information are freely available to guests, and occasionally visitors from local agencies are invited to speak on a range of topics. Local Councillors are regular attendees and tell us that they pick up Ward/Division issues from speaking to members of the local community.

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Helen Richards All Hallows' Places of Welcome coordinator.

ii) Another year of Open Tuesdays has flown by. We have managed to stay open every week, even on Christmas Eve and New Year's Eve! A big Thank You to our willing volunteers!

Our Tuesdays begin with a celebration of Holy Communion at 9.30am in church and then from 10.00am until 4.00pm the Community Hall is open to anyone.

We serve coffee, tea, toast, biscuits and sometimes cake until lunchtime, when from around 12 noon we offer soup and rolls as well, and occasionally 'pudding'!

We enjoyed a lovely shared lunch at Christmas too.

As well as general friendly chatting, we have had visitors from the CAB advising on the best way to save energy, and other people telling what the local council has to offer in the way of support. One of our young members is now a 'Health Ambassador' and keeps us well informed of new initiatives and advice.

We have a variety of games which some of us enjoy: dominoes, ludo, cards and even snakes and ladders!

Around 2.00pm the group becomes more craft-orientated.

There are regulars with others joining from time to time. Some just stay on to chat!

In 2024 we have served over 1238 drinks, 584 soups, given out more than 30 free coats from our rail, and made lots of new friends. We have between 25-30 visitors each week and of those around 20 are 'regulars'. Thank you to all the volunteers who help to make our Tuesdays welcoming and enjoyable.

Janet Lewis St Michael's Place of Welcome coordinator

p. After Service Refreshments

We have had another busy year of serving coffee after the Sunday Service at All Hallows and we also provided coffee and mince pies in December after the Carol Service.

We often have many words of appreciation from the congregation for providing refreshments and giving them the chance to enjoy socialising with friends. Thanks go to the small number of volunteers who give up their time to be part of this rota. I continue to organise the rota monthly

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and purchase the supplies needed which are funded by the generous donations for teas and coffees.

We are always happy to welcome new helpers. If you feel that you could be part of this volunteer group, please let me know.

Amanda Old

q. Merry Ladies – No report received.

r. All Hallows Churchyard

A small team of 5/6 volunteers has continued to maintain the top part of the churchyard on a Monday morning throughout the year, having a short break at Christmas. The lower section of the churchyard is maintained by Bassetlaw District Council. One more church volunteer joined the team in 2024 but most of the volunteers are community members rather than from church. Basic safeguarding training became a requirement in 2024. There was mixed reaction to this with one volunteer withdrawing altogether and 2 others declining to undertake the training. Four volunteers did complete the training.

The Pollarded Lime tree opposite the tower was inspected again in November 2024 and was found to be still in a satisfactory state. The hollow trunk did not seem to have deteriorated further. It will continue to be inspected periodically. The benches in the top churchyard were sanded and treated with preservative. A start was made on cutting back the rampant brambles in the section that had been left the previous year. Michael Szarelis continued to look after the 33 war graves that have been identified and place metal poppies on them. The grassed footpath no longer has any grass and as the surface becomes muddy in winter leaves and chippings from the church wood chipper are applied to make a walkable surface. The main tarmac path running parallel with All Hallows Street continues to crumble at the edges. Two reports were received of injuries sustained by falls on it. Applications for funding to repair the path were submitted with results expected in Spring 2025.

Peter Thomas

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s. Ordsall Events Committee

The programme of Social and Fundraising events continues to provide vital income to the Parish as well as being important occasions with which to enrich the cultural life of Ordsall and offer opportunities to connect outside of Worship. Quiz evenings, Pancake parties & Beetle drives, seasonal Fairs and live music & drama performances all reach beyond the church building and touch the lives of a wide network of people living locally. As ever, these events are planned, organised and delivered by a small and aging group of volunteers, so offers to support and shadow, with a view to eventually taking up the mantle, are welcomed.

Helen Richards

7.PCC links and representatives

t. Christian Aid – No report received.

u. Rakitova Self Sufficiency Fund

St Michaels Church continued to sponsor a teenager, in Rakitovo, Bulgaria through the Rakitovo Self Sufficiency Fund for the last year. A regular monthly amount was donated and extra amounts given at her birthday, Christmas and a return to school grant last September.

The fund was set up by Martin and Julie Peniston-Bird to provide hope and assistance to the Roma population in Rakitovo. The fund assists impoverished families to become self-sufficient through 'Project Potato' and provides training schemes for young adults which has successfully given them employment and hopes for the future.

Our sponsored child has written to us throughout the year and always expressed gratitude for our support through our sponsorship. In the summer she will have completed her education and will no longer be eligible for funding through the scheme. We wish her the best for the future and hope our sponsorship will lead to further training and employment.

Further details can be found at Rakitovo Self Sufficiency Fund. The e mail address is martin@peniston-bird.co.uk.

Pam Phillips

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ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING

12.30pm in All Hallows Church, Ordsall on Sunday 6th April 2025

AGENDA

Apologies

Minutes of the meetings of
28th April 2024

Electoral Roll

Nominations for

Churchwardens for 2025-2026

(4 vacancies)

Appointment of tellers – if
necessary

Election of Church Wardens

Nomination for membership of
PCC

3 vacancies for 3yrs

Appointment of tellers if
necessary

Election of PCC members
(3years)

. Nominations for Deanery Synod
Reps. *(3 vacancies for 1 year)*

. Appointment of tellers - if
necessary

. Election of Synod Reps.

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*To all members of the Electoral Roll of the
Parish of Ordsall and Retford, St Michael*

You are warmly invited to the
Annual Parochial Church Meeting
of the
Parish of Ordsall and Retford, St
Michael
on
Sunday 6th April 2025
at 12.30pm
In All Hallows Church, Ordsall

The business of the meeting is to:

- Elect Church Wardens
- Elect Members of the PCC
- Elect Deanery Synod Representatives for the Parish
- Receive the accounts for 2024
- Receive the annual Report

There will be the opportunity for questions and discussions on any aspect of parish life.

Nomination Forms for the elected post are in both churches.
Nominations can also be made at the meeting.

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Financial Statements

For the year ending

31 December 2024

Charity No. 1198455

The Benefice of Ordsall & Retford Saint Michaels

Financial Statements for the year ended 31 December 2024

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S.O.F.A (Statement of Financial Activites)		Unrestricted	Designated	Endowment		
		Funds	Funds	Funds	2024	2023
Incoming Resources from Donors	2.1	62,159.78	20.00	-	62,179.78	62,454.58
Voluntary Incoming Resources	2.2	14,143.94	4,640.72	-	18,784.66	10,302.10
Income from Operating Activities	2.3	28,886.04	-	-	28,886.04	21,867.81
Income from Investments	2.4	23,140.82	248.78	-	23,389.60	17,719.56
Other Incoming Resources	2.5	315.35	400.00	-	715.35	669.33
TOTAL INCOMING RESOURCES		128,645.93	5,309.50	-	133,955.43	113,013.38
Charitable Giving	3.1	1,054.69	-	-	1,054.69	1,444.20
Directly Related Activities	3.2	120,310.77	13,528.18	-	133,838.95	109,799.35
Management and Administration	3.3	2,431.94	108.00	-	2,539.94	5,488.42
Cost of Generating Funds	3.4	4,854.36	2,826.49	-	7,680.85	7,746.72
TOTAL RESOURCES EXPENDED		128,651.76	16,462.67	-	145,114.43	124,478.69
Net (outgoing) / incoming resources		(5.83)	(11,153.17)	-	(11,159.00)	(11,465.31)
Gains & Losses on investments		-	-	25,781.60	25,781.60	8,370.75
Transfers between funds		(10,980.28)	19,980.28	(9,000.00)	-	-
Net movement in funds		(10,986.11)	8,827.11	16,781.60	14,622.60	(3,094.56)
Total funds brought forward		49,095.94	16,217.22	354,410.55	419,723.71	422,818.27
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD		38,109.83	25,044.33	371,192.15	434,346.31	419,723.71

BALANCE SHEET

Fixed Assets

Tangible Assets	4.1	-	-	55,900.00	55,900.00	342,808.70
Investment Assets	4.2	-	-	314,292.15	314,292.15	4,410.55
		-	-	370,192.15	370,192.15	347,219.25

Current Assets

Short Term Deposits	5.2	-	3.35	1,000.00	1,003.35	10,000.00
Bank Accounts and Cash	5.3	37,698.88	25,040.98	-	62,739.86	60,113.38
Debtors	6.1	3,331.15	-	-	3,331.15	3,099.23
		41,030.03	25,044.33	1,000.00	67,074.36	73,212.61

Current Liabilities

Creditors	6.2	2,920.20	-	-	2,920.20	708.15
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Net current assets

		38,109.83	25,044.33	1,000.00	64,154.16	72,504.46
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Total Assets less Current Liabilities

		38,109.83	25,044.33	371,192.15	434,346.31	419,723.71
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BREAKDOWN OF FUNDS

	9.0					
Unrestricted		38,109.83	-	-	38,109.83	49,095.94
Designated		-	25,044.33	-	25,044.33	16,217.22
Endowment		-	-	371,192.15	371,192.15	354,410.55
TOTAL FUNDS		38,109.83	25,044.33	371,192.15	434,346.31	419,723.71

Accounts approved by the Parochial Church Council on
and signed on behalf of the members by

13th March 2025

Aiway J. Thorpe W. Shewell

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	Unrestricted Funds	Designated Funds	Endowment Funds	2024	2023
2.1 Incoming Resources from Donors					
Planned Giving - Gift Aid	33,601.00	-	-	33,601.00	33,276.00
Planned Giving - non GA	4,006.00	-	-	4,006.00	4,944.00
Envelopes - Gift Aid	3,467.00	-	-	3,467.00	2,482.00
Envelopes - non GA	1,095.00	-	-	1,095.00	1,055.00
Gift Aid recovered	9,284.16	-	-	9,284.16	9,050.61
GASDS Top-ups	2,159.69	-	-	2,159.69	2,468.75
Collections	4,896.16	-	-	4,896.16	4,901.53
Baptisms	945.04	-	-	945.04	1,334.01
Church Box	141.52	-	-	141.52	279.52
Donations - Gift Aid	606.00	-	-	606.00	669.10
Donations - non GA	856.79	20.00	-	876.79	1,155.54
Online giving	854.10	-	-	854.10	567.77
Memorial services	247.32	-	-	247.32	192.75
Other donor income	-	-	-	-	78.00
	62,159.78	20.00	-	62,179.78	62,454.58
2.2 Voluntary Incoming Resources					
N01 Grants	10,825.14	4,000.00	-	14,825.14	5,396.00
VAT Recovered	-	452.12	-	452.12	974.14
Legacies	-	-	-	-	76.46
Messy Church receipts	29.00	-	-	29.00	3.50
N01 Restricted donations	3,289.80	188.60	-	3,478.40	3,852.00
	14,143.94	4,640.72	-	18,784.66	10,302.10
2.3 Income from Operating Activities					
Hall Lettings	9,468.00	-	-	9,468.00	5,170.00
N02 PCC fees retained	6,543.00	-	-	6,543.00	5,838.00
Heating fees	2,082.00	-	-	2,082.00	1,320.00
N03 Fund raising receipts	10,438.04	-	-	10,438.04	9,008.81
Allotment rent	355.00	-	-	355.00	531.00
	28,886.04	-	-	28,886.04	21,867.81
2.4 Income from Investments					
Interest	0.82	40.34	-	41.16	116.13
Dividends	-	208.44	-	208.44	172.83
Rent from Church use	200.00	-	-	200.00	30.00
House rents	22,940.00	-	-	22,940.00	17,400.60
	23,140.82	248.78	-	23,389.60	17,719.56
2.5 Other Incoming Resources					
Bell fund receipts	-	400.00	-	400.00	-
Ride & Stride receipts	110.00	-	-	110.00	174.00
Christingle service	175.95	-	-	175.95	-
TEAR fund receipts	-	-	-	-	125.44
Macmillan receipts	-	-	-	-	131.74
Sundry income	29.40	-	-	29.40	238.15
	315.35	400.00	-	715.35	669.33
Total Incoming Resources	128,645.93	5,309.50	-	133,955.43	113,013.38

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Notes to Accounts

	Unrestricted <u>Funds</u>	Designated <u>Funds</u>	Endowment <u>Funds</u>	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>
3.1 Charitable Giving					
Church Charities	-	-	-	-	30.00
Secular Charities	85.00	-	-	85.00	207.60
Baptism donations	65.65	-	-	65.65	445.47
Poppy appeal	86.20	-	-	86.20	25.00
Rakitovo	280.00	-	-	280.00	260.00
Childrens Society	175.95	-	-	175.95	158.15
Bassetlaw Food Bank	361.89	-	-	361.89	-
TEAR fund payments	-	-	-	-	186.24
Macmillan payments	-	-	-	-	131.74
	1,054.69	-	-	1,054.69	1,444.20
3.2 Directly Related Activities (sub-total)	120,310.77	13,528.18	-	133,838.95	109,799.35
3.21 Ministry Costs					
N04 Parish Share	62,592.00	-	-	62,592.00	59,700.00
Clergy expenses	152.75	-	-	152.75	143.39
	62,744.75	-	-	62,744.75	59,843.39
3.22 Running Costs					
N05 Insurance	5,687.88	-	-	5,687.88	5,529.62
Heating	5,642.74	-	-	5,642.74	6,107.09
Electricity	1,576.98	-	-	1,576.98	1,600.74
Sanitary / First aid supplies	44.60	-	-	44.60	-
Water & Sewerage (Ordsall)	179.17	-	-	179.17	112.97
Telephones / internet	1,214.01	-	-	1,214.01	779.59
	14,345.38	-	-	14,345.38	14,130.01
3.23 Church Maintenance					
Minor repairs	217.79	-	-	217.79	183.18
Equipment payments	226.41	-	-	226.41	30.00
PAT testing	60.00	-	-	60.00	-
Organ maintenance	-	-	-	-	334.00
Security alarm payments	2,954.40	-	-	2,954.40	1,985.40
Photocopier finance & maintenance	2,147.60	-	-	2,147.60	1,681.56
Fire extinguishers	219.00	-	-	219.00	247.20
Boiler maintenance	2,351.50	-	-	2,351.50	2,052.00
House payments	-	1,771.20	-	1,771.20	1,164.04
House insurance	-	1,122.31	-	1,122.31	1,104.44
Churchyard maintenance	-	312.70	-	312.70	133.01
Lightning conductor	-	-	-	-	108.00
Depreciation - Multimedia	402.33	-	-	402.33	402.33
Depreciation - Church equipment	-	2,406.37	-	2,406.37	2,406.38
Other routine maintenance	180.19	-	-	180.19	114.18
	8,759.22	5,612.58	-	14,371.80	11,945.72
3.24 Upkeep of Services					
Altar Requisites	959.94	-	-	959.94	678.97
Copyright Licence	624.09	-	-	624.09	591.10
Upkeep of Churchyard	360.00	-	-	360.00	9.06
Other upkeep of services	86.65	-	-	86.65	-
	2,030.68	-	-	2,030.68	1,279.13

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	Unrestricted Funds	Designated Funds	Endowment Funds	2024	2023
3.25 Church Hall Costs					
Hall Insurance	978.24	-	-	978.24	951.00
Hall Heating	262.09	-	-	262.09	1,271.57
Hall Electricity	1,897.64	-	-	1,897.64	1,650.23
Hall Water (St Michaels)	462.11	-	-	462.11	406.54
N06 Hall repairs / maintenance	1,215.71	-	-	1,215.71	201.80
N07 Hall Cleaner	3,913.05	-	-	3,913.05	2,747.36
N07 Hall cleaner back pay	2,235.00	-	-	2,235.00	-
Alcohol licence	180.00	-	-	180.00	180.00
Business rates	2.77	-	-	2.77	1,209.47
Other church hall payments	384.08	-	-	384.08	588.00
	11,530.69	-	-	11,530.69	9,205.97
3.26 Operating Activities					
Training costs	265.16	-	-	265.16	444.26
Outreach costs	171.00	-	-	171.00	60.25
Community worker	3,640.00	-	-	3,640.00	-
Toddler Group equipment	500.00	-	-	500.00	-
Childrens Ministry payments	651.24	-	-	651.24	26.44
Alpha catering	-	-	-	-	196.68
	5,227.40	-	-	5,227.40	727.63
3.27 Major Repair Expenditure					
N08 Major Repairs - Structure	7,501.31	7,915.60	-	15,416.91	4,546.14
Lightning conductors	-	-	-	-	1,968.00
	7,501.31	7,915.60	-	15,416.91	6,514.14
3.28 Support Costs					
N09 Parish Administrator	6,815.83	-	-	6,815.83	5,054.40
Cleaner	1,355.51	-	-	1,355.51	1,098.96
	8,171.34	-	-	8,171.34	6,153.36
3.3 Management and Administration					
Professional fees	-	-	-	-	408.00
Auditor fees	1,080.00	-	-	1,080.00	900.00
Quinquennial inspection	-	-	-	-	1,740.00
Website costs	158.25	-	-	158.25	129.45
Subscriptions paid	70.00	-	-	70.00	70.00
Computer costs	315.37	-	-	315.37	179.58
Printing	21.11	-	-	21.11	151.80
Photocopying	189.16	-	-	189.16	592.88
Stationery	-	-	-	-	411.29
Publicity	134.42	108.00	-	242.42	20.00
Travel expenses	409.36	-	-	409.36	616.14
DBS checks	42.79	-	-	42.79	22.79
SumUp fees	11.48	-	-	11.48	6.95
Sundry expenditure	-	-	-	-	239.54
	2,431.94	108.00	-	2,539.94	5,488.42
3.4 Cost of Generating Funds					
Costs incurred per Grants	7.95	-	-	7.95	-
Investment costs & letting fees	2,163.55	-	-	2,163.55	1,025.00
N10 Fund raising costs	2,682.86	-	-	2,682.86	5,465.32
Development fund payments	-	1,500.00	-	1,500.00	-
Growing Disciples payments	-	1,326.49	-	1,326.49	-
Other costs of generating funds	-	-	-	-	1,256.40
	4,854.36	2,826.49	-	7,680.85	7,746.72
Total Resources Expended	128,651.76	16,462.67	-	145,114.43	124,478.69

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		Unrestricted <u>Funds</u>	Designated <u>Funds</u>	Endowment <u>Funds</u>	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>
4.1 Tangible Assets						
N11	All Hallows Church Ordsall	-	-	55,900.00	55,900.00	340,960.06
N12	St Michael's Church Retford	-	-	-	-	1,848.64
		-	-	55,900.00	55,900.00	342,808.70
4.2 Investment Assets						
N11	All Hallows Church Ordsall	-	-	314,292.15	314,292.15	4,410.55
	St Michael's Church Retford	-	-	-	-	-
		-	-	314,292.15	314,292.15	4,410.55
5.1 Stock						
	All Hallows Church Ordsall	-	-	-	-	-
	St Michael's Church Retford	-	-	-	-	-
		-	-	-	-	-
5.2 Short Term Deposits						
N13	All Hallows Church Ordsall	-	3.35	1,000.00	1,003.35	10,000.00
	St Michael's Church Retford	-	-	-	-	-
		-	3.35	1,000.00	1,003.35	10,000.00
5.3 Bank Accounts and Cash						
	All Hallows Church Ordsall	24,171.81	13,425.25	-	37,597.06	30,732.75
	St Michael's Church Retford	13,527.07	11,615.73	-	25,142.80	29,380.63
		37,698.88	25,040.98	-	62,739.86	60,113.38
6.1 Debtors						
N14	All Hallows Church Ordsall	2,068.82	-	-	2,068.82	1,867.90
N14	St Michael's Church Retford	1,262.33	-	-	1,262.33	1,231.33
		3,331.15	-	-	3,331.15	3,099.23
6.2 Creditors						
N15	All Hallows Church Ordsall	2,920.20	-	-	2,920.20	708.15
N15	St Michael's Church Retford	-	-	-	-	-
		2,920.20	-	-	2,920.20	708.15
7.0 Analysis of Net Assets						
	Tangible Fixed Assets	-	-	55,900.00	55,900.00	342,808.70
	Investment Fixed Assets	-	-	314,292.15	314,292.15	4,410.55
	Current Assets	41,030.03	25,044.33	1,000.00	67,074.36	73,212.61
	Current Liabilities	(2,920.20)	-	-	(2,920.20)	(708.15)
		38,109.83	25,044.33	371,192.15	434,346.31	419,723.71

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	Unrestricted Funds	Designated Funds	Endowment Funds	Market value as at	
				31st Dec 2024	31st Dec 2023
8.1 Capital Investments					
All Hallows Ordsall...					
Lloyds Bank					
708 @ 0.5484	-	-	388.27	388.27	337.43
				-	
Severn Trent					
69 @ 25.09	-	-	1,731.21	1,731.21	1,778.82
				-	
Banco Santander					
701 @ 3.67	-	-	2,572.67	2,572.67	2,306.29
				-	
	-	-	4,692.15	4,692.15	4,422.54

The above market valuation is based on the mid-range price quoted on 31st December 2024

	All Hallows <u>Multimedia</u>	All Hallows <u>Equipment</u>	St Michaels <u>Sound system</u>	<u>Total</u>
8.2 Asset Depreciation				
Cost				
- at 1st January 2024	1,206.99	1,673.19	5,545.94	8,426.12
- disposals	-	-	-	-
- additions at cost	-	-	-	-
- at 31st December 2024	1,206.99	1,673.19	5,545.94	8,426.12
Depreciation				
- at 1st January 2024	804.66	1,115.46	3,697.30	5,617.42
- withdrawn on disposals	-	-	-	-
- charge for year	402.33	557.73	1,848.64	2,808.70
- at 31st December 2024	1,206.99	1,673.19	5,545.94	8,426.12
Net book value				
- at 31st December 2024	-	-	-	-
- at 31st December 2023	402.33	557.73	1,848.64	2,808.70

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9.0 Fund Movements	Opening <u>Balance</u>	Total <u>Income</u>	Total <u>Expenditure</u>	Total <u>Adjustments</u>	Closing <u>Balance</u>
Unrestricted					
All Hallows Church Ordsall	28,307.30	98,239.76	(121,051.35)	17,824.72	23,320.43
St Michael's Church Retford	20,788.64	30,406.17	(7,600.41)	(28,805.00)	14,789.40
	49,095.94	128,645.93	(128,651.76)	(10,980.28)	38,109.83
Designated					
All Hallows Church Ordsall	4,545.26	3,120.90	(12,412.84)	18,175.28	13,428.60
St Michael's Church Retford	11,671.96	2,188.60	(4,049.83)	1,805.00	11,615.73
	16,217.22	5,309.50	(16,462.67)	19,980.28	25,044.33
Endowment					
All Hallows Church Ordsall	354,410.55	-	-	16,781.60	371,192.15
	354,410.55	-	-	16,781.60	371,192.15
Total Funds	419,723.71	133,955.43	(145,114.43)	25,781.60	434,346.31

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	<u>All Hallows</u> <u>Church</u> <u>Ordsall</u>	<u>St Michael's</u> <u>Church</u> <u>Retford</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
N01 Grants & donations -			
Growing Discples (<i>Southwell DBF</i>)	2,000.00	2,000.00	4,000.00
Community Engagement (<i>BCVS</i>)	6,180.00	-	6,180.00
Toddler Group (<i>Councillor Naylor</i>)	300.00	-	300.00
Toddler Group (<i>Councillor Troop</i>)	300.00	-	300.00
Craft Circle (<i>Councillor Troop</i>)	200.00	-	200.00
Parish hall (<i>Bassetlaw District Council</i>)	4,645.14	-	4,645.14
Workshop Spire (<i>St Johns Church re administrator</i>)	60.30	-	60.30
Hall floor (<i>grants & donations</i>)	2,200.00	-	2,200.00
Carpet donations	-	125.60	125.60
Boiler donations	-	229.50	229.50
St Michaels bells	-	63.00	63.00
	15,885.44	2,418.10	18,303.54
N02 PCC Fees -			
Weddings & banns			6,019.00
Funerals, cremations, burials			11,330.00
Internment of ashes			768.00
Memorials & inscriptions			175.00
			18,292.00
Diocese statutory fees			(4,428.00)
Ministers			(2,664.00)
Vergers			(1,050.00)
Organists			(775.00)
Bell ringers			(600.00)
Wedding refund			(150.00)
Heating			(2,082.00)
Fees retained			6,543.00
N03 Fund raising & events - (see N10)			
Craft stall	10.00	-	10.00
Harvest competiton	136.20	-	136.20
Summer fayres	735.10	-	735.10
Winter fayres	997.20	853.90	1,851.10
Refreshments	1,152.43	1,217.55	2,369.98
Hall events	1,024.56	-	1,024.56
Live & Local	4,148.10	-	4,148.10
Christmas raffle	-	70.00	70.00
Ink recycling	-	93.00	93.00
	8,203.59	2,234.45	10,438.04

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	<u>All Hallows</u>	<u>St Michael's</u>	
	<u>Church</u>	<u>Church</u>	
	<u>Ordsall</u>	<u>Retford</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
N04 Parish Share - Diocese requested target paid in full			62,592.00
N05 Insurance -			
Church buildings	2,652.12	2,217.72	4,869.84
Church halls	978.24	818.04	1,796.28
	<u>3,630.36</u>	<u>3,035.76</u>	<u>6,666.12</u>
N06 Hall repairs & maintenance -			
Listers Technical (electrical inspection & smoke alarms)	599.40		
AGW electrical (toilet repair)	300.00		
Durhams (replacement water heater)	200.00		
Cannon Safety (extinguishers)	83.40		
Miscellaneous	32.91		
	<u>1,215.71</u>		
N07 Hall cleaner costs - includes wage rise from January 2023, and holiday / sickness cover			
N08 Major repairs -			
Church roof	2,712.72	-	2,712.72
Hall insulation	3,450.00	-	3,450.00
Hall floor	2,160.00	-	2,160.00
Hall lighting	1,195.14	-	1,195.14
19 Grange Road	4,871.68	-	4,871.68
Croft Cottage	331.20	-	331.20
Pinnacle conservation	-	696.17	696.17
	<u>14,720.74</u>	<u>696.17</u>	<u>15,416.91</u>
N09 Parish administrator - includes wage rise from April; funded by monthly contrubutions from each church			
N10 Fund raising costs - (see N03)			
Quiz night	137.20		
Harvest auction	45.00		
Christmas fayre	19.20		
Catering supplies	162.86		
Live & Local	2,318.60		
	<u>2,682.86</u>		

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<u>All Hallows</u>	<u>St Michael's</u>	
<u>Church</u>	<u>Church</u>	
<u>Ordsall</u>	<u>Retford</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>

N11 Church properties -

it was agreed with our accountants at the end of last year that the 2 cottages and 19 Grange Road should be reported as Investment assets, rather than tangible. The Hall should still be viewed as a tangible asset however. Accordingly, transfers of £288,000 assets were implemented at the start of 2024 financial year to bring the balances into line with the accountant's request.

At the year end the properties were revalued by the Trustees based on an open market valuation.

N12 St Michaels Sound system - £1848.64 was depreciated in full during 2024, leaving a nil balance

N13 Ordsall short term deposit -

Miss Flowers and Reserve Funds -

The restriction imposed on the endowment of £10,000 left by Miss Flowers allowed the majority of the funds to be utilised after 12th January 2024. A decision was made to transfer £9,000 to the newly formed Reserve Fund.

This led to an initial balance of £15,031.77 on the Reserve Fund, which allowed essential maintenance work to be carried out during the year to the Church roof and to the investment properties.

The £1000 remaining in the Miss Flowers Fund will support some recognition of Miss Flowers in the form of a commemorative plaque, to be erected in due course.

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		<u>All Hallows</u> <u>Church</u> <u>Ordsall</u>	<u>St Michael's</u> <u>Church</u> <u>Retford</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
N14	Debtors -			
	HMRC - Q4 gift aid	1,196.63	1,116.25	2,312.88
	HMRC - Q4 GASDS	205.69	146.08	351.77
	Hall lettings	666.50	-	666.50
		<u>2,068.82</u>	<u>1,262.33</u>	<u>3,331.15</u>
N15	Creditors -			
	BCVS - grant received, relating to 2025	1,320.00		
	EON Next - hall heating	270.00		
	SSE - Hall electricity	230.00		
	PAYE - Oct to Dec 2024	730.20		
	Live & Local - Polaris invoice	<u>370.00</u>		
		<u>2,920.20</u>		

Independent Examiner's Report to The Benefice of Ordsall & Retford Saint Michaels

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the charity for the year ended 31 December 2024 which are set out on pages 1 to 11.

Responsibilities and basis of report

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

I report in respect of my examination of the charity's accounts carried out under section 145 of the Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent examiner's statement

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

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

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



Neil M Roberts, FCA

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11 March 2025

The Benefice of Ordsall & Retford Saint Michaels

Financial Statements

For the year ending

31 December 2024

Charity No. 1198455

The Benefice of Ordsall & Retford Saint Michaels

Financial Statements for the year ended 31 December 2024

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S.O.F.A (Statement of Financial Activites)		Unrestricted	Designated	Endowment		
		Funds	Funds	Funds	2024	2023
Incoming Resources from Donors	2.1	62,159.78	20.00	-	62,179.78	62,454.58
Voluntary Incoming Resources	2.2	14,143.94	4,640.72	-	18,784.66	10,302.10
Income from Operating Activities	2.3	28,886.04	-	-	28,886.04	21,867.81
Income from Investments	2.4	23,140.82	248.78	-	23,389.60	17,719.56
Other Incoming Resources	2.5	315.35	400.00	-	715.35	669.33
TOTAL INCOMING RESOURCES		128,645.93	5,309.50	-	133,955.43	113,013.38
Charitable Giving	3.1	1,054.69	-	-	1,054.69	1,444.20
Directly Related Activities	3.2	120,310.77	13,528.18	-	133,838.95	109,799.35
Management and Administration	3.3	2,431.94	108.00	-	2,539.94	5,488.42
Cost of Generating Funds	3.4	4,854.36	2,826.49	-	7,680.85	7,746.72
TOTAL RESOURCES EXPENDED		128,651.76	16,462.67	-	145,114.43	124,478.69
Net (outgoing) / incoming resources		(5.83)	(11,153.17)	-	(11,159.00)	(11,465.31)
Gains & Losses on investments		-	-	25,781.60	25,781.60	8,370.75
Transfers between funds		(10,980.28)	19,980.28	(9,000.00)	-	-
Net movement in funds		(10,986.11)	8,827.11	16,781.60	14,622.60	(3,094.56)
Total funds brought forward		49,095.94	16,217.22	354,410.55	419,723.71	422,818.27
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD		38,109.83	25,044.33	371,192.15	434,346.31	419,723.71

BALANCE SHEET

Fixed Assets

Tangible Assets	4.1	-	-	55,900.00	55,900.00	342,808.70
Investment Assets	4.2	-	-	314,292.15	314,292.15	4,410.55
		-	-	370,192.15	370,192.15	347,219.25

Current Assets

Short Term Deposits	5.2	-	3.35	1,000.00	1,003.35	10,000.00
Bank Accounts and Cash	5.3	37,698.88	25,040.98	-	62,739.86	60,113.38
Debtors	6.1	3,331.15	-	-	3,331.15	3,099.23
		41,030.03	25,044.33	1,000.00	67,074.36	73,212.61

Current Liabilities

Creditors	6.2	2,920.20	-	-	2,920.20	708.15
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Net current assets

		38,109.83	25,044.33	1,000.00	64,154.16	72,504.46
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Total Assets less Current Liabilities

		38,109.83	25,044.33	371,192.15	434,346.31	419,723.71
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BREAKDOWN OF FUNDS

Unrestricted	9.0	38,109.83	-	-	38,109.83	49,095.94
Designated		-	25,044.33	-	25,044.33	16,217.22
Endowment		-	-	371,192.15	371,192.15	354,410.55
TOTAL FUNDS		38,109.83	25,044.33	371,192.15	434,346.31	419,723.71

Accounts approved by the Parochial Church Council on
and signed on behalf of the members by

13th March 2025

Aiway J. Thorpe W. Shewell

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	Unrestricted <u>Funds</u>	Designated <u>Funds</u>	Endowment <u>Funds</u>	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>
2.1 Incoming Resources from Donors					
Planned Giving - Gift Aid	33,601.00	-	-	33,601.00	33,276.00
Planned Giving - non GA	4,006.00	-	-	4,006.00	4,944.00
Envelopes - Gift Aid	3,467.00	-	-	3,467.00	2,482.00
Envelopes - non GA	1,095.00	-	-	1,095.00	1,055.00
Gift Aid recovered	9,284.16	-	-	9,284.16	9,050.61
GASDS Top-ups	2,159.69	-	-	2,159.69	2,468.75
Collections	4,896.16	-	-	4,896.16	4,901.53
Baptisms	945.04	-	-	945.04	1,334.01
Church Box	141.52	-	-	141.52	279.52
Donations - Gift Aid	606.00	-	-	606.00	669.10
Donations - non GA	856.79	20.00	-	876.79	1,155.54
Online giving	854.10	-	-	854.10	567.77
Memorial services	247.32	-	-	247.32	192.75
Other donor income	-	-	-	-	78.00
	62,159.78	20.00	-	62,179.78	62,454.58
2.2 Voluntary Incoming Resources					
N01 Grants	10,825.14	4,000.00	-	14,825.14	5,396.00
VAT Recovered	-	452.12	-	452.12	974.14
Legacies	-	-	-	-	76.46
Messy Church receipts	29.00	-	-	29.00	3.50
N01 Restricted donations	3,289.80	188.60	-	3,478.40	3,852.00
	14,143.94	4,640.72	-	18,784.66	10,302.10
2.3 Income from Operating Activities					
Hall Lettings	9,468.00	-	-	9,468.00	5,170.00
N02 PCC fees retained	6,543.00	-	-	6,543.00	5,838.00
Heating fees	2,082.00	-	-	2,082.00	1,320.00
N03 Fund raising receipts	10,438.04	-	-	10,438.04	9,008.81
Allotment rent	355.00	-	-	355.00	531.00
	28,886.04	-	-	28,886.04	21,867.81
2.4 Income from Investments					
Interest	0.82	40.34	-	41.16	116.13
Dividends	-	208.44	-	208.44	172.83
Rent from Church use	200.00	-	-	200.00	30.00
House rents	22,940.00	-	-	22,940.00	17,400.60
	23,140.82	248.78	-	23,389.60	17,719.56
2.5 Other Incoming Resources					
Bell fund receipts	-	400.00	-	400.00	-
Ride & Stride receipts	110.00	-	-	110.00	174.00
Christingle service	175.95	-	-	175.95	-
TEAR fund receipts	-	-	-	-	125.44
Macmillan receipts	-	-	-	-	131.74
Sundry income	29.40	-	-	29.40	238.15
	315.35	400.00	-	715.35	669.33
Total Incoming Resources	128,645.93	5,309.50	-	133,955.43	113,013.38

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	Unrestricted Funds	Designated Funds	Endowment Funds	2024	2023
3.1 Charitable Giving					
Church Charities	-	-	-	-	30.00
Secular Charities	85.00	-	-	85.00	207.60
Baptism donations	65.65	-	-	65.65	445.47
Poppy appeal	86.20	-	-	86.20	25.00
Rakitovo	280.00	-	-	280.00	260.00
Childrens Society	175.95	-	-	175.95	158.15
Bassetlaw Food Bank	361.89	-	-	361.89	-
TEAR fund payments	-	-	-	-	186.24
Macmillan payments	-	-	-	-	131.74
	1,054.69	-	-	1,054.69	1,444.20
3.2 Directly Related Activities (sub-total)	120,310.77	13,528.18	-	133,838.95	109,799.35
3.21 Ministry Costs					
N04 Parish Share	62,592.00	-	-	62,592.00	59,700.00
Clergy expenses	152.75	-	-	152.75	143.39
	62,744.75	-	-	62,744.75	59,843.39
3.22 Running Costs					
N05 Insurance	5,687.88	-	-	5,687.88	5,529.62
Heating	5,642.74	-	-	5,642.74	6,107.09
Electricity	1,576.98	-	-	1,576.98	1,600.74
Sanitary / First aid supplies	44.60	-	-	44.60	-
Water & Sewerage (Ordsall)	179.17	-	-	179.17	112.97
Telephones / internet	1,214.01	-	-	1,214.01	779.59
	14,345.38	-	-	14,345.38	14,130.01
3.23 Church Maintenance					
Minor repairs	217.79	-	-	217.79	183.18
Equipment payments	226.41	-	-	226.41	30.00
PAT testing	60.00	-	-	60.00	-
Organ maintenance	-	-	-	-	334.00
Security alarm payments	2,954.40	-	-	2,954.40	1,985.40
Photocopier finance & maintenance	2,147.60	-	-	2,147.60	1,681.56
Fire extinguishers	219.00	-	-	219.00	247.20
Boiler maintenance	2,351.50	-	-	2,351.50	2,052.00
House payments	-	1,771.20	-	1,771.20	1,164.04
House insurance	-	1,122.31	-	1,122.31	1,104.44
Churchyard maintenance	-	312.70	-	312.70	133.01
Lightning conductor	-	-	-	-	108.00
Depreciation - Multimedia	402.33	-	-	402.33	402.33
Depreciation - Church equipment	-	2,406.37	-	2,406.37	2,406.38
Other routine maintenance	180.19	-	-	180.19	114.18
	8,759.22	5,612.58	-	14,371.80	11,945.72
3.24 Upkeep of Services					
Altar Requisites	959.94	-	-	959.94	678.97
Copyright Licence	624.09	-	-	624.09	591.10
Upkeep of Churchyard	360.00	-	-	360.00	9.06
Other upkeep of services	86.65	-	-	86.65	-
	2,030.68	-	-	2,030.68	1,279.13

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	Unrestricted Funds	Designated Funds	Endowment Funds	2024	2023
3.25 Church Hall Costs					
Hall Insurance	978.24	-	-	978.24	951.00
Hall Heating	262.09	-	-	262.09	1,271.57
Hall Electricity	1,897.64	-	-	1,897.64	1,650.23
Hall Water (St Michaels)	462.11	-	-	462.11	406.54
N06 Hall repairs / maintenance	1,215.71	-	-	1,215.71	201.80
N07 Hall Cleaner	3,913.05	-	-	3,913.05	2,747.36
N07 Hall cleaner back pay	2,235.00	-	-	2,235.00	-
Alcohol licence	180.00	-	-	180.00	180.00
Business rates	2.77	-	-	2.77	1,209.47
Other church hall payments	384.08	-	-	384.08	588.00
	11,530.69	-	-	11,530.69	9,205.97
3.26 Operating Activities					
Training costs	265.16	-	-	265.16	444.26
Outreach costs	171.00	-	-	171.00	60.25
Community worker	3,640.00	-	-	3,640.00	-
Toddler Group equipment	500.00	-	-	500.00	-
Childrens Ministry payments	651.24	-	-	651.24	26.44
Alpha catering	-	-	-	-	196.68
	5,227.40	-	-	5,227.40	727.63
3.27 Major Repair Expenditure					
N08 Major Repairs - Structure	7,501.31	7,915.60	-	15,416.91	4,546.14
Lightning conductors	-	-	-	-	1,968.00
	7,501.31	7,915.60	-	15,416.91	6,514.14
3.28 Support Costs					
N09 Parish Administrator	6,815.83	-	-	6,815.83	5,054.40
Cleaner	1,355.51	-	-	1,355.51	1,098.96
	8,171.34	-	-	8,171.34	6,153.36
3.3 Management and Administration					
Professional fees	-	-	-	-	408.00
Auditor fees	1,080.00	-	-	1,080.00	900.00
Quinquennial inspection	-	-	-	-	1,740.00
Website costs	158.25	-	-	158.25	129.45
Subscriptions paid	70.00	-	-	70.00	70.00
Computer costs	315.37	-	-	315.37	179.58
Printing	21.11	-	-	21.11	151.80
Photocopying	189.16	-	-	189.16	592.88
Stationery	-	-	-	-	411.29
Publicity	134.42	108.00	-	242.42	20.00
Travel expenses	409.36	-	-	409.36	616.14
DBS checks	42.79	-	-	42.79	22.79
SumUp fees	11.48	-	-	11.48	6.95
Sundry expenditure	-	-	-	-	239.54
	2,431.94	108.00	-	2,539.94	5,488.42
3.4 Cost of Generating Funds					
Costs incurred per Grants	7.95	-	-	7.95	-
Investment costs & letting fees	2,163.55	-	-	2,163.55	1,025.00
N10 Fund raising costs	2,682.86	-	-	2,682.86	5,465.32
Development fund payments	-	1,500.00	-	1,500.00	-
Growing Disciples payments	-	1,326.49	-	1,326.49	-
Other costs of generating funds	-	-	-	-	1,256.40
	4,854.36	2,826.49	-	7,680.85	7,746.72
Total Resources Expended	128,651.76	16,462.67	-	145,114.43	124,478.69

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		Unrestricted <u>Funds</u>	Designated <u>Funds</u>	Endowment <u>Funds</u>	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>
4.1 Tangible Assets						
N11	All Hallows Church Ordsall	-	-	55,900.00	55,900.00	340,960.06
N12	St Michael's Church Retford	-	-	-	-	1,848.64
		-	-	55,900.00	55,900.00	342,808.70
4.2 Investment Assets						
N11	All Hallows Church Ordsall	-	-	314,292.15	314,292.15	4,410.55
	St Michael's Church Retford	-	-	-	-	-
		-	-	314,292.15	314,292.15	4,410.55
5.1 Stock						
	All Hallows Church Ordsall	-	-	-	-	-
	St Michael's Church Retford	-	-	-	-	-
		-	-	-	-	-
5.2 Short Term Deposits						
N13	All Hallows Church Ordsall	-	3.35	1,000.00	1,003.35	10,000.00
	St Michael's Church Retford	-	-	-	-	-
		-	3.35	1,000.00	1,003.35	10,000.00
5.3 Bank Accounts and Cash						
	All Hallows Church Ordsall	24,171.81	13,425.25	-	37,597.06	30,732.75
	St Michael's Church Retford	13,527.07	11,615.73	-	25,142.80	29,380.63
		37,698.88	25,040.98	-	62,739.86	60,113.38
6.1 Debtors						
N14	All Hallows Church Ordsall	2,068.82	-	-	2,068.82	1,867.90
N14	St Michael's Church Retford	1,262.33	-	-	1,262.33	1,231.33
		3,331.15	-	-	3,331.15	3,099.23
6.2 Creditors						
N15	All Hallows Church Ordsall	2,920.20	-	-	2,920.20	708.15
N15	St Michael's Church Retford	-	-	-	-	-
		2,920.20	-	-	2,920.20	708.15
7.0 Analysis of Net Assets						
	Tangible Fixed Assets	-	-	55,900.00	55,900.00	342,808.70
	Investment Fixed Assets	-	-	314,292.15	314,292.15	4,410.55
	Current Assets	41,030.03	25,044.33	1,000.00	67,074.36	73,212.61
	Current Liabilities	(2,920.20)	-	-	(2,920.20)	(708.15)
		38,109.83	25,044.33	371,192.15	434,346.31	419,723.71

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	Unrestricted Funds	Designated Funds	Endowment Funds	Market value as at	
				31st Dec 2024	31st Dec 2023
8.1 Capital Investments					
All Hallows Ordsall...					
Lloyds Bank					
708 @ 0.5484	-	-	388.27	388.27	337.43
				-	
Severn Trent					
69 @ 25.09	-	-	1,731.21	1,731.21	1,778.82
				-	
Banco Santander					
701 @ 3.67	-	-	2,572.67	2,572.67	2,306.29
				-	
	-	-	4,692.15	4,692.15	4,422.54

The above market valuation is based on the mid-range price quoted on 31st December 2024

	All Hallows <u>Multimedia</u>	All Hallows <u>Equipment</u>	St Michaels <u>Sound system</u>	<u>Total</u>
8.2 Asset Depreciation				
Cost				
- at 1st January 2024	1,206.99	1,673.19	5,545.94	8,426.12
- disposals	-	-	-	-
- additions at cost	-	-	-	-
- at 31st December 2024	1,206.99	1,673.19	5,545.94	8,426.12
Depreciation				
- at 1st January 2024	804.66	1,115.46	3,697.30	5,617.42
- withdrawn on disposals	-	-	-	-
- charge for year	402.33	557.73	1,848.64	2,808.70
- at 31st December 2024	1,206.99	1,673.19	5,545.94	8,426.12
Net book value				
- at 31st December 2024	-	-	-	-
- at 31st December 2023	402.33	557.73	1,848.64	2,808.70

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9.0 Fund Movements	Opening <u>Balance</u>	Total <u>Income</u>	Total <u>Expenditure</u>	Total <u>Adjustments</u>	Closing <u>Balance</u>
Unrestricted					
All Hallows Church Ordsall	28,307.30	98,239.76	(121,051.35)	17,824.72	23,320.43
St Michael's Church Retford	20,788.64	30,406.17	(7,600.41)	(28,805.00)	14,789.40
	49,095.94	128,645.93	(128,651.76)	(10,980.28)	38,109.83
Designated					
All Hallows Church Ordsall	4,545.26	3,120.90	(12,412.84)	18,175.28	13,428.60
St Michael's Church Retford	11,671.96	2,188.60	(4,049.83)	1,805.00	11,615.73
	16,217.22	5,309.50	(16,462.67)	19,980.28	25,044.33
Endowment					
All Hallows Church Ordsall	354,410.55	-	-	16,781.60	371,192.15
	354,410.55	-	-	16,781.60	371,192.15
Total Funds	419,723.71	133,955.43	(145,114.43)	25,781.60	434,346.31

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	<u>All Hallows</u> <u>Church</u> <u>Ordsall</u>	<u>St Michael's</u> <u>Church</u> <u>Retford</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
N01 Grants & donations -			
Growing Discples (<i>Southwell DBF</i>)	2,000.00	2,000.00	4,000.00
Community Engagement (<i>BCVS</i>)	6,180.00	-	6,180.00
Toddler Group (<i>Councillor Naylor</i>)	300.00	-	300.00
Toddler Group (<i>Councillor Troop</i>)	300.00	-	300.00
Craft Circle (<i>Councillor Troop</i>)	200.00	-	200.00
Parish hall (<i>Bassetlaw District Council</i>)	4,645.14	-	4,645.14
Worksop Spire (<i>St Johns Church re administrator</i>)	60.30	-	60.30
Hall floor (<i>grants & donations</i>)	2,200.00	-	2,200.00
Carpet donations	-	125.60	125.60
Boiler donations	-	229.50	229.50
St Michaels bells	-	63.00	63.00
	15,885.44	2,418.10	18,303.54
N02 PCC Fees -			
Weddings & banns			6,019.00
Funerals, cremations, burials			11,330.00
Internment of ashes			768.00
Memorials & inscriptions			175.00
			18,292.00
Diocese statutory fees			(4,428.00)
Ministers			(2,664.00)
Vergers			(1,050.00)
Organists			(775.00)
Bell ringers			(600.00)
Wedding refund			(150.00)
Heating			(2,082.00)
Fees retained			6,543.00
N03 Fund raising & events - (see N10)			
Craft stall	10.00	-	10.00
Harvest competiton	136.20	-	136.20
Summer fayres	735.10	-	735.10
Winter fayres	997.20	853.90	1,851.10
Refreshments	1,152.43	1,217.55	2,369.98
Hall events	1,024.56	-	1,024.56
Live & Local	4,148.10	-	4,148.10
Christmas raffle	-	70.00	70.00
Ink recycling	-	93.00	93.00
	8,203.59	2,234.45	10,438.04

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	<u>All Hallows</u>	<u>St Michael's</u>	
	<u>Church</u>	<u>Church</u>	
	<u>Ordsall</u>	<u>Retford</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
N04 Parish Share - Diocese requested target paid in full			62,592.00
N05 Insurance -			
Church buildings	2,652.12	2,217.72	4,869.84
Church halls	978.24	818.04	1,796.28
	<u>3,630.36</u>	<u>3,035.76</u>	<u>6,666.12</u>
N06 Hall repairs & maintenance -			
Listers Technical (electrical inspection & smoke alarms)	599.40		
AGW electrical (toilet repair)	300.00		
Durhams (replacement water heater)	200.00		
Cannon Safety (extinguishers)	83.40		
Miscellaneous	32.91		
	<u>1,215.71</u>		
N07 Hall cleaner costs - includes wage rise from January 2023, and holiday / sickness cover			
N08 Major repairs -			
Church roof	2,712.72	-	2,712.72
Hall insulation	3,450.00	-	3,450.00
Hall floor	2,160.00	-	2,160.00
Hall lighting	1,195.14	-	1,195.14
19 Grange Road	4,871.68	-	4,871.68
Croft Cottage	331.20	-	331.20
Pinnacle conservation	-	696.17	696.17
	<u>14,720.74</u>	<u>696.17</u>	<u>15,416.91</u>
N09 Parish administrator - includes wage rise from April; funded by monthly contrubutions from each church			
N10 Fund raising costs - (see N03)			
Quiz night	137.20		
Harvest auction	45.00		
Christmas fayre	19.20		
Catering supplies	162.86		
Live & Local	2,318.60		
	<u>2,682.86</u>		

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<u>All Hallows</u>	<u>St Michael's</u>	
<u>Church</u>	<u>Church</u>	
<u>Ordsall</u>	<u>Retford</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>

N11 Church properties -

it was agreed with our accountants at the end of last year that the 2 cottages and 19 Grange Road should be reported as Investment assets, rather than tangible. The Hall should still be viewed as a tangible asset however. Accordingly, transfers of £288,000 assets were implemented at the start of 2024 financial year to bring the balances into line with the accountant's request.

At the year end the properties were revalued by the Trustees based on an open market valuation.

N12 St Michaels Sound system - £1848.64 was depreciated in full during 2024, leaving a nil balance

N13 Ordsall short term deposit -

Miss Flowers and Reserve Funds -

The restriction imposed on the endowment of £10,000 left by Miss Flowers allowed the majority of the funds to be utilised after 12th January 2024. A decision was made to transfer £9,000 to the newly formed Reserve Fund.

This led to an initial balance of £15,031.77 on the Reserve Fund, which allowed essential maintenance work to be carried out during the year to the Church roof and to the investment properties.

The £1000 remaining in the Miss Flowers Fund will support some recognition of Miss Flowers in the form of a commemorative plaque, to be erected in due course.

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		<u>All Hallows</u> <u>Church</u> <u>Ordsall</u>	<u>St Michael's</u> <u>Church</u> <u>Retford</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
N14	Debtors -			
	HMRC - Q4 gift aid	1,196.63	1,116.25	2,312.88
	HMRC - Q4 GASDS	205.69	146.08	351.77
	Hall lettings	666.50	-	666.50
		<u>2,068.82</u>	<u>1,262.33</u>	<u>3,331.15</u>
N15	Creditors -			
	BCVS - grant received, relating to 2025	1,320.00		
	EON Next - hall heating	270.00		
	SSE - Hall electricity	230.00		
	PAYE - Oct to Dec 2024	730.20		
	Live & Local - Polaris invoice	<u>370.00</u>		
		<u>2,920.20</u>		

Independent Examiner's Report to The Benefice of Ordsall & Retford Saint Michaels

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the charity for the year ended 31 December 2024 which are set out on pages 1 to 11.

Responsibilities and basis of report

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

I report in respect of my examination of the charity's accounts carried out under section 145 of the Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent examiner's statement

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

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

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



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