

THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH OF LONGTON HALL

England & Wales · Charity number 1207384

Details

Other names	ST PAUL'S LONGTON HALL
Status	Registered
Legal form	Other
Registered	2024-03-11
Register	View on the Charity Commission register

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Activities

Objects: PROMOTING IN THE PARISH THE WHOLE MISSION OF THE CHURCH, PASTORAL, EVANGELISTIC, SOCIAL AND ECUMENICAL.

Activities: We aim to combine the traditional elements of church life with a relevance and openness to our present day world. We reach out to our community; meeting their needs and supporting them in whatever way we can. We believe we are, not a community centre, but rather a centre for our community. Our objectives are to provide a point at which our neighbouring, but otherwise disconnected communities c

Classification

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

Geography

- Staffordshire
- Stoke-on-trent City

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-12-31	£88,376	£83,688	-	-
2024-12-31	£70,032	£77,746	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Rev David Street	Chair	2024-06-26
Alexandra Katherine Povey		2024-04-28
Alison Hopley		2024-04-28
Angela Ward		2024-04-28
Barbara Susan Burton		2024-04-28
Benjamin Phillips		2026-04-19
Joan Stanway		2024-04-28
John Ash		2024-04-28
Kenneth Myatt		2026-04-19
Kevin Weston		2026-04-19
Mo Trudel		2024-04-28
Monicah Njuguna		2026-04-19
Rev Katie Louise Delamere		2025-07-14
Susan Carol Mountford		2024-04-28
Susan Thompson		2026-04-19

Accounts

Annual Report and Financial Statements of the Parochial Church Council of Longton Hall St Paul's

For the year ended 31st December 2025

Registered Charity Number: 1207384

The Parochial Church Council of The Parish of Longton Hall St Paul's Trustees' Annual Report for the year ended 31st December 2025

Objectives and Activities

The Parochial Church Council of The Parish of Longton Hall St Paul's (the PCC) has the responsibility of co-operating with the incumbent Rev Dave Street, in promoting in the ecclesiastical parish, the whole mission of the Church, pastoral, evangelical, social and ecumenical. The PCC is also spiritually responsible for the maintenance of the church.

We continue to focus on the strategic plan for St Paul's, with the aim of continuing to grow God's kingdom here in the parish of Longton Hall and making new disciples. We aim to build a thriving and sustainable church which contributes to the Diocesan Strategic Framework for 2024-2030.

The PCC is committed to enabling as many people as possible to worship at our church and to become part of our parish family. When planning our activities, the PCC has considered the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit, and in particular the specific guidance to charities for the advancement of religion. Our services and worship put faith into practice through prayer and scripture, music and sacrament. We try to enable ordinary people to live out their faith as part of our parish family through:

- Worship and prayer: learning about the Gospel, and developing their knowledge and trust in Jesus;
- Provision of pastoral care for people living in the parish; and
- Mission and outreach work.

To facilitate this work, it is vital that we maintain the fabric of both the church and the hall.

Public Benefit

The trustees of the Charity are aware of the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit in The Advancement of Religion for the Public Benefit and have had regard to it in their administration of the Charity. The trustees believe that, by promoting the work of the Church of England in the Ecclesiastical Parish of Longton, it helps to promote the whole mission of the Church (pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical) more effectively, within the Ecclesiastical Parish, and that in doing so it provides a benefit to the public by:

- Providing 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; and
- Promoting Christian values and service by members of the Church in and to their communities, to the benefit of individuals and society as a whole.

Achievements and Performance

Worship & Prayer

In 2025 we are pleased to report that the worshipping community grew through the work of the Incumbent and Lay Ministry Team. Faithful members have gathered weekly to pray and support all areas of ministry in prayer. We have welcomed a broader range of nationalities and the congregation is becoming more diverse and representative of our local community.

The PCC is keen to offer a range of services and activities, not only on Sundays, but also during the week that our community find both beneficial and spiritually fulfilling. For example, Wednesdays is a busy day with 'Open House' (community coffee morning), 'Reading Friends' (Library initiative facilitated by a church volunteer) and 'Seated Exercise' (gentle exercise led by our partners at Stoke City Foundation).

The use of the digital screens and technology supports our Sunday services and helps to engage our congregation. There is the facility to catch up online via YouTube.

As well as our regular services, we enable our community to celebrate and thank God at significant milestones of the journey through life. We have walked alongside families to offer baptisms, weddings and funerals.

Those who are no longer able to come to Church are not forgotten. There is a Pastoral Team of volunteers who offer Holy Communion at home.

The parish was pleased to welcome Rev Katie Delamere as Curate in 2025. Rev Katie was licensed on 28th June and joined us shortly after that.

Church Fabric

We are thankful that the church is in a general good state of repair and throughout the year some minor repairs have been completed, including the rebuilding of a weathered wall, replacement cladding above the office entrance, some minor electrical repairs and some deep cleans throughout.

It's great to recognise the work of the volunteers in cleaning and maintaining the church and hall and tending the Garden of Hope (community garden at the back of the church).

Deanery Synod

Three members of the PCC sit on the Stoke-upon-Trent Deanery Synod. This provides the PCC with a link with the churches around us, and also with the Diocese as a whole. It also receives reports from the General Synod. Amongst the items discussed at meetings in 2025 have been sexuality and marriage and growth culture in churches.

Mission, Evangelism & Outreach

St Paul's Church has continued to have a great relationship with our church primary school throughout the last year. We have continued to connect in many ways which include:

- Reading buddies (our volunteers listen to the children read)
- Pen pals (exchange of letters between church volunteers and class groups)
- Choir showcases at Open House
- Replenishing the school food bank as and when needed
- Providing school governor volunteers
- Help at various school activities including the Christmas and summer fairs
- A church volunteer led ukulele group in school for pupils
- Regular prayer times for the school in our own weekly prayer meetings.
- Easter, Christmas and end of term services
- Regular school assemblies.

Supertots continued to thrive throughout the year. Supertots is our term time, play group for little ones from birth through to reception age and their carers. It is led by church volunteers. There is no charge for those attending, but carers can make a donation if they wish. Sessions have been well attended and community projects were well supported by the group.

Superkids launched in September 2025. Superkids is a term time kids club for those aged 5 to 11. It includes activities, crafts, music and games. This group is also led by church volunteers and there is no charge for those attending, but any donations made are used towards the running of the sessions.

We have continued to regularly host meetings of the Longton Hall Community Association.

At our Harvest Service this year our donations of non-perishable food were given to Affordable Food Stoke for emergency food parcels. Affordable Food was just one of the venues for our Community Carol Singing in 2025, with others being St Paul's Primary School and our local community shops.

In 2025 we held 3 community quiz nights which were very well attended by both church and community members and were a great success. The second of these was run as a fundraiser to buy pigs for home farms in Uganda. We raised the money to buy 12 pigs for these deprived families, this was done through Compassion UK.

Open House, Reading Friends and Seated Exercise continue to thrive and we welcome new members regularly.

Financial Review

St Paul's Church ended the year 2025 in a stable financial position. We were able to pay all our outstanding bills on time and in full. This included the Common Fund (Parish Share) of £33,792

Our thanks go to the continued, faithful giving of the congregation. We have benefited from the Gift Aid scheme again this year to claim tax relief on the donations that we receive. We have continued to benefit from the payments made with the contactless payment machine too.

During 2025 we received £8,142 in funding, which all went towards supporting our community activities. We are grateful to the Irene Harrison Legacy Fund, Maurice & Hilda Laing Charitable Trust, Community Foundation for Staffordshire, Stoke-on-Trent City Council and Family Focus for their funding support as well as funding from the ward budget of two local councillors.

A number of changes have been made throughout 2025 to help us achieve value for money, these have included changes to our online platforms.

As a church we continue to tithe (give away 10% of our income) to a combination of local and national charities and ministries. During 2025 these have included Christian Aid, City Vision Ministries, Donna Louise Trust via the Dougie Mac, North Staffs Mind, New Era, Voice of Hope and North Staffs YMCA.

Every year brings fresh financial challenges and 2025 has been no exception. Therefore, we continue to monitor closely all that God has given us stewardship of and thank Him for his faithfulness.

Financial Review

PCC of Longton Hall, St Paul's

Net Total Assets: £68,027_2025 [£63,339 2024]

Excess: £4,687_2025 – Unrestricted Excess: £8,185 Restricted Deficit: (£3,498)

[Deficit: (£7,714) 2024]

This looks like a good year for Longton Hall. The unrestricted excess is £4,687. The Restricted deficit will be due to spending grants that were received in 2024.

Overall income has increased from £70,032_2024 to £88,376_2025. The most notable differences are: 0101 Gift Aid Collections, 0201 Other planned giving, 0601 Tax recoverable on Gift aid and other funds generated.

Expenditure has also increased from £77,746_2024 to £83,688_2025. The most notable differences are 2201 Parish training and mission, 2440 Church running-Heating and Lighting and 2590 Hall running-Heating and Lighting.

Thanks go to Fiona Priest and Sue Mountford for their hard work, support and impeccable paperwork throughout 2025.

Reserves Policy

It is PCC policy to try to maintain a balance on free reserves (net current assets) which equates to at least three months unrestricted payments for the following reasons:

- To manage cash flow and contractual obligations.
- In case of significant building maintenance being required; and
- Against loss of income whilst buildings are not available for rental.

This is equivalent to £18,237 [£13,361 2024]. It is held to smooth out fluctuations in cash flow and to meet emergencies. The balance of the free reserves at the year-end was £46,810_2025 [£39,795 2024] which is considerably higher than this target. The Trustees feel that a higher reserve is prudent in these uncertain times.

The PCC will agree a budget for 2026, and this will be reviewed regularly.

Investment Policy

The charity is granted power to invest in suitable investments under the PCC Powers Measure 1956 and the Trustees Act 2000. As a charity, the Trustees have a duty of care to take such advice as is appropriate before investments are undertaken. This advice is sought from the Central Board of Finance (CCLA) in London. AFH Wealth Management and EFG Harris Allday

The charity's investment policies are based on two key principles: -

- Ethical Investment – this includes ensuring that investments are held in companies which have high standards of corporate governance and act in a responsible way towards stakeholders.
- Long-term responsibilities – the trustees are aware of their long-term responsibilities in respect of the Restricted and Unrestricted reserves and as a result follow a prudent approach to investment decisions.

Investment policy for long-term funds is aimed primarily at generating a sustainable income, with due regard to the need for the preservation of capital value, and the possible need to realise investments to meet operational needs. The charity does not have a policy of generating income at excessive or high risk – known as “purchasing income”, where high returns are guaranteed at the expense of capital.

In summary, the charity has an overall policy to maximise income while preserving the real value of its funds. Due to the nature of the charity, an ethical investment policy is taken into consideration when investments are made:

The charity follows the Ethical Investment Advisory policy as recommended by the Lichfield Diocese which includes the following:

“We aim to invest in companies that:

- * will develop their business in the interests of shareholders;
- * demonstrate responsible employment practices;
- * are conscientious concerning issues of corporate governance, the environment and human rights;
- * are sensitive to the community in which they operate.”

Planned giving, collections and donations are the main sources of fund raising along with tax recoverable.

Safeguarding

The PCC believe they have fulfilled their duty under section 5 of the Safeguarding and Clergy Discipline Measure 2016 (duty to have due regard to House of Bishops' guidance on safeguarding children and vulnerable adults).

As a minimum we ensure that our safeguarding policy is updated regularly and is treated as a living document, all front facing volunteers are up to date with safeguarding training, DBS checks are carried out at the appropriate time, safeguarding is a standing agenda item at all PCC meetings and we clearly communicate to our church and community that safeguarding is everyone's responsibility.

Reporting Serious Incidents

A Serious Incident is an adverse event, whether actual or alleged, which results in or risks significant harm to the charity's beneficiaries, employees, office holders, volunteers or to others who come into contact with the charity through its work, loss of the charity's money or assets, damage to the charity's property or harm to the charity's work or reputation.

The trustees are not aware of any Serious Incidents in the last year

Fundraising

The PCC takes its fundraising responsibilities seriously and is very grateful to all donors – whether regular or occasional – for their support of the church and church events. PCC supporters are never taken for granted. The PCC take full responsibility for fundraising and do not use commercial organisations or professional fundraisers. All money raised is either by donations, fundraising events, special appeals or legacies for which the PCC are most grateful.

Volunteers

The members of the PCC would like to thank all the 45 volunteers who work so hard to make our Church a lively and vibrant community.

Risk Management

The Church Wardens carry out regular Health and Safety Reviews and regularly inspect premises for potential hazards. We have safeguarding policies in place for child protection and for work with vulnerable adults, including rigorous DBS checking of staff and volunteers. Our insurances are reviewed annually to ensure adequate cover. An informal review of any new risks which may impact the work of the Church in the Parish is ongoing.

Structure, Governance and Management

The PCC is a Body Corporate established by the Church of England and is a Charity registered with the Charity Commission under registration number 1207384. The PCC is governed by the Parochial Church Council Powers Measure (1956) as amended that came into effect on 2nd January 1957, and the Church Representation Rules (contained in Schedule 3 to the Synodical Government Measure 1969 as amended).

The method of appointment of the PCC members is set out in the Church Representation Rules. The Council comprises the Incumbent, the Churchwardens, a representative of the Readers, those elected to the Deanery Synod, and other members who are elected at the Annual Parochial Church Meeting, by those on the Electoral Roll. The PCC members receive training from courses run by the Diocese. Members of the congregation are always urged to join the Electoral Roll, and to stand for election to the PCC.

The PCC members are responsible for making decisions on all matters of general concern and importance in the parish, and for all financial matters. The PCC met 9 times in 2025. There was one sub committee of the PCC in 2025 and that was the Standing Committee.

The Standing Committee consisted of the Incumbent, Churchwardens, Secretary and two PCC representatives. This is the only committee required by law and has the power to transact the business of the PCC between its meetings, subject to any direction of the council. The Standing Committee was not required to meet in 2025.

Related Parties

Fiona Priest is employed as Parish Administrator and continues as Trustee of the PCC. This has been discussed by the PCC without Fiona present and the PCC agreed unanimously that they wanted Fiona to continue in both roles.

Ian Priest who is married to Fiona Priest has been paid £170 for gardening on a Self-employed basis. This contract was discussed by the PCC without Fiona Priest present. No other Trustee or their family are employed or offered contracts to carry out work for the PCC.

Donations from Related Parties

Donations from 16 related parties during the year totalled £18,325_2025 [£11,820 2024]. All these donations were received without conditions.

Remuneration paid to Trustees

One of the trustees has been paid remuneration or has received other benefits from employment with the Charity. Fiona Priest is employed as the Parish Administrator. The PCC discussed the reason for employment and continuing as a Trustee without Fiona present. They decided that because of her years of experience working as the Administrator [prior to being registered with Charity Commission] and her years of attending St Paul's Church, they wanted her to continue in both roles. The remuneration was £16,224_2025 with £300 Employer pension contributions 2025. [£16,224 2024 and £300 Employer pension contributions 2024]. Fiona does not receive any other benefits.

Expenses paid to Trustees

Two trustees were reimbursed £506_2025[£NIL 2024] for travel and subsistence during the year.

Reference and Administrative Details

Charity Name: The Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish of Longton Hall St Paul

Other names the charity is known by: N/A

Registered Charity Number: 1207384

Charity's principal address: Longton Hall Road, Stoke-on-Trent, Staffordshire

Correspondence address: 131 Longton Hall Road, Stoke-on-Trent, Staffordshire ST2 2EL

Website address: www.achurchnearyou.co.uk

PCC Members: Who Served from 1 January 2025 to the date this report was approved

	Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole period
	Ex-Officio		
	Rev David Street	Chairperson	
	Rev Katie Delamere	Curate	Joined July 2025
	Wendy Edwards	Deanery Synod	
	**Fiona Priest	Deanery Synod/Treasurer	
	Mo Trudel	Deanery Synod	
	Alex Povey	Churchwarden	Elected 06.04.25
	John Ash	Churchwarden	
	Alison Hopley	Secretary	
	Elected members		
	Sue Mountford		Elected 06.04.25
	Angela Ward		
	Barbara Burton		
	Joan Stanway		
	Paul Jones		
	Sue Rushton		
	Alan Thorley		
	Gill Ash		

****Employed by the PCC**

Bank	Co-operative Bank PO Box 250 WN8 6WT
Investment Managers	CCLA 1 Angel Ln London EC4R 3AB
Independent Examiner	Lichfield Diocesan Board of Finance St Marys House, The Close, Lichfield. WS13 7LD

Approved by the PCC on 09.03.26 and signed on its behalf by:



Rev Dave Street

Independent Examiner's report to the trustees/members of The PCC of The Parish of Longton Hall St Paul's

I report on the accounts for the year ended 31st December 2025 which are set out on the following pages.

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

Independent Examiner's Statement

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

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

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

Signed:  Date: 24/03/2026.

Lichfield Diocesan Board of Finance
St Mary's House, The Close, Lichfield WS13 7LD

The Parish of Longton Hall St Paul's
Notes to the Financial Statements
For the year ended 31st December 2025

Accounting Policies

The financial statements of the PCC have been prepared in accordance with the Church Accounting Regulations 2006 using the Receipts and Payments basis.

There may be minor discrepancies in the totals as the pence are not being shown.

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention with items recognised at cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant notes to these accounts. The financial statements include all transactions, assets and liabilities for which the PCC is responsible in law. They do not include the accounts of church groups that owe their main affiliation to another body nor those that are informal gatherings of Church members.

Cashflow Statement

The Charity has taken advantage of the exemption in FRS102 from the requirement to produce a cashflow statement on the grounds that the income does not exceed £500,000.

Going Concern

There are no material uncertainties related to events or conditions that cast significant doubt on the charity's ability to continue as a going concern.

Accounting Estimates and Prior Year Errors

No changes to accounting estimates have occurred in the reporting period.
No material prior year errors have been identified in the reporting period

Description of Funds

Unrestricted funds are income funds of the PCC that are available for spending on the general purposes of the PCC, including amounts designated by the PCC for fixed assets for its own use or for spending on a future project and which are therefore not included in its "free reserves" as disclosed in the trustees' annual report.

An explanation of purpose of each Designated fund are as follows:

Quinquennial fund -	Fund set aside towards the quinquennial held locally
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Restricted funds comprise of two elements :-

- a) income from trusts or endowments which may be expended only on those restricted objects provided in the terms of the trust or bequest
- b) donations or grants received for a specific object or invited by the PCC for a specific object. The funds may only be expended on the specific object for which they were given. Any balance remaining unspent at the end of each year must be carried forward as a balance on that fund. The PCC does not usually invest separately for each fund. Where there is no separate investment, interest is apportioned to individual funds on an average balance basis.

An explanation of purpose of each Restricted fund are as follows:

Christmas fund -	For expenditure on Christmas items. Fund is at Nil and will be closed
Community Foundation	For work with the community.
Decoration fund -	For the internal decoration of the vicarage held with LDBF
Gift (Anon) fund -	Anonymous Gift no specific restrictions advised that this is transferred to general funds
Hamper fund -	For Hampers for the community
Irene Burdett fund -	Historical legacy from Irene Burdett
Land fund -	For projects on the land behind the Church
Quinquennial fund -	For the quinquennial costs held with LDBF
School Food-	For providing food to local schools
Scocial Activities -	For social activities
Warm Space fund -	For providing a Warm space.

Endowment funds are restricted funds that must be retained as trust capital either permanently or subject to a discretionary power to spend capital as income, and where the use of any income or other benefit derived from the capital may be restricted or unrestricted. Full details of all their restrictions are shown in the notes to the accounts.

An explanation of purpose of each Endowment fund are as follows:

The PCC does not hold any Endowment Funds

Incoming Resources

Planned giving, collections and donations are recognised when received or when the PCC becomes entitled to the resource and the monetary value can be measured with sufficient reliability. Tax refunds are recognised when the incoming resource to which they relate is received. Grants and Legacies are accounted for when the PCC is legally entitled to the amounts due and the monetary value can be measured with sufficient reliability. Dividends are accounted for when receivable, interest is accrued. All other income is recognised when it is receivable. All incoming resources are accounted for gross.

Resources Expended

Grants and donations are accounted for when paid over, or when awarded, if that award creates a binding or constructive obligation on the PCC. The diocesan parish share is accounted for when due. Amounts received specifically for mission are dealt with as restricted funds. All other expenditure is generally recognised when it is incurred and is accounted for gross.

Governance and Support Costs

Support costs should be allocated between governance costs and other support. Governance costs comprise all costs involving public accountability of the PCC and its compliance with regulation and good practice. Support costs include central functions and have been allocated to activity cost categories on a basis consistent with the use of resources eg by allocating staff costs by time spent and other costs by their usage.

Fixed Assets

Consecrated and benefice property is not included in the accounts by s.10(2)(a)&(C) of the Charities Act 2011. Moveable church furnishings held by the Vicar and Churchwardens on special trust for the PCC and which require a faculty for disposal are inalienable property, listed in the Church's inventory, which can be inspected (at any reasonable time). For anything

acquired prior to 2000 there is insufficient cost information available and therefore such assets are not valued in the financial statements.

Investments

Investments in quoted shares, traded bonds and similar investments are valued initially at cost and subsequently at market value at the year end. Investments held for re-sale are treated as current asset investments.

Debtors

Debtors are measured on initial recognition at settlement amount. Subsequently they are measured as cash expected to be received

Creditors and Accruals

Creditors are measured at settlement amounts less any trade discounts. Accruals are measured on best estimate of the amount required to settle the obligation at the reporting date

The Parish of Longton Hall St Paul year ending 2025

Receipts and Payments Account 2025

	Unrestricted funds	Designated funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds	2025	2024
Receipts						
Donations and legacies	57,914	-	7,159	-	65,074	46,736
Income from charitable activities	21,234	-	-	-	21,234	21,366
Other trading activities	-	-	-	-	-	-
Investments	1,984	-	82	-	2,067	1,929
Other income	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total income	81,134	-	7,242	-	88,376	70,032
Payments						
Raising funds	336	-	2,652	-	2,989	729
Expenditure on charitable activities	72,611	-	8,087	-	80,699	77,016
Other expenditure	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total expenditure	72,948	-	10,739	-	83,688	77,746
Net income / (expenditure) resources before transfer	8,185	-	(3,498)	-	4,687	(7,714)
Transfers						
Gross transfers between funds - in	4,230	600	4,800	-	9,630	43,576
Gross transfers between funds - out	(5,401)	-	(4,230)	-	(9,631)	(43,577)
Other recognised gains / losses						
Gains/losses on investment assets	-	-	-	-	-	-
Gains on revaluation, fixed assets, charity's own use	-	-	-	-	-	3,081
Net movement in funds	7,015	600	(2,928)	-	4,687	(4,633)
Reconciliation of funds						
Total funds brought forward	39,795	2,274	21,270	-	63,339	67,971
Total funds carried forward	46,810	2,874	18,342	-	68,027	63,339

Statement of assets and liabilities 2025

Class and nominal code	General	Designated	Restricted	Endowment	Total	Last year
Current Asset - Cash At Bank And In Hand						
65271625: Bank current account	16,011	1,200	4,043	-	21,255	22,903
6590: Cash in hand	100	-	-	-	100	100
CB3028117: CCLA St Paul's Longton Hall	30,678	1,674	13,023	-	45,375	43,410
IDEDEN011: IDS Decoration Account	-	-	656	-	656	343
QFLONG071: Quinquennial Account	20	-	620	-	640	400
Total	46,810	2,874	18,342	-	68,027	67,157
Liability - Agency Accounts						
6699: Agency collections	-	-	-	-	-	3,818
Total	-	-	-	-	-	3,818
Net total assets	46,810	2,874	18,342	-	68,027	63,339

Approved by the PCC on 09.03.26

and signed on its behalf by:



Rev Dave Street

Statement of assets and liabilities 2024

Class and nominal code	General	Designated	Restricted	Endowment	Total	Last year
Current Asset - Cash At Bank And In Hand						
Bank current account	15,211	600	7,092	-	22,903	26,328
Cash in hand	100	-	-	-	100	100
CCLA St Paul's Longton Hall	24,484	1,674	17,253	-	43,411	-
IDS Decoration Account	-	-	344	-	344	-
Quinquennial Account	-	-	400	-	400	-
CCLA - St Paul's Longton Special funds	-	-	-	-	-	41,544
Total	39,795	2,274	25,088	-	67,158	67,971
Liability - Agency Accounts						
Agency collections	-	-	3,818	-	3,818	-
Total	-	-	3,818	-	3,818	-
Net total assets	39,795	2,274	21,270	-	63,339	67,971

Analysis of receipts and payments 2025

	Unrestricted	Designated	Restricted	Endowment	2025	2024
RECEIPTS						
Donations and legacies						
0101 - Gift Aid Collections	37,772	-	-	-	37,772	31,278
0201 - Other planned giving	1,425	-	-	-	1,425	510
0301 - Loose plate collections	2,647	-	-	-	2,647	4,112
0303 - Contactless	2,223	-	-	-	2,223	-
0550 - Donations appeals etc	895	-	-	-	895	591
0601 - Tax recoverable on Gift Aid	8,857	-	-	-	8,857	3,411
08A1 - Non-recurring one-off grants	983	-	7,159	-	8,142	6,480
0901 - Other funds generated	3,111	-	-	-	3,111	353
Donations and legacies Totals	57,914	-	7,159	-	65,074	46,736
Income from charitable activities						
0902 - Heating - Weddings&Funerals	420	-	-	-	420	600
1101 - Fees for weddings and funerals	1,002	-	-	-	1,002	1,191
1230 - Church hall lettings	19,812	-	-	-	19,812	19,575
Income from charitable activities Totals	21,234	-	-	-	21,234	21,366
Investments						
1020 - Bank and building society interest	1,984	-	82	-	2,067	1,929
Investments Totals	1,984	-	82	-	2,067	1,929
Receipts Grand totals	81,134	-	7,242	-	88,376	70,032
PAYMENTS						
Raising funds						
1730 - Costs of fetes & other events	336	-	2,652	-	2,989	729
Raising funds Totals	336	-	2,652	-	2,989	729
Expenditure on charitable activities						
1801 - Giving to missionary societies	3,585	-	-	-	3,585	3,425
1910 - LDBF Common Fund	33,792	-	-	-	33,792	33,131
2050 - Salary of parish administrator	17,551	-	-	-	17,551	17,431
2060 - Music Staff payments	-	-	-	-	-	60
2101 - Working expenses of incumbent	506	-	-	-	506	-
2150 - Vicar's telephone	104	-	-	-	104	-
2201 - Parish training and mission	1,757	-	8,087	-	9,845	3,533
2301 - Church running - insurance	1,793	-	-	-	1,793	2,925
2310 - Church office - telephone	499	-	-	-	499	708
2330 - Church maintenance	1,100	-	-	-	1,100	2,347
2331 - Cleaning	261	-	-	-	261	254
2340 - Upkeep of services	515	-	-	-	515	887
2350 - Upkeep of churchyard	919	-	-	-	919	390
2360 - Administration	2,094	-	-	-	2,094	3,827
2370 - Visiting speakers / locums	-	-	-	-	-	581
2440 - Church running - heating and lighting	3,776	-	-	-	3,776	2,387
2550 - Hall running - insurance	1,214	-	-	-	1,214	-
2560 - Hall running - maintenance	99	-	-	-	99	-
2570 - Hall running - telephone	360	-	-	-	360	328
2580 - Hall running - water	344	-	-	-	344	196
2590 - Hall running - heating and lighting	2,205	-	-	-	2,205	1,194
2840 - Other PCC property upkeep	130	-	-	-	130	3,407
Expenditure on charitable activities Totals	72,611	-	8,087	-	80,699	77,016
Payments Grand totals	72,948	-	10,739	-	83,688	77,746

Fund movement by type 2025

Fund	Opening	Incoming	Outgoing	Transfers	Gains/Losses	Journals	Closing
Christmas							
Restricted	161	700	850	120	-	-	131
Sub-totals	161	700	850	120	-	-	131
Decoration							
Restricted	343	62	-	250	-	-	656
Sub-totals	343	62	-	250	-	-	656
Gift [Anon]							
Restricted	12,211	-	-	-	-	-	12,211
Sub-totals	12,211	-	-	-	-	-	12,211
Hampers							
Restricted	1,216	-	1,123	-	-	-	92
Sub-totals	1,216	-	1,123	-	-	-	92
Irene Burdett							
Restricted	263	-	-	-	-	-	263
Sub-totals	263	-	-	-	-	-	263
Land							
Restricted	485	-	-	-	-	-	485
Sub-totals	485	-	-	-	-	-	485
Quinquennial							
Designated	2,274	-	-	600	-	-	2,874
Restricted	400	20	-	200	-	-	620
Sub-totals	2,674	20	-	800	-	-	3,494
School Food							
Restricted	-	2,800	978	-	-	-	1,821
Sub-totals	-	2,800	978	-	-	-	1,821
Social Activities							
Restricted	64	-	-	-	-	-	64
Sub-totals	64	-	-	-	-	-	64
Warm Space							
Restricted	6,126	1,000	5,128	-	-	-	1,998
Sub-totals	6,126	1,000	5,128	-	-	-	1,998
ZZCommunity Foundation							
Restricted	-	2,659	2,659	-	-	-	-
Sub-totals	-	2,659	2,659	-	-	-	-
General							
Unrestricted	39,795	81,134	72,948	(1,171)	-	-	46,810
Sub-totals	39,795	81,134	72,948	(1,171)	-	-	46,810
Totals	63,339	88,376	83,688	-	-	-	68,027

Fund movement by type 2024

Fund	Opening	Incoming	Outgoing	Transfers	Gains/Losses	Journals	Closing
Christmas							
Restricted	-	550	389	-	-	-	161
Sub-totals	-	550	389	-	-	-	161
Decoration							
Restricted	-	63	3,050	3,331	-	-	344
Sub-totals	-	63	3,050	3,331	-	-	344
Gift [Anon]							
Restricted	12,211	-	-	-	-	-	12,211
Sub-totals	12,211	-	-	-	-	-	12,211
Hampers							
Restricted	1,216	-	-	-	-	-	1,216
Sub-totals	1,216	-	-	-	-	-	1,216
Irene Burdett							
Restricted	263	-	-	-	-	-	263
Sub-totals	263	-	-	-	-	-	263
Land							
Restricted	485	-	-	-	-	-	485
Sub-totals	485	-	-	-	-	-	485
Quinquennial							
Designated	-	-	-	2,274	-	-	2,274
Restricted	1,674	-	-	(1,274)	-	-	400
Sub-totals	1,674	-	-	1,000	-	-	2,674
Social Activities							
Restricted	64	-	-	-	-	-	64
Sub-totals	64	-	-	-	-	-	64
Warm Space							
Restricted	2,123	5,430	1,427	-	-	-	6,126
Sub-totals	2,123	5,430	1,427	-	-	-	6,126
ZZ Affordable Foods							
Restricted	100	-	100	-	-	-	-
Sub-totals	100	-	100	-	-	-	-
ZZ Community							
Restricted	7,783	-	6,747	(1,036)	-	-	-
Sub-totals	7,783	-	6,747	(1,036)	-	-	-
ZZ Grounds							
Restricted	30	-	30	-	-	-	-
Sub-totals	30	-	30	-	-	-	-
ZZ Hall							
Restricted	306	-	388	82	-	-	-
Sub-totals	306	-	388	82	-	-	-
ZZ Heating							
Restricted	761	-	761	-	-	-	-
Sub-totals	761	-	761	-	-	-	-
ZZ Wages							

Restricted	9,466	-	11,411	1,945	-	-	-
Sub-totals	9,466	-	11,411	1,945	-	-	-
General							
Unrestricted	31,490	63,990	53,444	(5,322)	3,081	-	39,795
Sub-totals	31,490	63,990	53,444	(5,322)	3,081	-	39,795
Totals	67,971	70,032	77,746	-	3,081	-	63,339

Staff Costs

	2025	2024
Wages & Salaries	£16,224	£16,224
Social Security Costs	£1,028	£544
Average number of Employees	1	1

During the year the PCC employed an Administrator and payments attracted social security costs.

There were no employee benefits to key management personnel in the previous or current year.

The PCC uses the National Employment Savings Trust [Nest] via the Diocesan Payroll Scheme, for its pension payments £299_2025 [£300 2024]

Trustees' Remuneration & Expenses

One of the trustees has been paid remuneration or has received other benefits from employment with the Charity. Fiona Priest is employed as the Parish Administrator. The PCC discussed the reason for employment and continuing as a Trustee without Fiona present. They decided that because of her years' experience working as the Administrator [prior to being registered with Charity Commission] and her years of attending St Paul's Church, they wanted her to continue in both roles. The remuneration was £16,224_2025 with £299 Employer pension contributions 2025. [£16,224 2024 and £300 Employer pension contributions 2024]. Fiona does not receive any other benefits.

Two Trustees have been reimbursed £506_2025 [£NIL 2024] for travel and subsistence during the year

Related Parties

Ian Priest who is married to Fiona Priest has been paid £170 for gardening on a Self-employed basis. This contract was discussed by the PCC without Fiona Priest present. No other Trustee or their family are employed or offered contracts to carry out work for the PCC.

Donations from 16 related parties [PCC members] totalled £18,325_2025 [£11,820 2024].

Fees for the examination of the accounts

	2025 £	2024 £
Independent Examiner's fees	210	150
Other fees - Bookkeeping	910	570
Total	1,120	720

Analysis of Transfer between Funds 2025

Debit	Credit	Description	Fund	Fund Type
-	200	Tfr from 65271625 to QFLONG071	General	Unr
-	250	Tfr from current account to IDS	General	Unr
-	120.45	Tfr from General to Christmas to bring to nil and close as per email 02.06.25	General	Unr
120.45	-	Tfr from General to Christmas to bring to nil and close as per email 02.06.25	Christmas	Res
-	600	Tfr from General to Quinquennial as per email 30.10.24	General	Unr
600	-	Tfr from General to Quinquennial as per email 30.10.24	Quinquennial	Des
-	1,123.37	Tfr from General to Hampers in 65271625_contra posted to CB3028117	General	Unr
1,123.37	-	Tfr from General to Hampers in 65271625_contra posted to CB3028117	Hampers	Res
-	-1,123.37	Tfr from General to Hampers in 65271625_contra posted to CB3028117	General	Unr
-1,123.37	-	Tfr from General to Hampers in 65271625_contra posted to CB3028117	Hampers	Res
-	1,216.00	Tfr from General to Hampers in 65271625_contra posted to CB3028117	General	Unr
1,216.00	-	Tfr from General to Hampers in 65271625_contra posted to CB3028117	Hampers	Res
-	2,123.00	General to Warm space in 65271625_contra posted to CB3028117	General	Unr
2,123.00	-	General to Warm space in 65271625_contra posted to CB3028117	Warm Space	Res
-	100	General to Affordable Foods in 65271625_contra posted to CB3028117	General	Unr
100	-	General to Affordable Foods in 65271625_contra posted to CB3028117	ZZ Affordable Foods	Res
-	30	General to Grounds Maintenance in 65271625_contra posted to CB3028117	General	Unr
30	-	General to Grounds Maintenance in 65271625_contra posted to CB3028117	ZZ Grounds	Res
-	761	General to Heating in 65271625_contra posted to CB3028117	General	Unr
761	-	General to Heating in 65271625_contra posted to CB3028117	ZZ Heating	Res
-	1,123.37	Tfr from General to Hampers in 65271625_contra posted to CB3028117	Hampers	Res
1,123.37	-	Tfr from General to Hampers in 65271625_contra posted to CB3028117	General	Unr
-	-1,123.37	Tfr from General to Hampers in 65271625_contra posted to CB3028117	Hampers	Res
-1,123.37	-	Tfr from General to Hampers in 65271625_contra posted to CB3028117	General	Unr
-	-1,123.37	Tfr from General to Hampers in 65271625_contra posted to CB3028117	Hampers	Res

-1,123.37	-	Tfr from General to Hampers in 65271625_contra posted to CB3028117	General	Unr
-	1,123.37	Tfr from General to Hampers in 65271625_contra posted to CB3028117	Hampers	Res
1,123.37	-	Tfr from General to Hampers in 65271625_contra posted to CB3028117	General	Unr
-	1,216.00	Tfr from General to Hampers in 65271625_contra posted to CB3028117	Hampers	Res
1,216.00	-	Tfr from General to Hampers in 65271625_contra posted to CB3028117	General	Unr
-	2,123.00	General to Warm space in 65271625_contra posted to CB3028117	Warm Space	Res
2,123.00	-	General to Warm space in 65271625_contra posted to CB3028117	General	Unr
-	100	General to Affordable Foods in 65271625_contra posted to CB3028117	ZZ Affordable Foods	Res
100	-	General to Affordable Foods in 65271625_contra posted to CB3028117	General	Unr
-	30	General to Grounds Maintenance in 65271625_contra posted to CB3028117	ZZ Grounds	Res
30	-	General to Grounds Maintenance in 65271625_contra posted to CB3028117	General	Unr
-	761	General to Heating in 65271625_contra posted to CB3028117	ZZ Heating	Res
761	-	General to Heating in 65271625_contra posted to CB3028117	General	Unr
250	-	Tfr from current account to IDS	Decoration	Res
200	-	Tfr from 65271625 to QFLONG071	Quinquennial	Res

Analysis of Transfer between Funds 2024

Reference	Debit	Credit	Fund
Tfr from General to Quinquennial as per email 30.10.24	-	500	General
Tfr from General to Quinquennial as per email 30.10.24	500	-	Quinquennial
Tfr from General to IDS to tidy up SOAL	-	250	General
Tfr from General to IDS to tidy up SOAL	250	-	Decoration
Tfr from 65271625 to QFLONG071 General to Quinquennial	-	200	General
Tfr from 65271625 to QFLONG071 General to Quinquennial	-	200	General
Tfr from community to wages as per email 16.12.24	-	1,389.89	Community
Tfr from community to wages as per email 16.12.24	1,389.89	-	Wages
Tfr from General to Community to bring to nil in 65271625 contra in CB3028117 KB tidy	-	7,783.00	General

Tfr from General to Community to bring to nil in 65271625 contra in CB3028117 KB tidy	7,783.00	-	Community
Tfr from General to Wages to bring to nil in 65271625 contra in CB3028117 KB tidy up	-	9,466.00	General
Tfr from General to Wages to bring to nil in 65271625 contra in CB3028117 KB tidy up	9,466.00	-	Wages
Tfr from General to Wages to bring to nil and close	-	595.55	General
Tfr from General to Wages to bring to nil and close	595.55	-	Wages
Tfr from General to Quinquennial as per email 30.10.24	-	100	General
Tfr from General to Quinquennial as per email 30.10.24	100	-	Quinquennial
Tfr from Wages to General to bring to nil	-	40	Wages
Tfr from Wages to General to bring to nil	40	-	General
Tfr from General to National Lottery to bring to nil	-	353.81	General
Tfr from General to National Lottery to bring to nil	353.81	-	Community
Tfr from General to Hall to bring to nil 65271625	-	387.62	General
Tfr from General to Hall to bring to nil 65271625	387.62	-	Hall
Tfr from Community to General to bring to nil in CB3028117 contra in 65271625 KB tidy	-	7,783.00	Community
Tfr from Community to General to bring to nil in CB3028117 contra in 65271625 KB tidy	7,783.00	-	General
Tfr from Wages to General to bring to nil in CB3028117 contra in 65271625 KB tidy up	-	9,466.00	Wages
Tfr from Wages to General to bring to nil in CB3028117 contra in 65271625 KB tidy up	9,466.00	-	General
Tfr from Hall to General to bring to nil CB3028117	-	306	Hall
Tfr from Hall to General to bring to nil CB3028117	306	-	General
Tfr from Quinquennial Restricted to Quinquennial designated to correct	-	1,674.00	Quinquennial
Tfr from Quinquennial Restricted to Quinquennial designated to correct	1,674.00	-	Quinquennial
Tfr from General to IDS to correct	-	3,081.23	General
Tfr from General to IDS to correct	3,081.23	-	Decoration
Tfr from 65271625 to QFLONG071 General to Quinquennial	200	-	Quinquennial
Tfr from 65271625 to QFLONG071 General to Quinquennial	200	-	Quinquennial

Fixed Assets

a) Tangible Fixed Assets

The PCC does not hold any Tangible Fixed Assets

b) Fixed Asset Investments

The PCC does not hold any Fixed Asset Investments

Liabilities

Liabilities due within one year

	2025 £	2024 £
Agency	-	3,818
Total	-	3,818

Debtors

	2025 £	2024 £
Agency	-	-
Total	-	-

Summary of Assets by Fund 2025

	Unrestricted	Designated	Restricted	Endowment	2025	2024
General (Unrestricted)	46,810	-	-	-	46,810	39,795
Designated - Quinquennial	-	2,874	-	-	2,874	2,274
Restricted - Christmas	-	-	131	-	131	161
Restricted - Decoration	-	-	656	-	656	343
Restricted - Gift [Anon]	-	-	12,211	-	12,211	12,211
Restricted - Hampers	-	-	92	-	92	1,216
Restricted - Irene Burdett	-	-	263	-	263	263
Restricted - Land	-	-	485	-	485	485
Restricted - Quinquennial	-	-	620	-	620	400
Restricted - School Food	-	-	1,821	-	1,821	-
Restricted - Social Activities	-	-	64	-	64	64
Restricted - Warm Space	-	-	1,998	-	1,998	6,126
Total	46,810	2,874	18,342	-	68,027	63,339

Summary of Assets by Fund 2024

	Unrestricted	Designated	Restricted	Endowment	2024	2023
General (Unrestricted)	39,795	-	-	-	39,795	31,489
Designated - Quinquennial	-	2,274	-	-	2,274	-
Restricted - Christmas	-	-	161	-	161	-
Restricted - Decoration	-	-	344	-	344	-
Restricted - Gift [Anon]	-	-	12,211	-	12,211	12,211
Restricted - Hampers	-	-	1,216	-	1,216	1,216
Restricted - Irene Burdett	-	-	263	-	263	263
Restricted - Land	-	-	485	-	485	485
Restricted - Quinquennial	-	-	400	-	400	1,674
Restricted - Social Activities	-	-	64	-	64	64
Restricted - Warm Space	-	-	6,126	-	6,126	2,123
Restricted - ZZ Affordable Foods	-	-	-	-	-	100
Restricted - ZZ Community	-	-	-	-	-	7,783
Restricted - ZZ Grounds	-	-	-	-	-	30
Restricted - ZZ Hall	-	-	-	-	-	306
Restricted - ZZ Heating	-	-	-	-	-	761
Restricted - ZZ Wages	-	-	-	-	-	9,466
Total	39,795	2,274	21,270	-	63,339	67,971

Receipts & Payments Comparatives
Previous Year 2024

	Unrestricted funds	Designated funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds	2024
Donations and legacies	40,757	-	5,980	-	46,737
Income from charitable activities	21,366	-	-	-	21,366
Other trading activities	-	-	-	-	-
Investments	1,867	-	62	-	1,929
Other income	-	-	-	-	-
Total income	63,990	-	6,042	-	70,032
Raising funds	407	-	322	-	729
Expenditure on charitable activities	53,036	-	23,980	-	77,016
Other expenditure	-	-	-	-	-
Total expenditure	53,444	-	24,302	-	77,746
Net income / (expenditure) resources before transfer	10,546	-	(18,260)	-	(7,714)
Gross transfers between funds - in	17,595	2,274	23,707	-	43,576
Gross transfers between funds - out	(22,917)	-	(20,659)	-	(43,576)
Gains/losses on investment assets	-	-	-	-	-
Gains on revaluation, fixed assets, charity's own use	3,081	-	-	-	3,081
Net movement in funds	8,305	2,274	(15,212)	-	(4,632)
Reconciliation of funds					
Total funds brought forward	31,489	-	36,482	-	67,971
Total funds carried forward	39,795	2,274	21,270	-	63,339

Accounts

Annual Report and Financial Statements of the Parochial Church Council of Longton Hall St Paul's

For the year ended 31st December 2024

Registered Charity Number: 1207384

The Parochial Church Council of The Parish of Longton Hall St Paul's Trustees' Annual Report for the year ended 31st December 2024

Objectives and Activities

The Parochial Church Council of The Parish of Longton Hall St Paul's (the PCC) has the responsibility of co-operating with the incumbent Rev Dave Street in promoting in the ecclesiastical parish, the whole mission of the Church, pastoral, evangelical, social and ecumenical. The PCC is also spiritually responsible for the maintenance of the church.

We continue to focus on the strategic plan for St Paul's, with the aim of continuing to grow God's kingdom here in the parish of Longton Hall and making new disciples. We aim to build a thriving and sustainable church which contributes to the Diocesan Strategic Framework for 2024-2030.

The PCC is committed to enabling as many people as possible to worship at our church and to become part of our parish community at Longton Hall. The PCC maintains an overview of worship throughout the parish and makes suggestions on how our services can involve the many groups that live within our parish. Our services and worship put faith into practice through prayer, scripture, music and sacrament. Also, through non sacramental activities of hospitality and fellowship we aim to reach non church members of the community.

Public Benefit

The trustees of the Charity are aware of the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit in The Advancement of Religion for the Public Benefit and have had regard to it in their administration of the Charity. The trustees believe that, by promoting the work of the Church of England in the Ecclesiastical Parish of Longton Hall, it helps to promote the whole mission of the Church (pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical) more effectively, within the Ecclesiastical Parish, and that in doing so it provides a benefit to the public by:

- Providing 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; and
- Promoting Christian values and service by members of the Church in and to their communities, to the benefit of individuals and society as a whole.
- Mission and outreach work

Achievements and Performance

Worship & Prayer

In 2024 St Paul's valued the support of lay leaders who maintained Sunday worship throughout the ongoing vacancy. Since July, with the arrival of the new incumbent, we have seen the redevelopment of the worship team, some exciting, initial engagement with families and all-age, family services have been introduced. Faithful members have gathered weekly to pray and support all areas of ministry in prayer.

The PCC is keen to offer a range of services and activities, not only on Sundays, but also during the week that our community find both beneficial and spiritually fulfilling. For example, Wednesdays is a busy day with 'Open House' (community coffee morning), 'Reading Friends' (Library initiative facilitated by a church volunteer) and 'Seated Exercise' (gentle exercise led by our partners at Stoke City Community Trust).

We continue to offer weekly online services for those unable to attend in person. We have welcomed new families into our church, and the PCC have agreed to the use of a new style of Family Worship on the last Sunday of each month. We try to arrange for baptisms/thanksgivings to take place at this service.

The use of the digital screens and technology supports our Sunday services and helps to engage our congregation.

As well as our regular services, we enable our community to celebrate and thank God at significant milestones of the journey through life. We have walked alongside families to offer baptisms, weddings and funerals.

Those who are no longer able to come to Church are not forgotten. As well as online services there is a Pastoral Team of volunteers who offer Holy Communion at home.

Church Fabric

We are thankful that the church is in a good state of repair and we are now reaping the benefits of the newly refurbished hall.

It's great to recognise the work of the volunteers in cleaning and maintaining the church and hall and tending the Garden of Hope (community garden at the back of the church).

In 2024 we have undertaken an environmental assessment of our buildings through the VCSE Energy Efficiency Scheme to help us operate our buildings as cost-effectively as possible. Our thanks go to Groundwork UK for their support with this.

Deanery Synod

Three members of the PCC sit on the Stoke-upon-Trent Deanery Synod. This provides the PCC with a link with the churches around us, and also with the Diocese as a whole. It also receives reports from the General Synod. Amongst the items discussed at meetings in 2024 have been the 'Shaping for Mission' Strategic Framework, outreach for children and young people in the city and ongoing issues around human sexuality and marriage.

Mission, Evangelism & Outreach

St Paul's Church has continued to have a great relationship with our church primary school throughout the last year. The school and the church have both had new leaders during the year but this has only resulted in stronger ties. The children have made several visits to church. We had a wonderful Easter service for the children and staff led by the Bishop of Stafford and since the appointment of our vicar the school has had regular input from Rev Dave in morning worship. We have continued to connect in many ways which include:

- Reading buddies (our volunteers listen to the children read)
- Pen pals (exchange of letters between church volunteers and class groups)
- Choir showcases at Open House
- Replenishing the school food bank as and when needed
- Providing school governor volunteers
- Help at various school activities including the Christmas and summer fairs
- A church volunteer has formed a ukulele group in school for pupils
- Regular prayer times for the school in our own weekly prayer meetings.

We welcomed Supertots from September! Supertots is our term time, play group for little ones from birth through to reception age and their carers. It is led by church volunteers. There is no charge for those attending, but carers can make a donation if they wish. During the time that Supertots has been open (September to December) sessions have been well attended and community projects well supported by the group.

It was a pleasure to join with Longton Hall Community Association and a local councillor to host another Macmillan coffee morning for our community. The morning was a great success and we raised over £250 for Macmillan Cancer Support.

At our Harvest Service this year our donations of non-perishable food were given to Affordable Food Stoke for emergency food parcels. Affordable Food was just one of the venues for our Carol Singing in 2024, with others being Royal Stoke University Hospital, St Paul's Primary School and our local community shops.

In 2024 we held 2 community quiz nights which were very well attended by both church and community members and were a great success.

Open House, Reading Friends and Seated Exercise continue to thrive and we welcome new members regularly.

Financial Review

St Paul's Church ended the year 2024 in a stable financial position. We were able to pay all our outstanding bills on time and in full. This included the Common Fund (Parish Share) of £33,131.

Our thanks go to the continued, faithful giving of the congregation. We have benefited from the Gift Aid scheme again this year to claim tax relief on the donations that we receive.

At the end of the year we purchased a contactless card machine to enable payments to be made to the church by card or mobile phone. The cost of this was reimbursed to us from the Diocese.

During 2024 we received £6,480 in funding, which all went towards supporting our community activities. We are grateful to Bishop Stamer/Community Foundation for Staffordshire and Stoke-on-Trent City Council/Family Focus for their funding support as well as funding from the ward budget of two local councillors. 2024 Priorities were such that project funding was not sought in the same way in which it had been in 2023, this has been reflected in the reduction of income.

A number of changes have been made throughout 2024 to help us achieve value for money, these have included securing new telephone, WiFi, photocopier and utility contracts. We have also changed energy provider and had automated meter readers fitted to our utilities.

On 11th March 2024 St Paul's Church became a charity; registered with the Charity Commission for England & Wales, due to us reaching the income threshold at which churches need to register.

As a church we continue to tithe (give away 10% of our income) to a combination of local and national charities and ministries. During 2024 these have included Christian Aid, City Vision Ministries, Donna Louise Trust via the Dougie Mac, North Staffs Mind, New Era, Voice of Hope and North Staffs YMCA.

Every year brings fresh financial challenges and 2024 has been no exception. Therefore, we continue to monitor closely all that God has given us stewardship of and thank Him for his faithfulness.

Bookkeeper Financial Review

PCC of Longton Hall

Net Total Assets: £63,339 2024 [£67,971 2023]

Deficit: (£7,714 2024) – Unrestricted Excess: £10,546 Restricted Deficit (£18,261)
[Excess £9,619 2023]

The bookkeeping was transferred to Lichfield Diocesan Board of Finance in 2024.

Overall income has reduced from £134,622 2023 to £70,032 2024. The most notable differences are increases in 0101 Gift aid collections, 1230 Church Hall lettings and 1020 Bank Building society interest. We have seen reductions in 0201 Other planned giving, 0301 loose plate collections, 0550 Donations and 0601 Tax recoverable on Gift aid. This could be because only January to April was claimed to date.

Expenditure has reduced from £125,003 2023 to £77,746. The most notable differences being increases in 2840 Other PCC property upkeep, 2570 Hall running telephone and 2580 Hall running Water. We have seen reductions in 2201 Parish Training and Mission, 2330 Church maintenance and 2360 Administration.

This could be because of a different way of recording so the comparatives should be more easy to understand in 2025.

Thanks go to Fiona Priest and Sue Mountford for their hard work, support and impeccable paperwork throughout 2024.

Kim Benton

Reserves Policy

It is PCC policy to try to maintain a balance on free reserves (net current assets) which equates to at least three months unrestricted payments. This is equivalent to £13,361 2024 [£14,920 2023]. It is held to smooth out fluctuations in cash flow and to meet emergencies. The balance of the free reserves at the year end was £39,795 [£31,491 2023] which is considerably higher than this target. The Trustees have agreed to keep £15,000 in additional reserves following an advisory not about the lifespan of the church boiler on its last service.

The PCC has agreed a budget for 2025 and this will be reviewed at regular Finance Team meetings.

Investment Policy

The charity is granted power to invest in suitable investments under the PCC Powers Measure 1956 and the Trustees Act 2000. As a charity, the Trustees have a duty of care to take such advice as is appropriate before investments are undertaken. This advice is sought from the Central Board of Finance (CCLA) in London. AFH Wealth Management and EFG Harris Allday

The charity's investment policies are based on two key principles: -

- Ethical Investment – this includes ensuring that investments are held in companies which have high standards of corporate governance and act in a responsible way towards stakeholders.
- Long-term responsibilities – the trustees are aware of their long-term responsibilities in respect of the Restricted and Unrestricted reserves and as a result follow a prudent approach to investment decisions.

Investment policy for long-term funds is aimed primarily at generating a sustainable income, with due regard to the need for the preservation of capital value, and the possible need to realise investments to meet operational needs. The charity does not have a policy of generating income at excessive or high risk – known as “purchasing income”, where high returns are guaranteed at the expense of capital.

In summary, the charity has an overall policy to maximise income while preserving the real value of its funds. Due to the nature of the charity, an ethical investment policy is taken into consideration when investments are made:

The charity follows the Ethical Investment Advisory policy as recommended by the Lichfield Diocese which includes the following:

“We aim to invest in companies that:

- * will develop their business in the interests of shareholders;
- * demonstrate responsible employment practices;
- * are conscientious concerning issues of corporate governance, the environment and human rights;
- * are sensitive to the community in which they operate.”

Planned giving, collections and donations are the main sources of fund raising along with tax recoverable. Room hire is also a source of income.

Safeguarding

The PCC has complied with the duty under section 5 of the Safeguarding and Clergy Discipline Measure 2016 (duty to have regard to House of Bishops' guidance on safeguarding children and vulnerable adults).

As a minimum we ensure that our safeguarding policy is updated regularly and is treated as a living document, all front facing volunteers are up to date with safeguarding training, DBS checks are carried out at the appropriate time, safeguarding is a standing agenda item at all PCC meetings and we clearly communicate to our church and community that safeguarding is everyone's responsibility.

Reporting Serious Incidents

A Serious Incident is an adverse event, whether actual or alleged, which results in or risks significant harm to the charity's beneficiaries, employees, office holders, volunteers or to others who come into contact with the charity through its work, loss of the charity's money or assets, damage to the charity's property or harm to the charity's work or reputation.

The trustees are not aware of any Serious Incidents in the last year

Fundraising

The PCC takes its fundraising responsibilities seriously and is very grateful to all donors – whether regular or occasional – for their support of the church and church events. PCC supporters are never taken for granted. The PCC takes full responsibility for fundraising and does not use commercial organisations or professional fundraisers. All money raised is either by donations, fundraising events, special appeals or legacies for which the PCC are most grateful.

Volunteers

The members of the PCC would like to thank all the volunteers who work so tirelessly to make our church a lively and vibrant community. Special thanks go to our Churchwardens.

Risk Management

The Church Wardens carry out regular Health and Safety Reviews and regularly inspect premises for potential hazards. We have safeguarding policies in place for child protection and for work with vulnerable adults, including rigorous DBS checking of staff and volunteers. Our insurances are reviewed annually to ensure adequate cover. An informal review of any new risks which may impact the work of the Church in the Parish is ongoing.

Structure, Governance and Management

The PCC is a Body Corporate established by the Church of England and is a Charity registered with the Charity Commission under registration number 1207384. The PCC is governed by the Parochial Church Council Powers Measure (1956) as amended that came into effect on 2nd January 1957, and the Church Representation Rules (contained in Schedule 3 to the Synodical Government Measure 1969 as amended).

The method of appointment of the PCC members is set out in the Church Representation Rules. The Council comprises the Incumbent, the Churchwardens, those elected to the Deanery Synod, and other members who are elected at the Annual Parochial Church Meeting, by those on the Electoral Roll. The PCC members receive training from courses run by the Diocese. Members of the congregation are always urged to join the Electoral Roll, and to stand for election to the PCC.

The PCC members are responsible for making decisions on all matters of general concern and importance in the parish, and for all financial matters. The full PCC met ten times during 2024. There were two sub committees of the PCC in 2024 - the Finance Team and the Standing Committee.

The Finance Team met three times and comprised the Incumbent, the Churchwardens, the Treasurer and the Vice Treasurer.

The Standing Committee consisted of the Churchwardens, Secretary and two PCC reps. This is the only committee required by law and has the power to transact business of the PCC between its meetings, subject to any direction of the council. The Standing Committee was not required to meet in 2024.

The PCC met 10 times in 2024

Related Parties

Fiona Priest is employed as Parish Administrator and continues as a Trustee of the PCC. This has been discussed by the PCC without Fiona present and the PCC agreed unanimously that they wanted Fiona to continue in both roles.

No other Trustee or their family are employed or offered contracts to carry out work for the PCC.

Donations from Related Parties

Donations from 10 related parties during the year totalled £11,820 [2023 No figures available]. All these donations were received without conditions.

Remuneration paid to Trustees

One or more of the trustees has been paid remuneration or has received other benefits from employment with their charity. Fiona Priest is employed as the Parish Administrator. The PCC discussed the reason for employment and her continuing as a Trustee without Fiona being present. They decided that because of her years of experience working as the Administrator [prior to being registered with Charity Commission] and her years of attending St Paul's Church, they wanted her to continue in both roles. The remuneration is £16,224 per annum with £300 Employer pension contributions per annum [£15,425 2023]. Fiona does not receive any other benefits.

Expenses paid to Trustees

No trustee was reimbursed for travel or subsistence during the year or in the previous year.

Reference and Administrative Details

Charity Name: The Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish of Longton Hall St Paul's

Other names the charity is known by: N/A

Registered Charity Number: 1207384

Charity's principal address: Longton Hall Road Stoke-on-Trent Staffordshire

Correspondence address: 131 Longton Hall Road, Stoke-on-Trent, Staffordshire ST3 2EL

Website address: www.stpaulsonline.co.uk

PCC Members: Who Served from 1 January 2024 to the date this report was approved

	Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole period
	Ex-Officio		
	Rev David Street	Chairperson	Joined 26.06.24
	Wendy Edwards	Deanery Synod	
	**Fiona Priest	Deanery Synod	
	Mo Trudel	Deanery Synod	
	Sue Mountford	Churchwarden	
	Ken Edwards	Churchwarden	Resigned 28.04.24
	John Ash	Churchwarden from 28.04.24	
	Elected members		
	Alex Povey	Secretary	
	Angela Ward		
	Barbara Burton	Vice Secretary	
	Joan Stanway		
	Paul Jones	Vice Treasurer	
	Sue Rushton		
	Alan Thorley		
	Gill Ash		Elected 28.04.24
	Alison Hopley		Elected 28.04.24

**** Employed by the PCC**

Bank	Co-operative Bank PO Box 250 WN8 6WT
Investment Managers	CCLA 1 Angel Ln London EC4R 3AB
Independent Examiner	Lichfield Diocesan Board of Finance St Marys House, The Close, Lichfield. WS13 7LD

Approved by the PCC on 10.03.2025 and signed on its behalf by:



**D Street
Chairman**

Independent Examiner's report to the trustees/members of The PCC of The Parish of Longton Hall St Paul's

I report on the accounts for the year ended 31st December 2024 which are set out on the following pages.

Respective responsibilities of the Trustees and Independent 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

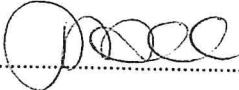
My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or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

Independent Examiner's Statement

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

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

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

Signed:  Date: 21/5/25

Lichfield Diocesan Board of Finance
St Mary's House, The Close, Lichfield WS13 7LD

The Parish of Longton Hall St Paul's
Notes to the Financial Statements
For the year ended 31st December 2024

Accounting Policies

The financial statements of the PCC have been prepared in accordance with the Church Accounting Regulations 2006 using the Receipts and Payments basis.

There may be minor discrepancies in the totals as the pence are not being shown.

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention with items recognised at cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant notes to these accounts. The financial statements include all transactions, assets and liabilities for which the PCC is responsible in law. They do not include the accounts of church groups that owe their main affiliation to another body nor those that are informal gatherings of Church members.

Cashflow Statement

The Charity has taken advantage of the exemption in FRS102 from the requirement to produce a cashflow statement on the grounds that the income does not exceed £500,000.

Going Concern

There are no material uncertainties relate to events or conditions that cast significant doubt on the charity's ability to continue as a going concern.

Accounting Estimates and Prior Year Errors

No changes to accounting estimates have occurred in the reporting period.
No material prior year errors have been identified in the reporting period

Description of Funds

Unrestricted funds are income funds of the PCC that are available for spending on the general purposes of the PCC, including amounts designated by the PCC for fixed assets for its own use or for spending on a future project and which are therefore not included in its "free reserves" as disclosed in the trustees' annual report.

An explanation of purpose of each Designated fund are as follows:

Quinquennial fund -	Fund set aside towards the quinquennial held locally
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Restricted funds comprise of two elements :-

- a) income from trusts or endowments which may be expended only on those restricted objects provided in the terms of the trust or bequest
- b) donations or grants received for a specific object or invited by the PCC for a specific object. The funds may only be expended on the specific object for which they were given. Any balance remaining unspent at the end of each year must be carried forward as a balance on that fund. The PCC does not usually invest separately for each fund. Where there is no separate investment, interest is apportioned to individual funds on an average balance basis.

An explanation of purpose of each Restricted fund are as follows:

Affordable Foods fund -	For affordable foods. At nil to be closed in 2025
Christmas fund -	For expenditure on Christmas items
Community - National Lottery	For work with the community. At nil to be closed in 2025
Decoration fund -	For the internal decoration of the vicarage held with LDBF
Gift (Anon) fund -	Annoymous Gift no specific restrictions advised that this is transferred to general funds
Grounds maintenance -	For the maintenance of the Church Grounds at nil to be closed in 2025
Hall fund -	For Hall expenditure. At nil to be closed in 2025
Hamper fund -	For Hampers for the community
Heating fund -	For the Heating project at nil to be closed in 2025
Irene Burdett fund -	Historical legacy from Irene Burdett
Land fund -	Historical fund. PCC to provide details in 2025
Quinquennial fund -	For the quinquennial costs held with LDBF
Wages fund -	For the Wages of the administrator. At nil to be closed in 2025
Warm Space fund -	For providing a Warm space.

Endowment funds are restricted funds that must be retained as trust capital either permanently or subject to a discretionary power to spend capital as income, and where the use of any income or other benefit derived from the capital may be restricted or unrestricted. Full details of all their restrictions are shown in the notes to the accounts.

An explanation of purpose of each Endowment fund are as follows:

The PCC does not hold any Endowment Funds

Incoming Resources

Planned giving, collections, donations and room hire are recognised when received or when the PCC becomes entitled to the resource and the monetary value can be measured with sufficient reliability. Tax refunds are recognised when the incoming resource to which they relate is received. Grants and Legacies are accounted for when the PCC is legally entitled to the amounts due and the monetary value can be measured with sufficient reliability. Dividends are accounted for when receivable, interest is accrued. All other income is recognised when it is receivable. All incoming resources are accounted for gross.

Resources Expended

Grants and donations are accounted for when paid over, or when awarded, if that award creates a binding or constructive obligation on the PCC. The diocesan parish share is accounted for when due. Amounts received specifically for mission are dealt with as restricted funds. All other expenditure is generally recognised when it is incurred and is accounted for gross.

Governance and Support Costs

Support costs should be allocated between governance costs and other support. Governance costs comprise all costs involving public accountability of the PCC and its compliance with regulation and good practice.

Support costs include central functions and have been allocated to activity cost categories on a basis consistent with the use of resources eg by allocating staff costs by time spent and other costs by their usage.

Fixed Assets

Consecrated and benefice property is not included in the accounts by s.10(2)(a)&(C) of the Charities Act 2011.

Moveable church furnishings held by the Vicar and Churchwardens on special trust for the PCC and which require a faculty for disposal are inalienable property, listed in the Church's inventory, which can be inspected (at any reasonable time). For anything acquired prior to 2000 there is insufficient cost information available and therefore such assets are not valued in the financial statements.

Investments

Investments in quoted shares, traded bonds and similar investments are valued initially at cost and subsequently at market value at the year end. Investments held for re-sale are treated as current asset investments.

Debtors

Debtors are measured on initial recognition at settlement amount. Subsequently they are measured as cash expected to be received

Creditors and Accruals

Creditors are measured at settlement amounts less any trade discounts. Accruals are measured on best estimate of the amount required to settle the obligation at the reporting date

The Parish of Longton Hall St Paul year ending 2024

Receipts and Payments Account 2024

	Unrestricted funds	Designated funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds	2024	2023
Receipts						
Donations and legacies	40,756	-	5,980	-	46,736	115,643
Income from charitable activities	21,366	-	-	-	21,366	18,548
Other trading activities	-	-	-	-	-	-
Investments	1,866	-	62	-	1,929	431
Other income	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total income	63,990	-	6,042	-	70,032	134,622
Payments						
Raising funds	407	-	322	-	729	75
Expenditure on charitable activities	53,036	-	23,980	-	77,016	124,928
Other expenditure	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total expenditure	53,443	-	24,302	-	77,746	125,003
Net income / (expenditure) resources before transfer	10,546	-	(18,261)	-	(7,714)	9,619
Transfers						
Gross transfers between funds - in	17,595	2,274	23,707	-	43,576	-
Gross transfers between funds - out	(22,918)	-	(20,659)	-	(43,577)	-
Other recognised gains / losses						
Gains/losses on investment assets	-	-	-	-	-	-
Gains on revaluation, fixed assets, charity's own use	3,081	-	-	-	3,081	-
Net movement in funds	8,305	2,274	(15,212)	-	(4,633)	9,619
Reconciliation of funds						
Total funds brought forward	31,489	-	36,482	-	67,971	58,352
Total funds carried forward	39,795	2,274	21,270	-	63,339	67,971

Statement of assets and liabilities 2024

Class and nominal code	General	Designated	Restricted	Endowment	2024	2023
Current Asset - Cash At Bank And In Hand						
65271625: Bank current account	15,211	600	7,091	-	22,903	26,327
6590: Cash in hand	100	-	-	-	100	100
CB3028117: CCLA St Paul's Longton Hall	24,483	1,674	17,253	-	43,410	-
CB3028118: CCLA - St Paul's Longton Special funds	-	-	-	-	-	41,544
IDEDEN011: IDS Decoration Account	-	-	343	-	343	-
QFLONG071: Quinquennial Account	-	-	400	-	400	-
Total	39,795	2,274	25,088	-	67,157	67,971
Liability - Agency Accounts						
6699: Agency collections	-	-	3,818	-	3,818	-
Total	-	-	3,818	-	3,818	-
Net total assets	39,795	2,274	21,270	-	63,339	67,971

Statement of assets and liabilities 2023

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	2023 £	2022 £
Cash funds				
Bank Current Account	26,328		26,328	47,067
CBF Church of England Deposit Fund	5,063	36,481	41,544	11,186
Petty Cash	100		100	100
	<u>31,491</u>	<u>36,481</u>	<u>67,972</u>	<u>58,353</u>
		-	-	
Other monetary assets				
Income Tax Recoverable	<u>800</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>800</u>	<u>1,000</u>

Analysis of receipts and payments 2024

	Unrestricted	Designated	Restricted	Endowment	2024	2023
RECEIPTS						
Donations and legacies						
0101 - Gift Aid Collections	31,278	-	-	-	31,278	25,212
0201 - Other planned giving	510	-	-	-	510	9,898
0301 - Loose plate collections	4,112	-	-	-	4,112	5,002
0550 - Donations appeals etc	591	-	-	-	591	66,819
0601 - Tax recoverable on Gift Aid	3,411	-	-	-	3,411	8,539
08A1 - Non-recurring one-off grants	500	-	5,980	-	6,480	-
0901 - Other funds generated	353	-	-	-	353	173
Donations and legacies Totals	40,756	-	5,980	-	46,736	115,643
Income from charitable activities						
0902 - Heating - Weddings&Funerals	600	-	-	-	600	-
1101 - Fees for weddings and funerals	1,191	-	-	-	1,191	5,017
1230 - Church hall lettings	19,575	-	-	-	19,575	13,531
Income from charitable activities Totals	21,366	-	-	-	21,366	18,548
Investments						
1020 - Bank and building society interest	1,866	-	62	-	1,929	431
Investments Totals	1,866	-	62	-	1,929	431
Receipts Grand totals	63,990	-	6,042	-	70,032	134,622
PAYMENTS						
Raising funds						
1730 - Costs of fetes & other events	407	-	322	-	729	75
Raising funds Totals	407	-	322	-	729	75
Expenditure on charitable activities						
1801 - Giving to missionary societies	3,325	-	100	-	3,425	3,932
1910 - LDBF Common Fund	33,131	-	-	-	33,131	32,481
2050 - Salary of parish administrator	1,418	-	16,012	-	17,431	15,425
2060 - Music Staff payments	60	-	-	-	60	30
2201 - Parish training and mission	277	-	3,255	-	3,533	5,980
2301 - Church running - insurance	2,925	-	-	-	2,925	3,106
2310 - Church office - telephone	708	-	-	-	708	-
2330 - Church maintenance	2,347	-	-	-	2,347	5,489
2331 - Cleaning	64	-	189	-	254	249
2340 - Upkeep of services	789	-	97	-	887	-
2350 - Upkeep of churchyard	360	-	30	-	390	1,059
2360 - Administration	3,732	-	95	-	3,827	4,055
2370 - Visiting speakers / locums	581	-	-	-	581	-
2440 - Church running - heating and lighting	1,626	-	761	-	2,387	2,388
2560 - Hall running-Maintenance	-	-	-	-	-	233
2570 - Hall running - telephone	328	-	-	-	328	-
2580 - Hall running - water	196	-	-	-	196	-
2590 - Hall running - heating and lighting	806	-	387	-	1,194	1,547
2601 - Governance costs examination/audit fee	-	-	-	-	-	200.00
2840 - Other PCC property upkeep	357	-	3,050	-	3,407	2,366
Expenditure on charitable activities Totals	53,036	-	23,980	-	77,016	124,928
Payments Grand totals	53,443	-	24,302	-	77,746	125,003

Fund movement by type 2024

Fund	Opening	Incoming	Outgoing	Transfers	Gains/Losses	Journals	Closing
Affordable Foods							
Restricted	100	-	100	-	-	-	-
Sub-totals	100	-	100	-	-	-	-
Christmas							
Restricted	-	550	388	-	-	-	161
Sub-totals	-	550	388	-	-	-	161
Community							
Restricted	7,783	-	6,746	(1,037)	-	-	-
Sub-totals	7,783	-	6,746	(1,037)	-	-	-
Decoration							
Restricted	-	62	3,050	3,331	-	-	343
Sub-totals	-	62	3,050	3,331	-	-	343
Gift [Anon]							
Restricted	12,211	-	-	-	-	-	12,211
Sub-totals	12,211	-	-	-	-	-	12,211
Grounds							
Restricted	30	-	30	-	-	-	-
Sub-totals	30	-	30	-	-	-	-
Hall							
Restricted	306	-	387	81	-	-	-
Sub-totals	306	-	387	81	-	-	-
Hampers							
Restricted	1,216	-	-	-	-	-	1,216
Sub-totals	1,216	-	-	-	-	-	1,216
Heating							
Restricted	761	-	761	-	-	-	-
Sub-totals	761	-	761	-	-	-	-
Irene Burdett							
Restricted	263	-	-	-	-	-	263
Sub-totals	263	-	-	-	-	-	263
Land							
Restricted	485	-	-	-	-	-	485
Sub-totals	485	-	-	-	-	-	485
Quinquennial							
Designated	-	-	-	2,274	-	-	2,274
Restricted	1,674	-	-	(1,274)	-	-	400
Sub-totals	1,674	-	-	1,000	-	-	2,674
Social Activities							
Restricted	64	-	-	-	-	-	64
Sub-totals	64	-	-	-	-	-	64

Wages							
Restricted	9,466	-	11,411	1,945	-	-	-
Sub-totals	9,466	-	11,411	1,945	-	-	-
Warm Space							
Restricted	2,123	5,430	1,426	-	-	-	6,126
Sub-totals	2,123	5,430	1,426	-	-	-	6,126
General							
Unrestricted	31,489	63,990	53,443	(5,323)	-	(27,290)	39,795
Sub-totals	31,489	63,990	53,443	(5,323)	-	(27,290)	39,795
Totals	67,971	70,032	77,746	-	-	(27,290)	63,339

Fund movement by type 2023

5 Restricted Funds

	Brought Forward	Received	Paid	Transfers	Carried Forward
	£	£	£	£	£
Affordable foods	5	232	132	(5)	100
Architect/Quinquennial Costs	1,074	-		600	1,674
Social Activities - quiet day	64				64
Hall Funding	11,020	39,158	48,072	(1,800)	306
Heating Fund		1,000	531	292	761
National Lottery Community Fund		12,143	4,360		7,783
Land	1,040		555	-	485
Miscellaneous	-	286	286	-	-
Grounds maintenance	141		111	-	30
Gift Irene Burdett	593	-	330	-	263
Gift (Anon)	15,003		2,792	-	12,211
Open House/ Warm Space	2,129		796	790	2,123
Wages		13,678	5,512	1,300	9,466
Hampers	1,215	322	1,826	1,505	1,216
Marketing			18	18	-
	32,284	66,819	65,321	2,700	36,482
Unrestricted Funds	26,069	67,803	59,681	(2,700)	31,491
Total Cash Funds	58,353	134,622	125,002	-	67,973

Staff Costs

	2024	2023
Wages & Salaries	£16,224	£15,425
Social Security Costs	£544	Not included as a separate figure in Accounts
Average number of Employees	1	1

During the year the PCC employed an Administrator and payments attracted social security costs.

There were no employee benefits to key management personnel in the previous or current year.

The PCC use the National Employment Savings Trust [Nest] via the Diocesan Payroll Scheme, for its pension payments £300 [Not included as a separate figure in 2023 Accounts]

Trustees' Remuneration & Expenses

There has been no Trustees remuneration during the year.

No Trustees have been reimbursed [Nil 2023] for travel and subsistence during the year

Related Parties

No other expenses were paid to any other PCC member, persons closely connected to them or related parties.

Donations from 10 related parties [PCC members] totalled £11,820 [No figures included in 2023 accounts].

Fees for the examination of the accounts

	2024 £	2023 £
Independent Examiner's fees	150	200
Other fees - Bookkeeping	570	900
Total	720	1,100

Analysis of Transfer between Funds 2024

Reference	Debit	Credit	Fund	Fund Type
Tfr from General to Quinquennial as per email 30.10.24	-	500	General	Unr
Tfr from General to Quinquennial as per email 30.10.24	500	-	Quinquennial	Des
Tfr from General to IDS to tidy up SOAL	-	250	General	Unr
Tfr from General to IDS to tidy up SOAL	250	-	Decoration	Res
Tfr from 65271625 to QFLONG071 General to Quinquennial	-	200	General	Unr
Tfr from 65271625 to QFLONG071 General to Quinquennial	-	200	General	Unr
Tfr from community to wages as per email 16.12.24	-	1,389.89	Community	Res
Tfr from community to wages as per email 16.12.24	1,389.89	-	Wages	Res
Tfr from General to Community to bring to nil in 65271625 contra in CB3028117 KB tidy	-	7,783.00	General	Unr
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Tfr from General to Wages to bring to nil in 65271625 contra in CB3028117 KB tidy up	-	9,466.00	General	Unr
Tfr from General to Wages to bring to nil in 65271625 contra in CB3028117 KB tidy up	9,466.00	-	Wages	Res
Tfr from General to Wages to bring to nil and close	-	595.55	General	Unr
Tfr from General to Wages to bring to nil and close	595.55	-	Wages	Res
Tfr from General to Quinquennial as per email 30.10.24	-	100	General	Unr
Tfr from General to Quinquennial as per email 30.10.24	100	-	Quinquennial	Des
Tfr from Wages to General to bring to nil	-	40	Wages	Res
Tfr from Wages to General to bring to nil	40	-	General	Unr
Tfr from General to National Lottery to bring to nil	-	353.81	General	Unr
Tfr from General to National Lottery to bring to nil	353.81	-	Community	Res
Tfr from General to Hall to bring to nil 65271625	-	387.62	General	Unr
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Tfr from Community to General to bring to nil in CB3028117 contra in 65271625 KB tidy	-	7,783.00	Community	Res

Tfr from Community to General to bring to nil in CB3028117 contra in 65271625 KB tidy	7,783.00	-	General	Unr
Tfr from Wages to General to bring to nil in CB3028117 contra in 65271625 KB tidy up	-	9,466.00	Wages	Res
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Tfr from Hall to General to bring to nil CB3028117	-	306	Hall	Res
Tfr from Hall to General to bring to nil CB3028117	306	-	General	Unr
Tfr from Quinquennial Restricted to Quinquennial designated to correct	-	1,674.00	Quinquennial	Res
Tfr from Quinquennial Restricted to Quinquennial designated to correct	1,674.00	-	Quinquennial	Des
Tfr from General to IDS to correct	-	3,081.23	General	Unr
Tfr from General to IDS to correct	3,081.23	-	Decoration	Res
Tfr from 65271625 to QFLONG071 General to Quinquennial	200	-	Quinquennial	Res
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Analysis of Transfer between Funds 2023

There were no transfers between funds in 2023 documented

Fixed Assets

a) Tangible Fixed Assets

The PCC does not hold any Tangible Fixed Assets

b) Fixed Asset Investments

The PCC does not hold any Fixed Asset Investments

Liabilities

Liabilities due within one year

	2024 £	2023 £
Agency	3,818	0
Total	3,818	0

Debtors

	2024 £	2023 £
Income tax recoverable	0	800
Total	0	800

Summary of Assets by Fund 2024

	Unrestricted	Designated	Restricted	Endowment	2024	2023
General (Unrestricted)	39,795	-	-	-	39,795	31,489
Designated - Quinquennial	-	2,274	-	-	2,274	-
Restricted - Affordable Foods	-	-	-	-	-	100
Restricted - Christmas	-	-	161	-	161	-
Restricted - Community	-	-	-	-	-	7,783
Restricted - Decoration	-	-	343	-	343	-
Restricted - Gift [Anon]	-	-	12,211	-	12,211	12,211
Restricted - Grounds	-	-	-	-	-	30
Restricted - Hall	-	-	-	-	-	306
Restricted - Hampers	-	-	1,216	-	1,216	1,216
Restricted - Heating	-	-	-	-	-	761
Restricted - Irene Burdett	-	-	263	-	263	263
Restricted - Land	-	-	485	-	485	485
Restricted - Quinquennial	-	-	400	-	400	1,674
Restricted - Social Activities	-	-	64	-	64	64
Restricted - Wages	-	-	-	-	-	9,466
Restricted - Warm Space	-	-	6,126	-	6,126	2,123
Total	39,795	2,274	21,270	-	63,339	67,971

Summary of Assets by Fund 2023

5 Restricted Funds

	Brought Forward	Received	Paid	Transfers	Carried Forward
	£	£	£	£	£
Affordable foods	5	232	132	(5)	100
Architect/Quinquennial Costs	1,074	-		600	1,674
Social Activities - quiet day	64				64
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Receipts & Payments Comparatives
Previous Year 2023

		Unrestricted	Restricted	Total	
		£	£	2023	2022
		£	£	£	£
RECEIPTS					
Voluntary receipts:					
Tax efficient planned giving		25,212	-	25,212	28,603
Other planned giving		9,898	-	9,898	-
Collections at services		5,002	-	5,002	7,602
All other giving/voluntary receipts	2a	-	66,819	66,819	36,006
Gift aid recovered		8,539	-	8,539	9,779
		<u>48,651</u>	<u>66,819</u>	<u>115,470</u>	<u>81,990</u>
Church Activities	2b	5,017	-	5,017	1,474
Activities for generating funds	2c	13,540	-	13,540	35,334
Investment income	2d	431	-	431	147
Other	2e	164	-	164	20
		<u>67,803</u>	<u>66,819</u>	<u>134,622</u>	<u>118,965</u>
Total Receipts					
PAYMENTS					
Cost of generating funds	3a	14	61	75	191
Church Activities	3b	59,667	65,261	124,928	98,671
Other	3c	-	-	-	-
		<u>59,681</u>	<u>65,322</u>	<u>125,003</u>	<u>98,862</u>
Total					
		<u>59,681</u>	<u>65,322</u>	<u>125,003</u>	<u>98,862</u>
Net Income/(Expenditure)					
		<u>8,122</u>	<u>1,497</u>	<u>9,619</u>	<u>20,103</u>
Transfer between Funds					
		(2,700)	2,700	-	-
Net Movements in Funds					
		<u>5,422</u>	<u>4,197</u>	<u>9,619</u>	<u>20,103</u>
Bank, Current and Deposit Accounts, and Cash Balance at 1st January 2023					
		26,069	32,284	58,353	38,250
Bank, Current and Deposit Accounts, and Cash Balance at 31st December 2023					
		<u>31,491</u>	<u>36,481</u>	<u>67,972</u>	<u>58,353</u>