

**REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES AND
UNAUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024
FOR
THE PRIORY OF OUR LADY WALSINGHAM**

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REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

The trustees present their report with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 December 2024. The trustees have adopted the provisions of Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019).

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

Policies and objectives

In setting objectives and planning for activities, the Trustees give due consideration to general guidance published by the Charity Commission relating to public benefit.

The charity's objects are for the benefit of the Sisters of The Priory of Our Lady of Walsingham or for such charitable purposes as such Sisters shall direct from time to time within the limits prescribed by the constitutions of the Society of St Margaret.

The principal activity of the charity is prayer; through the Sisters' way of life they seek to witness to the presence of Christ among those with whom they live, meet and work.

Activities for achieving objectives

Our founding charism is the service of Christ in the Sacrament and the poor. This is primarily exercised through our work with the Anglican Shrine of Our Lady of Walsingham, the village itself and surrounding communities.

The charity's work at the Shrine is related specifically to the care of pilgrims; a significant contribution is also made to the work of the Shrine's Education Department, and assistance in the local Church of England Primary School. Walsingham is a busy centre of Christian pilgrimage and throughout the year festivals, services, quiet days and retreats are run for the benefit of pilgrims and casual visitors alike.

The Sisters also work in the other parishes of the benefice. A certain amount of retreat and counselling work is undertaken locally and the community welcomes resident guests; the hospitality offered provides a 'place apart' for those in need of stillness.

ACHIEVEMENT AND PERFORMANCE

Going concern

After making appropriate enquiries, the Trustees have a reasonable expectation that the charity has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. For this reason they continue to adopt the going concern basis in preparing financial statements.

Review of activities

Daily periods of Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament in the chapel provide a unique time and place for prayer and meditation for Sisters, local parishioners, pilgrims and visitors, alongside the daily public offering of Mass and Divine Office.

We have continued to run St Margaret's Cottage and Julian Room as a place for pilgrims and those in retreat, and also to offer local groups the use of our facilities for quiet days and meetings (e.g. meetings of the Parochial Church Council, Mothers' Union and various clergy groups).

Investment policy and performance

The charity invests in cash resources, short-term deposits and investments listed on the stock exchange, taking advice from a firm of investment managers, J.M. Finn & Co. It is the norm for the brokers to invest in those securities that give an equal amount of actual income and capital growth. Also the brokers invest in established securities to limit the exposure to risk.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

Reserves policy

The charity retains substantial general reserves because it has a prudent policy of retaining sufficient assets to meet the entire normal annual outgoing for a period of approximately three years. In addition to this the charity is continually upgrading the property that it uses to meet its primary charitable objectives.

FUTURE PLANS

The Community will continue to further the objects of the charity during the year ending 31 December 2025.

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Constitution

The Priory of Our Lady, Walsingham, is an unincorporated registered charity. The charity was registered with the Charity Commission on 14 March 1968.

The charity is governed by its constitution and under a Declaration of Trust, dated 4 August 1955.

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STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Method of appointment or election of trustees

The Priory of Our Lady, Walsingham, is governed by The Chapter which is comprised of all Sisters in Life Vows.

Trustees are elected by the Chapter, after due consideration has been given to the candidate's experience and knowledge. Trustees are elected for a period of five years with the possibility of re-election.

Policies adopted for the induction and training of trustees

The present Trustees are familiar with the work of the charity and their combined experience ensures that the Chapter has access to a wide range of expertise. Trustees who may be elected in the future will be given a period of instruction.

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

Registered Charity number

255152

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Trustees

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Richard M Butler DL
Mr Mark Edward Allbrook Chairman
Sister Mary Angela SSM
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Approved by order of the board of trustees on 6 March 2025 and signed on its behalf by:

Mr Mark Edward Allbrook - Trustee

**INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF
THE PRIORY OF OUR LADY WALSINGHAM**

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of The Priory of our Lady Walsingham

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of The Priory of our Lady Walsingham (the Trust) for the year ended 31 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 Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all 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; 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.

Mr Jeremy Hyde FCCA FCA

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19 March 2025

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

	Notes	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	2024 Total funds £	2023 Total funds £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM					
Donations and legacies		39,865	-	39,865	50,460
Charitable activities	3				
Prayer		145	-	145	1,482
Investment income	2	22,960	-	22,960	18,916
Other income		9,517	-	9,517	9,051
Total		<u>72,487</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>72,487</u>	<u>79,909</u>
EXPENDITURE ON					
Raising funds	4	-	4,276	4,276	4,031
Charitable activities					
Prayer		70,393	-	70,393	119,546
Total		<u>70,393</u>	<u>4,276</u>	<u>74,669</u>	<u>123,577</u>
Net gains on investments		-	4,493	4,493	2,191
NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)		2,094	217	2,311	(41,477)
Other recognised gains/(losses)					
Gains on revaluation of fixed assets		-	34,496	34,496	14,845
Net movement in funds		<u>2,094</u>	<u>34,713</u>	<u>36,807</u>	<u>(26,632)</u>
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS					
Total funds brought forward		853,951	754,515	1,608,466	1,635,098
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD		<u>856,045</u>	<u>789,228</u>	<u>1,645,273</u>	<u>1,608,466</u>

The notes form part of these financial statements

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**BALANCE SHEET
31 DECEMBER 2024**

	Notes	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	2024 Total funds £	2023 Total funds £
FIXED ASSETS					
Tangible assets	6	513,868	229,818	743,686	744,200
Investments	7	229,484	507,139	736,623	612,970
		<u>743,352</u>	<u>736,957</u>	<u>1,480,309</u>	<u>1,357,170</u>
CURRENT ASSETS					
Debtors	8	5,299	-	5,299	3,927
Cash at bank		109,254	52,271	161,525	249,109
		<u>114,553</u>	<u>52,271</u>	<u>166,824</u>	<u>253,036</u>
CREDITORS					
Amounts falling due within one year	9	(1,860)	-	(1,860)	(1,740)
NET CURRENT ASSETS		<u>112,693</u>	<u>52,271</u>	<u>164,964</u>	<u>251,296</u>
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES		<u>856,045</u>	<u>789,228</u>	<u>1,645,273</u>	<u>1,608,466</u>
NET ASSETS		<u>856,045</u>	<u>789,228</u>	<u>1,645,273</u>	<u>1,608,466</u>
FUNDS	10				
Unrestricted funds				856,045	853,951
Restricted funds				789,228	754,515
TOTAL FUNDS				<u>1,645,273</u>	<u>1,608,466</u>

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees and authorised for issue on 6 March 2025 and were signed on its behalf by:

Mr Mark Edward Allbrook - Trustee

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of preparing the financial statements

The financial statements of the charity, which is a public benefit entity under FRS 102, have been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102) 'Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019)', Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland' and the Charities Act 2011. The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention, with the exception of investments which are included at market value, as modified by the revaluation of certain assets.

Income

All income is recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities once the charity has entitlement to the funds, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount can be measured reliably.

Expenditure

Liabilities are recognised as expenditure as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to that expenditure, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefits will be required in settlement and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably. Expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all cost related to the category. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings they have been allocated to activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources.

Tangible fixed assets

Depreciation is provided at the following annual rates in order to write off each asset over its estimated useful life.

Fixtures and fittings - 15% on reducing balance

No depreciation has been provided on freehold property on the grounds of materiality as the residual value is not materially different to the cost.

Taxation

The charity is exempt from tax on its charitable activities.

Fund accounting

General funds are unrestricted funds which are available for use at the discretion of the Trustees in furtherance of the general objectives of the charity and which have not been designated for other purposes.

Restricted funds are funds which are to be used in accordance with specific restrictions imposed by donors or which have been raised by the charity for particular purposes. The costs of raising and administering such funds are charged against the specific fund. The aim and use of each restricted fund is set out in the notes to the financial statements.

Investment income, gains and losses are allocated to the appropriate fund.

Investments

Investments are stated at fair value at the balance sheet date. The Statement of Financial Activities includes the net gains and losses arising on revaluations and disposals throughout the year.

2. INVESTMENT INCOME

	2024	2023
	£	£
Dividend income	16,474	13,143
Deposit account interest	6,486	5,773
	<u>22,960</u>	<u>18,916</u>

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3. INCOME FROM CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES

		2024 £	2023 £
Sundry income	Activity Prayer	145	1,482

4. RAISING FUNDS

Investment management costs

	2024 £	2023 £
Portfolio management	4,276	4,031

5. TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS

There were no trustees' remuneration or other benefits for the year ended 31 December 2024 nor for the year ended 31 December 2023.

Trustees' expenses

As members of the Community, the living and personal expenses of the Trustees during the year were borne by the charity. However, they received no remuneration or reimbursement of expenses in connection with their duties as Trustees during the year ended 31 December 2024 nor for the period ended 31 December 2023.

6. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

	Freehold property £	Fixtures and fittings £	Totals £
COST			
At 1 January 2024 and 31 December 2024	740,771	66,793	807,564
DEPRECIATION			
At 1 January 2024	-	63,364	63,364
Charge for year	-	514	514
At 31 December 2024	-	63,878	63,878
NET BOOK VALUE			
At 31 December 2024	740,771	2,915	743,686
At 31 December 2023	740,771	3,429	744,200

7. FIXED ASSET INVESTMENTS

	Listed investments £
MARKET VALUE	
At 1 January 2024	612,970
Additions	215,780
Disposals	(126,623)
Revaluations	34,496
At 31 December 2024	736,623
NET BOOK VALUE	
At 31 December 2024	736,623
At 31 December 2023	612,970

There were no investment assets outside the UK.

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7. FIXED ASSET INVESTMENTS - continued

Cost or valuation at 31 December 2024 is represented by:

	Listed investments £
Valuation in 2024	736,623

8. DEBTORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	2024 £	2023 £
Other debtors	2,544	1,656
Prepayments	2,755	2,271
	<u>5,299</u>	<u>3,927</u>

9. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	2024 £	2023 £
Other creditors	<u>1,860</u>	<u>1,740</u>

10. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS

	At 1.1.24 £	Net movement in funds £	At 31.12.24 £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	853,951	2,094	856,045
Restricted funds			
Capital Fund	754,515	34,713	789,228
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>1,608,466</u>	<u>36,807</u>	<u>1,645,273</u>

Net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Gains and losses £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds				
General fund	72,487	(70,393)	-	2,094
Restricted funds				
Capital Fund	-	(4,276)	38,989	34,713
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>72,487</u>	<u>(74,669)</u>	<u>38,989</u>	<u>36,807</u>

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10. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

Comparatives for movement in funds

	At 1.1.23 £	Net movement in funds £	Transfers between funds £	At 31.12.23 £
Unrestricted funds				
General fund	664,104	(39,637)	229,484	853,951
Restricted funds				
Capital Fund	741,510	13,005	-	754,515
Aberdeen Fund	229,484	-	(229,484)	-
	<u>970,994</u>	<u>13,005</u>	<u>(229,484)</u>	<u>754,515</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>1,635,098</u>	<u>(26,632)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,608,466</u>

Comparative net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Gains and losses £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds				
General fund	79,909	(119,546)	-	(39,637)
Restricted funds				
Capital Fund	-	(4,031)	17,036	13,005
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>79,909</u>	<u>(123,577)</u>	<u>17,036</u>	<u>(26,632)</u>

Capital Fund

The Capital Fund represents the original value of the Priory as gifted, plus the current market value of the original investment portfolio. Both these assets are fundamental to the operation of the Charity and therefore are incapable of liquidation in the foreseeable future.

Aberdeen Fund

The Aberdeen Fund originally represented the market value of the investment portfolio transferred to the Priory when the Sisters from Aberdeen foundation joined. These investments were disposed of during 2014 and the fund was maintained at the amount of the proceeds received. The use of these funds was effectively restricted during the Sisters' lifetime but thereafter the funds become part of the unrestricted fund. As the remaining Sister passed away during the 2023 financial year, the balance was moved to unrestricted funds.

11. RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURES

There were no related party transactions for the year ended 31 December 2024.

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DETAILED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

	2024 £	2023 £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS		
Donations and legacies		
Donations	15,477	19,241
Gift aid	2,219	1,001
Legacies	50	15,856
Cottage	22,119	14,362
	<hr/> 39,865	<hr/> 50,460
Investment income		
Dividend income	16,474	13,143
Deposit account interest	6,486	5,773
	<hr/> 22,960	<hr/> 18,916
Charitable activities		
Sundry income	145	1,482
Other income		
Pension income	9,517	9,051
	<hr/> 72,487	<hr/> 79,909
Total incoming resources		
EXPENDITURE		
Investment management costs		
Portfolio management	4,276	4,031
Charitable activities		
Rates and insurances	5,140	5,080
Premises repairs and renewals	16,053	5,901
Heat and light	10,728	15,141
Publication costs	48	95
Donations paid	2,642	2,655
Cottage expenses	-	578
	<hr/> 34,611	<hr/> 29,450
Support costs		
Other		
Wages and salaries	10,143	14,582
Personal and medical	555	81
Chapel Chaplain and Retreat	3,490	1,619
Printing, post, stationery and telephone	1,576	1,141
Equipment repairs and renewals	1,531	136
Motor and travel expenses	281	635
Sundry expenses	5,896	-
Funeral costs	-	300
Aberdeen expenses	-	3,722
Food and household costs	8,888	8,322
Fares and holidays	598	-
Care costs	-	14,175
Fixtures and fittings	514	605
Loss on sale of tangible fixed assets	-	40,074
	<hr/> 33,472	<hr/> 85,392

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DETAILED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

	2024 £	2023 £
Other		
Governance costs		
Accountancy and legal fees	2,310	4,704
Total resources expended	<u>74,669</u>	<u>123,577</u>
Net expenditure before gains and losses	(2,182)	(43,668)
Realised recognised gains and losses		
Realised gains/(losses) on fixed asset investments	4,493	2,191
Net income/(expenditure)	<u><u>2,311</u></u>	<u><u>(41,477)</u></u>