

THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH OF ST PETER AND ST PAUL BISHOP'S HULL

England & Wales - Charity number 1198530

Details

Other names	BISHOP'S HULL PCC
Status	Registered
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Activities

Objects: PROMOTING IN THE ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH THE WHOLE MISSION OF THE CHURCH.

Activities: The Parish Church for the Ecclesiastical Parish of Bishops Hull, Taunton and all activities associated with a Parish Church, including but not limited to regular Christian worship, Occasional services for Baptism, Wedding or Funeral, providing information about Christianity and social events for the community.

Classification

- **How:** Makes Grants To Organisations, Provides Buildings/facilities/open Space, Provides Services, Provides Advocacy/advice/information
- **What:** Religious Activities
- **Who:** Children/young People, Elderly/old People, Other Charities Or Voluntary Bodies, The General Public/mankind

Geography

- Somerset

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-12-31	£105,406	£71,517	-	-
2024-12-31	£52,780	£62,181	-	-
2023-12-31	£45,131	£96,770	-	-
2022-12-31	£145,631	£150,938	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Rev Phil Hughes	Chair	2024-05-26
Beverley Keitch		2025-05-24
Hilary Harper		2025-05-24
John Perry		2024-05-24
Mark Dakin		2021-05-09
Rachel Horder		2023-04-30
Timothy Venn		2024-05-26
William Osmond		2026-05-17

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The Parish Church of St Peter and St Paul Bishops Hull



Annual Report for end 2025 “Worship, Mission, Discipleship”

This Report presents an overview of the Parochial Church Council's (PCC) discussions and decisions for the year ending 31 December 2025

PCC Membership

The PCC is constituted with 18 members, together with the possibility of two co-opted additional members if required. During the past year, the following served as members:

Incumbent (Ex Officio)

1. Revd Phil Hughes

Wardens (Ex Officio)

2. John Perry (appointed at APCM 2024)
3. Tim Venn (appointed at APCM 2024)

Reader(s) (Ex Officio)

4. Vacancy

Deanery Synod representatives (Ex Officio)

5. Vacancy
6. Vacancy

Elected members

7. Rachel Horder End of 1st office APCM 2028
8. Shirley Stapleton End of 2nd office APCM 2027
9. Mark Dakin End of 2nd office APCM 2027
10. Hilary Harper End of 1st office APCM 2028
11. Sue Martin End of 1st office APCM 2026
12. Lillian Priest End of 1st office APCM 2028
13. Beverley Keitch End of 1st office APCM 2028
14. Vacancy
15. Vacancy
16. Vacancy
17. Vacancy
18. Vacancy

Co-opted

Beverley Keitch is the appointed person for Safeguarding as of 01 January 2025.

Appointed for 2025 at first PCC meeting:

PCC Secretary: A secretary is URGENTLY needed. John Perry stood in for this role throughout the year.

PCC Treasurer: Rachel Horder as of 01 January 2024.

St Peter & St Paul's PCC is an elected body with responsibility, in co-operation with the Vicar, for promoting the whole mission of the Church within the parish. They are also responsible for the maintenance of the church buildings and, as Trustees, are accountable to the Archdeacon for the church's finances.

Committees

The PCC operates through several committees or working groups as follows:

Standing Committee

Consists of the Vicar, Church Warden x 2, PCC Chair and PCC Treasurer.

This committee is required by law and co-ordinates the urgent business between PCC meetings.

Fabric

Consists of Church Warden x 2.

Responsible for co-ordinating and commissioning minor works of maintenance and repair in and around the building as well as presenting details of more complex works to the PCC for consideration and discussion.

Pastoral and Link Group

Consists of Vicar, all Link People and Pastoral Team. Oversees organised pastoral work on behalf of the church.

Ministry / Worship Group

Consists of Vicar and Reader(s).

Oversees and monitors the regular worship of the church, including seasonal and one-off services. In the absence of a Reader this work is done by the Vicar.

Children's Working Group

Our regular ministry to Children is currently through the Open the Book team, which is led by Christabel Ager.

Social Group

There are many people in the church who willingly and ably support the social activities within the church, mainly through Coffee Mornings and after service refreshments (which are a vital part of our outreach and hospitality).

Review of the Year

Church attendance

At the end of 2025, the number of names on the Electoral Roll stood at **51** (*APCM 2024, 50*). In line with Church Law, a new Electoral Roll was created in Spring 2025.

Parochial Church Council

- The full PCC met 8 times (in The Bridge) for arranged meetings.

Overview

In a year defined by encouragement and a collective seeking of God's vision, we have remained steadfast in our commitment to developing our worship, increasing confidence in mission, and deepening our discipleship. Our growth is rooted in a diverse range of worship styles and teaching, all firmly grounded in Biblical understanding.

Worship

Our worship remains centered on **Biblical authority**, creating space for the Holy Spirit to lead our community.

Key developments this year include:

- **Lay Leadership:** We are actively exploring Diocesan initiatives for **Lay Worship Assistant** and **Lay Pastoral Assistant** roles, alongside a formal recognition of Pioneering Ministry training.
- **Prayer Ministry:** We have successfully introduced a re-imagined Prayer Ministry, which currently offers dedicated intercession during our monthly 10:00 am service.

Mission

We continue to look outward, seeking to be a visible and welcoming presence in Bishops Hull:

- **Accessibility:** A primary focus remains on making our services inclusive and ensuring a warm, intentional welcome for all guests.
- **Community Presence:** We continue to strengthen our local impact, particularly through high-profile celebrations of the Church's key festivals and other 'awareness' events.
- **Youth Outreach:** We supported local families and schools by gifting **Real Advent Calendars** to all Reception-aged children and providing '**It's Your Move**' booklets to Year 6 students transitioning to secondary school as well as various seasonal opportunities to engage with the local community.
- **Open the Book:** We are proud to support the dedicated team bringing Bible stories to life within our local primary school connecting with approx. 200 children a fortnight.
- **Pastoral Care:** A team has been established to bring **Holy Communion to local Care Homes**. We are delighted that new members have recently completed training to join this vital ministry.
- We continue to support 4 agencies with financial and prayer support – **Church Mission Society** (Marcio and Noemi), **Christian Aid, Taunton Youth for Christ, Open Door (Taunton)**

Discipleship

To foster spiritual growth, we have focused on teaching that bridges the gap between Scripture and daily life:

- **Teaching:** Our structure has focused on real-life application, making excellent use of the Lectionary and seasonal opportunities.
- **Resources:** We continue to promote individual spiritual growth by providing Daily Bible Study notes from the **Bible Reading Fellowship (BRF)**.
- **Prayers of Love and Faith:** Following prayerful consideration and discussion regarding offering *Prayers of Love and Faith*, and having sought guidance from the Diocese and Church of England Evangelical Council (CEEC), the PCC unanimously voted not to 'opt in' to the use of these prayers at this time and welcomed the decision of the General Synod to close process.

Fabric Report

Maintaining our sacred space is key to our stewardship. Following the December 2025 Quinquennial Report, we have established a structured program to address its findings. Over the next 12 months, we intend to meet all immediate recommendations using our own resources. For the longer term, more significant building works have been identified and we will be seeking advice and financial support from the Diocese/Grant bodies.

- **Maintenance:** Routine care of gutters, gulleys, and walkways (including washing and weeding) has been handled diligently.
- **Major Works:** To prevent internal damp, replacing the entire guttering system will now join our larger church repairs project.
- **Churchyard:** While the local council retains ultimate responsibility for the churchyard, a dedicated church team manages the mowing, reviewed annually.

Building Tomorrow's Church Today

We are delighted to report that the final invoice for this transformative project has been settled. This 40+ year project was **officially closed in 2025**.

Finance

The accounts opened with £72,554.00 and closed with £106,443.00. *See Finance report for more details.*

Fire Risk Assessment

Latest fire safety checks are held by the Church Wardens in the Health and Safety file, along with the Terrier etc.

Safeguarding

Our Safeguarding Policy is based on the Diocesan guidelines. Beverley Keitch is the Appointed Person for Safeguarding from 01 January 2025.

There have been no Safeguarding incidents to report to the APCM in 2025.

PCC members, as Trustees of the Charity, have the ultimate legal responsibility for ensuring that the correct procedures are strictly adhered to and, in furtherance of this, the PCC consider the advice provided by the Diocese of Bath & Wells.

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St. Peter and St. Paul Bishops Hull's Receipts & Payments Account

for the year ended 31 December 2025

	Notes	General fund £	Designated fund £	Restricted fund £	2025 £	2024 £
Receipts						
Donations and Legacies:						
Planned giving		34,772	-	-	34,772	29,402
Collections, donations & other giving		18,111	-	40,200	58,311	13,185
Income tax recovered		9,930	-	-	9,930	-
Legacies		-	-	-	-	5,538
Other Trading activities						
Magazine/Bookstall sales/Hall Lettings etc		24	-	-	24	(24)
Income from other Properties		-	-	-	-	-
Annual Fete/events		515	-	-	515	1,700
Receipts from Investments:						
Interest & dividends		1,601	-	-	1,601	2,292
Receipts from Charitable activities:						
Parochial fees		253	-	-	253	355
Other Receipts						
Insurance claims		-	-	-	-	-
Sale proceeds from fixed assets		-	-	-	-	-
Loans received		-	-	-	-	-
Other		-	-	-	-	332
Total Receipts		65,206	-	40,200	105,406	52,780
Payments						
Charitable activities:						
Donations/Grants to charities		-	-	-	-	-
Mission & Evangelism		(92)	(3,931)	-	(4,023)	(7,976)
Parish Share		(50,400)	-	-	(50,400)	(45,762)
Clergy expenses		(1,959)	-	-	(1,959)	(2,875)
Church running expenses		(949)	(1,089)	-	(2,038)	(4,546)
Churchyard maintenance		-	-	-	-	-
Cost of raising funds		(34)	-	-	(34)	(738)
Support costs		-	-	-	-	-
Administration costs (inc. staff costs)		(1,442)	-	-	(1,442)	(1,777)
Governance Costs		(110)	-	-	(110)	(75)
Other		(1,576)	-	-	(1,576)	(1,353)
Major expenditure						
Repairs to church buildings		-	(1,431)	(8,504)	(9,935)	2,921
Repairs to other property		-	-	-	-	-
Capital purchases/additions		-	-	-	-	-
Loan repayments		-	-	-	-	-
Total payments		(56,562)	(6,451)	(8,504)	(71,517)	(62,181)
Surplus/(Deficit) of Receipts over payments		8,644	(6,451)	31,696	33,889	(9,401)
Transfers between funds		(10,000)	-	10,000	-	-
Cash at bank and in hand at 1 Jan (Actual Balance)		(1,356)	(6,451)	41,696	33,889	(9,401)
Cash at bank and in hand at 31 Dec (Actual Balance)		33,595	18,672	20,287	72,554	81,955
Cash at bank and in hand at 31 Dec (Actual Balance)		32,239	12,221	61,983	106,443	72,554

*produced using the Diocesan Cashbook v5

Independent Examiner's Certificate for the PCC Accounts

Report to the trustees of:

Parish Church of St Peter & St Paul

Parochial Church Council

On accounts for the year ended:

31 December 2025

Charity Number (if applicable):

N/A

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 (the Charities Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

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

Basis of independent examiner's statement

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

Independent examiner's statement

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention (other than that disclosed below *)

1. which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in, any material respect, the requirements:
 - to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; and
 - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the Charities Act have not been met; or
2. to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

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

Signed:

Pip Millard

Date:

06/04/2026

Name:

Pip Millard FCCA

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

ACCA

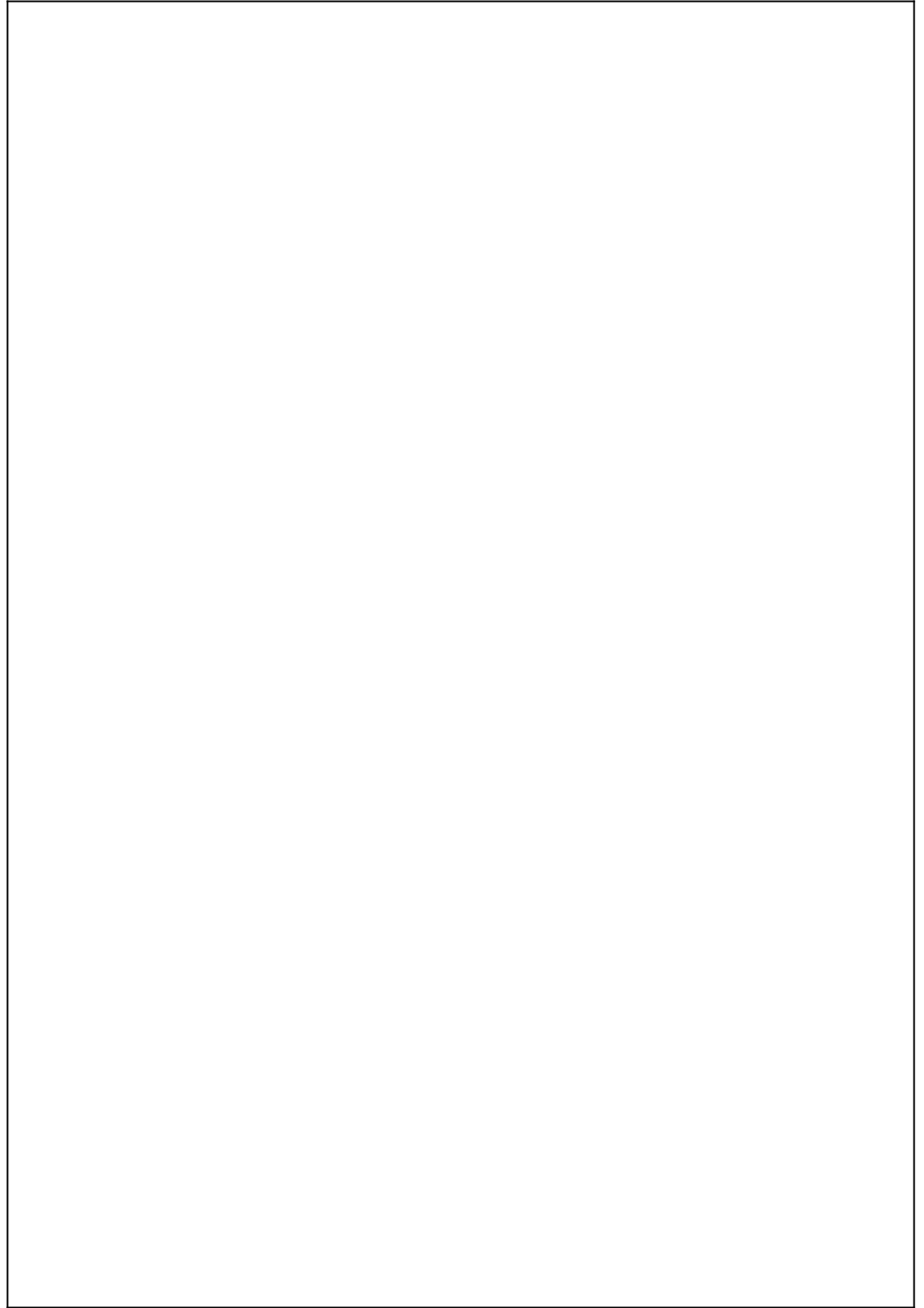
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Disclosure

Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight material problems.

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



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Our Year of Living Faith: The 2024 Annual Report of St Peter and St Paul's, Bishops Hull

My friends, it is my privilege to present this report reflecting on our journey through 2024, a year where our core principles of Worship, Mission, and Discipleship have continued to guide our every endeavour and shape our church family. I am hugely grateful and encouraged by all who are involved with and share the ministry of growing God's Kingdom here in Bishops Hull. My grateful thanks to each person.

Our Foundation: Worship

At the heart of our life together at St Peter and St Paul's is worship. In 2024, we remained committed to providing opportunities for meaningful encounter with God, rooted deeply in Biblical authority and with open hearts to the leading of the Holy Spirit. Our regular weekly services on Sundays and Wednesdays formed the consistent rhythm of our spiritual lives, providing solace, inspiration, and a sense of unity. The special services marking the key seasons of the Christian year – Lent, Easter, Advent, and Christmas – offered profound moments of reflection and celebration. Recognizing the gifts within our congregation, we also actively explored Diocesan initiatives for Lay Worship Assistants and Lay Pastoral Assistants, seeking to empower more members to participate in leading our times of worship. These roles have been recognised by the Diocese and certificates presented in Autumn 2024.

Our Reach: Mission

Our commitment to mission in 2024 saw us actively engaging with our community in numerous ways, striving to be a beacon of God's love and grace beyond our church walls. We prioritized making our services genuinely welcoming to all, especially those visiting for the first time, ensuring they experienced the warmth of our fellowship. We maintained a visible and supportive presence during key local festivals, recognizing the importance of connecting with our community in shared moments. While we made the thoughtful decision to focus on the power of in-person connection by ceasing online broadcasting after Easter, our mission continued through tangible acts of service. We extended care to the youngest in our community by gifting Real Advent Calendars to Reception children and offered support to those transitioning to secondary school with "It's Your Move" booklets. Our dedicated "Open the Book" team regularly shared the transformative stories of the Bible in our local Primary school, and a newly formed team lovingly brought the sacrament of Communion to residents in local Care Homes, alongside our regular services in those settings. A significant development in our mission outreach was the inspiring formation of our Healing Team, born from an in-depth Bible study on Jesus' healing ministry. This team will seek to offer prayer and support for physical, emotional, and spiritual well-being within our congregation and the wider community, embodying Christ's compassionate touch. Furthermore, we actively foster a spirit of outward focus by recognising Church Mission Society trained Pioneer Minister roles and proudly supporting both local and international missions through our partnerships with organizations like Church Mission Society, Christian Aid, Open Door, and Taunton Youth for Christ. The enriching visit from Marcio and Noemi, our CMS Link Missionaries in December, followed by a shared meal, strengthened our global connections and inspired us anew. Our commitment to community was also evident in our welcoming monthly Coffee Mornings, the provision of a weekly "Warm Space" during the colder months, and various community events like "Jumper January," Carol Singing, Christmas

Flowers, Gardening sessions, Bell ringing, Remembrance Events including a 'Light a Candle' service, our responses to emergency appeals, and poignant Baby Loss Awareness events. We made great use of our links with Gregory and Ellen Steward and offered numerous concerts, another way we seek to connect with and serve our community.

Our Growth: Discipleship

Nurturing spiritual growth and fostering deeper discipleship within our congregation remained a vital focus throughout 2024. We emphasized robust Biblical teaching and its practical application in our daily lives, utilizing resources such as the engaging just10 video series. Our homegroups (regular and seasonal) continued to provide invaluable spaces for fellowship, learning, and mutual encouragement, and we actively explored ways to expand their reach. The provision of daily Bible Study notes from the Bible Reading Fellowship encouraged personal reflection and a deeper understanding of scripture. As part of our commitment to thoughtful discernment, the Parochial Church Council and others engaged in prayerful discussion regarding the "Prayers for Love and Faith," ultimately deciding not to adopt these prayers, a decision made with careful consideration and with the support of the Church of England Evangelical Council.

Stewarding Our Church and Community:

Beyond these core areas, we remained dedicated to the careful stewardship of our historic church building, awaiting the upcoming Quinquennial Report to guide our maintenance plans, including the essential replacement of the guttering and downpipe system. We are so nearly there with the "Building Tomorrow's Church Today" project, see Church Wardens report. Our pastoral care extended to significant life events through Baptisms and Christenings for all ages, Wedding ministry, comforting Funeral services, and our ongoing ministry in local Care Homes. Ensuring a safe environment remained paramount, with our safeguarding policies diligently followed and no incidents reported in 2024.

Looking Forward with Faith:

Our journey through 2024 has been deeply shaped by our commitment to Worship, Mission, and Discipleship. These principles have guided our actions, strengthened our community, and inspired us to share God's love in tangible ways. As we look to the future, we do so with gratitude for the blessings of the past year and with a renewed sense of purpose to continue living out our faith in meaningful and impactful ways.

Rev Phil Hughes, April 2025

The Church Wardens Report, Year 2024-2025

Two new Church Wardens were appointed early in the year. Tim Venn, a local dairy farmer, and John Perry, a retired businessman. Both attended the Diocese Of Bath and Wells annual Church Warden's Day training July 24th and received an individual copy of the Churchwardens' Handbook. In its context this experience gave both wardens a firm basis on which to view their tenures in the role. As the year has progressed it has become evident that not only this initial training, but also the different backgrounds of the two wardens have proved a valuable vehicle in managing the Church's affairs.

Perhaps the best way to describe the Church's affairs this year is a calm progression

and development of its ministry. There can be no doubt that the objective in all things has been to help parishioners be faithful in their Christian faith. All things that were done e.g. Saturday coffee mornings, concerts in the Church, regular visits to care homes and the local school, healing team training, were done in the concept of unity and strength in the Parish.

The Electoral Roll has recently been updated for the next APCM. It is shown that numbers have been maintained through each year. This is no small achievement in the general context of these times, and reflects the unity that exists in the Church. An Annual Fabric Report will be presented to the next APCM which will form the basis of the Quinquennial Report. The report will demonstrate that, bearing in mind the age of the Church, the fabric of the Church remains in a good state, if some parts do appear a little dilapidated. The structure recently built to the front of the Church, The Bridge, has continued to provide the excellent opportunity of a warm welcome to the Church. In effect, being attached to the Church, the Bridge markets the interior of the Church and attracts parishioners and visitors in to enjoy the splendid age of the Church and its atmosphere. There have been snagging issues with the Bridge that have required consultation with the architects, particularly to the outside woodwork and doors, but these have been largely resolved and should be completed soon. The replacement of the guttering around the Church is still an ongoing project estimated at some £50,000 to complete. This has been approved by the Diocese and now the funding of the project via grants is being sought. In the current economic climate this could take some time to achieve but is anticipated to be completed by the end of the '25-'26 year.

The churchyard has had some issues with the large trees therein. The local authority now responsible for the maintenance of the church yard was contacted in September of the year to request an audit to be completed, particularly on the trees. This was achieved and in their report the LA saw no particular reason for action. By completing an audit the LA's responsibility for the maintenance of the Churchyard was confirmed. In this context, during a February storm one of the trees lost a large branch which presented real safety issues. The LA and police were advised and the LA responded promptly to deal with the issue.

The new Treasurer for the year has done an excellent job of maintaining the full accounts for the Parish and a proper financial authority listing has been completed.

The full balance of the Parish accounts is available to the PCC and payment authority procedure has been completed and maintained. The ongoing issue facing the Parish is the so called 'Benefice Share'. This is the new procedure established by the Diocese to establish the annual fee charged by the Diocese to the Parish. In our case this new procedure has increased the Church's parish share significantly. The PCC has not agreed this new approach and the parish is currently in discussion with the Diocese to agree a revised share.

For the rest there have been no significant events to report in the year. There have been no safeguarding incidents to report and our management of these issues has

been much enhanced by the appointment of a new Safeguarding Officer in March 2024. There have been no losses of any sort. All in all, a calm and progressive year to report.

John Perry

Monday, 28 April 2025

Home Communion Team Report

Communion Services at Heron House, The Manor, Netherclay House and Frethey Care Homes

It's been over two years since Sue Martin, Pat Barrett, Jan Acott and Christabel Ager have been going in to the above local care homes to enjoy fellowship, worship and administer communion. This outreach began in November 2022 and grown from strength to strength.

The services are extremely popular with the residents and staff and attendance has increased considerably over the years as well as their abundance of enthusiasm which is infectious. The order of service is well established and everyone enjoys choosing the hymns. Special requests for prayer are also received which I believe is an indication of the importance of these services. This has made these visits very personal and meaningful to all involved.

All of the four homes are unique and offer the team their own personal touch in their warm welcome. Small altars with battery/lit candles, Bible, hymn books and orders of service are often set out ready for the worship. One of the care homes has even written its own personal prayer composed by the residents which is said at every worship.

These monthly visits are continuing to build strong relationships with not only us, Bishop Hull church but with all involved. Our visits to the homes stretch out further than residents and staff but to family members and wider community who also join us. The atmosphere created is very special and it is a privilege to be involved in this outreach.

Praise to the Lord that are congregation numbers have increased considerably over the years and their abundance of love, commitment and encouragement is infectious.

If you would like to know more about this ministry (perhaps with a view to shadowing the team at some point?) then do have a chat with Rev Phil Hughes in the first instance.

Sue Martin, April 2025

Ministry of Healing in the Church.

Since October '24, a group has been meeting to study the Bible Particularly looking at Jesus' healing ministry and to share their own experiences of prayer for healing. In the final weeks it has also been prayed about and discussed as to how this ministry could be best introduced into the church life for the benefit of all members and those outside the church community. In the Gospels, we the Church, are instructed to go out into the whole world to preach the good news and heal the sick. How best can we fulfil this instruction?

It is planned to restart offering a prayer ministry in some of the services. Following a short sermon series, the offering of prayers for healing may be introduced. The Parochial Church Council has approved an initial policy for the ministry of Healing within this church. Advice has been sought from the Diocese and all Safeguarding checks will be made and in place.

Jan Knight, April 2025

Bible Study Group report:

*“You diligently study the scriptures because you think that by them you possess eternal life.”
John 5, verse 39.*

The group meets throughout the year on the 2nd and 4th Thursdays of the month. We have a short break at Christmas and a slightly longer one in the summer. During this past year, our main studies have been from a course called Holy Habits, written by Andrew Roberts and produced by BRF. It is focused on aspects of discipleship and has been very helpful. We have also read the book of Ephesians, chapters 1 to 6. This was following the sermon series we had in church on Ephesians.

We are a small group of only six people, so there is plenty of room for others to join us. You can find out more from Niall Watson, telephone 282297.

Niall Watson, March 2025

Children’s Ministry - Open the Book 2024 Report

Introduction

Open the Book, a key element of the Bible Society's outreach, has once again proven to be a regular and highly impactful event in our primary school. This report celebrates the activities and achievements of our dedicated Open the Book team throughout 2024, building on the strong foundation established over the previous eighteen months. Our core mission remains to share the stories of God’s work with the children, fostering their understanding of and engagement with the Bible in a way that is both fun and accessible. We often reflect on the potential for a traditional Sunday School, but Open the Book allows us to connect with approximately 200 children every fortnight – a reach we simply couldn't achieve through a church-based event. It's with immense pride that we consider Open the Book to be the primary expression of our Children's Ministry!

Regular Assemblies

Our Open the Book team, comprising ten committed members, has consistently delivered fortnightly assemblies throughout 2024. We bring Bible stories to life through engaging narration and dramatic presentation, utilizing simple yet effective costumes and a variety of props. The team's creativity and craft skills are invaluable in creating immersive scenes that captivate the children and draw them into the heart of each story.

Throughout 2024, we've shared a diverse range of stories from both the Old and New Testaments, ensuring the children encounter the breadth and depth of scripture. The Year 6 children have continued to embrace their role as 'extras' with remarkable enthusiasm, eagerly volunteering to participate in bringing these stories to life. Their involvement is always recognized with an 'I helped Open the Book' sticker, a much-treasured badge of honour. We estimate that approximately 30 Year 6 pupils participated in our Open the Book assemblies during 2024.

Experience Days

Building on the success of previous years, we were delighted to offer another enriching Experience day to the entire school in 2024: 'Experience Harvest'. This event proved to be a wonderful opportunity to explore the themes of Harvest and global awareness through a series of interactive stations. Each station culminated in a brief, reflective activity, designed to reinforce the key concepts and encourage the children to engage with the material on a personal level. The day's activities culminated in a collective gathering, where we reflected on the significance of God's gift to us through the Harvest season.

The Harvest Experience saw the participation of approximately 225 children (the entire school!) and the dedicated support of 25 adult volunteers. These volunteers played a crucial role in the day's success, contributing their time and talents to creating craft materials, staffing the stations, guiding the children, providing refreshments, and, importantly, upholding the day in prayer. The event was characterized by the exemplary behaviour of the children, the unwavering support of the school staff, and a palpable sense of joy and shared purpose among all involved. We were particularly encouraged that at the end of the day several members of staff and parents made a special trip to the church to express their gratitude for the incredible experience.

Impact and Testimonials

Open the Book continues to exert a profound and positive influence on our school community. Teachers consistently report that the assemblies effectively reinforce classroom-based religious education, providing a valuable opportunity for spiritual reflection within the school day. The children consistently demonstrate a high level of engagement during the presentations, and our Experience days have proven to be particularly effective in deepening their understanding of key biblical narratives and their relevance to their own lives.

Here are a few comments that capture the essence of this impact:

- A teacher noted, "The Open the Book team have reinforced a key principle for the school in this assembly, thank you."
- A Year 6 pupil exclaimed, "Best assemblies ever!"
- A volunteer observed, "The children are so well behaved – this is brilliant."

Prayer and Thanksgiving

The success of Open the Book is a testament to the hard work, dedication, and collaborative spirit of many individuals. We extend our heartfelt gratitude to:

- The Open the Book team, who demonstrate unwavering commitment and enthusiasm in their preparation for and delivery of every school visit.
- The numerous volunteers who generously contribute their time, talents, and energy to the Experience days, making these events so memorable and impactful.
- The school staff, for their ongoing support, partnership, and commitment to fostering a positive and enriching learning environment.

Above all, we acknowledge the indispensable power of prayer, which underpins and sustains all our activities. We continue to pray that our work will be a source of blessing to the children and the entire school community, enabling them to encounter the stories of the Bible and discover their enduring relevance to our lives today. We warmly invite you to join us in prayer as we seek to serve and inspire.

Conclusion

Open the Book is more than just a school visit; it's a vibrant and vital part of our school's life, fostering a sense of community, wonder, and spiritual exploration. It is a privilege to share these timeless stories and witness the children's consistently positive and enthusiastic responses. We extend a warm invitation to others who may wish to join us in this deeply rewarding ministry.

It's FUN and it is growing God's Kingdom one story at a time!

Christabel Ager, Open the Book Team Leader, April 2025

END

A HUGE thank you for being our church family.

**May we all know God's PRESENCE with us
and His POWER flowing through us.**

Rev Phil Hughes

St. Peter and St. Paul Bishops Hull's Receipts & Payments Account

for the year ended 31 December 2024

	Notes	General fund £	Designated fund £	Restricted fund £	2024 £	2023 £
Receipts						
Donations and Legacies:						
Planned giving		29,402	-	-	29,402	27,326
Collections, donations & other giving		11,185	2,000	-	13,185	15,437
Income tax recovered		-	-	-	-	-
Legacies		5,538	-	-	5,538	-
Other Trading activities						
Magazine/Bookstall sales/Hall Lettings etc		(24)	-	-	(24)	120
Income from other Properties		-	-	-	-	-
Annual Fete/events		1,700	-	-	1,700	420
Receipts from Investments:						
Interest & dividends		2,292	-	-	2,292	1,366
Receipts from Charitable activities:						
Parochial fees		355	-	-	355	363
Other Receipts						
Insurance claims		-	-	-	-	-
Sale proceeds from fixed assets		-	-	-	-	-
Loans received		-	-	-	-	-
Other		332	-	-	332	99
Total Receipts		50,780	2,000	-	52,780	45,131
Payments						
Charitable activities:						
Donations/Grants to charities		-	-	-	-	-
Mission & Evangelism		(8,043)	67	-	(7,976)	(574)
Parish Share		(45,762)	-	-	(45,762)	(10,000)
Clergy expenses		(2,875)	-	-	(2,875)	(176)
Church running expenses		(2,592)	(814)	(1,140)	(4,546)	(4,257)
Churchyard maintenance		-	-	-	-	-
Cost of raising funds		(738)	-	-	(738)	-
Support costs		-	-	-	-	-
Administration costs (inc. staff costs)		(1,777)	-	-	(1,777)	(1,435)
Governance Costs		(75)	-	-	(75)	(75)
Other		(1,353)	-	-	(1,353)	(1,058)
Major expenditure						
Repairs to church buildings		-	-	2,921	2,921	(79,194)
Repairs to other property		-	-	-	-	-
Capital purchases/additions		-	-	-	-	-
Loan repayments		-	-	-	-	-
Total payments		(63,215)	(747)	1,781	(62,181)	(96,769)
Surplus/(Deficit) of Receipts over payments		(12,435)	1,253	1,781	(9,401)	(51,638)
Transfers between funds		-	-	-	-	-
		(12,435)	1,253	1,781	(9,401)	(51,638)
Cash at bank and in hand at 1 Jan (Actual Balance)		44,992	18,628	18,335	81,955	133,593
Cash at bank and in hand at 31 Dec (Actual Balance)		32,557	19,881	20,116	72,554	81,955

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Independent Examiner's Certificate for the PCC Accounts

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Parochial Church Council

On accounts for the year ended:

31 December 2024

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Pip Millard

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6/6/25

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Parochial Church Council

- The full PCC met 8 times (by ZOOM or in person) for arranged meetings.

In a year of encouragement and seeking God's vision we have continued to focus on ways to develop our **worship**, gain confidence in **mission** and deepen our **discipleship** through a variety of styles of worship and teaching based on Biblical understanding.

- **Worship**

- o We continue to build our worship based on Biblical authority and by allowing the Holy Spirit to lead us.

- o Exploring Diocesan initiatives for Lay Worship Assistant and Lay Pastoral Assistant positions.
- o The completion of the building project (The Bridge)! A HUGE thanks to all involved. It has been a journey of highs and lows, but the result is what we aimed for...to the GLORY OF GOD!

- **Mission**

- o Making the services as widely accessible as possible, including a variety of platforms (in person, Facebook, Youtube, Church Website)
- o Seeking ways to keep a strong presence in the community, especially for the 'key' festivals in the year.
- o Maintaining a culture of 'both/and' for in-person and online services
- o Giving Real Advent Calendars to all Reception children and giving It's Your Move booklets (end of school year) to all Year 6 children moving to Secondary School.
- o Encouraging and supporting the team for Open the Book to take Bible stories into the school.
- o Encouraging and supporting a new team to take Communion to the Care Homes in Bishops Hull.
- o Developing Pioneer Minister roles within the church alongside Diocesan structures.

- **Discipleship**

- o A focus on Biblical teaching/understanding and real-life application, including using the just10 video series.
- o Continuing homegroups and seeking ways to increase the number of groups.
- o Daily Bible Study notes made available from the Bible Reading Fellowship.
- o Considering and discussion around the implementation of Prayer for Love and Faith and seeking support from the Church of England Evangelical Council. The PCC decision is to not 'opt in' to using these prayers.

Other discussions and decisions by the PCC include as follows:

Fabric

The Quinquennial Report was completed in June 2017 and was received in November 2018. A new report is due in 2024 or soon after.

We have kept the church electrical systems fully checked and up to date, kept gutters and gulleys clear all around the church and monitored the condition of the churchyard. Steps and walkways have been pressure washed and

weedkiller applied where needed. The entire guttering and downpipe system needs to be replaced to stop damp inside the church and a project is forming for this to happen. The lawnmower needs replacing with something more capable and discussions to work alongside Somerset Council are taking place.

The Church Hall

A contractor was appointed to remove the hall at no cost to the church and this was completed in 2023. The ground was cleared and leveled, and grass seed sown. This area is now looking good – ready to be used!

Building Tomorrow's Church Today

The final hand-over was completed in September 2023 with a small amount withheld to cover snagging items (due in 12 months' time).

Finance

See separate report and figures – an additional meeting will be arranged once these are ready to be presented. Apologies for any inconvenience this causes.!

Fire Risk Assessment

Copies of the Fire Risk Assessments are held by the Churchwardens in the Health and Safety File.

Safeguarding

Our Safeguarding Policy is based on the Diocesan guidelines. Sally Adams was the Appointed Person for Safeguarding from 1 January 2022. We have invested in the use of the Diocesan Safeguarding Dashboard which is helping to monitor needs and training.

There have been no Safeguarding incidents to report to the APCM in 2023.

PCC members, as Trustees of the Charity, have the ultimate legal responsibility for ensuring that the correct procedures are strictly adhered to and, in furtherance of this, the PCC consider the advice provided by the Diocese of Bath & Wells.

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for the year ended 31 December 2023

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Receipts						
Donations and Legacies:						
Planned giving		27,326	-	-	27,326	27,564
Collections, donations & other giving		5,222	215	10,000	15,437	108,358
Income tax recovered		-	-	-	-	8,649
Legacies		-	-	-	-	-
Other Trading activities						
Magazine/Bookstall sales/Hall Lettings etc		120	-	-	120	-
Income from other Properties		-	-	-	-	-
Annual Fete/events		420	-	-	420	338
Receipts from Investments:						
Interest & dividends		1,366	-	-	1,366	275
Receipts from Charitable activities:						
Parochial fees		363	-	-	363	445
Other Receipts						
Insurance claims		-	-	-	-	-
Sale proceeds from fixed assets		-	-	-	-	-
Loans received		-	-	-	-	-
Other		99	-	-	99	-
Total Receipts		34,916	215	10,000	45,131	145,629
Payments						
Charitable activities:						
Donations/Grants to charities		-	-	-	-	(3,142)
Mission & Evangelism		(364)	(210)	-	(574)	(237)
Parish Share		(10,000)	-	-	(10,000)	(2,000)
Clergy expenses		(176)	-	-	(176)	(353)
Church running expenses		(4,220)	(38)	-	(4,258)	(1,361)
Churchyard maintenance		-	-	-	-	(117)
Cost of raising funds		-	-	-	-	(165)
Support costs		-	-	-	-	-
Administration costs (inc. staff costs)		(1,435)	-	-	(1,435)	(1,366)
Governance Costs		(75)	-	-	(75)	(75)
Other		(1,058)	-	-	(1,058)	(1,203)
Major expenditure						
Repairs to church buildings		15,298	-	(94,492)	(79,194)	(140,919)
Repairs to other property		-	-	-	-	-
Capital purchases/additions		-	-	-	-	-
Loan repayments		-	-	-	-	-
Total payments		(2,030)	(248)	(94,492)	(96,770)	(150,938)
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- o Closing the church building and moving activities to the church hall in April 2022.
- o Maintaining procedures and practices to keep people as safe as possible as we venture out of Covid restrictions

- **Mission**

- o Making the services as widely accessible as possible, including a variety of platforms (in person, Facebook, Youtube, Church Website)
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The Church Hall

The Church Hall was closed due to the pandemic and its planning permission expired in December 2020. With advice from the Church Architect we obtained temporary permission to re-open the hall from April 2022 for 'internal use' while building works are taking place and have made

very good use of this facility while the church building was closed. The hall must be removed by the end of 2023.

Building Tomorrow's Church Today

Both Planning Permission and Church Faculty Permission were granted in 2019. In agreement with the church architect, a significant revision took place in 2020 to reduce the cost of the project. We signed contracts in March 2022 and Crowstep began work in April 2022. The church was handed back(though not completed) for use mid December in time for the Carol Service and main Christmas services.

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Gift Aid recovered		7,122	-	1,527	8,649	-
Legacies		-	-	-	-	-
Other Trading activities						
Magazine/Hall Lettings		-	-	-	-	816
Fund Raising	3	338	-	-	338	99
Receipts from Investments:						
Interest received		6	26	244	276	50
Receipts from Charitable activities:						
Parochial fees	4	445	-	-	445	346
Other Receipts						
		-	-	-	-	-
Total Receipts		37,353	496	107,782	145,631	56,349
Payments						
Charitable activities:						
Magazine no longer part of church funds	4a	-	(3,142)	-	(3,142)	-
Mission & Evangelism	5	(45)	(192)	-	(237)	(203)
Parish Share	6	(2,000)	-	-	(2,000)	(39,048)
Clergy expenses	7	(353)	-	-	(353)	(447)
Church running expenses	8	(895)	(101)	(365)	(1,361)	(2,846)
Churchyard maintenance		(117)	-	-	(117)	(57)
Cost of raising funds	8a	-	(165)	-	(165)	(1,582)
Administration:						
Administration costs	9	(1,366)	-	-	(1,366)	(3,688)
Governance costs		(75)	-	-	(75)	(150)
Insurance		(1,203)	-	-	(1,203)	(977)
Major expenditure						
BTCT spend		-	-	(140,919)	(140,919)	(3,760)
Hub costs		-	-	-	-	-
Total payments		(6,054)	(3,600)	(141,284)	(150,938)	(52,758)
Surplus/(Deficit) of Receipts over payments		31,299	(3,104)	(33,502)	(5,307)	(3,591)
<i>Rounding differences</i>			(1)	(1)		
<i>Transfers between funds</i>		1	(1)	-	-	-
Total Surplus/(Deficit)		31,300	(3,106)	(33,503)	(5,309)	(3,591)
<i>Cash at bank and in hand at 1 Jan</i>		<i>(18,466)</i>	<i>21,750</i>	<i>135,619</i>	138,903	<i>135,312</i> <i>131,721</i>
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* Please delete the words in the brackets if they do not apply.

Signed:

Pip Millard

Date:

4/7/23

Name:

Mr Pip Millard FCCA

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