

Holy Trinity
Amblecote

REPORT AND ACCOUNTS

ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING
27 April 2025

Vicar:

The Revd Alan Williams TSSF SCP

Churchwardens:

Dennis Dipple, esq

Mrs Susan Boex

ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING

Sunday 27 April 2025 following the 10am Mass

AGENDA

- 1 Opening Prayer
- 2 Apologies for absence
- 3 Approval of Minutes of the 2024 APCM
- 4 Electoral Roll report
- 5 Elections: *Forms of nomination available in church. Nominations will be permitted at the meeting in accordance with the Representation Rules*
 - a) Churchwardens (2) *for the forthcoming year*
 - b) Parochial Church Council (3) *for a three-year term*
 - (1) *for a two-year term*
 - (1) *for a one-year term*

Sidespeople are now appointed by the PCC, so no election
- 6 To receive the Treasurer's Report and acceptance of the 2024 Accounts
Questions may be asked of the Treasurer
- 7 To appoint the Independent Examiner and to agree remuneration
- 8 To receive the reports contained in the booklet
There will be no verbal reports. Questions may be asked about the written reports.
- 9 To receive a report about Deanery Synod
- 10 Chairman's Business *Such business will be permitted at the discretion of the Chair, if notified in writing prior to the commencement of the Mass, such notice to include full details of the nature of the business.*
- 11 Date, time and venue of next year's APCM (*Sunday 26 April 2026 after 10am Mass*)
- 12 Closing prayer

At a brief meeting of the new PCC following the APCM, the following business will take place:

- a] Appointment of
 - 1) A lay vice-chair of the PCC
 - 2) Secretary
 - 3) Treasurer
 - 4) One ordinary member of the Standing Committee
- b] Agreeing date of first full meeting of the PCC, and of the Standing Committee

MINUTES OF ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING

SUNDAY 28 April 2024

Fr Alan Williams in the chair, there were 24 people in attendance.

Apologies were received from

Mike & Barbara Hipkiss, John & Doreen Easthope, Helen Shakespeare, Bernard Shaw, Martin Taylor and Jane Fisher

Fr Alan welcomed and thanked everyone for attending and opened the meeting with Prayer.

1 MINUTES OF THE APCM 2023

The minutes of the APCM 30th April 2023 were **APPROVED** and duly signed.

2 ELECTORAL ROLL – Liz Walker Electoral Roll Officer.

The number on the roll last year was 82.

The total now stands at 37 resident and 19 non-residents. The roll as of 28th April is 56. The revised roll was **ACCEPTED**.

Next year there will be a complete renewal of the electoral roll.

3 ELECTIONS

Forms had been available in Church and nominations were permitted at the meeting in accordance with Church Representation Rules.

(a) Churchwardens – 2 for the forthcoming year

Fr Alan from the chair, proposed Dennis Dipple

Sue Boex, proposed by Dennis Dipple and seconded by Sheila Hill.

There being no other nominations Dennis and Sue were duly elected for the coming year. (This is Dennis's fourth year of office, and Sue's third).

Fr Alan thanked Dennis and Sue for their work this year as churchwardens and looks forward to working with them in the coming year.

(b) Parochial Church Council Members –

There have been three retirees, Joan Bartlett, following a three-year term of office, Doreen Easthope, after serving one year of a three year term of office, and Barbara Hipkiss after serving a one year term of office. who we thank for their service.

Ernie Roberts, and Mary Phillips were elected to serve a three-year term of office.

(c) Deanery Synod

Martin Taylor and Paul Wilson begin their second year of office as our deanery synod representatives.

(d) Sidespeople

This most important duty before and during services has largely been in abeyance during part of this year at 10.00am Mass.

4 TREASURER'S REPORT

Fr Alan expressed his gratitude to Dennis Dipple for all his hard work looking after the accounts this year as well as his role as Churchwarden.

Questions were invited – none were raised, and Church and Church Hall accounts were unanimously **APPROVED**.

5 **APPOINTMENT OF INDEPENDENT EXAMINER (and to agree remuneration)**

Mike Bishop had indicated his willingness to be the Examiner, and was proposed by the Chair. **APPROVED**. Remuneration is to be mutually agreed at a later date.

6 **REPORTS**

Fr Alan thanked everyone for submitting reports. There were no questions, and the reports were **APPROVED**.

7 **DEANERY SYNOD**

Andrew Sillis is Area Dean in succession to David Hoskins. Deanery Synod have met twice in the past year, and meetings have been informative and useful.

This report was **ACCEPTED**.

8 **CHAIRMAN'S BUSINESS**

The Chair felt he had said enough.

9 **DATE OF NEXT APCM**

Sunday 27th April 2025 following 10.00am Mass, not before 11.15

The meeting closed with Prayer.

Signed

Date

MEMBERSHIP OF THE PCC :: 2024 – 2025

CHAIRMAN	Fr Alan Williams	since 2008	
CHURCHWARDENS (2)	Dennis Dipple	since 2021	
	Susan Boex	since 2022	Authorised Lay Minister
DEANERY SYNOD REPS (2)	Martin Taylor		
<i>Until APCM 2026</i>	Paul Wilson		
EX-OFFICIO			
Licensed Lay Minister	Eirlyn Jenkins	emerita with Permission to Officiate	
Treasurer	Dennis Dipple	since Nov 2022	
COUNCILLORS (10)		Term ends at apcm of	
	Jean Latham	2025	Resigned June 2024
	Susan Riches	2025	
	Helen Shakespeare	2025	
	Doreen Easthope	2026	
	Jane Fisher	2026	
	Barbara Hipkiss	2026	
	Vacancy	2026	
	Mary Phillips	2027	
	Ernie Roberts	2027	
	Vacancy	2027	
SECRETARY	Susan Riches		
MEETINGS (<i>May 2024 – April 2025</i>)	Amblecote PCC has met on six scheduled occasions		

PURPOSE AND AIMS OF THE PCC

The Parochial Church Council (PCC) is the executive body of a Church of England parish. It is constituted as a body corporate by the Church Representation Rules set out in Schedule 3 to the Synodical Government Measure 1969, and consists of the clergy and Churchwardens of the parish, together with a number of representatives of the laity elected by the annual parochial church meeting of the parish. Its powers and duties are defined by certain Acts of Parliament and other legislation, principally the Parochial Church Councils (Powers) Measure 1956. It has the responsibility of co-operating with the incumbent (rector, vicar or priest-in-charge) in promoting the mission of the Church in its parish.

Formally, the PCC is responsible for the financial affairs of the Church and the care and maintenance of the church fabric and its contents. These latter responsibilities are executed by churchwardens. It also has a voice in the forms of Service used by the church and may make representations to the bishop on matters affecting the welfare of the parish.

PCCs were set up in 1919 as a successor to the Vestries, which had had their civil functions removed in 1894 with the establishment of civil parishes.

PCC members are Trustees of the religious charitable body which is the Holy Trinity Church, Amblecote, whose charitable aims are the furtherance of the Christian religion within the Parish of Amblecote.

INCUMBENT'S REPORT

There is much to commend Amblecote Holy Trinity to the Church and the world – the faithfulness of those who worship here, the acknowledgment that we are not perfect; our endeavours with the Food Bank and Refuge, and our sense of fun, in amongst the seriousness.

Of course we face challenges. Among these are that we lose some of our friends – among them this year Rose Hill and Joan Bartlett, now at their eternal rest. Others we watch as they get older – and some of them more frail. All part of the rich tapestry of life, but it affects some in ways that are not good to see. Others among us get long illnesses, and we do miss Sheila. Then there are those who have operations to restore function to joints – Sue and Doreen come quickly to mind.

There are many people to give thanks for: Dennis and Sue as Churchwardens, the members of the PCC, Phil on the organ and those who stand in for him. But all who come and offer worthy worship are important. Worship is after all one of our key purposes. So too is showing God's love to those among whom we walk, and serving our parishioners more widely.

That you for your care and support of one another, and your thoughtfulness towards me. It has not been the best of years as we ponder our future. That said, it is encouraging that we can work increasingly closer with our namesakes in Wordsley. This will be enriching for both them and us, as we look to the years ahead.

We have established a monthly afternoon event service at 4pm (acknowledging that folk don't like to come out in the evenings any more): these include the Memorials, Wholeness and Healing, Sung Evensong, and older forms of the Mass. This coming September we will experience the 1549 BCP, for example.

We are starting to get more requests for Baptism, and there will be three weddings here this year – I've never known more than two during my tenure thus far. Rejoice.

So I pray God's continuing blessings upon our mission and ministry to the people of Amblecote.

Fr Alan

SAFEGUARDING REPORT

Liz Walker is our Parish Safeguarding Officer (PSO), Fr Alan is Safeguarding Rep. The PSO is tasked with ensuring our compliance with all the relevant Diocesan Safeguarding Policies – in relation to the Young and the Vulnerable, and in relation to suspected domestic abuse. Another important aspect to this role is that we comply with Safer Recruitment expectations in the recruiting of volunteers, and the obtaining of the necessary permissions through the Disclosure and Barring Service. It is important that all volunteers in the parish – churchwardens and members of the PCC in particular, and all others who might be involved in activities with young people and vulnerable adults – are checked by DBS and that this is properly and periodically reviewed.

There is a Parish Dashboard to be maintained online, outlining our activities in the area of safeguarding. This needs regular attention, and Fr Alan who looks after this is reminded periodically to update the information on it.

No incidents in relation to safeguarding issues have been reported to the PSO, Safeguarding Representative or to the diocesan safeguarding team. We encourage all of us to be vigilant to the possibilities of the physical, psychological or sexual abuse of our young people and vulnerable adults.

Liz Walker and Fr Alan

CHURCHWARDENS' REPORT

CHURCH

As in previous years our thanks go to Fr Alan for his support, guidance and leadership in our worship which, we are sure you will agree has been instrumental in shaping our spiritual journey and fostering a deeper connection with our faith, the Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

We also send our thanks to all our congregation for the support you have given to us during the last twelve months. Little things that do not appear to be important, like if Phil is away, someone pointing out the hymn numbers are not displayed, another pointing out the digital donation device isn't working properly again, a word of thanks or encouragement all these things help to keep us motivated and that, we can assure you is very important. So, thanks to each and every one of you, from the bottom of our hearts, it is very much appreciated.

Our congregation numbers attending church has again reduced slightly from last year and we now have between thirty and forty regularly attending church services, in addition we have a small number attending services via zoom.

We have carried out some improvements recommended in our 2023 Quinquennial Inspection, together with improving our carbon footprint, in line with the recommendations made in our free energy report of 2022/23.

Mary Phillips is still actively steering us towards our bronze/silver ECO Church status, ultimately Gold. Thus, making our Church an Eco-friendly Church in line with Diocese Targets. These are the upgrade of the Tower Clock, finishing installation of eco-lighting, other electrical improvements of outside lighting sensors, this is making a good energy saving.

Other repairs outlined in the Quinquennial Inspection are being undertaken but relate to 2025.

Fire Extinguishers have been inspected and new certificate been issued for both the Church and Church Hall. Fire Signage remains compliant with regulations in accordance with Fire Policy. First Aid kits are fit for purpose. The annual service of the organ and the boiler were completed. Some minor repairs to the organ were required.

Our digital giving device has continued to be available in church to accept donations, during 2024 it raised almost £1,000.

Quinquennial Inspector

Our Inspector Libby Watts from Liberty Rose Architects, was due to her relocating, no longer able to provide her services to us. After a selection process the PCC were able to offer the position to David Arnold from Arnold Bartosh Chartered Surveyors, which he accepted. We have met with David and he is very knowledgeable and be an asset to us as we move forward.

Accessibility for All

We are moving forward with these plans, as approved by our PCC and for the upgrading of our toilet facilities.

CHURCHYARD

Trees

The recommended works from our tree survey were carried out in early January to ensure that there are no safety issues.

Burial Grounds

The Churchyard is kept tidy by our volunteers, students from Glass House College and their support workers. Towards the end of the year, we also received support from the Community Payback team (formerly Community Service) in the commencement of the cleaning, stripping down and painting of the Churchyard railings, this is ongoing.

It is nice to be able to report that members of the public visiting the churchyard often pass comments of their appreciation that the churchyard is looked after and a joy to visit. Our thanks to those who spend their own time keeping up the churchyard appearance, for the enjoyment of those who visit for whatever reason.

Equipment

No new equipment has been purchased.

Silver Birch Trees subject of Vandalism in 2021

We have had no further communication from Mr & Mrs Barnett in respect of these trees.

Churchyard Perimeter Wall and Car Park Railings

It is recommended in our Quinquennial Inspection that the wall needs some small repairs and a lot of repointing. Some of the repairs will be conducted by our volunteers but the major repointing will require the obtaining of quotes and consideration by our PCC.

The Community Payback team commenced work on the repainting of the railings during 2024.
Wall in Car Park

This movement suspected since 2022, has been monitored and throughout 2023 and this year no obvious changes have been noted. Monitoring of the wall will be maintained; measurements of the gaps have been taken and we have no current cause for concern. Our neighbours, Mr & Mrs Ward have not responded to a number of requests for their comments

to the surveyor's report. Should we see any evidence of movement in the wall we will contact them further as the wall is their responsibility.

Car Park

Quotes were received for the retarmacking of the car park and footpaths of the Churchyard. These quotes were broken down into specified areas due to the anticipated costs. It was decided that retarmacking to the worse area of the car park could be undertaken and be paid from the Church Hall account, these works were completed in August. We still need to raise funds for the retarmacking of the remainder of the carpark and for certain paths within the Churchyard.

Working with the Community

We have two new adults working with us from our local Glasshouse College (an independent specialist day and residential establishment) providing learning and training for children and adults with learning difficulties and disabilities. Tom is still attending and we now have the pleasure of Dylan; they attend with their support workers and assist our volunteer(s) in the churchyard in a variety of tasks each Monday and Wednesday respectively. It provides them the opportunity to gain experience and skills that will assist them to hopefully eventually obtain employment.

Church Hall

We as wardens owe a great deal of gratitude to the committee, Helen Shakespeare, Mike and Jane Fisher for all their hard work in the running and maintenance of the Church Hall. The income of the Hall has increased slightly from 2023, which is good news.

The floor repairs that were needed in the hall, were completed in late February. As a reminder a grant was obtained from The National Lottery by the committee to cover the cost of repairs just over £9,000.

Some minor repairs were carried out to the inside and outside walls of the toilet area and full repainting of the outside wall area repaired.

The committee room has had a new carpet fitted and been redecorated, our thanks go out to Martin Davies and Sue Riches who have given their time and skills to the redecoration of the room free of charge. We are so grateful.

A new hot water boiler has been purchased and installed, to replace the old boiler that was having to be constantly repaired. Also, a new cooker has been installed as the old one was not working properly and repair quotes were almost as expensive as the cost of a new one.

As a result of the Quinquennial Inspection, quotes for the refelting of the roof above the committee room have been requested and received, from three builders. The Committee had permission to offer the work to P J Lee Builders this will be done in 2025.

Boiler & Fire equipment has been checked and certified as in good working order. First Aid kits are fit for purpose. The Fire Risk Assessment is up to date and the fire alarms have been

upgraded with new sounders and alarm panic buttons, smoke and co2 sensors replaced as required when annual service conducted.

Susan has decided not to seek re-election as Churchwarden, due to other very worthy volunteering work that she undertakes and other family commitments. I (Dennis) would take this opportunity to thank Susan for the help and support she has given to me. I am sure you all would wish me to thank Susan on your behalf for all she has done and will continue to do for our Church.

Your Churchwardens - Dennis Dipple and Susan Boex

DEANERY SYNOD

Martin Taylor and Paul Wilson are your designated Deanery Synod reps. This is our 2nd Year out of 3 and we attend 2 meetings per year. We attended the Deanery Synod meeting on 15 October last year held at Christ Church Coseley.

We always start a Synod meeting discussing any Good News stories, so if you have any then please share with Paul or Martin. Bishop Martin attended the meeting in Coseley, and the theme was Doing Ordinary Church Well! We then moved into groups and the topics included:

- Doing Care Home and Ministry well.
- Doing Church Communications well.
- Doing Church Governance well.
- Doing Community engagement well.
- Doing school and family ministry well.
- Doing new worshipping communities well.
- Doing worship well.

Martin and I were part of the Doing Community Engagement well. We felt privileged in that Amblecote Holy Trinity have had the support of Nigel our Mission Enabler who had spent over a year with us helping to give new ideas in how we involve and communicate with the community, so many of the suggestions and ideas shared at this Deanery Synod we were exploring or doing as part of our church.

Our next Deanery Synod Meeting was on 20 March this year held at Church of Accession, Wall Heath. The Guest Speaker was Chris Boden where he spoke about Ministry Share and Cornerstone. Cornerstone is a new system to help parishes navigate the range of opportunities afforded by grant making bodies, when to apply, what can be applied for and how much is on offer. Very riveting but essential to each and every church.

If you would like to consider being a Deanery Synod representative next April 2026 then speak to Father Alan.

MOTHERS' UNION

We continue to meet on the third Thursday each month. We are pleased to report that we are one of the largest MU groups in the Stourbridge area. We welcomed Sue Boex as a member in 2024.

We endeavour to have varied topics to enjoy and share together. We invited St Mary's Kingswinford for a meeting to share fellowship and ideas; and Cath Davis who led us in an afternoon of prayer, discussion and reflection.

One of the highlights of our year is hosting the Mary Sumner Day service in early August. We welcome MU members from across the diocese – it is always a happy event.

You are each most welcome if you would like to attend any of our meetings.

It has been a difficult year; both Doreen and Sheila have struggled with health issues. We continue to hold them in our thoughts and prayers, and extend our thanks for all their work in the MU at Holy Trinity and across the diocese. We are thankful for all that Fr Alan does to support the Mothers' Union. We pray for him and our parish.

Barbara Hipkiss

BLACK COUNTRY BADEN-POWELL SCOUTS' GROUP

Fr Alan has the pleasure of serving as Group Scout Master, ably assisted by John Shaw as Scout Master. There are not many young people involved (as of now we have two Beavers, two Wolf Cubs, two Scouts plus one on the way. S George's Day activities are planned as well as a summer camp, plus the occasional sleepover and swim. And the all-important award work and fun.

There is also a nascent Rover Crew for adults who want to Scout without being a leader, and for this purpose we are joined by a Lithuanian called Modestas. We keep trying to persuade another (who shall remain nameless!) to join in.

In recent weeks we have been formally adopted by the B-PSA, and have our certificate of temporary registration. This means that we now how to abide by their/our rule book. Very important in terms of Group Insurance.

So, we have plenty of spaces for young people, but with that goes the need for willing adults to train up and lead. None of the youngers or Grown ups need to be churchpeople, and we remain immensely grateful that we are sponsored by the parish.

Fr Alan (or Kes to his scouting friends)

CHURCH HALL

We are very fortunate in having a lovely loyal group of regular hirers some of whom have been using the hall for decades.

The building is in use every day in the week and at week-ends we have been able to attract a number of children's and family parties. We have hosted fundraising events for church and charities and sadly funeral teas for church members. Enville Street Players perform two plays each year using our stage to the full. Alzheimers Café, a support group for patients and carers, meet on the second Thursday of each month and their numbers continue to grow. A new group HUGS (Hearts Undergoing Support) now use our committee room for their meetings on the second Wednesday of the month.

With the significant upgrades to the fire alarm and emergency lighting systems, repairs to the hall floor and partial resurfacing of the car park we believe that we are compliant with our licensing requirements. The replacement of the committee room flat roof is due to be undertaken in May this year.

Mike Fisher

KNEELERS GROUP

We are a group of ladies who meet every second Monday in the church hall. The kneelers in church are the work of the group. The kneelers are sometimes made for personal reasons and at other times are made in memory of loved ones. We enjoy the fellowship and chat over a cup of coffee and a biscuit or two!

Anyone wishing to join us would be most welcome.

Jane Fisher

CHURCHES TOGETHER IN STOURBRIDGE REPORT

Churches Together in Stourbridge (CTS) continues to flourish as a worship community and to serve the community of Stourbridge.

The Walk of Witness on Good Friday in Stourbridge town centre was well attended again and it is now an annual testimony to the Easter story.

CTS continues to promote Fair Trade, encouraging churches to take part in Fair Trade Fortnight.

Christian Aid continues to be a focus at CTS. Many churches are now holding fund raising events, rather than having door-to-door collections.

The Quakers continue to hold their annual discussion evenings in the Autumn. The theme in 2024 was "Prison Chaplains" which was most interesting and we'd really encourage others to attend.

At Christmas, the group held carol singing in Stourbridge town centre.

The Street Pastors are back in force in the town centre on Saturday evenings, helping young people in need, both practically and pastorally. They are always grateful of new members, either to patrol or to be part of the prayer team. Your prayers for them from your home are always appreciated.

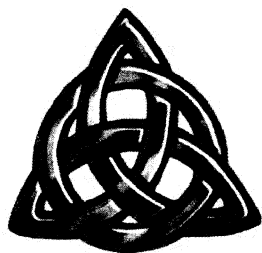
The Food Bank continues to provide food and a welcome to those in need. They appreciate our donations and if you are able to volunteer there, please ask Sheila or Helen for details.

The Life Debt Advice Centre continues to help people in debt and often has referrals from associated organisations. They welcome help from volunteers and financial donations to help with running costs and providing cups of tea etc., together with your ongoing prayers.

Please see Helen Shakespeare or Sheila Hill if you would like further information on the work of Churches Together.

Events are posted on the noticeboard at the back of the church and it would be lovely to see more of our congregation there. Do ask if you need a lift.

Helen Shakespeare



Holy Trinity
Amblecote

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR 2024

Incumbent

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TREASURER'S REPORT ON 2024 ACCOUNTS TO APCM 27 APRIL 2025

Planned giving and collections at services reduced by £3,153 from 2023. This trend is expected to continue due to our aging congregation. All other voluntary giving raised £4,028 from Baptism, Funeral donations, Churchyard Appeal and Churchyard donations, Carols by Candlelight and other donations from members of the congregation. Charitable appeals for Palestine Aid, Children's Society, Refugees and Toilet Twinning raised £1,062.

We recovered £6,706 from HMRC in respect of gift aid donations.

Income from life events was almost the same as in 2023 raising £7,152, £500 short of the 2023 income. After fixed payments to the Diocesan Board of Finance, the PCC retains the balance of all fees received. Fund-raising events increased slightly from 2023 and we raised £2,634, £300 more than last year. I realise that these events take planning and very much appreciate all the hard work put into that planning and organisation, to making sure the events go off as smoothly as possible. My thanks to everyone who helped in any way in organising or supporting these events, including our 150 Club, once again a great success achieved by all involved.

Our Churchyard Appeal and other donations to the Churchyard Fund raised £1,175 raised in total, down by £500 from last year.

The Digital Giving device raised £1,278 an increase of nearly £300 from 2023. We should make more use this device, as I mentioned last year we are missing opportunities to increase our income stream. I am still looking for someone to take on the responsibility of using the device at any fundraising events we undertake to the future. It is easy to use/design the fundraising graphics and I am happy to train people to use it.

You will note that we have income from the Church Hall of £12,253, this in fact a repayment of monies that the Church has paid to contractors on behalf of the Church Hall for the installation of Eco Lighting and repairs to the flooring in the Church Hall. Due to these large outlays, they have been unable to donate to the Church Accounts during 2024.

As last year our expenditure has exceeded Income, this year by £16,425 a reduction of £1,575 from last year, an achievement in the days of continued increasing costs of whatever it is you want to buy or service provided to us. In 2024 our requested Ministry Share was £63,382. This year we were not so fortunate with our grant applications. Our MSF application was declined due to much of our request being for support with buildings repairs and not Ministry and Mission. We were awarded a grant of £11,982 via Lowest Income Support for our parish, leaving a balance at £51,400 to pay.

We made payments of £24,000 during the year leaving a shortfall of £27,400 on the total request. With the Lowest Income Support grant included we paid almost 57% of the total requested. With no grants taken into consideration we paid almost 38% a slight decrease of 2% from our 2023 contribution.

Our vicar's expenses were almost the same as in 2023 and again due the generosity of other clergy (to whom we are very grateful) we only incurred costs of £40 for their services to cover the absence of Fr Alan when taking his well-deserved rest and recuperation periods. Cost of life fees to the DBF and cover for our Organist increased by approx.£2,000 from 2023.

The church running expenses increased by just over £1,000 from 2023 to £19,449. The main increase in costs were incurred due Insurance, Utilities Bills and routine annual services costs rising.

Churchyard expenses were almost doubled to £9,000 in 2024 from £4,500 in 2023, mostly due to essential tree maintenance £7,500 and the purchase of materials £1,100 (for the repainting of the churchyard railings as recommended by our quinquennial inspection).

As last year we still have repairs and works to be undertaken in 2025, because of items raised from the Quinquennial Inspection, I anticipate these will be in the region of £10,000 to £15,000.

I am pleased to say that we have a group of people looking at ways for us to obtain grants to help towards general maintenance costs and those that we need to be undertaken to help in our ministry and mission work within the parish.

I pray that we can find the energy during 2025 to undertake as many fundraising events as possible to help cover as many of our costs as we can.

Dennis Dipple
Treasurer

Can we all pray for peace in this world of ours, and when we pray, pray for God's guidance for this church and its parishioners:

Almighty God, our help and refuge, source of wisdom and tower of strength, you know we can do nothing without your guidance and help. Help us and direct us to divine wisdom and power, that we may accomplish this task and whatever we may undertake to do, faithfully and diligently, according to your will, so that it may be profitable to our church and others, and to the glory of your holy name. Amen.

Financial Statements for the year ending 31 December 2024

Receipts and Payments Accounts page 1

	Note	Unrestricted (General) fund	Unrestricted Designated funds	Restricted funds	Total 2024 £	Total 2023 £
RECEIPTS						
Voluntary receipts						
Planned Giving	1a	16,213			16,213	17,492
Collections at services	1b	2,983			2,983	4,857
Legacies / In Memoriam					-	-
Charity Appeals	1c			1,062	1,062	657
All other giving / voluntary receipts	1d	4,028			4,028	1,693
Gift Aid recovered	1e	6,706			6,706	4,715
					-	-
		29,931	-	1,062	30,992	29,414
Parochial (life events) fees	1f	7,117			7,117	7,631
					-	-
Fundraising activities	1g	2,634			2,634	2,352
					-	-
Church Hall	1h	12,254			12,254	-
					-	-
Bank Account Interest					-	-
					-	-
All other receipts	1i	1,936		1,110	3,046	1,238
					-	-
Total receipts c/fwd to page 2		53,872	-	2,172	56,044	40,635

Financial Statements for the year ending 31 December 2024

Receipts and Payments Accounts page 2

	Note	Unrestricted (General) fund £	Unrestricted designated funds £	Restrict ed funds £	Total 2024 £	Total 2023 £
Total receipts b/fwd from page 1		53,872	0	2,172	56,044	40,635
PAYMENTS						
Ministry Share	2a		24,000		24,000	24,000
Clergy expenses	2b	1,505			1,505	1,639
Parochial (life events) fees and extras	2c	3,507			3,507	1,544
Church running costs	2d	18,785	664		19,449	18,555
Churchyard expenses	2e			9,008	9,008	4,549
Church Hall running costs	2f	12,254			12,254	170
Mission giving and charitable donations	2g			1,218	1,218	607
Bank charges	2h	122			122	138
All other payments	2i	774			774	7,599
Sundries	2j	630			630	138
Total payments		37,578	24,664	10,227	72,469	58,939
Excess of receipts over payments		16,294	(24,664)	(8,055)	(16,425)	(18,304)
Transfers between funds	3	(4,839)	4,628	211	-	-
		11,455	(20,036)	(7,844)	(16,425)	(18,304)
Cash at bank at 1 January 24		(1,134)	23,563	64,689	87,118	27,674
Cash/cheques at bank and in hand at 31 Dec 2024		(10,232)	20,287	60,924	70,979	9,370
Accounts Payable at 31/12/2024						
WDBF Fees For All of 2024 (To be Paid in 2025)					- 7,117.20	
Refugees Charity (Lent) April 2024 (To be Paid 2025)					- 68.62	
Accounts Receivable at 31/12/24						
Gift Aid Applied to Charity Donations					211.00	
Total					-	6,974.82

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NOTE	Unrestricted (General) fund £	Unrestricted designated funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2024 £
1a <u>Planned giving</u>				
Standing orders	13,000.00	-	-	13,000.00
Weekly envelopes	3,213.00	-	-	3,213.00
	16,213.00	-	-	16,213.00
1b <u>Coilections</u>				
Open plate, Wall safe.	2,453.10	-	-	2,453.10
Churchyard Donations & Appeal	-	-	-	-
Gift Aid.	530.00	-	-	530.00
Baptisms, Carol Service,	-	-	-	-
	2,983.10	-	-	2,983.10
1c <u>Charity Appeals</u>				
Charities: Harvest Auction & Fish Chip Supper (Palestine Aid)	-	-	260.30	260.30
Charities: Christingle (Children's Society) February	-	-	361.61	361.61
Charities: Carols & Christingle (Children's Society) December	-	-	221.00	221.00
Charities: Lent - Refugees	-	-	68.62	68.62
Charities: Eco Toilet Twinning	-	-	150.00	150.00
	-	-	1,061.53	1,061.53
1d <u>All other giving / voluntary receipts</u>				
Baptism & Funeral Donations	495.69	-	-	495.69
Other Donations from Congregation	1,289.75	-	-	1,289.75
Glass Festival Refreshment Donations	80.74	-	-	80.74
Carols By Candlelight Service	937.19	-	-	937.19
St Peters School Donation	50.00	-	-	50.00
Churchyard Appeal	-	-	1,115.00	1,115.00
Other donations to Churchyard Fund	-	-	60.00	60.00
	2,853.37	-	1,175.00	4,028.37
1e <u>Gift Aid recovered from HMRC</u>				
July to Dec 23-Jan to Sept 24 - GASDS April 2023 to April 2024	6,706.30	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-
	6,706.30	-	-	6,706.30
1f <u>Parochial (life events) fees</u>				
Banns, weddings, funerals, monuments	7,152	-	-	-
	7,152.20	-	-	7,152.20
1g <u>Fundraising activities</u>				
150 Club	-	830.00	-	830.00
Bring & Buy Coffee Morning	153.00	-	-	153.00
Festive Fayre & Raffle	1,651.26	-	-	1,651.26
	1,804.26	830.00	-	2,634.26
1h <u>Church Hall</u>				
Repay of Bills Paid by Church on behalf of Church Hall	12,253.73	-	-	12,253.73
	12,253.73	-	-	12,253.73
1i <u>All other receipts</u>				
Bells Donation & Miellaneous Donation	7.32	-	80.00	87.32
Geoff Hill Donation to Bell Tower Clock Upgrade	500.00	-	-	500.00
Beverley Lanford Family Donation for Flowers	150.00	-	-	150.00
Accessibility Ramp&Toilets	-	-	1,030.00	1,030.00
Digital Giving	1,278.85	-	-	1,278.85
	1,936.17	-	1,110.00	3,046.17

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NOTE	Unrestricted (General) fund	Unrestricted designated funds	Restricted Funds	Total 2024
	£	£	£	£
2a <u>Parish & Ministry Share</u>				
Paid to WDBF for 2024	24,000.00	-	-	24,000.00
	<u>24,000.00</u>	-	-	<u>24,000.00</u>
2b <u>Clergy expenses and staffing costs</u>				
Vicar's expenses	1,464.96	-	-	1,464.96
Minister Cover	40.00	-	-	40.00
	<u>40.00</u>	-	-	<u>1,504.96</u>
2c <u>Parochial (life events) fees and extras</u>				
DBF fees	2,879.45	-	-	2,879.45
Sundry payments: organist/verger/sexton/etc	628.00	-	-	628.00
	<u>3,507.45</u>	-	-	<u>3,507.45</u>
2d <u>Church running costs</u>				
Altar supplies	1,014.67	-	-	1,014.67
Council rates: waste disposal	545.79	-	-	545.79
Insurance	3,318.06	-	-	3,318.06
Licences: CCLI, Zoom	421.40	-	-	421.40
Organ Maintenance & Fees	-	663.68	-	663.68
Printing, stationery and postage	434.84	-	-	434.84
Subscriptions: Church Times, Zoom & Visual Liturgy	230.91	-	-	230.91
Utilities: electricity, gas, water	6,757.52	-	-	6,757.52
Boiler, Alarm, Fire Extinguisher, CCTV Servicing & TowerClock Upgarde	5,955.05	-	-	5,955.05
Parish Outreach-Pet Service Banner	106.80	-	-	106.80
	-	-	-	-
	<u>18,785.04</u>	<u>663.68</u>	-	<u>19,448.72</u>
2e <u>Churchyard expenses</u>	-	-	9,008.28	9,008.28
	-	-	<u>9,008.28</u>	<u>9,008.28</u>
2f <u>Church Hall Costs-Floor Repairs & Eco Lighting Installation</u>	12,253.73	-	-	12,253.73
	<u>12,253.73</u>	-	-	<u>12,253.73</u>
2g <u>Mission giving and charitable donations</u>				
DEC Ukraine Appeal	-	-	394.50	394.50
Carols & Christingle-Children's Society	-	-	276.25	276.25
MAF Palestine	-	-	325.38	325.38
Unicef-Refugees	-	-	202.33	202.33
W&DCR Belfry Repairs-Bell Ringers	20.00	-	-	20.00
	<u>20.00</u>	-	<u>1,198.46</u>	<u>1,218.46</u>
2h <u>Bank charges</u>				
Monthly Charges HSBC Bank	122.25	-	-	122.25
	<u>122.25</u>	-	-	<u>122.25</u>
2i <u>All other payments</u>				
Costs incurred in generating funds	354.32	-	-	354.32
	-	-	-	-
150 Club	-	420.00	-	420.00
	<u>354.32</u>	<u>420.00</u>	-	<u>774.32</u>
2j <u>Sundries</u>				
Flowers, Batteries & Microphones, Floor Polish & Toilet Twinning Charity	630.35	-	-	630.35
	<u>630.35</u>	-	-	<u>630.35</u>
3 <u>Transfers between funds</u>				
Gift Aid applied to Charity donations	(211)	-	(211)	-
	-	0	-	-
Organist's honorarium	(2,608)	2,608	-	-
Churchyard honorarium	(1,000)	1,000	-	-
Decorating contingency	(1,020)	1,020	-	-
	<u>(4,839)</u>	<u>4,628</u>	<u>(211)</u>	<u>-</u>

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FUNDS 2024

	01/01/2024				31/12/2024
	Bal b/fwd	Receipts	Payments	Transfers	Bal c/fwd
	£	£	£	£	£
Restricted					
Altar frontal	66	0	0	0	66
Bell Tower	1,519	80	(20)	0	1,579
Betty Griffin Legacy	53,000	0	0	0	53,000
Charities	597	1,122	(1,198)	0	521
Church Improvements	2,145	1,030	0	0	3,175
Churchyard	0	1,175	(1,328)	0	(153)
Decorating	1,360	0	0	0	1,360
Family Outreach	186	0	(107)	0	79
Sound system	1,208	0	0	0	1,208
	<u>60,080</u>	<u>3,407</u>	<u>(2,654)</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>60,834</u>
Designated					
Churchyard	4,609	1,000	(7,680)	0	(2,071)
Decorating	3,400	1,020	0	0	4,420
Organ	10,030	2,608	(664)	0	11,974
Ministry Share	4,000	24,000	(24,000)	0	4,000
150 Club	1,524	830	(420)	0	1,934
	<u>23,563</u>	<u>29,458</u>	<u>(32,764)</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>20,257</u>
Balance at Bank-From Receipts & Payments Sheet					87,118
Cash in Hand					36
CBF Church of England Investment Fund 31 Dec 2024					13,406
Total					100,559

CHURCH HALL ACCOUNT
RECEIPTS

	2024		2023	
Receipts from Regular Lettings		21,573.75		18,907.50
Dance Classes	12,870.00		12,428.50	
Wargamers	3,420.00		2,780.00	
Theatrical Groups	4,451.25		3,030.00	
Others				
Yoga	832.50		669.00	
Receipts from other sources		3,018.00		8,606.00
Parties	1,718.00		111.00	
DMBC	1,300.00			
Other Occasional Hirers				
Other (Donation) (LOTTERY FUND GRANT 2023)			8,495.00	
Total Receipts		24,591.75		27,513.50

PAYMENTS

	2024		2023	
Transfer to main church account				
Regular Expenditures				9,913.60
Utilities	3,052.93		3,667.21	
Insurance	1,028.31		1,005.48	
Cleaning	4,327.99		4,494.13	
General Maintenance	4,311.64		746.78	
One-time / Irregular expenditure				
Building Work	25,993.24			
Misc				
Total Payments		38,714.11		9,913.60

Net of Receipts over Payments 17,599.90

Account balances

	2024		2023	
	Current Account	Reserve Account	Current Account	Reserve Account
Brought forward	27,594.63	2.10	9994.73	2.06
Net transfers between accounts				
Receipts from above	24,591.75	-	27,513.50	-
Payments from above	38,714.11	0.05	9,913.60	0.04
Interest		-		-
Closing Balance	13,472.27	2.15	27,594.63	2.10