



## Trustees' Annual Report for the period

Period start date

Period end date

From

01 01 2024

To

31 12 2024

### Section A

#### Reference and administration details

Charity name The Church Estate of the Ecclesiastical Parish of Dorchester

Other names charity is known by

Registered charity number (if any) 258024

Charity's principal address 8 Alexandra Road

Dorchester

Dorset

Postcode

DT1 2LZ

#### Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

	Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year	Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)
1	Revd Keith Magee	Chairman		By virtue of position as Team Rector of Dorchester and the Winterbornes
2	Mrs Janet Cooper			Role as Churchwarden
3	Mrs Valerie Hellin		From May 2024	Role as Churchwarden
4	Mrs Helen Lange		Until May 2024	Role as Churchwarden
5				
6				
7				
8				
9				
10				
11				
12				
13				
14				
15				
16				
17				
18				
19				

#### Names of the trustees for the charity, if any, (for example, any custodian trustees)

Name	Dates acted if not for whole year
None	

**Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)**

Type of adviser	Name	Address
None		

**Name of chief executive or names of senior staff members (Optional information)**

None
------

## Section B Structure, governance and management

**Description of the charity's trusts**

Type of governing document	Trust deed
How the charity is constituted	Trust
Trustee selection methods	Appointed by virtue of position as Rector of Dorchester or as Churchwarden of Dorchester

**Additional governance issues (Optional information)**

You **may choose** to include additional information, where relevant, about:

- policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees;
- the charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works;
- relationship with any related parties;
- trustees' consideration of major risks and the system and procedures to manage them.

The Trust Deed requires the Trustees to be the Rector and Churchwardens of the Ecclesiastical Parish of Dorchester; this parish has been subsumed into the current Benefice of Dorchester and the Winterbornes. The Rector of Dorchester is now the Team Rector of the benefice and the Churchwardens of the Ecclesiastical Parish of Dorchester are now the Churchwardens at St George's, St Mary's and St Peter's churches in the benefice.

## Section C Objectives and activities

**Summary of the objects of the charity set out in its governing document**

The Trustees shall apply the clear income of the Charity for furthering the religious and other charitable work of the Church of England in the said ecclesiastical parish

Grants to the church committees of St. George's, St Mary's and St Peter's churches, (being the churches falling within the said Ecclesiastical Parish of Dorchester) and the Parochial Church Council of Dorchester to enable the furtherance of religious and other charitable work of the Church of England, the Trustees having regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit.

**Summary of the main activities undertaken for the public benefit in relation to these objects (include within this section the statutory declaration that trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit)**

**Additional details of objectives and activities (Optional information)**

The Hon Treasurer, Mrs Jill Minchin, and the Hon Secretary, Mrs Caroline McMeiken, receive no remuneration or expenses for their time or work for the Trust. None of the Trustees receive remuneration or expenses for their time or work for the Trust.

You **may choose** to include further statements, where relevant, about:

- policy on grantmaking;
- policy programme related investment;
- contribution made by volunteers.

**Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year**

Projects have continued to move forward this year, and linked applications for grants and fresh applications were made in 2024. There has been no build-up of funds over the preceding year. The Trust has continued to make grants to a church committee to support a family foodbank serving Dorchester.

During 2024 grants totalling £21,302 have been paid to St Mary's church committee to help with repairs and maintenance of the building and churchyard, including £19,000 regarding leaking roofs and surveys, £1,850 in respect of problems highlighted in the Quinquennial report, £750 to a local foodbank and family support charity, and various outreach projects, including Church Christmas cards. £5,436 was granted to St Peter's church committee including money toward necessary repair works, further expenses re the removal of the slavery memorial in the church, and outreach projects. A grant of £1,000 was made to the PCC to support their financial assistance towards repairs to St Andrew's church West Stafford, a church in the wider Benefice. A total of £27,738 was therefore paid in grants during 2024.

The 2021 grant of £10,000 regarding St George's tower lead was cancelled this year due to the delay in commencement of this work, however the grant of £1,000 in respect of their toilet roof has now been paid.

The Trustees continued to make an annual grant totalling £6,400 towards the staffing and upkeep of the Dorchester Parish Office, the administration of which provides an essential element in furthering both the religious and charitable work of the Church of England in this parish.

The Trustees are ever mindful of the maintenance and upkeep of the three churches in the Parish and to this end continue to consider grants in respect of emergency works to the buildings in their care; if the buildings are not usable the work of the churches will be hampered.

## Section E Financial review

### Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves

The charity has no policy on reserves; the Trust's yearly income is entirely and immediately available for grants; income in hand at the end of any financial year is carried over to the following year to be used for grants.

### Details of any funds materially in deficit

None.

### Further financial review details (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include additional information, where relevant about:

- the charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising);
- how expenditure has supported the key objectives of the charity;
- investment policy and objectives including any ethical investment policy adopted.

The Trustees have continued to administer the Trust's income this year and expenditure has again exceeded income, ensuring that there has been no build-up of income. There is no intention on the Trustees' part to stockpile income and they wish to use as much as possible of the Trust's income for its stated purpose.

The Trust's income arises from two sources: interest on investments with M & G's Charifund and Charibond and Black Rock's Charinco, and rental income from a leasehold one-bedroomed flat owned by the Trust.



The Trust has no employees or volunteers and does not fundraise; its entire income is used for the purposes set out in the Trust Deed.  
:

## Section F Other optional information

## Section G Declaration

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)		
Full name(s)	Keith Robert Magee	Jill Margaret Minchin
	Chair	Treasurer
Date	10 March 2025	



**THE CHURCH ESTATE OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH OF DORCHESTER**  
**CHARITY COMMISSION NUMBER 258024**

**RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT AND STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR TO 31 DECEMBER 2024**

<b><u>GENERAL FUND</u></b>	<b>2024</b>	<b>2023</b>
<b>RECEIPTS</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
INVESTMENT INCOME		
M & G Charifund Units	26,894	25,549
M & G Charibond Units	127	101
Charinco Units	461	-
Bank Interest	329	460
Rent 7 The Cooperage	10,077	9,540
<b>TOTAL RECEIPTS</b>	<b><u>37,888</u></b>	<b><u>35,651</u></b>
<b>PAYMENTS</b>		
CHARITABLE PAYMENTS		
Grants – PCC re Parish Office Staff	6,000	6,000
PCC re Parish Office Equipment	400	400
St George's church committee	1,000	-
St Mary's church committee	21,302	28,160
St Peter's church committee	5,436	16,421
PCC other	<u>1,000</u>	<u>6,000</u>
	35,138	56,981
7 The Cooperage insurance/ground rent/ costs	624	602
Brewery Square service charge	1,844	1,748
Agents: Commission 14%	1,683	1,603
Services	1,213	1,072
Management costs	1,080	150
Balance of cost of leak repairs	-	317
Other	<u>340</u>	<u>-</u>
<b>TOTAL PAYMENTS</b>	<b>41,922</b>	<b>62,473</b>
<b>EXCESS OF PAYMENTS OVER RECEIPTS</b>	<b>(4,034)</b>	<b>(26,820)</b>
<b>CASH FUNDS LAST YEAR END</b>	<b><u>27,334</u></b>	<b><u>54,151</u></b>
<b>CASH FUNDS THIS YEAR END</b>	<b><u>23,300</u></b>	<b><u>27,334</u></b>

**THE CHURCH ESTATE OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH OF DORCHESTER**  
**- CHARITY COMMISSION NUMBER 258024**

**RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT AND STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND**  
**LIABILITIES FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR TO 31 DECEMBER 2024**

**CASH FUNDS**

Lloyds Business Instant Access A/c	23,292
Lloyds Current Account	8
	<u>23,300</u>

**PERMANENT ENDOWMENT** £464,204

**INVESTMENT ASSETS – PERMANENT ENDOWMENT**

INVESTMENT ASSETS	YEAR ACQUIRED/ SOLD	COST TO DATE	CURRENT VALUE
		£	£
Leasehold 7 The Cooperage, Dorchester	2013	<u>151,444</u>	<u>151,444</u>
29,881.80 M & G Charifund Units	2002/2005	304,608	429,767
-			
2,594.00 M & G Charibond Units	Not known	2,855	2,799
3,417.52 Charinco Inc Units	Not known	5,297	4,845
		312,760	437,411
<b>TOTAL INVESTMENT ASSETS</b>		<u><b>464,204</b></u>	<u><b>588,855</b></u>

**LIABILITIES**

None

Approved by the Board of Trustees on 10 March 2025

And signed on its behalf by Keith Maye Trustee

**CONFIDENTIAL**



**RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT AND  
STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES**

Under Section 133 of the Charities Act 2011

**THE CHURCH ESTATE OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH  
OF DORCHESTER**

CHARITY COMMISSION NUMBER 258024

FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR TO 31 DECEMBER 2024

**DECLARATION**

The account set out on page 3 for the financial year ended on the above date,  
and the statement of assets and liabilities at that date set out on page 4 are as  
approved by the Trustees.

Signature ..... *Keith Mayer* ..... Date ..... *10.3.25* .....

*Trustee authorised to sign  
on behalf of all Trustees*

Full Name *KEITH MAYER*

Forwarded by      MRS JILL MARGARET MINCHIN  
                         8 ALEXANDRA ROAD  
                         DORCHESTER  
                         DORSET DT1 2LZ

Daytime Telephone No 01305 263757

# INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT

to the Trustees of

## THE CHURCH ESTATE OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH OF DORCHESTER

I report on the accounts of the Trust for the year ended 31 December 2024 which are set out on pages 3 to 4.

### **Respective responsibilities of the trustees and examiner**

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required this year (under Section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 (the Charities Act)) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts (under section 145 of the Charities Act)
- to follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners (under section 145(5)(b) of the Charities Act); and
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention

### **Basis of Independent examiner's report**

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

### **Independent examiner's statement**

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

- (1) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements
  - to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act, and
  - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the Charities Acthave not been met; or
- (2) to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

..... (Signature independent examiner)

Name: **PETER FOSTER**

Relevant professional qualification or body: **BANK MANAGER (RETIRED)**

Address: **3 TANTON COURT, DORCHESTER**

Date: **19th March 2025**

**THE CHURCH ESTATE OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH OF DORCHESTER**  
**CHARITY COMMISSION NUMBER 258024**

**RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT AND STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR TO 31 DECEMBER 2024**

<b><u>GENERAL FUND</u></b>	<b>2024</b>	<b>2023</b>
<b>RECEIPTS</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
INVESTMENT INCOME		
M & G Charifund Units	26,894	25,549
M & G Charibond Units	127	101
Charinco Units	461	-
Bank Interest	329	460
Rent 7 The Cooperage	10,077	9,540
<b>TOTAL RECEIPTS</b>	<b><u>37,888</u></b>	<b><u>35,651</u></b>
<b>PAYMENTS</b>		
CHARITABLE PAYMENTS		
Grants – PCC re Parish Office Staff	6,000	6,000
PCC re Parish Office Equipment	400	400
St George's church committee	1,000	-
St Mary's church committee	21,302	28,160
St Peter's church committee	5,436	16,421
PCC other	<u>1,000</u>	<u>6,000</u>
	35,138	56,981
7 The Cooperage insurance/ground rent/ costs	624	602
Brewery Square service charge	1,844	1,748
Agents: Commission 14%	1,683	1,603
Services	1,213	1,072
Management costs	1,080	150
Balance of cost of leak repairs	-	317
Other	<u>340</u>	<u>-</u>
<b>TOTAL PAYMENTS</b>	<b>41,922</b>	<b>62,473</b>
<b>EXCESS OF PAYMENTS OVER RECEIPTS</b>	<b>(4,034)</b>	<b>(26,820)</b>
<b>CASH FUNDS LAST YEAR END</b>	<b><u>27,334</u></b>	<b><u>54,151</u></b>
<b>CASH FUNDS THIS YEAR END</b>	<b><u>23,300</u></b>	<b><u>27,334</u></b>

**THE CHURCH ESTATE OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH OF DORCHESTER**  
**- CHARITY COMMISSION NUMBER 258024**

**RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT AND STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND**  
**LIABILITIES FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR TO 31 DECEMBER 2024**

**CASH FUNDS**

Lloyds Business Instant Access A/c	23,292
Lloyds Current Account	8
	<u>23,300</u>

**PERMANENT ENDOWMENT** £464,204

**INVESTMENT ASSETS – PERMANENT ENDOWMENT**

INVESTMENT ASSETS	YEAR ACQUIRED/ SOLD	COST TO DATE	CURRENT VALUE
		£	£
Leasehold 7 The Cooperage, Dorchester	2013	<u>151,444</u>	<u>151,444</u>
29,881.80 M & G Charifund Units	2002/2005	304,608	429,767
-			
2,594.00 M & G Charibond Units	Not known	2,855	2,799
3,417.52 Charinco Inc Units	Not known	5,297	4,845
		312,760	437,411
<b>TOTAL INVESTMENT ASSETS</b>		<u><b>464,204</b></u>	<u><b>588,855</b></u>

**LIABILITIES**

None

Approved by the Board of Trustees on 10 March 2025

And signed on its behalf by Keith Maye Trustee

**CONFIDENTIAL**

**RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT AND  
STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES**

Under Section 133 of the Charities Act 2011

**THE CHURCH ESTATE OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH  
OF DORCHESTER**

CHARITY COMMISSION NUMBER 258024

FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR TO 31 DECEMBER 2024

**DECLARATION**

The account set out on page 3 for the financial year ended on the above date,  
and the statement of assets and liabilities at that date set out on page 4 are as  
approved by the Trustees.

Signature ..... *Keith Mayer* ..... Date ..... *10.3.25* .....

*Trustee authorised to sign  
on behalf of all Trustees*

Full Name *KEITH MAYER*

Forwarded by      MRS JILL MARGARET MINCHIN  
                         8 ALEXANDRA ROAD  
                         DORCHESTER  
                         DORSET DT1 2LZ

Daytime Telephone No 01305 263757

# INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT

to the Trustees of

## THE CHURCH ESTATE OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH OF DORCHESTER

I report on the accounts of the Trust for the year ended 31 December 2024 which are set out on pages 3 to 4.

### **Respective responsibilities of the trustees and examiner**

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required this year (under Section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 (the Charities Act)) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts (under section 145 of the Charities Act)
- to follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners (under section 145(5)(b) of the Charities Act); and
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention

### **Basis of Independent examiner's report**

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

### **Independent examiner's statement**

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

- (1) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements
  - to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act, and
  - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the Charities Acthave not been met; or
- (2) to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

..... (Signature independent examiner)

Name: **PETER FOSTER**

Relevant professional qualification or body: **BANK MANAGER (RETIRED)**

Address: **3 TANTON COURT, DORCHESTER**

Date: **19th March 2025**