

Charity Registration No. 254285

Whitchurch Canonorum Church Lands Charity

Trustees' Report And Financial Statements

For The Year Ended 31 December 2024

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Legal and Administrative Information

Trustees	Rev Virginia Luckett (Chair) Richard Colby (Treasurer) Ann Bartlett Susan Johnson
Charity registered number	254285
Registered office	Abbotts Wootton Cottage Wootton Fitzpaine Bridport Dorset DT6 6NL
Bankers	TSB Bank 9 West Street Bridport Dorset DT6 3QL
Independent Examiner	Mr. M. J. Cridland B.A. (Hons) F.C.A. Scott Vevers Ltd Chartered Accountants and Registered Auditors 65 East Street Bridport Dorset DT6 3LB

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Objectives

The Charity objectives are in the furtherance of religious and other charitable work of the Church of England in the Parish of Whitchurch Canonorum with Stanton St Gabriel and Fishpond.

Main activities

The Charity has been supporting the work of the church by paying for the maintenance of the fabric at St Candida and Holy Cross including the tower, the floor, and improvements to enhance use of the building for services e.g., the kitchen facilities, so that refreshments after services, concerts and fund raising events can be better provided.

The Trustees have considered the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit and in particular, the specific guidance on charities for the advancement of religion.

Achievements and performance

The Trustees met twice in 2024 with Rev Virginia Luckett as Chair.

The Charity has continued to use income from its investments and the rental of two small fields in Whitchurch to make grants to churches within the Parish of St Candida and Holy Cross, Whitchurch Canonorum with St Gabriels, Morcombelake and St John, Fishpond.

Grants were made to St Candida and St Gabriel's for church insurance and to St Candida for roof alarm maintenance plus repairs to a water heater, external lantern, and the church path together with an asbestos survey and architects' inspection.

A new income units account that was opened in 2023 and restricted to the emergency repairs of St Candida, generated an additional £9,350 of income for the Charity during the year.

Following the opening of a second new income generating account in 2023 an additional income of £5,318 was raised during the year. This additional unrestricted income is planned for the Charities objective of 'Furthering the religious and other charitable work of the Church of England in the Parish'.

This new unrestricted income provides an exciting opportunity for the Charity to extend its grant making to organisations in the local community.

In particular, the trustees will be looking to provide grants in the future that support work in the parish that meets at least one of the following criteria:

- Alleviating isolation and loneliness
- Supporting young people aged 10 to 16 to flourish
- Celebrating and promoting St Candida and Holy Cross as a site of pilgrimage

Work will continue to identify recipients for the new grants and put in place the structures necessary to manage the grant applications process and a public meeting to launch the new fund is being planned for spring 2025.

Financial review

As a result of the higher investment income for the year, there was a surplus on the unrestricted fund of £16,422 (2023: £14,406). The unrestricted funds on 31 December 2024 were £35,435 (2023: £19,013)

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The endowment funds amounted to £1,235,682 on 31 December 2024, an increase of £40,495 on the opening balance of £1,195,187.

Reserves

The Charity aims to protect its reserves and only use the income derived from investment of the capital reserves (interest and dividends etc) to fund requests for grants.

Structure, governance and management

The governing document is a scheme dated 19 August 1986 amended by resolution dated 9 April 2012 and amended by scheme dated 30 September 2013.

The Trustees consist of the Vicar and Churchwardens by virtue of their offices and two persons appointed by the Whitchurch Parochial Church Council from amongst its members who shall serve for a term of three years or for so long as they are members of the council whichever is shorter. The Trustees will be eligible for reappointment at the end of their term.

Statement of Trustees' responsibilities

The Board of Trustees is responsible for preparing the report and financial statements in accordance with applicable law and regulations.

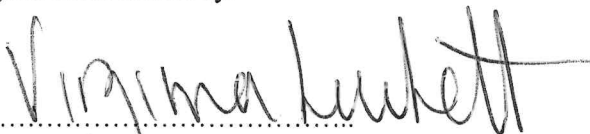
The law applicable to charities in England and Wales requires the Board of Trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity and of its income and expenditure for that period.

In preparing these financial statements the Board is required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable accounting standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements; and
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in business.

The Trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and enables them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011, applicable Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations, and the provisions of the constitution. The Trustees are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

The annual report was approved by the Trustees of the charity on ...12/11/2025... and signed on its behalf by:


.....
Rev Virginia Lockett
Chair of Trustees

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Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of Whitchurch Canonorum Church Lands Charity

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the charity for the year ended 31 December 2024 which are set out on pages 5 to 6.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity's trustees 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 charity's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 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 charity as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair view' which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

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.



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Date: 24/02/25



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

WHITCHURCH CANONICORUM CHURCH
LANDS CHARITY

No (if any)
254285

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Receipts and payments accounts

For the period from	Period start date	To	Period end date
	01/01/2024		31/12/2024

Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
A1 Receipts					
Rent	130	-	-	130	130
Dividends	-	-	25,780	25,780	17,753
Interest	803	-	-	803	258
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<i>Sub total (Gross income for AR)</i>	933	-	25,780	26,713	18,141
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
Proceeds from sale of investments	-	-	-	-	4,721
	-	-	-	-	-
<i>Sub total</i>	-	-	-	-	4,721
<i>Total receipts</i>	933	-	25,780	26,713	22,862
A3 Payments					
Building repairs	3,470	-	-	3,470	2,557
Insurance	6,287	-	-	6,287	4,889
Donation	-	-	-	-	500
Accountancy	534	-	-	534	510
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<i>Sub total</i>	10,291	-	-	10,291	8,456
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<i>Sub total</i>	-	-	-	-	-
<i>Total payments</i>	10,291	-	-	10,291	8,456
<i>Net of receipts/(payments)</i>	(9,358)	-	25,780	16,422	14,406
A5 Transfers between funds	25,780	-	(25,780)	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	19,013	-	-	19,013	4,607
<i>Cash funds this year end</i>	35,435	-	-	35,435	19,013

Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B1 Cash funds	Bank	35,435	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
	Total cash funds (agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	35,435	-	-
		OK	OK	OK

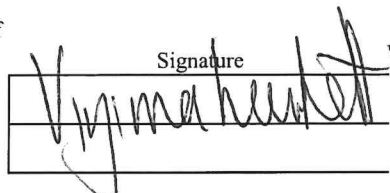
	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-

	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B3 Investment assets			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-

	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use	Investment	Restricted	-	972,676
	Investment	Endowment	-	263,006
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-

	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
B5 Liabilities	Accountancy	Unrestricted	540	
			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	

Signed by one or two trustees on behalf
of all the trustees

Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
	Rev Virginia Luckett	12/11/25