

THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH OF HOLY CROSS BILLESLEY COMMON

England & Wales - Charity number 1205618

Details

Other names HOLY CROSS PCC BILLESLEY COMMON

Status Registered

Legal form Other

Registered 2023-11-07

Register [View on the Charity Commission register](#)

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Activities

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

Activities: We give religious, pastoral and missionary support.

Classification

- **How:** Provides Buildings/facilities/open Space, Provides Services
- **What:** Religious Activities
- **Who:** Children/young People, Elderly/old People, People With Disabilities, The General Public/mankind

Geography

- Birmingham City

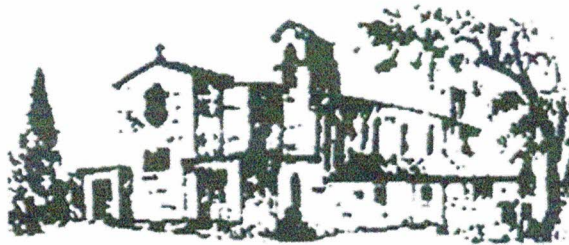
Finances

| Period end | Income | Expenditure | Assets | Employees |
|------------|---------|-------------|--------|-----------|
| 2024-12-31 | £47,836 | £67,609 | - | - |

Trustees

| Name | Role | Appointed |
|-------------------------|------|------------|
| DAVID MAURICE EDWARDS | | 2023-05-28 |
| ELAINE DOREEN WILSON | | 2023-05-24 |
| HELEN ALANA EDWARDS | | 2023-05-28 |
| LESLEY CONSTANCE BROWN | | 2023-05-24 |
| MALCOLM STUART WILSON | | 2023-07-20 |
| STEPHANIE AILSA SPENCER | | 2023-05-24 |
| SUSAN MARGARET RICHARDS | | 2023-05-24 |
| VALERIE JOY KING | | 2023-07-30 |

Accounts



THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH OF

HOLY CROSS, BILLESLEY

Annual Report & Financial Accounts

For the year end 31st December 2024

Registered Charity Number 1205618

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TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT

Financial Review

Total income for unrestricted funds was £47,758, of which £21322 was from unrestricted voluntary income.

Unrestricted voluntary income remains steady compared with 2023. Donations made up £11269 of the total with the remainder being made up of £2250 Gift Aid and a legacy of £7803. Hire income was £24,935 compared with £20,623 in the previous year.

£53,900 was spent from unrestricted funds to provide a Christian Ministry from Holy Cross representing a decrease of 11%. This was due to Centre boiler replacement in 2023. Church utility costs decreased to £2229 (47.5% decrease due to inoperable boilers in church). Church Centre utility costs decreased by 19% to £5439, due to better tariffs and energy management.

There was also restricted expenditure of £13333 which is detailed in the Financial Statements. The net result for the year was a decrease in total funds of £19774 (down 18.2%) The total fund balances at the year end stood at £94158 (unrestricted: £31401 designated £203 and restricted £62376)

Aims and purposes in Interregnum

Holy Cross' Parochial Church Council (PCC) has the responsibility to promote the ecclesiastical parish, the whole mission of the Church, pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical. The PCC is also responsible for the maintenance of the Church Centre.

Objectives and Activities.

The PCC have considered the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit and in particular the supplementary guidance in 'The Advancement of Religion for the Public Benefit' and have regard to it in their administration of the Parish. In particular, we try to enable ordinary people to live out their faith as part of our parish community through:

providing resources and facilities for public worship, pastoral care, and spiritual, moral and intellectual development, both for its members and for anyone who wishes to benefit from what the Church offers.

promoting Christian values, and service by members of the Church in the Parish to its community, to the benefit of individuals and society as a whole.

Achievements and Performance

Mission Statement

Holy Cross Church: A cornerstone in the community, seeking to faithfully love and serve God and our neighbours both near and far.

The PCC has temporarily suspended Transforming Church Goals whilst awaiting a new incumbent, however still aiming to maintain and develop an enriching children's and youth ministry; and making the most of occasional offices and seasonal services.

Church Attendance and Electoral Roll

On 31st December 2024 there were 30 members on the Church Electoral Roll, 14 of whom were not resident within the parish.

The average attendance at Sunday Eucharist services during October 2024 was 13, of which an average of 13 received communion and an average of 1 was under 16.

Review of the year

The PCC met 4 times during the year, two of which included the Area Dean. There were no Standing Committee meetings in 2024. However, there were 5 Continuity Committee Meetings in which the Ministry Rotas were discussed and reviewed.

Pastoral care has been maintained as much as possible during the Interregnum led by Reader Val King.

The main items of business included managing the church, the roof is an ongoing issue to be resolved with the involvement of the Diocesan Surveyor.

We continue to support the congregation and community.

Fundraising events:

Quiz Night and the sale of quiz sheets raised £622 for church funds. No other fundraising events were held due to the Interregnum.

The PCC is extremely grateful to those who have continued to serve our Parish, especially in a time of interregnum.

Optional Information

Risk Assessment

The PCC is aware of its responsibilities with regard to risk management and has carried out an assessment of risks it might be exposed to and that all necessary steps have been taken to minimize the effects of all such risks as may exist.

The PCC has a Health and Safety Policy which is reviewed on a regular basis.

There is a Protection Policy in place in respect of children and vulnerable adults.

Future Plans

The PCC will continue to carry out policies and initiatives to achieve the aims of our Mission Statement with these priorities; -

- Making the most of occasional offices and seasonal services
- Creating a spiritually enriching children's and youth ministry
- Communication in all its forms to create a visible and accessible church.

However, the PCC acknowledges that many of these are strained due to Interregnum.

Necessary repairs to the fabric of the building will continue to be carried out.

An Art Exhibition was held from Westhill Endowment which provided an opportunity to link with groups through education and creative and spiritual reflection.

Creating a Transforming Church Action Plan (TCAP) with support from the Diocesan Parish Mission Support Team. This has been paused due to the Interregnum and emerging Oversight area with Immanuel and Christchurch.

Working towards a Silver Award from A Rocha through the development of Holy Cross as an Eco Church. All electrical lighting in the Centre has been upgraded to led which has already proved to be more efficient and economic. Fairtrade coffee always used and recycled toilet paper and copier paper is used. Compost in outside area is used to fertilize shrubbery and flower patches.

Structure, Governance and Management

The Parochial Church Council (assisted by the Area Dean and Arch Deacon) is a corporate body established by the Church of England. The PCC operates under the Parochial Church Powers Measure.

The method of appointment of PCC members is set out in the Church Representation Rules.

All church attendees are encouraged to register on the Electoral Roll and stand for election to the PCC.

The PCC members are responsible for making decisions on all matters of general concern and importance to the parish including how the funds of the PCC are to be spent.

The Standing Committee is the only committee required by church law and has the power to transact the business of the PCC between meetings, subject to ratification by the PCC. Its members are, Dave Edwards, Helen Edwards, Valerie King and Stephanie Spencer. It is considered that all those whose involvement in the life of our church includes management responsibilities are deemed to be Fit and Proper Persons under the terms of the Finance Act 2010.

Administrative Information

The Parish of Holy Cross, Billesley Common is situated in the Kings Norton, Moseley and Shirley Deanery. It is part of the Diocese of Birmingham within the Church of England. The correspondence address is Beauchamp Road, Billesley, Birmingham. B13 0NS.

The Parochial Church Council is a body corporate (PCC Powers Measure 1956, Church Representation Rules 2011) and is a charity with the Charity Commission. Charity No. 1205618 from 7th November 2023.

PCC members who have at any time from 1st January 2024 until the date this report was approved are:

Ex Officio Members:

- Incumbent:
- Reader: Valerie King
- Churchwardens:

Elected Members:

- Stephanie Spencer (Treasurer)
- Sue Richards
- Lesley Brown
- Elaine Wilson
- Malcolm Wilson
- David Edwards
- Helen Edwards
- Dawn Butterfield

It is considered that all PCC members and any others who could be understood as 'managers' in the activities and affairs of the church as defined in Schedule 6 of the Finance Act 2010, have completed declarations confirming that they are 'fit and proper' persons under the terms of the Finance Act 2010'.

All members elected for the first time and any others who have been re-elected to the P.C.C. after an absence of time are supplied with copies of the minutes of the P.C.C meetings and are given a copy of the last Annual Report and Accounts, and are invited to meet with the PCC, the Churchwardens and the Incumbent in order that they may be thoroughly briefed on the present situation of the Parish.

Inservice training is available for all members of the P.C.C as appropriate.

Independent Examiner's unqualified report to the members of the P.C.C. of Holy Cross Church, Billesley Common in respect of the Financial Statements of the P.C.C. for the year ended 31st. December 2024 as set out on pages 8 to 12 of this Report.

Respective responsibilities of the P.C.C. and the examiner.

The P.C.C. members acting as the charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for the 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 the Independent Examiner's statement.

My examination was carried out in accordance with the general Directions given by the Charity Commission and the guidance published in PCC Accountability (The Charities Act 2011 and the P.C.C.), 5th edition). An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with these records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from the trustees concerning such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required for an audit, and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair' view and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

Independent examiner's statement.

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

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

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

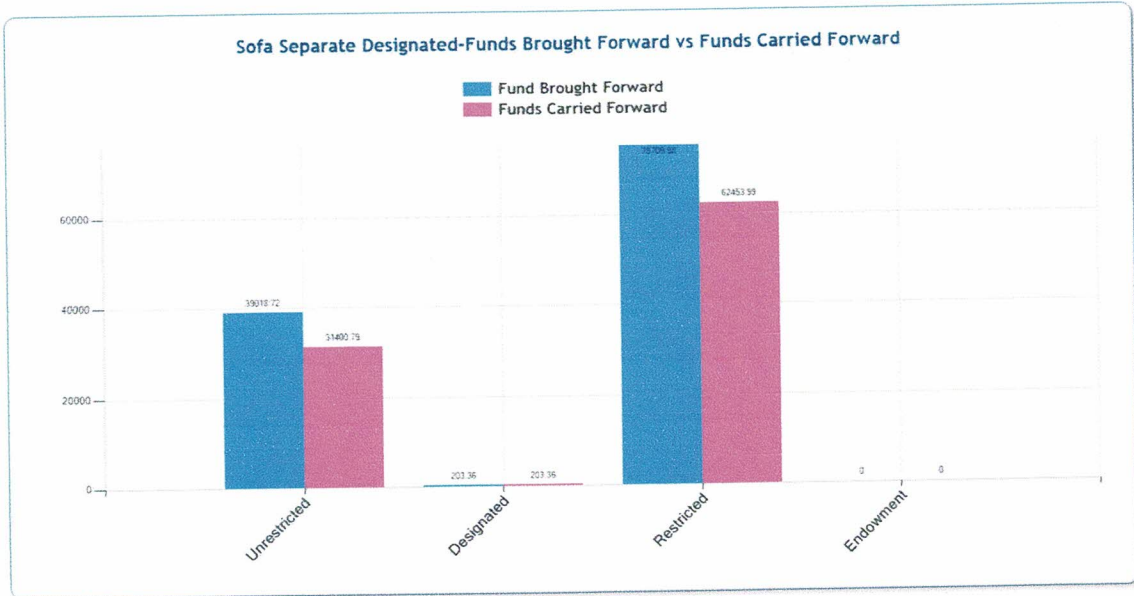
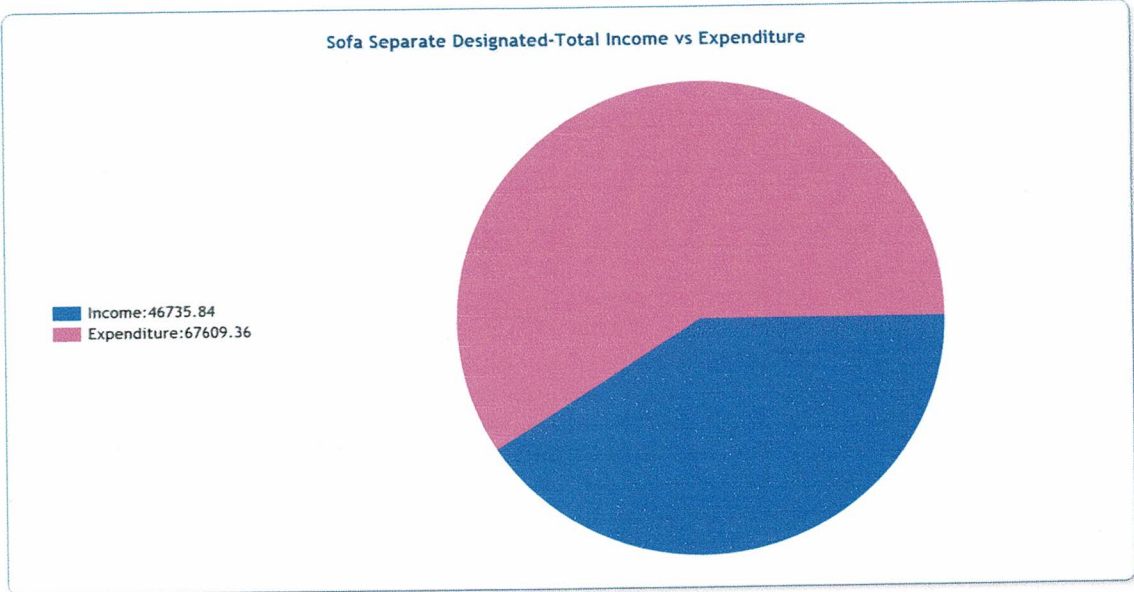
Signed. *Rev'd. A. A. Clements.* Date 2nd. May 2025.

Name Rev'd. A. A. Clements.
Fellow Association of Charity Independent Examiners.
Address 15 Carleton Road, Great Knowley, Chorley PR6 8TQ.
ACIE PCC CC32

Holy Cross
Receipts & Payments by Report Group
For the period from 01 January 2024 to 31 December 2024

| | | General | Designated | Restricted | Total | Last Year |
|---|-------------------------------------|---------------|------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|
| | | funds | funds | funds | funds | |
| Receipts | | | | | | |
| Voluntary income | Planned Giving | 7,951 | - | - | 7,951 | 10,681 |
| | Collections At Services | 1,405 | - | - | 1,405 | 1,520 |
| | Donations & Appeals | 1,912 | - | - | 1,912 | 711 |
| | Gift Aid | 2,250 | - | - | 2,250 | 3,279 |
| | Legacies | 7,803 | - | - | 7,803 | 28,000 |
| SubTotal Voluntary income | | 21,322 | - | - | 21,322 | 44,191 |
| Activities for generating funds | Events Fundraising | 448 | - | - | 448 | - |
| | Regular Fundraising | 174 | - | - | 174 | 158 |
| SubTotal Activities for generating funds | | 622 | - | - | 622 | 158 |
| Church activities | Parochial Fees | 879 | - | - | 879 | 1,441 |
| | Centre Hire | 24,935 | - | 78 | 23,912 | 20,623 |
| | Other Income | 1 | - | - | 8 | 44 |
| SubTotal Church activities | | 25,815 | - | 78 | 25,892 | 22,108 |
| Total Receipts | | 47,758 | - | 78 | 47,836 | 66,456 |
| Payments | | | | | | |
| Church activities | Common Fund | 18,681 | - | - | 18,681 | 18,720 |
| | Charitable Giving | 110 | - | - | 110 | 124 |
| | Ministry Expenses & Costs | - | - | - | - | 235 |
| | Vicarage Costs | 537 | - | - | 537 | 658 |
| | Mission & Outreach Work | - | - | 1,163 | 1,163 | 859 |
| | Church Service Costs | 848 | - | 810 | 1,658 | 1,995 |
| | Church Maintenance & Improvements | 362 | - | - | 362 | 3,374 |
| | Centre - Cleaning & Hygiene | 2,095 | - | - | 2,095 | 1,369 |
| | Church Insurance | 1,627 | - | - | 1,627 | 1,583 |
| | Church Safety & Security | 125 | - | - | 125 | 125 |
| | Church Utilities | 2,229 | - | - | 2,229 | 4,247 |
| | Centre - Staffing | 10,479 | - | - | 10,479 | 9,779 |
| | Centre - Office & Admin Costs | 1,630 | - | - | 1,630 | 1,049 |
| | Centre - Maintenance & Improvements | 1,720 | - | 11,360 | 13,080 | 3,318 |
| | Centre - Major Repairs | - | - | - | - | 9,316 |
| | Centre - Insurance | 1,627 | - | - | 1,627 | 1,583 |
| | Centre - Safety & Security | 5,846 | - | - | 5,846 | 2,013 |
| | Centre - Utilities | 5,439 | - | - | 5,439 | 6,663 |
| | Churchyard Upkeep | 152 | - | - | 152 | 450 |
| | Professional Fees | 100 | - | - | 100 | 100 |
| | Other Expenditure | 294 | - | - | 294 | 58 |
| SubTotal Church activities | | 53,901 | - | 13,333 | 67,234 | 67,616 |

| | | | | | | |
|---|--------------------------|---------------|----------|----------------|----------------|---------------|
| Costs of generating funds | Giving Costs | 58 | - | - | 58 | 60 |
| | Events Fundraising Costs | 318 | - | - | 318 | - |
| SubTotal Costs of generating funds | | 376 | - | - | 376 | 60 |
| Total Payments | | 54,276 | - | 13,333 | 67,609 | 67,676 |
| EXCESS OF RECEIPTS OVER PAYMENTS | | -6,518 | - | -13,256 | -19,774 | -1,220 |



Holy Cross

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

| Class and nominal code | General (Unrestricted) | Designated | Restricted | Total | Last year |
|---|---------------------------|------------|---------------|---------------|----------------|
| Current Asset - Cash At Bank And In Hand | | | | | |
| 1500: Current Account | 32,578 | 203 | 61,942 | 94,723 | 115,352 |
| Total | 32,578 | 203 | 61,942 | 94,723 | 115,352 |
| Liability - Agency Accounts | | | | | |
| 6699: Agency collections | - | - | -435 | -435 | 420 |
| Total | - | - | -435 | -435 | 420 |
| Net total assets | 32,578 | 203 | 62,376 | 95,158 | 114,932 |
| Represented by | | | | | |
| General (Unrestricted) | 32,578 | - | - | 32,578 | 39,019 |
| Designated - Diocese Decorating | - | 203 | - | 203 | 203 |
| Restricted - Crafts Club | - | - | 2,497 | 2,497 | 2,497 |
| Restricted - Help | - | - | 1,501 | 1,501 | 1,501 |
| Restricted - Inunity | - | - | 21 | 21 | 21 |
| Restricted - Job Club | - | - | 1,316 | 1,316 | 1,316 |
| Restricted - Lord Mayor | - | - | 754 | 754 | 754 |
| Restricted - M&M | - | - | 20,887 | 20,887 | 22,777 |
| Restricted - Mind & Music | - | - | 1,748 | 1,748 | 3,311 |
| Restricted - POW | - | - | 3,889 | 3,889 | 3,889 |
| Restricted - PSA | - | - | 23,097 | 23,097 | 32,977 |
| Restricted - Roof Fund | - | - | 911 | 911 | 911 |
| Restricted - Seeding | - | - | 4,580 | 4,580 | 4,580 |
| Restricted - Those in Need | - | - | 1,173 | 1,173 | 1,173 |
| Total | 32,578 | 203 | 62,376 | 95,158 | 114,932 |

Approved by the PCC at its meeting on 27th February 2025 and signed on their behalf by Stephanie Spencer.

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Chair of PCC

Notes to the Accounts

Agencies

Any third-party funds received by the PCC during the year have been excluded from the accounts and put through agency collections. The following balances were held in those agency collections at year end:

| | Total |
|-----------------------|------------|
| Sequestration Account | 490 |
| | <u>490</u> |

Agency collections during year on behalf of external causes

Any third-party funds received by the PCC during the year end have been excluded from the accounts and put through agency collections. The PCC runs several events through the year to raise money for external causes. The following amounts were collected during the year and paid out to these charities:

| | Total |
|--------------------|------------|
| Children's society | 97 |
| Christian Aid | 30 |
| Poppy appeal | 43 |
| | <u>170</u> |

Fund Movements

Unrestricted fund movements

Holy Cross
Fund movement summary
Selected period: 01 January 2024 to 31 December 2024

| Fund | Fund balances brought forward | Incoming Resources | Outgoing Resources | Transfers | Fund balances Carried forward |
|--|-------------------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------|-------------------------------------|
| Unrestricted | | | | | |
| General - General fund | 39,019 | 47,758 | 54,276 | 78 | 32,578 |
| Sub-totals | 39,019 | 47,758 | 54,276 | 78 | 32,578 |
| Designated | | | | | |
| Diocese Decorating Fund - Diocese Decorating | 203 | - | - | - | 203 |
| Sub-totals | 203 | - | - | - | 203 |

Restricted funds movements

Holy Cross
Fund movement summary
Selected period: 01 January 2024 to 31 December 2024

| Fund | Fund balances brought forward | Incoming Resources | Outgoing Resources | Transfers | Fund balances Carried forward |
|--|-------------------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------|-------------------------------------|
| Restricted | | | | | |
| Crafts Club - Running Of Weekly Club | 2,497 | - | - | - | 2,497 |
| Help - Helping Billesley | 1,501 | - | - | - | 1,501 |
| Inunity - Inunity | 21 | - | - | - | 21 |
| Job Club - Employment Guidance & Support | 1,316 | - | - | - | 1,316 |
| Lord Mayor - Community Trip | 754 | - | - | - | 754 |
| M&M - Mission & Ministry | 22,777 | - | 1,890 | - | 20,887 |
| Mind & Music - Music Dementia Group | 3,311 | - | 1,563 | - | 1,748 |
| POW - Place Of Welcome | 3,889 | - | - | - | 3,889 |
| PSA - Phelps Social Activities | 32,977 | - | 9,880 | - | 23,097 |
| Roof Fund - Roof Fund | 911 | - | - | - | 911 |
| Seeding - Pre-School | 4,580 | - | - | - | 4,580 |
| Those in Need - Those In Need | 1,173 | - | - | - | 1,173 |
| Sub-totals | 75,710 | - | 13,333 | - | 62,376 |
| Totals | 114,932 | 47,758 | 67,609 | 78 | 95,158 |