

AGENDA
Annual Meeting of Parishioners
28th April 2025

Opening Prayer

Apologies for absence

Items to be raised under any other business

1. Opening Remarks – Revd Patrick Mukholi
2. Election of Church Wardens

Annual Parochial Church Meeting

1. Appointment of Lay Chair
2. Appointment of Secretary
3. Minutes of last meeting
4. Financial Statement – Treasurer
5. Reports – see attached
 - i) PCC Annual Report
 - ii) Churchwarden Report St Catherine, Bearwood
 - iii) Churchwarden's Report St Mary's – Anne Warner
 - iv) Electoral Roll – Samantha Robson-Hurst
 - v) Deanery Synod Report – Area Dean
 - vi) Fabric & Churchyard Report – Mark Rendle
 - vii) Hall Committee Report – Alison Vacher
 - viii) Social Committee Report – Debbie Brunt
 - ix) St Mary's Explorers Report – Alison Vacher
 - x) Fellowship
6. Election to Deanery Synod
7. Election of PCC members
8. Safeguarding – Emma-Jean Wells
9. Data Protection – Alison Vacher
10. Terrier and inventory
11. Appointment of Independent Examiner
12. Any other business

3. Minutes of last meeting

Minutes of the Annual Meeting of Parishioners, held on 15th April 2024

In attendance:

Jinny Rendle, Eve Wynn-Jones, Geoff Marsden, Mark Rendle, Anne Warner, Sue Laney, , Gerry Creighton, Jon Robson-Hurst, Alan Hall, Derek Manning, Roberta Tweedy, Debbie Brunt, Richard Turner, Emma-Jean Wells, Christine Ransom, Alison Vacher.

The meeting was chaired by Revd Richard Lamey, Area Dean

Opening Prayers by Richard Lamey

Opening Remarks

Congratulations were offered to Richard Lamey on his appointment as Director of Mission and Ministry in Norwich diocese.

Apologies for absence

Apologies for absence were received from Brenda Bowring and Clifford Smith.

Election of Churchwardens

Nominations had been received for Debbie Brunt (St Catherine's) and Anne Warner (St Mary's) and they were elected unopposed.

Minutes of the APCM held on 15th April 2024

In attendance: as above

The meeting was chaired by Revd Richard Lamey, Area Dean

Apologies for absence: as above

1. Appointment of Lay Chair

Jinny Rendle was appointed as Lay Chair.

Proposed by Roberta Tweedy, seconded by Debbie Brunt. All in favour

2. Appointment of Secretary

Alison Vacher was appointed as secretary.

Proposed by Mark Rendle, seconded by Debbie Brunt. All in favour

3. Minutes of last meeting

The minutes of the last meeting held on 23rd April were approved.

Proposed by Mark Rendle, seconded by Debbie Brunt. All in favour.

4. **Finance Report**

Thanks were expressed to Derek Manning for all his work as Treasurer. Approval of the accounts was **proposed by Debbie Brunt, seconded by Emma-Jean Wells. All in favour.**

5. **Reports**

Copies of the following reports were circulated prior to the meeting

PCC Annual Report

Churchwarden's Report – St Catherine's

Derek advised that there had been 1 wedding, 4 funerals, 6 interments and 6 baptisms.

Churchwarden's Report – St Mary's

St Catherine's Churchyard Report

Thanks were expressed to Mark Rendle for all his work.

Electoral Roll Report

The number on the Electoral Roll is 66

Deanery Synod

A summary had been provided by the Area Dean.

Hall Committee Report

It was noted that this committee is currently without a chair.

Social Committee Report

Fellowship Report

St Mary's Explorers Report

6. **Election to Deanery Synod**

Alan Hall will continue to represent the Parish. There remains a vacancy, but no nominations had been received. Debbie Brunt agreed to fill the vacancy.

7. **Election of PCC members**

Geoff Marsden confirmed that he is not standing for re-election. No nomination forms have been received. Jinny advised that Karina Smith is willing to stand, and this will be dealt with at the next PCC.

8. **Safeguarding**

Emma-Jean advised that Levels 1 and 2 of the safeguarding dashboards are now complete and we are on level 3. The PCC needs to attend to policies on social media, known offenders, data protection and non-church activities.

Emma also confirmed that it is advisable for all PCC members to have a basic DBS check.

The Churchwardens and those working with children should have an enhanced check.

Jinny queried why Churchwardens require an enhanced check.

Richard Lamey advised that this is due to the fact that the role is a core leadership role.

Anne, Debbie and Jinny are currently undertaking leadership training.

9. **Data Protection Officer**

Alison confirmed that we are fully compliant and not aware of any breaches.

10. **Terrier and inventory**

St Mary's is up to date. St Catherine's is to be checked. Richard advised that this should be confirmed at the next PCC meeting.

11. **Appointment of Independent Examiner**

Vince Pearson has indicated that he will continue for a further year. Alison is to send a letter of thanks.

Proposed by Derek Manning, seconded by Roberta Tweedy. All in favour.

12. **Any other business**

12.1 Vacancy

The advert will be in the Church Times shortly. It is difficult to predict what the response will be.

12.2 Hong Kong Community

Richard Lamey advised that it has been deliberate not to address the long-term financial situation. The desire is to ensure that the parish is not financially disadvantaged.

Roberta asked that as the Hong Kong community wish to have services in their own language will there be a requirement for the parish to fund Cantonese speaking priest as well. Richard does not think this question has arisen.

At Earley, the parish funds 1 priest and the Hong Kong community pay 1/3 of outgoings. The Cantonese leaders are financed by a grant from the Diocese.

Alison advised that the relationship is deepening and some of them have attended our Social Saturdays.

Anne pointed out that they are not CofE trained.

12.3 Derek Manning requested that the meeting notes the PCC's heartfelt appreciation and thanks to Joanna Brown for over 40 years of continuous service to the Parishes of both Catherine's and, subsequently, Winnersh. At various times over this period Joanna has filled all the positions on the PCC, giving her an in-depth knowledge of how a PCC works and with this experience she had been able to guide newcomers and give considered views on any situation that arose.

12.4 St Catherine's Insurance

Catherine Whittaker has been looking after this for the last 5 years but no longer has the time to deal with this going forward. Mark Rendle will talk to Catherine about what is involved, and the matter will be reviewed at the next PCC meeting.

12.5 Alison expressed, on behalf of the Parish, grateful thanks to Richard Lamey for all his support.

The next PCC meeting will be on 24th June.

The Meeting concluded with prayer and the Grace at 8:53pm

4. Financial Statement

Finance Report for the year ended 31-December-2024

The Statement of Financial Activities (SOFA) is presented in the required standard format in Appendix 1. This report presents more detail and explanation of the income and expenditure of the various funds.

The continued, and increasing, use of the Parish Hall, and the continuation of a reduced Parish share allocation during the vacancy has meant the state of the parish finances has improved slightly over the year.

2024 Year End Fund Totals

The end of year figure for each of the funds is shown in the following table.

	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
General Fund	29,475	13,613	19,899	21,411	25,591	22,254	16,921	22,796	39,956	52,964	75,296
Incumbent	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	163,300
Buildings	5,897	5,955	5,996	15,246	6,094	6,094	6,094	6,094	6,094	6,094	6,094
St Catherine's Development	5,398	6,014	6,589	7,414	8,259	7,523	7,748	17,313	17,101	17,329	12,171
St Catherine's Churchyard	956	711	1,134	1,696	1,210	1,763	2,158	2,234	2,597	2,701	4
St Catherine's Organ	0	0	0	400	588	0	40	230	227	3	78
St Catherine's Choir	961	311	390	616	784	912	912	922	1,022	1,022	1,022
St Mary's Development	24,492	24,598	1,894	185	274	538	450	274	274	274	274
Parish Hall	7,957	20,525	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Hall Investment	0	0	2,500	3,872	5,611	7,126	5,445	4,301	4,676	6,578	8,117
Parish Office	6,968	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Depreciation	0	0	150	80	230	380	530	680	830	980	900
Totals	82,104	71,728	38,551	50,920	48,642	46,591	40,298	54,844	72,777	87,946	267,256

1.General Fund

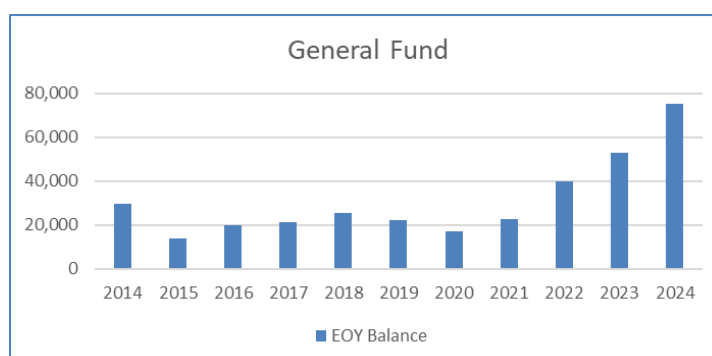
The General fund is unrestricted and provides for the day to day running expenses of St Catherine's and St Mary's. Income to this fund is from a variety of sources, such as collections, wedding and funeral fees, and fund-raising events, where no restriction is attached.

Income:

Overall income for 2024 increased by **12.9%**

The various headings contributed to this as follows:

Income tax recoverable on gift aid up **2.8%**,
planned-giving up **3.7%**, wedding and funeral
fees up **20%**, collections and donations up **32%**.
Fund raising down **28%**.



Fund raising:

Epiphany gifts **£244**
Spring Fayre **£1,516**
Winnersh lights **£101**
Bingo **£205**
Ride & Stride **£77**

Advent Market **£641**
Carolothon **£545**
Gratis Choir **£463**

Expenditure:

Regular expenditure each year covers the parish share; church insurance payments; a proportion of the utility, fire extinguisher maintenance, boiler maintenance and electrical testing costs; deanery levies; security alarm maintenance contract; copyright licencing; software licencing; and altar requisites.

This was down **0.8%** in 2024.

Non-regular expenditure during the year covered a proportion of the ramp replacement at St Mary's (**£1,730**); the provision of priests during the parish vacancy; and minor repairs & maintainance.

Overall expenditure in 2024 was **8.5%** up on last year.

Transfers in:

- **£24,647** the residue from the Parish Hall fund.
- **£203** from the Depreciation fund

Transfers out:

- **£150** to the Depreciation Fund.
- **£9,949** to the Parish Office Fund.
- **£1,685** to the Churchyard fund .

The excess of General fund income over expenditure for the year was **£22,200** making the balance carried forward **£75,296**.

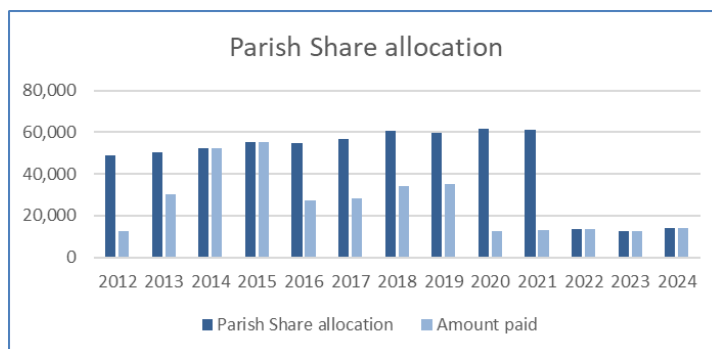
a) Parish Share allocation

The Parish Share allocation, which pays for the provision of the priest, is by far the largest item of expenditure each year.

However, a decision was made during the interegnum that the Parish could no longer support a full time priest, and the post should be advertised as House for Duty.

This post was not filled during the year, and the Parish Share allocation was adjusted accordingly.

So, for 2024, the allocation for the Parish was **£15,846**. The PCC agreed to pay this by direct debit over twelve months, thus receiving **1%** discount. This reduced the amount to **£15,687.54 or £1,307.30 per month**. In addition, a 10% discount for each month that the parish was in vacancy (**£132.05**) was applied, therefore reducing the monthly payment to **£1,175.25**, and the total for the year to **£14,102.94**. This amount was paid in full, with the final instalment in December.



In addition, the Diocese received, **£1,239** from the ODBF element of the statutory fees charged for weddings, funerals, and monuments.

b) Reserves Policy

The Reserve calculated for 2024 was £20,820. This money, held in reserve within the General Fund, is the equivalent of two months running costs, and £10,000 towards the costs of any repair work highlighted in the quinquennial inspection reports, and for unforeseen emergencies.

2. Incumbent fund

This is a restricted fund created from four large donations specifically given to assist with financing a full-time incumbent for four years. The money is held in a CCLA deposit account with all interest being credited to the fund.

At the beginning of the year the parish was informed it would be receiving two large anonymous donations to assist with the cost of a full-time priest. The two donations, **£40,000** and **£25,000** were received in April via the Parish Giving Scheme (PGS) and attracted **£10,000** and **£6,250** in gift aid. Once the PGS deducted its 1.5% handling fee the total donation amounted to **£80,275**.

The donations were conditional on the Parish advertising and appointing a full-time priest.

The donations were placed in a CBF Church of England Deposit Fund with Churches, Charities and Local Authorities (CCLA) Investment Management Limited. This was ring fenced with all interest being reinvested in the fund.

At the end of 2024 the parish was delighted to appoint the Rev'd Patrick Mukholi as Priest in Charge for a period of four years.

Then following this appointment, the December Parish Giving Scheme monthly report recorded two further anonymous large donations, **£40,600** and **£25,375** with corresponding gift aid amounts of **£10,150** and **£6,343.75**.

Following the deduction of the PGS 1.5% handling fee this the total amounted to **£81,479.13**.

It is assumed these donations were from the same two people who donated the original amounts earlier in the year and were therefore intended to support the cost of the new priest.

The money was immediately placed in the CCLA Church of England Deposit Fund.

The CCLA July (**£430.59**) and October (**£1,016.51**) quarterly interest amounts were added to the account as was **£98.89** NatWest interest, making the end of year total for the fund **£163,300.12**.

3. Buildings Fund

Money is held in this fund for the future maintenance of the church buildings.

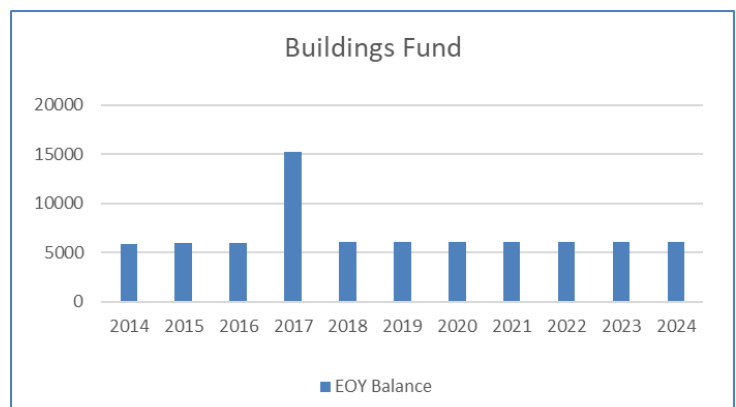
Buildings Fund	
SOY Balance	6,094
Income	0
Expenditure	0
Transfer in	0
Transfer out	0
EOY Balance	6,094

Income:

There was no income during the year.

Expenditure:

There was no expenditure during the year.



4. Parish Hall Fund

The Parish Hall fund separately records the income and expenditure directly related to the Hall. At the end of each year, the PCC has agreed that 10% of the net surplus will be transferred to the Hall Investment fund and the remainder, to the General Fund.

Income:

The hall continued to be well used during 2024 with the the number of regular users maintained at 22 and generating income of **£33,295**.

A major contributor to this continues to be the Hong Kong Group who hire both the hall and the church twice a month on Saturdays and also every Sunday.

The Saturday and Sunday single bookings generated income of **£3,336**

Expenditure:

Regular expenditure, **down 14 %**, consists of a proportion of the utility, fire extinguisher maintenance, boiler maintenance and electrical testing costs. It also covers the cleaner, cleaning materials, and grass cutting. Non-regular expense up **73%**, included a proportion of the ramp replacement, the adjustment and replacement of various locks, and a new clock.

Income		Expenditure	
SOY Balance	0		
Hire of Hall:		Costs:	
Regular users	33,295	Cleaning	4,075
Single users	3,336	Utility	2,537
		Maintenance	2,633
		Fund transfers:	
		Hall Investmen	24,647
		General	2,739
	<u>36,631</u>		<u>36,631</u>
EOY Balance	0		

Transfers out:

- **£2,739** was transferred to the Hall Investment fund for ongoing maintenance and improvements to the Hall.
- **£24,647** the residue, transferred to the General fund.

5. Hall Investment Fund

This fund has been created to carry the expenses of maintaining and improving the fabric and facilities of the Hall, following the refurbishment. The PCC agreed to set up the fund initially with £2,500, and thereafter to transfer in, annually, 10% of the net surplus from the Parish Hall fund.

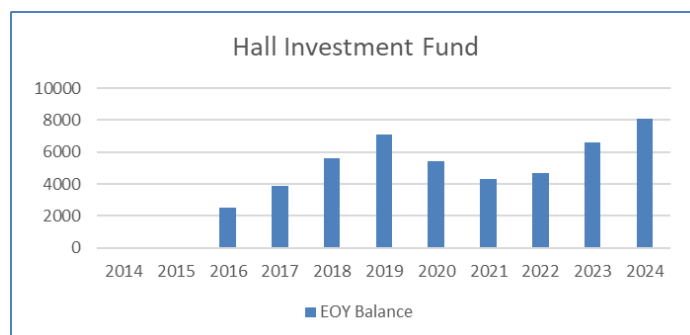
Hall Investment Fund	
SOY Balance	6,578
Income	0
Expenditure	1,200
Transfer in	2,739
Transfer out	0
EOY Balance	8,117

Income:

There was no income during the year.

Expenditure:

The entrance area of the building was redecorated at a cost of **£1,200**



Transfer in:

The sum of **£2,739** was transferred in from the Parish Hall fund.

6. Parish Office Fund

The Parish Office is funded solely from the General Fund.

Expenditure:

During the year the running costs of the Parish Office increased by **15%**.
However, this also included **£650** for the redecoration of the office, and **£207** to replace the old printer with a new one

Transfers in:

£9,949 from the General Fund.

Income		Expenditure	
SOY balance	0		
Transfer from	9,949	Salaries	7,850
General Fund		Telephone	503
		Software	159
		Website	394
		Printing	62
		Hardware	207
		Consumables	54
		Decoration	650
		Security System	69
		Other	0
	<u>9,949</u>		<u>9,949</u>
EOY balance	0		

7. St Mary's Development Fund

The St Mary's Development fund is restricted. Its source of income is money from donations, legacies and fund-raising events given specifically for the redevelopment of facilities at St Mary's.

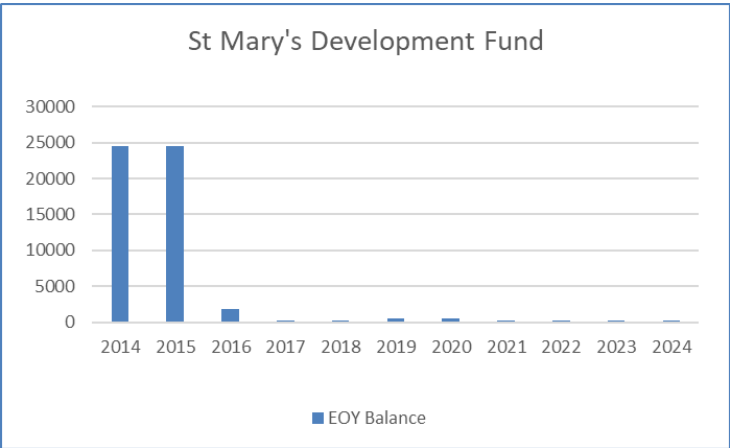
Income:

St Mary's Development	
SOY Balance	274
Income	0
Transfer in	0
Transfer out	0
Expenditure	0
EOY Balance	274

There was no income during the year.

Expenditure:

There was no expenditure during 2024.



8. St Catherine's Development Fund

The St Catherine's Development fund is restricted. Its source of income is money from donations, legacies and fund-raising events given specifically for the redevelopment of facilities at St Catherine's.

St C Development Fund	
SOY Balance	17,329
Income	1,186
Expenditure	5,144
Transfer in	0
Transfer out	1,200
EOY Balance	12,171

Income:

During 2024 the fund increased by **£251** from donations; and **£77** from Ride and Stride, and **£857** from the return of VAT via a Listed Buildings VAT

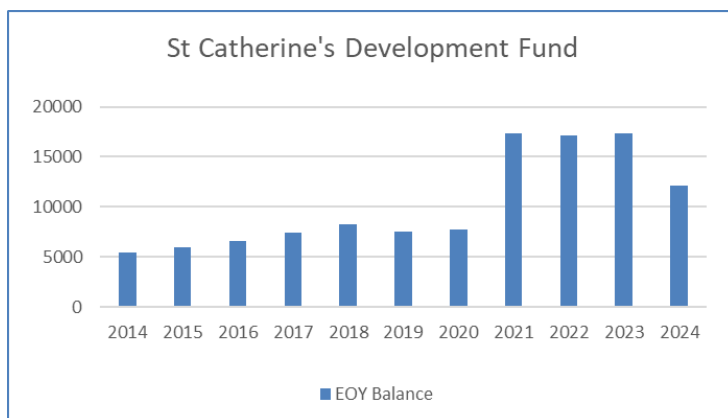
grant.

Expenditure:

There was expenditure of **£5,144** for repairs to the lead guttering that sits on the top of church walls to stop the water leaking into the church, and at the same time all the down pipes were removed and flushed. However, it was possible to reclaim the VAT (see above)

Transfer out:

£1,200 was transferred to the Organ fund to pay for the tuning, and for the investigation and repair of the organ.



9. St Catherine's Churchyard Fund

The St Catherine's Churchyard fund is restricted and carries the expenses of grass cutting, machinery repair and replacement at St Catherine's. It derives its income from grants, and donations made specifically for this purpose.

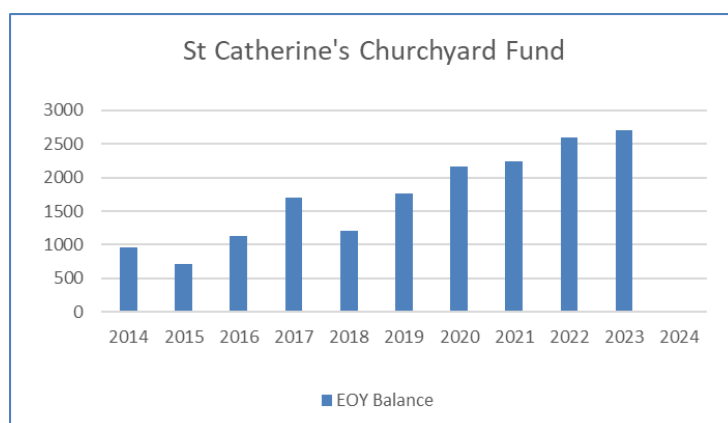
Churchyard Fund	
SOY Balance	2,701
Income	237
Expenditure	4,619
Transfer in	1,685
Transfer out	0
EOY Balance	4

Income:

During the year there was a grant of **£237** from Wokingham Town Council.

Expenditure:

In 2023, following the fall of some substantial limbs from the large cedar tree by the main gate at St Catherine's, it was agreed a safety survey needed to be carried out. This finally took place in August 2024 at a cost of **£240**. The results indicated some major surgery was required to make the tree safe and this work was carried out in November 2024 at a cost of **£3,984**. Other expenditure included **£223** for strimmer and mower repairs, **£35** for petrol and **£136** for materials.



Transfer in:

As the Churchyard fund had insufficient monies to cover this expense at the time, **£1,685** was transferred in from the General fund.

10. St Catherine's Organ Fund

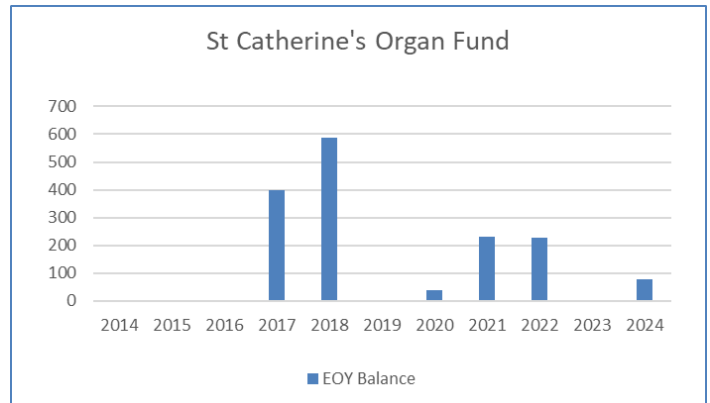
The St Catherine's Organ fund carries the expense of organ tuning and minor repairs to the organ. It derives its income from fees charged for the use of the organ at weddings and funerals.

Organ Fund	
SOY Balance	3
Income	75
Expenditure	1,200
Transfer in	1,200
EOY Balance	78

Annual income is variable, being dependent on the number of weddings and funerals taking place each year.

Income:

There were four funerals during the year, one of which required use of the organ, and two weddings which didn't need the organ. This generated income of **£75** for 2024.



Expenditure:

There was expenditure of **£1,200** during the year for tuning, and for the investigation and repair of the organ.

Transfer in:

As the Organ fund had insufficient monies to cover this expense at the time, **£1,200** was transferred in from the St Catherine's development fund.

11. St Catherine's Choir Fund

The St Catherine's Choir fund carries the expense of the purchase of music and Choir expenses such as the cleaning of robes. It derives its income from fees charged for the choir at weddings and funerals.

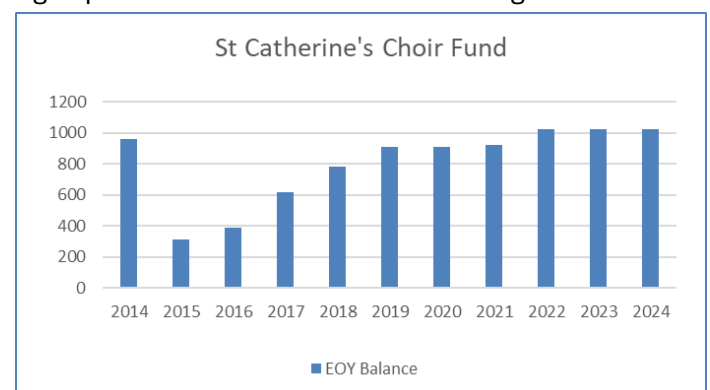
Choir Fund	
SOY Balance	1,022
Income	0
Expenditure	0
EOY Balance	1,022

Annual income is variable, being dependent on the number of weddings and funerals taking place each year. A set fee is charged for providing a Choir, and income to the choir fund is the surplus after payment

of the choristers.

Income:

There were four funerals and two weddings during the year, none of which required a choir.



Expenditure:

There was no expenditure during 2024

12. Depreciation Fund

This fund was created initially to cover the cost of replacing office computing equipment. The PCC has agreed to transfer in £150 a year from the General Fund towards future replacement costs.

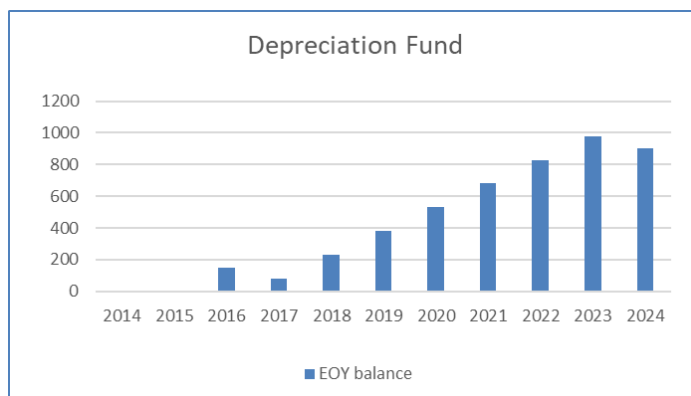
Depreciation Fund	
SOY Balance	980
Income	0
Expenditure	0
Transfer in	150
Transfer out	230
EOY Balance	900

Transfer in:

At the end of the year the agreed annual sum of **£150** was transferred in from the General Fund.

Transfer out:

During the year **£230** was transferred to the General fund, for the purchase of a new printer for the Parish Office.



Examiner's unqualified report (for a non-company charity preparing receipts and payments accounts) with a gross income of £250,000 or less in the relevant financial year.

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of the PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF WINNERSH

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF WINNERSH (the Trust) for the year ended 31st December 2024.

Responsibilities and basis of report as the charity trustees of the Trust you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the Act').

I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

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

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the Trust as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records.

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

Signed: Name:



V.R.D. Pearson

Address: 15 Sadlers Lane Winnersh Wokingham Berks RG41 5AJ

Date: 6th March 2025

Appendix 1

PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF WINNERSH

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES For the year ended 31 DECEMBER 2024

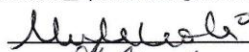
	Note	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Designated Funds £	TOTAL 2024 £	FUNDS 2023 £
INCOMING RESOURCES						
<i>Incoming resources from donors</i>	2[a]	26,469	162,940	0	189,409	24,007
<i>Other voluntary incoming resources</i>	2[b]	7,461	237	0	7,698	5,523
<i>Income from charitable and ancillary trading</i>	2[c]	41,568	0	1,981	43,549	34,313
<i>Other ordinary incoming resources</i>	2[d]	0	0	0	0	0
<i>Income from investments</i>	2[e]	2,825	1,546	0	4,371	404
TOTAL INCOMING RESOURCES		78,324	164,723	1,981	245,028	64,247
RESOURCES USED						
<i>Grants</i>	3[a]	20	0	0	20	20
<i>Activities directly relating to the work of the church</i>	3[b]	260	10,963	48,266	59,489	42,736
<i>Fund-raising and publicity</i>	3[c]	0	0	30	30	356
<i>Church management and administration</i>	3[d]	0	0	6,178	6,178	5,967
TOTAL RESOURCES USED		280	10,963	54,474	65,717	49,079
NET INCOMING/(OUTGOING) RESOURCES		78,044	153,760	-52,493	179,310	15,168
GAINS AND LOSSES ON INVESTMENTS						
- realised		-	-	-	-	-
- unrealised		-	-	-	-	-
NET MOVEMENT IN FUNDS		78,044	153,760	-52,493	179,310	15,168
BALANCE BROUGHT FORWARD AT 1 JAN 2024 (2023)		-38,167	-42,561	168,674	87,946	72,777
BALANCES CARRIED FORWARD at 31 DEC 2024 (2023)		39,876	111,199	116,181	267,256	87,946

PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL WINNERSH

BALANCE SHEET AT 31 DECEMBER 2024
For the year ended 31 DECEMBER 2024

		2024 £	2023 £
FIXED ASSETS	Tangible fixed assets	1	1
	Investment assets	-	-
CURRENT ASSETS	Debtors	0	0
	Short term deposits	234,223	68,995
	Cash at bank and in hand	33,133	19,351
		<u>267,356</u>	<u>88,346</u>
LIABILITIES:	AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR	100	400
NET ASSETS		267,257	87,947
FUNDS	General Fund	75,296	52,964
	Incumbent Fund	163,300	0.00
	Buildings Fund	6,094	6,094
	St Catherine's Development Fund	12,171	17,329
	St Mary's Development Fund	274	274
	St Catherine's Churchyard Fund	4	2,701
	St Catherine's Organ Fund	78	3
	St Catherine's Choir Fund	1,022	1,022
	Parish Hall Fund	0	0
	Hall Investment Fund	8,117	6,578
	Parish Office	0	0
	Depreciation Fund	900	980
		<u>267,256</u>	<u>87,946</u>

Approved by the Parochial Church Council on __ April 2025 and signed on its behalf by:

 Chairman
 PCC Member

PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF WINNERSH

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
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1 ACCOUNTING POLICIES

*The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Church of England Accounting Regulations 2006 together with applicable accounting standards and the SORP 2005.
They have been prepared on the accruals basis using the model set of accounting policies from Chapter 14 of the Church of England's guidance for PCCs (Third edition)*

2 INCOMING RESOURCES

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Designated Funds	TOTAL FUNDS	
				2024	2023
2[a] <i>Incoming resources from donors</i>					
Gift Aided planned giving	13,061	0	0	13,061	12,212
Other planned giving	920	0	0	920	1,270
Income Tax recoverable on Gift Aid	5,030	32,744	0	37,773	4,893
Collections	6,552	0	0	6,552	4,718
Gift days	245	0	0	245	402
Donations	662	130,196	0	130,858	513
	<u>26,469</u>	<u>162,940</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>189,409</u>	<u>24,007</u>
2[b] <i>Other voluntary incoming resources</i>					
Grants (Local Authority & Deanery)	3,959	237	0	4,196	655
Legacies	0	0	0	0	0
Fund-raising events	3,502	0	0	3,502	4,868
	<u>7,461</u>	<u>237</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>7,698</u>	<u>5,523</u>
2[c] <i>Income from charitable and ancillary trading</i>					
Magazine advertising & sale of items	0	0	0	0	14
Hire of Hall	36,631	0	0	36,631	28,846
Vergers, Organist, Choir fees	529	0	0	529	350
ODBF Fees	0	0	1,981	1,981	1,418
Wedding, Funeral Fees	4,409	0	0	4,409	3,685
	<u>41,568</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>1,981</u>	<u>43,549</u>	<u>34,313</u>
2[d] <i>Other ordinary incoming resources</i>					
Insurance claims	0	0	0	0	0
	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
2[e] <i>Income from investments</i>					
Interest on deposits	2,825	1,546	0	4,371	404
	<u>2,825</u>	<u>1,546</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>4,371</u>	<u>404</u>
TOTAL INCOMING RESOURCES	<u>78,324</u>	<u>164,723</u>	<u>1,981</u>	<u>245,028</u>	<u>64,247</u>

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3 RESOURCES USED

		Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Designated Funds	TOTAL FUNDS	
					2024	2023
3[a]	<i>Grants</i>					
	Donations to Charities	20	0	0	20	20
		20	0	0	20	20
3[b]	<i>Activities directly relating to church work</i>					
	Diocesan quota	0	0	14,103	14,103	12,342
	Clergy expenses	0	0	5,880	5,880	1,651
	Church - running expenses	260	1,200	7,308	8,768	9,336
	Upkeep of churchyard	0	4,619	0	4,619	551
	ODBF fees	0	0	1,030	1,030	846
	Office - running expenses	0	0	9,949	9,949	8,671
	Verger, Organist, Choir fees	0	0	75	75	150
	Utility costs - Church	0	0	3,925	3,925	5,335
	Utility costs - Hall	0	0	2,537	2,537	3,854
	Major works - Church	0	5,144	1,730	6,874	0
	Major works - Hall	0	0	1,730	1,730	0
	New works - Church	0	0	0	0	0
	New works - Hall	0	0	0	0	0
	Honoraria	0	0	0	0	0
		260	10,963	48,266	59,489	42,736
3[c]	<i>Fund-raising and publicity</i>					
	Cost of fund raising etc	0	0	30	30	356
		0	0	30	30	356
3[d]	<i>Church Management and administration</i>					
	Governance costs	0	0	0	0	0
	Costs of Trading - Hall	0	0	6,178	6,178	5,967
	Costs of Trading - Other	0	0	0	0	0
		0	0	6,178	6,178	5,967
	TOTAL RESOURCES USED	280	10,963	54,474	65,717	49,079

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5 FIXED ASSETS FOR USE BY THE PCC

		Land	Total
5[a] <i>Tangible Fixed Assets</i>			
GROSS BOOK VALUE	At 1 January 2024	1	1
	At 31 December 2024	1	1
DEPRECIATION	At 1 January 2024	0	0
	Charge for the year	0	0
	At 31 December 2024	0	0
NET BOOK VALUE	At 31 December 2024	1	1
	At 31 December 2024	1	1

6 ANALYSIS OF NET ASSETS BY FUND

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Designated Funds	TOTAL FUNDS	
				2024	2023
Fixed Assets	1	0	0	1	1
Current Assets	75,396	175,749	16,211	267,356	88,346
Current Liabilities	100	0	0	100	400
Fund balance	75,297	175,749	16,211	267,257	87,947

7 DEBTORS

Income tax recoverable	0	0	0	0	0
Prepayments and accrued interest	0	0	0	0	0
Other debtors	0	0	0	0	0
	0	0	0	0	0

8 LIABILITIES: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

Accruals and deferred income	0	0	0	0	0
Creditors for goods and services	0	0	0	0	0
Other creditors	100	0	0	100	400
	100	0	0	100	400

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9 MOVEMENT BY FUND

	General	Buildings	St Mary's Development	Parish Hall	Hall Investment	Parish Office
	£ (i)	£ (iii)	£ (x)	£ (xi)	£ (xii)	£ (v)
SOY Balance	52,964	6,094	274	0	6,578	0
Income	44,848	0	0	38,463	0	23
Expenditure	40,753	0	0	11,077	1,200	9,972
Transfers in	30,021	0	0	0	2,739	9,949
Transfers out	11,784	0	0	27,386	0	0
EOY Balance	75,296	6,094	274	0	8,117	0

	St Catherine's Development	St Catherine's Churchyard	St Catherine's Organ	St Catherine's Choir	Depreciation	Incumbent	Total
	£ (vi)	£ (vii)	£ (viii)	£ (ix)	£ (iv)	£ (ii)	£
SOY Balance	17,329	2,701	3	1,022	980	0.00	87,946
Income	1,186	237	75	0	0	163,300	248,131
Expenditure	0	4,619	1,200	0	0	0	68,821
Transfers in	0	1,685	1,200	0	150	0	45,744
Transfers out	6,344	0	0	0	230	0	45,744
EOY Balance	12,171	4	78	1,022	900	163,300	267,256

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- (i) **General fund**
This fund is unrestricted and provides for the day to day running expenses of St Catherine's and St Mary's. Income to this fund is from a variety of sources, such as collections, wedding and funeral fees, and fund raising events, where no restriction is attached.
- (ii) **Incumbent fund**
This is a restricted fund created from four large donations specifically given to assist with financing a full time incumbent for four years. The money is held in a CCLA deposit account with all interest being credited to the fund.
- (iii) **Buildings fund**
Money is held in this fund for the future maintenance of the church buildings.
- (iv) **Depreciation fund**
This fund was created initially to cover the cost of replacing office computing equipment. The PCC has agreed to designate £150 a year to the fund.
- (v) **Parish Office fund**
The Parish Office fund was created to record the set up and running costs of the Parish Office, funded for the first two years by grants from the Deanery. It is funded each year by an amount transferred from the General fund to be agreed by the PCC.
- (vi) **St Catherine's Development fund**
The St Catherine's Development fund is restricted. Its source of income is money from donations, legacies and fund raising events given specifically for the redevelopment of facilities at St Catherine's.
- (vii) **St Catherine's Churchyard fund**
The St Catherine's Churchyard fund is restricted and carries the expenses of grass cutting, machinery repair and replacement at St Catherine's. It derives its income from grants, and donations made specifically for this purpose.
- (viii) **St Catherine's Organ fund**
The St Catherine's Organ fund carries the expense of organ tuning and minor repairs to the organ. It derives its income from fees charged for the use of the organ at weddings and funerals.
- (ix) **St Catherine's Choir fund**
The St Catherine's Choir fund carries the expense of the purchase of music and Choir expenses such as the cleaning of robes. It derives its income from fees charged for the choir at weddings funerals.
- (x) **St Mary's Development fund**
The St Mary's Development fund is restricted. Its source of income is money from donations, legacies and fund raising events given specifically for the redevelopment of facilities at St Mary's.
- (xi) **Parish Hall fund**
The Parish Hall fund separately records the income and expenditure directly related to the running of the Hall. At the end of each year the PCC has agreed that 10% of the net surplus will be transferred to the Hall investment fund and the remainder to the General fund.
- (xii) **Hall Investment fund**
This fund has been created to carry the expenses of maintaining and improving the fabric and facilities of the Hall following the refurbishment. The PCC agreed to set up the fund initially with £2,500, and thereafter to transfer in 10% of the net surplus from the Parish Hall fund.

5. REPORTS

i) PCC ANNUAL REPORT - 2024

The PCC met 5 times during 2024 and passed the following resolutions:

PCC Meeting held on 22nd January 2024

That the policy for the recruitment of ex-offenders be adopted by the parish.

That the proposed Fellowship and Fun activity (subsequently renamed Social Saturdays) at St Mary's be approved by the PCC.

PCC Meeting held on 5th March 2024

That the audited accounts be accepted by the PCC for presentation to the APCM.

That the PCC Annual Report be accepted by the PCC for presentation to the APCM.

PCC Meeting held 11th March 2024 (s11 and s12)

That the PCC agrees to ring-fence the donations (including Gift Aid) and any interest arising therefrom made to support a full-time appointment for that purpose and only that purpose for as long as there is a full-time appointment.

The money should be considered a contribution to Parish Share and the donations are made and received for that purpose.

Once a full-time appointment comes to an end, the PCC may use any residual money which had been donated for whatever purpose they decide in consultation with the donors.

That the amended Parish Profile be adopted.

That the parish representatives for the interview process are Alison Vacher and Jinny Rendle

PCC Meeting held on 24th June 2024

No resolutions passed

PCC Meeting held on 23rd September 2024

That new banners to advertise the Spring Fair and the Advent Market be purchased at a cost of £45 each

In addition to the above meetings, the PCC approved the replacement of the disabled access ramp at St Mary's by email confirmations 27th August 2024 to enable the work to commence in early September

Parish of Winnersh PCC Members 2024

Debbie Brunt	- ex officio (Church Warden St Catherine's) elected 2024
Anne Warner	- ex officio (Church Warden St Mary's) elected 2024
Alan Hall	- ex officio (Deanery Synod representative) elected 2022 for 3 years
Christine Ransom	- elected 2023 for 3 years
Derek Manning	- elected 2022 for 3 years
Eve Wynn-Jones	- elected 2023 for 3 years
Roberta Tweedy	- elected 2022 for 3 years
Alison Vacher	- elected 2023 for 3 years
Jon Robson-Hurst	- elected 2022 for 3 years
Emma-Jean Wells	- elected 2022 for 3 years
Jinny Rendle	- elected 2022 for 3 years
Brenda Bowring	- elected 2023 for 3 years
Peter Lewis	- elected 2023 for 3 years
Geoff Marsden	- elected September 2023 resigned April 2024

ii) CHURCHWARDEN REPORT ST CATHERINE, BEARWOOD

2024 was another “Interregnum” year and it was a case of ‘business as usual’ for the folk at St Catherine’s.

Bolstered by the availability and willingness of retired clergy, we were able to offer regular, weekly services of Holy Communion at 11.00. This provision has been of great benefit in ensuring a viable future for The Parish as well as comfort to the congregation and local community. We are particularly grateful to The Reverends Colin Bass, Keith Knee Robinson and Graham Theobald for their reliable support, sometimes at short notice. They have become firm friends. Other clergy have stepped in to bridge any gaps, namely The Reverend Marina Braine and The Reverend Dr. Vincent Perricone who, later in the year, was introduced to us just in time to officiate at The Remembrance Day Service. It was a pleasure to have The Reverend Becky Medicott conduct a Wedding on 1st August as this was to be her last official service before taking up a new position at Shiplake College as School Chaplain at the end of the month as her Curacy completed at All Saints.

Canon Richard Lamey who had been so supportive throughout our ‘Vacancy’ led a final service at St Catherine on 7th July before leaving to take up a new position as Director of Mission and Ministry for the Diocese of Norwich. We wished him well and presented him with a bottle of champagne.

Thanks to Alan Hall for sourcing clergy throughout the year.

Jinny Rendle has worked consistently to produce monthly rotas for services. The information on types of services, readings and Readers, has been invaluable to those responsible for preparation of the service and for its execution.

There were 12 baptisms, 2 Weddings, 4 funerals and 6 Interments of Ashes.

We were very fortunate to be chosen as the recipient of funds raised from a concert given by The Gratis Choir on 25th May with the proceeds going towards works necessary for the repair of the damage to the south wall.

Following a service of Baptism on 1st September, a Parish Picnic took place in the churchyard. The congregation brought along their lunch and as a bonus, Geoff Marsden set up a barbecue. Geoff had also devised some outdoor games which were enthusiastically played. Reverend Keith Knee Robinson who took the service stayed, along with Ann, his wife and both joined in the fun. The glorious weather added to the enjoyment.

On 22nd September the Reverend Colin Bass conducted a service of Harvest Thanksgiving.

Reverend Keith presided at an All-Souls Memorial Service which was as usual, very well attended.

A Candlelit Carol Service on 22nd December was very popular. It was heartwarming to see the church so full and to enjoy singing traditional carols. Many thanks to all who helped.

A Crib Service held in the afternoon of Christmas Eve was very popular. Many thanks to Paula Seddon for playing the organ.

Christmas Night Holy Communion was led by The Reverend Keith Knee Robinson. It was a perfect opportunity to welcome ‘the newborn king’.

That the churchyard is so well maintained is largely due to the hard work of Mark Rendle. Mark manages to keep a watchful eye on the grounds which, with the help of Geoff Marsden and Ian, a volunteer, are kept ordered and presentable. It attracts many compliments and provides much comfort to visitors of graves. Matters pertaining to the fabric of the church are also dealt with by Mark. From arranging meetings with trades people to 'fixing things' himself, he is a huge help in keeping the church 'ship shape' and he is warmly thanked.

Eve Wynn – Jones is deserving of thanks for all she does in preparation for services. She ensures that all is ready for Eucharistic requirements and organises an Epiphany Gift List for the congregation to contribute to. The correct vestments are provided and cloths which require laundering will be taken care of. Eve also writes and delivers the Intercessions. Thankyou Eve.

Roberta Tweedy can always be relied upon to sing in the choir regularly and occasionally to enlist help from singing groups when needed. She regularly attends Open Church and often adds to debates and discussions. Thanks are offered to her.

Peter Lewis is much valued as a member of the church and for his skilful playing of the flute for our services and thus enhancing our enjoyment. Pete has raised a lot of money for the church by playing non-stop for 24 hrs (and once for 48) and by doing this has helped charities also. He is always willing to help if he can and we are so grateful. Thankyou Pete.

Jinny Rendle has been a great support to the Churchwarden who was unable to focus on church matters for a time last year. Her assistance continues to be called upon and she is warmly thanked for that.

Derek Manning must also be thanked for continuing the work of Treasurer to the Parish. Thank you, Derek.

Encouragingly, there have been visits from various schools throughout the year and Ruth Giles and Debbie have continued to attend Bearwood Primary School for assemblies with the younger children.

Ruth Giles has been extremely generous in supplying and preparing a buffet lunch for the two interviews which were held. She is a valued supporter of St. Catherine's and is always interested in the life of the church.

In September we learned that subject to satisfactory references, the Reverend Patrick Mukholi would be appointed to The Parish of Winnersh. The news was very welcome and a boost to morale. Some of us had met Patrick at his interview and were hopeful of a positive outcome. Once assured of his position we were able to realistically think positively about our future.

Finally, we thank Muriel Sheehan for ensuring that the church is open for Interments. It was always indicated that upon the appointment of a Priest she would step down. Thank you, Muriel.

Debbie Brunt
Churchwarden

iii) CHURCHWARDEN REPORT ST MARY'S

Still being in Vacancy, services continued regularly with the occasional joint services with St Catherine's. Average attendance of 22. The Wednesday morning quiet personal prayer time took place with an average of 8. Many thanks go to Alan for the work involved in finding Clergy cover and a huge thank you to them for their continued support, particularly the Rev Colin Bass, Rev Keith Knee-Robinson, Rev Graham Theobald, Rev Jane Kraft and Rev Vincent Perricone. Also, to Alison for leading the children's work, and flowers, Richard Whitaker and Richard Turner for their support with the music, Brenda for rotas and hymns and the congregation who help in many ways.

The initiative from the Diocese to support the Hong Kong community in the area to use our church for their services continues, worshiping in their own language of Cantonese. It is under the leadership of Pastor William under the umbrella of Trinity Church Earley. They hire the premises on the 2nd and 4th Saturdays, and on all Sundays. With the agreement of the congregation, we had changed our 9.30am to 9.00am Sunday services to make it possible for them with their other commitment at Trinity Church, Earley. The Hong Kong congregation is large, usually about 130 - 150. There is a slow integration with us where they have helped with grounds tidy days. We appreciated their help. Storage is an issue. We have been able to accommodate some of their equipment, but we are a small church building, and they are outgrowing our space.

The traditional service of Harvest Festival was held with the congregation bringing items to be blessed and then taken to a food bank.

A Remembrance Service was observed in November and a Crib Service in December which was very successful. Many thanks to Alison and family for organising it.

A new initiative 'Social Saturdays', a once-a-month meeting was started in March. Fun-Fellowship-Food-Fresh Expressions being the theme. Pastor William and a few other Hong Kong members joined. It was interesting to have discussions with them. Due to low numbers, it was decided to suspend the meeting in November with perhaps a different approach in the New Year.

Fund raising events included the Cheese and Wine Bingo Evening in March, the Spring Fayre in May and the Advent Market in November. A huge thank you to Samantha and Jon for their organising of those events. In May and November, the Gratis Choir gave concerts with donations going to St Catherine's towards the Window repairs and to SalGOAssist for Mosquito net frames for the boys Orphanage. There was enough to pay for 4 frames. which was very much appreciated. A 24 hour 'Carolathon' played by Peter Lewis on his flute took place in December. We also supported 'CRISIS AT CHRISTMAS' with the Christmas Card scheme.

The Kingfisher Social Group was started in December 2023 for people to drop in for tea and chat, and board games, etc. meeting fortnightly on a Wednesday. This continues to be well supported.

Anne Warner

Church Warden

iv) ELECTORAL ROLL

There are 44 on the Electoral Roll

v) DEANERY SYNOD REPORT

It has certainly been a year of significant change in Sonning Deanery.

In July 2024, Revd Richard Lamey moved on, after serving for as Area Dean for six years (and five years before that as Associate Area Dean). We continue to give thanks for how generously and fairly Richard served all the churches in our Deanery. He was warmly thanked and given a gift at his final Synod meeting in June 24.

The Bishop of Reading asked Revd Julian Bidgood (Barkham) to serve as Deanery Coordinator from July 24 and he has been working alongside John Sutton, Leigh Welham, and Lynne Paine (who thankfully continued in their posts as Lay Chair, Secretary, and Treasurer respectively). Revd Jane Kraft, Anna Pearce, Revd Laura Wheatley-Downes, Revd Andy Kearns, and David Horrocks have also continued to serve as members of the Deanery Standing Committee and Mission and Pastoral Committee.

It has also been a year of change in many of our churches. At the time of 2024 APCMs, there were incumbent vacancies in five of our then twelve (now thirteen) benefices: Arborfield and Barkham, All Saints Wokingham, Finchampstead and California, Hurst, Ruscombe and Twyford, and Winnersh and Bearwood. Revd Laura Wheatley-Downes (St John's Crowthorne) was also on maternity leave from April 24-January 25. Since then, we have also said farewell to Revd John Cook (who retired as Rector of Wargrave and Knowl Hill in June), Revd Richard Lamey (who also moved on from his role at St Paul's and Woosehill in July), and Revd Catherine Vaughan (who moved on from Owlsmoor in September).

But it hasn't all been farewells! We are glad to have welcomed Revd Hannah Higginson into her new role as Rector of all Saints Wokingham (July), Revd Andy Kearns into his new role as Rector of Arborfield and Barkham (October), Revd Mark Gould as Vicar of Ruscombe and Twyford (September), Revd Patrick Mukholi as Vicar of Winnersh and Bearwood (February), Revd Hugh Thomas as Vicar (House for Duty) of Hurst (March), and Revd Gemma Donnell as Rector of Finchampstead and California (April). So, we end the year with just three incumbent vacancies, at St Paul's and Woosehill, Wargrave and Knowl Hill, and Owlsmoor (see below). It's possible that there may be further news on some of these posts before the time of the APCMs.

With so many changes taking place, there has understandably been a limit to the amount that the Deanery has been able to do over this last year.

One particular focus has been the future of Owlsmoor. A small group from the Mission and Pastoral Committee worked closely with Wardens, the PCC and the Diocese, to look at possible options for the future staffing of that church family following Catherine's departure. This work continues and the vacancy there has now been suspended for five years to enable further consideration of these options.

We have also spent time considering our churches' and other local ministry among Children and Young People (following Bishop Stephen's lead), Parish Share (as we continue to implement the new ways of calculating what different benefices should pay), and environmental matters (with the Standing Committee agreeing a number of grants to churches who have applied to the increasingly-used Deanery Green Fund). In September 24, we were also joined by Revd Liz Jackson (Associate Archdeacon) who led a very thought-provoking session on 'Welcoming the Stranger' (informed particularly by her significant experience in leading and helping churches in welcoming and supporting refugees, including from Hong Kong and Ukraine).

In November 24, we took note of the (inevitably limited) progress that we had made on our 2024 Deanery Plan. We agreed to continue with this same plan in 2025, as well as continuing the ongoing work on the Plan for Children and Young People and (for obvious reasons) focusing on settling new clergy into the Deanery. The Standing Committee will also begin to consider what might be included in a potentially more ambitious plan for subsequent years and will be seeking suggestions from PCCs about this too.

In summary, it's been an interesting year. We give thanks to the Lord for the way he has grown relationships across the Deanery and between our churches through so many changes and we look forward to a little more stability in 2025.

Julian Bidgood
(Sonning Deanery Coordinator)

vi) ST CATHERINE BEARWOOD CHURCHYARD AND FABRIC TEAM

The Quinquennial Inspection took place in May and was the main event of the year. The inspector was on site for the whole day, not leaving until 9.30 in the evening. It was a fascinating day to be involved in, but, as the day went on, the list of repairs and improvements grew rather daunting. Although by the end of the year the report had not been received, some work has already been done, and other work planned. Some of the recommended work falls in the 'it would be nice category' e.g. new lighting and heating; some of it will require long term and substantial fundraising. The first major piece of work done – to repair the gutters and downpipes which had been overflowing – should enable the walls to dry out. Unfortunately, with increasingly heavy rainfalls, this is only a temporary solution.

A wooden shed, gifted by the Churchwarden's family, has been erected adjacent to the steel shed, on the foundations created the previous year from the excavations of the Walter graves. This will provide storage for non-gardening stuff.

The Walter grave was prepared for planting with a mixture of small shrubs, perennials and annuals. Further work is required to achieve a good all year-round effect.

During the autumn Ian Harvey planted 500 daffodil bulbs in the churchyard: we look forward to seeing the result in the spring.

Also in the autumn, a professional inspection was carried out on the cedar tree at the entrance, and consent was received to carry out maintenance on the tree by removing dead wood and carefully trimming branches to remove some weight.

Geoff Marsden has put a great deal of effort into clearing the beech hedge on the north boundary off from the adjacent graves. It will now be much easier to keep this area looking tidy.

Throughout the year routine maintenance of the grounds has taken place to keep the site looking welcoming to grave holders and visitors.

For the Christmas evening services, floodlights were erected to light the entrance by the cedar tree; over the steps at the east end of the churchyard; and from the tower to light the car park.

Once again, thanks are due to the small team of volunteers who do most of the work but augmented by others helping on specific tasks.

Mark Rendle for the Churchyard and Fabric Team

vii) HALL MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

The Hall Committee is responsible for the maintenance and upkeep of St Mary's Church and Hall and the church grounds. The Committee is currently without a chair and would welcome more volunteers to help with the tasks. We are pleased that 2 members of the Hong Kong congregation have joined the committee.

The Committee has reviewed the Health & Safety policy. PAT Testing and fire extinguisher checks are up to date.

Various working parties were held to tidy up the church grounds and to spring clean the church. A section of the carpet in the church has been cleaned and it is planned to clean further sections in 2025.

The Office and lobby have been redecorated.

The car park lines have been repainted, and the disabled access ramp has been replaced.

Alison Vacher

viii) SOCIAL COMMITTEE REPORT

The committee meets three or four times per year.

It is usually held at Debbie's house in the evening.

Upcoming fundraising events are suggested/discussed.

Members are currently Jon, Ani, Samantha, Debbie, Jinny and Eve.

New members would be welcome.

Debbie

ix) ST. MARY'S EXPLORERS

Explorers meet every Sunday during the main service.

We generally follow the Lectionary and use Roots as our main source of teaching materials. Our usual format is to read the Gospel for the day and then undertake activities based on that.

Attendance is a little sporadic; we have 3 regular attendees.

Alison Vacher

x) FELLOWSHIP

The Fellowship Group meets monthly approximately ten times per year. The venue for the meeting is Debbie's house or at Ruth Giles's house.

A prayer is said at the beginning of the meeting and then conversation develops. Sometimes a topic is discussed which would have been decided at a previous meeting. Occasionally a member will talk about a holiday just taken or perhaps about a hobby. Ruth is very good at organizing a game.

Currently, the Hope to Link charity is a focus and members are donating useful items to be sent to needy families.

A summer outing is usually arranged and a winter afternoon tea/lunch.
There are 12 members

Debbie

6. ELECTIONS TO DEANERY SYNOD

7. ELECTIONS TO PCC

8. SAFEGUARDING

All relevant staff and volunteers have undergone **safeguarding training** in accordance with Church of England guidelines.

Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS) checks have been completed or updated for those in regulated roles.

The **Parish Safeguarding Officer (PSO)** has worked closely with the PCC to ensure policies are current and followed. We are also working on completing and maintaining the Parish Dashboard, on online task list, that ensures the church is up to date with all aspects of safeguarding and training.

Our **safeguarding policy** has been reviewed and adopted by the PCC and is available on the church website.

There have been no concerns raised.

Emma-Jean Wells

9. DATA PROTECTION

There were no known data protection breaches.

10. TERRIER & INVENTORY

11. APPOINTMENT OF INDEPENDENT EXAMINER

12. ANY OTHER BUSINESS