

**Report and Financial Statements for
Blackbird Leys Parochial Church Council
incorporating the life and witness of Holy Family
Blackbird Leys Single Congregation
Local Ecumenical Partnership (LEP)**



Year ending 31 December 2024

Registered Charity No. 1209195

Registered name:

“The Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish
of Blackbird Leys, Diocese of Oxford”

Address: 1 Cuddesdon Way, Oxford OX4 6JH

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Vicar : Position vacant

Through 2024 until 25 February 2025, Revd Heather Carter

Bankers:

The Co-operative Bank, 1 Balloon Street, Manchester M60 4EP

Independent Examiner:

Mr Peter Stevenson

The Parochial Church Council of Holy Family Church, Blackbird Leys

Trustees' Annual Report (pages A – E) for the year ended 31st December 2024

Aim and Purpose

Holy Family's Parochial Church Council (the PCC) has the responsibility of cooperating with the Incumbent, in promoting in the ecclesiastical parish, the whole mission of the Church, pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical. As well as the Church building (the Sanctuary) the PCC is also responsible for maintaining the integral Church Hall and ancillary rooms.

Objectives and Activities

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 on 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 people to live out their faith as part of our parish family, through:

- Worship and prayer: learning about the Gospel, and developing their knowledge of 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. (See below)

Achievements and Performance

Worship and Prayer

The PCC is keen to offer a range of services, that our community might find both beneficial and spiritually fulfilling, and not only on Sundays. For example, a variety of styles is possible in Holy Week, Easter, Harvest and the Christmas season. During Covid we broke new ground and held our worship outside on the Church lawn in sight and hearing of passers-by.

We have welcomed a few families into our church, and though their circumstances have meant that most have found their spiritual home where there are more children, they have appreciated the welcome they received among us. In 2024 we were blessed by the ministry of a vicar-in-training and also a local School Chaplain who became a member of Holy Family.

The style of our worship is varied. After our Vicar moved to another parish, in March 2025, we have largely relied on our own members to lead our worship. Music is provided by a rota of friends and church members on piano or guitar. Though a small congregation now, in 2026, of about 20, our singing is notably good.

We have, since our foundation in the 1960's, always been an ecumenical church accommodating the traditions of the Church of England, Baptist and Methodist Churches, the United Reformed Church and the Moravian Union. Holy communion is celebrated at least monthly. We celebrated one adult baptism on profession of faith and one child in 2024.

At present there are 36 parishioners on the Electoral Roll, 33 of whom live within the parish. Through 2024 the average Sunday attendance at the 10am Service on Sundays was 25.

Those who are no longer able to come to Church are not forgotten. The text of the Sunday services including hymns, bible readings, prayers, and a thought for the day or full sermon text are delivered to five households. A monthly Holy Communion Service has been held in a local residential home for a long time, though this is in abeyance in the early part of the vacancy.

The church is connected to the internet which would in future allow downloading worship resources and to live-stream events such as funerals (when technical expertise permits.)

Deanery Synod

One member of the PCC sits on the Cowley 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, as well as news from the non-Anglican denominations. Conversations across the denominations include trying to work out how best to deploy clergy, both stipendiary and non-stipendiary, between the parishes in the Deanery.

Links with the non-CofE denominations

The strongest link is with the United Reformed Church with their strong ecumenical ethos. As well as URC members and retired ministers having committed themselves to Holy Family, the URC have committed one of their nine Church-Related Community Workers (CRCW) to Holy Family and The Leys, for an initial phase of 5 years. The costs, including stipend and housing are being met by the URC with the local church bearing the day-to-day expenses. The CRCW is due to take up their appointment in March 2025

Church Fabric

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Mission and Evangelism

See Worship and Prayer and the description of the Communi-Tea Café (above) as well as Other Activities (next paragraph)

Other Activities

The PCC publishes prior to the APCM each year, a separate document containing reports of some of the organisations and groups that are part of the Church's wider family. Activities of these users of the Hall include the Communi-tea Café, Blackbird Leys Choir, a twice-weekly exercise group and a Men's Health group and three different "Anonymous" groups which help members to address their addictions.

In early December 2024 we offered our premises and support for a local community initiative “Light Up Blackbird Leys” which saw a Christmas tree set up on the lawn and lit, activities and refreshments for all ages and carol singing

Financial Review

Total receipts on the unrestricted General Fund were £44,540, and payments from this fund totalled £32,138, giving a surplus of £12,402.

Free will offerings whether by regular, annual donations, standing orders or weekly envelopes increased by around 7%.

Income from hall lettings has remained stable, and interest received has been essential. An equitable proportion of the investment income has been allocated to the savings accumulated towards the Redevelopment.

We increased our Diocesan ‘Parish Share’ –which helps towards the cost of stipends and housing costs for the clergy – by 40%. This was in answer to a strong call to be sacrificial in our contribution, and, from our side, a recognition of the generous support our church has been afforded over a very long time. (In 2026 the church will be given a 10% rebate on their parish Share as we are without a Vicar.)

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Reserves Policy

To cover emergencies the PCC seeks to maintain a balance on our Unrestricted Fund, which equates to at least three months’ payments. For this purpose, Unrestricted and Designated payments are taken together in view of the significance of the Communi Tea Café’s costs. These Unrestricted and Designated expenditures taken together in 2024 amounted to £90,400. Three months’-worth is £22,600 which compares to Unrestricted reserves at the end of 2024 of £43,700.

It is our policy to invest any surplus funds with CCLA, through the CBF Church of England Deposit Fund, their Investment Fund units, and their Property Fund units.

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). The Parish Safeguarding Officer keeps the records of all those who need to have a DBS check and ensures they are renewed as necessary

Volunteers

The members of the PCC would like to thank all who work to keep our Church alive and active in very uncertain times

Structure, Governance and Management

The method of appointment of PCC members is set out in the Church Representation Rules. The Council comprises the Incumbent, the Churchwardens, a representative of LLM’s, those elected to the Deanery Synod, and other members who are elected at the Annual Parochial Church Meeting, by those on the Electoral Roll. Members of the congregation are always encouraged to join the Electoral Roll, and to consider standing 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 the year. The average level of attendance was 90%.

Administrative Information

Holy Family Church is situated at 1 Cuddesdon Way, Blackbird Leys, Oxford OX4 6JH and is part of the Cowley Deanery, in the Diocese of Oxford.

The PCC is a body corporate (PCC Powers Measure 1956, and the Church Representation Rules 2022) and a Registered Charity (No. 1209195) with the Charity Commission.

PCC members who have served from 1st January 2024 **until the date this report was approved** were:

Ex Officio

The Incumbent	Rev’d Heather Carter	Chair – until 25 February 2025
	Prof Denise Morrey-Carter	Vice Chair - until 25 February 2025
	Thomas Baker	Secretary, Chair- from 25 February 2025
LLM		Churchwarden until 3 February 2026
Churchwardens	Sasha East	
	Simon Pitkin	
	Revd Paul Bedford	Treasurer to the PCC
	Mrs Susan Bedford (PSO)	From 18 May 2025
	Mrs Ira Browne	Until 9 December 2025
	Mrs Beverley Humberstone	
	Mrs Eva Powell	Until 9 December 2025
	Mrs Joy Smith	Until 5 November 2024
Deanery Synod Rep		
Elected Members		

Approved by the PCC on 3 February 2026 and signed on its behalf by:

T Baker

*Paul M Bedford

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Thomas Baker (Chair of meeting)

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Paul M Bedford (Treasurer)

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The Parochial Church Council (PCC) present the Financial Statements of Blackbird Leys Parochial Church Council incorporating the life and witness of Holy Family Blackbird Leys Single Congregation Local Ecumenical Partnership (LEP) for the year ended 31 December 2024

Statement of Financial Activities

	Unrestricted funds	Designated funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds	Total funds	Prior year total funds
Receipts						
Planned giving	21,174	—	—	—	21,174	19,807
Collections and other giving	1,420	—	—	—	1,420	1,678
Other voluntary receipts	478	799	3,408	—	4,685	33,362
Gift Aid recovered	8,589	—	2,500	—	11,089	—
Other receipts	—	37,604	—	—	37,604	25,768
Activities for generating funds	6,643	—	—	—	6,643	4,230
Investment Income	6,234	—	10,900	—	17,134	10,249
Receipts from church activities	—	—	—	—	—	2,277
Total income	44,540	38,403	16,808	—	99,751	97,373
Payments						
Cost of generating funds	—	58,280	—	—	58,280	40,472
Missionary and Charitable Giving	569	—	—	—	569	—
Parish Share	11,546	—	—	—	11,546	7,959
Clergy and Staffing costs	1,224	—	—	—	1,224	1,147
Church Running Expenses	18,797	—	1,844	—	20,642	33,895
Total expenditure	32,138	58,280	1,844	—	92,263	83,474
Gains / losses on investment assets	—	—	—	—	—	—
Net income / (expenditure) resources before transfer	12,402	(19,877)	14,963	—	7,488	13,898
Transfers						
Gross transfers between funds - in	—	35,000	—	—	35,000	—
Gross transfers between funds - out	(35,000)	—	—	—	(35,000)	—
Other recognised gains / losses						
Gains on revaluation, fixed assets, charity's own use	—	—	—	—	—	—
Net movement in funds	(22,598)	15,123	14,963	—	7,488	13,898
Total funds brought forward	66,293	14,308	135,594	—	216,196	202,298
Total funds carried forward	43,695	29,431	150,557	—	223,685	216,196
Represented by						
Unrestricted						
General fund	43,695	—	—	—	43,695	66,293
Designated						
Art (Craft) Group	—	209	—	—	209	209
Cafe Fund	—	(2,476)	—	—	(2,476)	(17,598)
Church Fabric (Roof) Fund	—	31,626	—	—	31,626	31,626
First Steps	—	—	—	—	—	—
Holiday	—	72	—	—	72	72
JOSEPH	—	—	—	—	—	—
Restricted						
Community Arts Programme	—	—	725	—	725	725
Community Worker Fund	—	—	5,773	—	5,773	5,773
Disabled Toilet fund	—	—	—	—	—	—
Little Chicks fund	—	—	—	—	—	—
Redevelopment (Building) Fund	—	—	141,787	—	141,787	126,823
Toddler Time	—	—	1,514	—	1,514	1,514
Youth Work Fund	—	—	757	—	757	757

Balance sheet

	Total funds	Prior year funds
Current assets		
Cash at bank and in hand	353,439	343,199
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Liabilities		
Creditors: Amounts falling due in one year	129,753	127,002
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Net current assets less current liabilities	223,685	216,196
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Statement of assets and liabilities

	General	Designated	Restricted	Endowment	This year	Last year
Current assets - Cash at bank and in hand						
Bank current account -	17,143	1,269	9,494	—	27,907	34,075
CCLA (CBF) deposit account -	41,330	14,701	269,500	—	325,531	309,123
Petty Cash -	(14,779)	13,463	1,316	—	—	—
Totals	43,694	29,433	280,311	—	353,438	343,199
Liabilities - Agency accounts						
Agency collections -	—	—	(246)	—	(246)	(2,997)
Totals	—	—	(246)	—	(246)	(2,997)
Liabilities - Creditors: Amounts falling due in one year						
Loans received -	—	—	130,000	—	130,000	130,000
Totals	—	—	130,000	—	130,000	130,000
Grand total	43,694	29,433	150,557	—	223,685	216,196

Fund movement by type

		Opening	Incoming	Outgoing	Transfers	Gains/losses	Journals	Closing
AG - Art (Craft) Group								
Designated		209	—	—	—	—	—	209
Sub-total for AG		209	—	—	—	—	—	209
CAFE - Cafe Fund								
Designated		(17,599)	38,403	58,280	35,000	—	—	(2,476)
Sub-total for CAFE		(17,599)	38,403	58,280	35,000	—	—	(2,476)
CAP - Community Arts Progr								
Restricted		725	—	—	—	—	—	725
Sub-total for CAP		725	—	—	—	—	—	725
CFF - Church Fabric (Roof)								
Designated		31,626	—	—	—	—	—	31,626
Sub-total for CFF		31,626	—	—	—	—	—	31,626
CHF - Little Chicks fund								
Restricted		—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Sub-total for CHF		—	—	—	—	—	—	—
CWF - Community Worker Fun								
Restricted		5,773	—	—	—	—	—	5,773
Sub-total for CWF		5,773	—	—	—	—	—	5,773
DTF - Disabled Toilet fund								
Restricted		—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Sub-total for DTF		—	—	—	—	—	—	—
FS - First Steps								
Designated		—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Sub-total for FS		—	—	—	—	—	—	—
HolF - Holiday								
Designated		72	—	—	—	—	—	72
Sub-total for HolF		72	—	—	—	—	—	72
JO - JOSEPH								
Designated		—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Sub-total for JO		—	—	—	—	—	—	—
RBF - Redevelopment (Build								
Restricted		126,823	16,808	1,844	—	—	—	141,787
Sub-total for RBF		126,823	16,808	1,844	—	—	—	141,787
TT - Toddler Time								
Restricted		1,514	—	—	—	—	—	1,514
Sub-total for TT		1,514	—	—	—	—	—	1,514
YWF - Youth Work Fund								
Restricted		757	—	—	—	—	—	757
Sub-total for YWF		757	—	—	—	—	—	757
General - General fund								
Unrestricted		66,297	44,540	32,138	(35,000)	—	—	43,699
Sub-total for General		66,297	44,540	32,138	(35,000)	—	—	43,699
Grand total		216,196	99,751	92,263	—	—	—	223,685

Analysis of income and expenditure

	<u>Unrestricted</u>	<u>Designated</u>	<u>Restricted</u>	<u>Endowment</u>	<u>Total</u> <u>This year</u>	<u>Last year</u>
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS						
Planned giving						
0101 - Gift Aid (via bank)	17,120	—	—	—	17,120	15,865
0201 - Envelope giving scheme	4,054	—	—	—	4,054	3,942
Total	21,174	—	—	—	21,174	19,807
Collections and other giving						
0202 - Gift Aid envelopes	—	—	—	—	—	—
0301 - Loose plate collections	248	—	—	—	248	678
0401 - Regular gift days	—	—	—	—	—	—
0501 - One-off Gift Aid gifts	1,172	—	—	—	1,172	1,000
Total	1,420	—	—	—	1,420	1,678
Other voluntary receipts						
0410 - Giving through church boxes	—	—	—	—	—	—
0550 - Donations appeals etc	478	—	3,408	—	3,886	16,462
0801 - Recurring grants	—	—	—	—	—	2,000
08A1 - Non-recurring one-off grants	—	799	—	—	799	14,900
Total	478	799	3,408	—	4,685	33,362
Gift Aid recovered						
0601 - Tax recoverable on Gift Aid	8,589	—	2,500	—	11,089	—
Total	8,589	—	2,500	—	11,089	—
Other receipts						
0901 - Other funds generated	—	37,604	—	—	37,604	25,768
1310 - Insurance claims	—	—	—	—	—	—
Total	—	37,604	—	—	37,604	25,768
Activities for generating funds						
0910 - Rummage sales + other fundraising	—	—	—	—	—	—
1240 - Church hall lettings - fund raising	6,643	—	—	—	6,643	4,230
1260 - Parish magazine sales	—	—	—	—	—	—
Total	6,643	—	—	—	6,643	4,230
Investment Income						
1020 - Bank and investment interest	6,234	—	10,900	—	17,134	10,249
1030 - Rent from lands or buildings	—	—	—	—	—	—
Total	6,234	—	10,900	—	17,134	10,249
Receipts from church activities						
1101 - Fees for weddings and funerals	—	—	—	—	—	2,277
Total	—	—	—	—	—	2,277

INCOME TOTAL	44,540	38,403	16,808	—	99,751	97,373
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EXPENDITURE

Cost of generating funds

1730 - Costs of fetes & other events	—	—	—	—	—	91
2365 - Magazine costs	—	—	—	—	—	—
2501 - Cafe Payroll	—	18,934	—	—	18,934	19,197
2502 - Cafe non-staff costs	—	39,345	—	—	39,345	21,184
Total	—	58,280	—	—	58,280	40,472

Missionary and Charitable Giving

1801 - Giving to missionary societies	70	—	—	—	70	—
1870 - Secular charities	499	—	—	—	499	—
Total	569	—	—	—	569	—

Parish Share

1901 - Stipends quota	10,231	—	—	—	10,231	7,425
1910 - Other Free church Ministry	1,314	—	—	—	1,314	534
Total	11,546	—	—	—	11,546	7,959

Clergy and Staffing costs

2001 - Assistant staff costs	—	—	—	—	—	—
2101 - Working expenses of incumbent	—	—	—	—	—	—
2120 - Council tax	—	—	—	—	—	—
2130 - Manse + Vicarage expenses	—	—	—	—	—	—
2140 - Water rates - vicarage	—	—	—	—	—	—
2145 - Parsonage - water	—	—	—	—	—	—
2150 - Vicar's telephone	1,224	—	—	—	1,224	1,147
2370 - Visiting speakers / locums	—	—	—	—	—	—
Total	1,224	—	—	—	1,224	1,147

Church Running Expenses

2170 - Education	—	—	—	—	—	—
2201 - Parish training and mission	200	—	—	—	200	540
2210 - Worship and Sanctuary	541	—	—	—	541	170
2301 - Church running - insurance	2,666	—	—	—	2,666	2,603
2310 - Church office - telephone	1,212	—	—	—	1,212	1,092
2330 - Church maintenance	1,894	—	1,844	—	3,739	17,843
2331 - Cleaning	4,221	—	—	—	4,221	3,530
2360 - Administration	2,545	—	—	—	2,545	3,529
2401 - Church running - electric	5,121	—	—	—	5,121	2,817
2410 - Church running - gas	368	—	—	—	368	799
2420 - Church running - water	25	—	—	—	25	968
Total	18,797	—	1,844	—	20,642	33,891

EXPENDITURE TOTAL	32,138	58,280	1,844	—	92,263	83,474
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GRAND TOTAL	12,402	(19,877)	14,963	—	7,488	13,898
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Other assets

Gift Aid recoverable	£7,000
Investments (CCLA held by ODBF)	£26,776
Investments (Aviva)	£45,074 (at March 2025)

Other Liabilities

Grant treated as Loan (see below)	£130,000
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ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Charities Act 2011 section 132(1), using the receipts and payments basis available to small charities.

SIGNIFICANT ITEMS

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FUND ACCOUNTING

Unrestricted Funds may be used by the church for any of its ordinary purposes

Designated Funds represent unrestricted funds set aside by the church for specific purposes; they can be transferred back into general funds at the church's discretion

Restricted Funds represent income which may be expended only on those restricted objects provided in the terms of a trust or bequest, or donations or grants received or invited for a specific purpose. The funds can only be spent on the specific purpose for which they were given. The Building Redevelopment Fund represents grants and donations received, less payments made, towards a new building, including planning and preliminary works.

ASSETS USED FOR CHURCH PURPOSES

Church buildings and contents for the year 2025 have been insured for £6.65m (Index-linked). Our intention is to demolish and rebuild on the site

TREASURER'S STATEMENT

I have prepared the financial statements on pages 2 to 7 for the year ended 31 December 2024

Paul M Bedford

8 September 2025

PCC APPROVAL

The above financial statements were laid in draft before the Annual Parochial Church Meeting held 18 May 2025 and signed, after Independent Examination, on its behalf by me, Thomas Baker, Churchwarden, at the PCC held on 7 October 2025.

Independent Examiner's Report to the PCC of the Church of the Holy Family, Blackbird Leys, Oxford for the year ended 31 December 2024

Introduction

This report on the financial statements of the PCC for the year ended 31 December 2024, which are set out on pages 2 to 3, is in respect of an examination carried out in accordance with the Church Accounting Regulations 2006 ("the Regulations") and section 145 of the Charities Act 2011 ("the Act").

Respective Responsibilities of the PCC and Examiner

As members of the PCC, you are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements. You consider that the audit requirement of the Regulations and section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 does not apply, and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to issue this report on those financial statements in accordance with the terms of the Regulations.

Basis of Independent Examiner's Report

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The examination includes:

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- Seeking explanations from members of the PCC regarding such matters

The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit; consequently, I do not express an audit opinion on the view given by the financial statements.

Independent Examiner's Statement

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

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2. To which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Signed... **Peter J. Stevenson**

Date: 6th October 2025

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Independent Examiner's Report to the PCC of the Church of the Holy Family, Blackbird Leys, Oxford for the year ended 31 December 2024

Introduction

This report on the financial statements of the PCC for the year ended 31 December 2024, which are set out on pages 2 to 3, is in respect of an examination carried out in accordance with the Church Accounting Regulations 2006 ("the Regulations") and section 145 of the Charities Act 2011 ("the Act").

Respective Responsibilities of the PCC and Examiner

As members of the PCC, you are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements. You consider that the audit requirement of the Regulations and section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 does not apply, and that an independent examination is needed.

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