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Diocese of Peterborough, Archdeaconry of Northampton, Deanery of Brackley

The Parish of St Peter with St James Brackley

(Registered Charity Number 1131 151)

Annual Report & Financial Statements
of the
Parochial Church Council for the
year ended 31st December 2024

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The Trustees (PCC)

St Peter's PCC has the responsibility of co-operating with the incumbent in promoting in the ecclesiastical parish the whole mission of the Church pastoral, social and ecumenical.

In 2024, the PCC met on the first Thursday of each month, apart from in January and August.

Membership

Members of the PCC are either ex officio or elected by the Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM), in accordance with the Church Representation Rules.

Incumbent

Revd Rich Duncan (Acting Treasurer from May 2024)

Curate

Revd Rob Wood

Permission to Officiate

Revd Sylvia Lafford

Revd Phillip Ball

Revd Dave Bell

Lay Chair

Mrs Val Lynam

Churchwardens

Mrs Bev Lazenby from APCM 2024

Mr Les Edge from APCM 2024

Representatives on the Deanery Synod

Mr John MacMahon from APCM 2023 until 2026

Miss Helen Price from APCM 2023 until 2026

Mr Tony Holden from APCM 2023 until 2026 – Parish Safeguarding Officer

Elected Members of the PCC

Mrs Uli Ashley	from APCM 2024 until 2025
Mr Chris Bazeley	from APCM 2023 until 2026
Mrs Liz Goddard	from APCM 2023 until 2025
Mrs Denise Johnson	from APCM 2024 until 2027 – Secretary
Mrs Rosemary Leeper	from APCM 2022 until 2025
Mrs Val Lynam	from APCM 2023 until 2026 – Administrator
Mr Ben Stopher	from APCM 2024 until 2027
Mr Dave Withers	from APCM 2023 until 2026
Mrs Louise Jordan	from APCM 2024 until 2027

Church Attendance

There are 152 parishioners on the Church Electoral Roll as at 31st December 2024. The Average Sunday Attendance for 2024 was 105 adults and 23 children, excluding services when a baptism was held.

Our aim is to love God, love each other and love Brackley, because of the saving love we have been shown in Jesus Christ.

Church life

In regard to corporate worship, the year began with much thanksgiving for the 800th anniversary celebrations and appeal in 2023. The main sermon series covered in 2024 were Luke's Gospel, the doctrine of God, the books of Ruth, 1 Thessalonians and Daniel. After much deliberation, the main Sunday service moved in the summer from 9.30am to 10am after two-thirds of the feedback showed a preference for returning to a later start time (with the BCP service remaining at 8am). In the autumn, the Church Prayer Meeting switched from monthly after the service to weekly before the service. Reverends Sylvia, Dave and James continued to be an enormous support to Rich and Rob (who was himself ordained priest in July).

The day-to-day running was enabled and supported by so many, with special mention to Val Lynan our Administrator, Bev Lazenby and Les Edge our Church Wardens, Kath Bell and Caroline Dunning our Assistant Wardens, John MacMahon and Chris Bazeley overseeing extensive building works (not least a new heating system), Denise Johnson our PCC Secretary and Jacky Mortimer engaged in multiple events. In April, John Carter stepped down from being Treasurer after helping with the finances for an impressive 15 years. The Vicar became Acting Treasurer in lieu of other volunteers, but the lion's share of the work was ably picked up by the new Assistant Treasurers, Oliver Jones and Alison Scobie.

Helen Price, our Children & Families Worker, continued to operate regularly in all of Brackley's primary aged schools, especially BJS, our church school. She also led a Communion Club, started Explorers (fortnightly after-school club), ran the Easter Experience, as well as the Summer Holiday Club (with an Olympic theme), Bright Night (Halloween alternative) and the first Inspire Evening for young parents at church. The children's groups on Sundays went from strength to strength in terms of numbers, to the extent that by the end of 2024 it was both necessary and feasible to increase our Sunday school provision to three groups instead of two.

Growth Groups, overseen by Rob Wood, continued to meet midweek during term time with 40-45 people involved in the 4 different groups. Various other midweek activities continued, including First Steps, Prayer for the Sick, Tuesday Eucharists, Mothers' Union, care home Communion services, enquirers courses (Alpha and Hope Explored), Praise Evenings with contemporary worship, and one-off events such as the Barn Dance, Ride and Stride and an evening with Andy Robinson. The building also continued to be used by a whole range of outside groups. In August, we were visited by Bosco Bukeera from Uganda, as we committed to supporting the Bukeera family as our mission partners. In addition to continuing to support the Food Bank, Compassion UK and Samaritan's Purse Shoebox Appeal, we took the decision at the end of the year to financially support in 2025 the Bukeeras, Katharine House Hospice and Eve Women's Refuge.

In terms of online presence, we established a church Instagram account, had over 2000 unique visitors to the church website, and 22,000 views on Facebook over the year. Christmas was once again a great climax to the year and a wonderful opportunity to share the

good news with so many in the town. We sang carols in the care homes, 1100 people booked in for a Christingle service, and all other services were well-attended (Carols by Candlelight, Nativity Service, Midnight Communion and Christmas All Age service). In summary, we can give heartfelt thanks and praise to God for all the many ways he worked in and through us in 2024.

Goods and Ornaments

Unfortunately, there was a break-in at the church shed, with two trimmers stolen, and attempted break-ins to the fire exit at the east end of the hall. Both doors are now more secure and a big thank you to the helpers who did the repairs.

Maintenance

The Buildings Development and Maintenance Committee (BDM), a subcommittee of the PCC, met five times. The Committee comprises Chris Bazeley (Chair), Revd Rich Duncan, Val Lynam, and John MacMahon. John Carter stepped down, while Roger Sermons, and Rachel Harris (who took on Health & Safety) joined the committee in November.

Overall, the church continues to be in good condition and well cared for, with maintenance items selected based on their urgency and the available funds.

The major item to report is the replacement of the old gas “back boiler,” which had reached the end of its life. The Diocese granted permission to replace the existing boiler with a balanced flue gas boiler, with another low carbon heat source added later. The design was prepared by the external heating design company CBG Consultants Ltd. The contract went out to tender, and F. G. Alden Ltd were employed as principal contractors, who we instructed on 2nd Aug 2024, together with CBG as principal designers. The 115-kW boiler is installed but we are waiting for the controls and commissioning which will be in 2025.

The condition of the Hall roof continues to be a concern due to the use of faulty tiles in the original build and to date, we will have replaced 130 sq meters of the 241 sq meters roof area with a contract let with Allsworth Roofing for the kitchen and entrance roofs, a further thirty-six sq meters, planned for January 2025. We keep the roof moss-free, and there is regular maintenance to replace disintegrated stone slates, but it is expected that the remaining hall roof areas will require renewal in the next few years.

The main church roofs are a concern with a contract let to repair the first three meters at the west end of the south slope of the central nave roof and investigate the overall condition of the central nave roof. This repair is now scheduled for March 2025. The Chancel and Lady Chapel roofs were re-slatted in 1980, with forty percent of the slates renewed. The architect and roofer judge that these roofs have between five and ten years before they require re-slating and potentially the other sixty percent of the slates replaced.

We rebuilt a further 6.5m section of the churchyard wall at 5 St Peter’s Gate. Apart from the collapsed section of the wall in Old Town, we hope that no further sections will require renewal for the next five or more years.

It is pleasing to report that a specialist timber inspection showed that there is no requirement to treat the timbers in the tower and nave roof spaces. We will review in 2025 whether there are any immediate maintenance requirements to the tower.

The next phase of refurbishment of the church rainwater goods those on the Lady Chapel and adjacent Chancel is complete. Some sections were broken, and all the brackets were replaced. This leaves the rainwater goods on the north side of the church and the tower which still require treatment.

Tree roots block the rainwater soakaway at the west end of the church and the soakaway down the south pathway, causing water to seep away only slowly. This results in damp walls at the west end and occasional water overflows from the drain into the churchyard. We will investigate this next year to establish the drain routes and plan a solution.

Improvements are required to the mains supply and distribution board for the church which include surge protection.

St Peter's Church has completed an A Rocha eco survey on how well we take responsibility for our role as stewards of God's created world. The survey covers Worship and Teaching, Buildings, Land, Community and Global Engagement, and Lifestyle. A Rocha awarded us a bronze award, marking the start of our journey to cherish and protect our planet.

The gardening team has done a wonderful job keeping the churchyard in excellent condition, supported by the Community Payback teams.

There was further support with two well-attended maintenance days focusing on both building and churchyard maintenance tasks.

As well as these volunteers the church community is blessed with many people, who quietly get on with routine tasks often not thanked but very much appreciated.

The planned maintenance work for the coming year includes:

- Hall roof re-slating of kitchen and entrance roofs
- Central nave roof 3m section at the west end
- Regular annual maintenance of the church roofs
- Investigation of solutions for blocked rainwater drains
- Mains supply and distribution board
- Review the tower maintenance items and identify which require immediate action
- Two Maintenance Days

Structure. Governance and Management

The method of appointment of PCC members is set out in the Church Representation Rules. At St Peter's, the membership of the PCC consists of the incumbent (Chair), churchwardens, elected members of Brackley Deanery Synod, members elected by those of the congregation, who are on the electoral roll of the church. All those who attend our services/members of the congregation are encouraged to register on the Electoral Roll and stand for election to the PCC.

The PCC members are responsible for making decisions on all matters of general concern and importance to the parish including deciding on how the funds of the PCC are to be spent.

There were four subcommittees responsible for reporting to the PCC:

Buildings, Development and Maintenance — responsible for managing projects approved by the PCC of any work that needs to be done to keep the church and surrounds in good condition. Meetings are held as required.

Finance Committee — responsible for managing the finances of the PCC, the change of treasurer and to support our new treasurer, a meeting was held five times a year. The committee comprises, Revd Rich Duncan (Treasurer), Val Lynam, Chris Bazeley, Dave Withers, Oliver Jones (assistant Treasurer) and John MacMahon (Chair).

Fundraising Group – continued the application for and management of grants after the 800 Appeal Committee was disbanded at the beginning of 2024.

Halse Mission Body – responsible for the day-to-day management of Halse Mission Chapel.

Deanery Synod

There are 3 members on the Deanery Synod who attend meetings with the various churches in the Deanery. This gives us a link with other churches, and they report back to the PCC with information about what is happening in the wider church.

St George's Evenley: Members enjoyed homemade refreshments and viewed the compostable toilet. Fr. Matthew Robinson led a service as the benefice was in vacancy. Emily Elliott discussed the new online application procedure for faculties.

All Saints Middleton Cheney: A prayer walk followed by a short service by Rev. Nick Leggett. Bob Hunter spoke about the church's Pre-Raphaelite windows. Members explored the windows while enjoying supper.

St Mary's Woodford Halse: Victoria Kellett was introduced as the new Diocesan Safeguarding Officer. Rev. Celia Parkes spoke about her work with the farming community.

Halse Mission Chapel

The Mission Chapel provides a space for regular Christian worship and is the only building in the village available as a hall for community events. The Diocese of Peterborough are legal owners of the premises with St Peter's PCC as managing trustees under the 1924 Indenture agreement. The running of Halse Mission Chapel is undertaken by the Halse Mission Body, a subcommittee of the PCC, with at least one representative from the Halse congregation attending PCC meetings twice a year. A copy of their report is attached as an appendix.

Risk Management

St. Peter's Church PCC has conducted and continues to conduct, risk analyses and holds insurance against property damage and third party claims up to £10 million. The PCC is also aware of the Health and Safety matters both within the Church, the Church Hall and Church grounds and operates a vulnerable persons policy under the auspices of the Diocese, obtaining DBS checks for all who have contact with vulnerable people. To that end, a Parish Safeguarding Officer (PSO), Tony Holden, is a member of the PCC, and Caroline Jones took over the role of Deputy PSO from John MacMahon during 2024.

A Note of Thanks

Many individuals gave a great deal of their time, energy and gifts to support the life and worship of St Peter's in 2024. Particular appreciation is noted here for the Churchwardens and Assistant Wardens; all those who supported Sunday worship, such as the intercessors, readers, Eucharistic Assistants, Welcome Team, laptop operators, bell ringers, musicians and those on the cleaning rota, coffee rota and flower arranging team, as well as those who volunteered in Junior Church and Tots; the gardening team who spent countless hours maintaining the churchyard; for our Assistant Treasurers, PCC Secretary and all members of the PCC; the Finance Committee and Buildings, Development and Maintenance Committee; the Fundraising Group who applied for grants; the Deanery Synod reps; the Mothers' Union; those who produced and distributed the magazine; those who organised fundraising and social events; those who maintained the tower clock; the Foundation Governors of Brackley Junior School; helpers at the Summer Holiday Club and other events for children; those who helped take services in the care homes; the cooks for Friendship Lunch and other church meals; graphic designers; those who led Growth Groups; those who visited the sick, the bereaved and the housebound; those who gave support through their prayers, their help behind the scenes or other unrecognised acts of kindness and care for others.

Revd Rich Duncan (Vicar), Mrs Val Lynam (Administrator and Lay Chair)

Financial Review

In 2024, we set about the work of delivering on the money raised through the 800 Appeal. The priority was ensuring that the congregation could be warm and dry within the church. The installation of the new heating system should bring great comfort to services for many years to come, however the total cost will be around £88k, with around £50k paid in 2024 an estimated £38k to be paid in 2025.

In total, repairs and fittings expenses for the year came to £74,353, exceeding 2023 by £47,548 and 2022 by £4,411. As mentioned, a large part of this cost was from the boiler, with the remaining amount mainly from maintaining the roof. Expenditure during the year excluding repairs and fittings increased by 15% from 2023. In large part, this was due to the increase in the Parish Share payment of £3,207 and the early payment of the church ecclesiastical insurance of £3,777, creating a not like-for-like comparison. Other increases in spending included utilities increasing by £1,091 in the year. In 2025, the Parish Share has increased to £81,549 from £78,498 in 2024.

Looking at total incomings when comparing to 2023, you see a drop of £124,367, due to the fact of extra funds being raised in 2023 for the 800 Appeal. When you take a broader look back to 2022, a much more like-for-like comparison excluding the 800 Appeal, you see an increase of £5,276. The increase from 2022 is largely due to increases in regular giving and fundraising efforts.

We have been truly grateful for all the grants we have received this year, and for all the hard work that the Fundraising Group and others that have gone into in securing them. From the fund/grant payment analysis table you can see that they have all been fully utilised maintaining our historic church building and facilities. We are also pleased to understand that more grants have been secured with the funds being made available for our 2025 projects.

We would also like to thank John Carter for his work in helping Oliver Jones to digitise the financials to QuickBooks, so that we now have a more automated way of maintaining our records.

Reserves Policy

The policy regarding the General fund is to carry the balance forward to the next financial year to help meet the ever-increasing costs of running the church, meeting the Parish Share (£81,549 for 2025) and to help with major repairs and furnishings when there are insufficient funds. The aim is to have 3 months of average expenditure as cash reserves in the General Fund to meet any unforeseen or "emergency" costs. This equates to approximately £55,000 based on "normal" expenditure. We are getting closer to the £55,000, with cash and funds standing at £159,784 (bearing in mind £17,407 of that amount is restricted, as part of the Chancel Fund). In addition, given that the second half payment of the heating system (approx. £38k) is due in spring 2025, and the ongoing roof work (which if completed in its entirety could cost over £100k), we understand the importance of being prudent.

Receipts & Payments Account							
	General Fund	Designated Fund	Fabric Fund	Chancel Fund	Appeal Fund	Total Funds	
	(Unr'stcd)	(Unr'stcd)	(Restricted)	(Restricted)	(Unr'stcd)	2024	2023
Receipts	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
<i>Regular giving</i>							
Planned giving (note 3a)	67,924	-	-	-	3,695	71,619	70,773
Collections & others (3a)	29,905	12,920	10,000	-	5,599	58,424	97,996
Income tax (from gift aid)	19,656	-	-	-	896	20,553	20,323
	<u>117,485</u>	<u>12,920</u>	<u>10,000</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>10,190</u>	<u>150,596</u>	<u>189,092</u>
Transfer (from Ch Hse fund)	84,011	-	-	-	-	84,011	25,000
Transfers to/from App fund	-	-	-	-	-	-	46,643
Insurance claim & VAT refund	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Legacy receipts (3e)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Funding activities (3b/3e)	3,437	-	-	-	8,701	12,138	26,426
Receipts from activities (3c)	14,179	-	-	-	-	14,179	16,092
Investments (3d)	323	-	-	354	719	1,396	1,229
Misc receipts (3e)	470	-	-	-	-	470	529
	<u>102,419</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>354</u>	<u>9,420</u>	<u>112,193</u>	<u>115,919</u>
Total receipts	<u>219,905</u>	<u>12,920</u>	<u>10,000</u>	<u>354</u>	<u>19,610</u>	<u>262,789</u>	<u>305,011</u>
Payments							
<i>Church activities</i>							
Diocesan parish share	78,498	-	-	-	-	78,498	75,291
Light & heat (4a)	11,154	-	-	-	-	11,154	11,464
Running costs (4b)	7,740	-	-	-	-	7,740	7,568
Repairs & maint (4f)	1,006	-	16,071	-	52,240	69,317	26,234
New Fixtures (4f)	5,801	-	-	-	-	5,801	571
C & F Worker	-	28,686	-	-	-	28,686	26,044
Clergy expenses	2,090	-	-	-	-	2,090	2,593
Administration (4c)	11,009	-	-	-	-	11,009	10,341
Choral & music (4d)	5,105	-	-	-	-	5,105	5,499
Children's activities (4e)	218	-	-	-	-	218	197
Fund raising costs (4f)	686	-	-	-	2,795	3,481	39,290
Transfers to/from App fund	-	-	-	-	-	-	45,300
Fees, charity giving (4f)	3,883	-	-	-	-	3,883	6,182
Total payments	<u>127,191</u>	<u>28,686</u>	<u>16,071</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>55,035</u>	<u>226,984</u>	<u>256,574</u>
Excess of Recs/Payments	<u>£92,713</u>	<u>-£15,766</u>	<u>-£6,071</u>	<u>£354</u>	<u>-£35,425</u>	<u>£35,805</u>	<u>£48,437</u>
Movement of funds							
Fund value at 1 Jan 2024 *	20,528	19,180	6,071	£9,643	52,246	107,668	
Net receipts in the year	219,905	12,920	10,000	354	19,610	262,789	
Net payments in the year	<u>127,191</u>	<u>28,686</u>	<u>16,071</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>55,035</u>	<u>226,984</u>	
Increase (Decrease)	<u>£92,713</u>	<u>-£15,766</u>	<u>-£6,071</u>	<u>£ 354</u>	<u>- 35,425</u>	<u>£35,805</u>	
Fund value Jan 1st 2025 (pages 7 & 11)	<u>£113,241</u>	<u>£3,414</u>	<u>£0</u>	<u>£9,997</u>	<u>£16,821</u>	<u>£143,473</u>	

* Note: The deficit in the initial Appeal Fund was due to start-up costs of consultancy and printing mater

Statements of Assets & Liabilities

Investment assets

The General Fund investment is invested in £4% Consolidated Stock (yielding £410 during the year) taken out in 1954/5. The Chancel fund investment is invested in CBF Church of England Investment Fund Income Units (yielding £423 during the year). The Church House fund investment is invested in CBF Church of England Investment Fund Accumulation Shares. Movements during the year were as follows:-

	CBF Deposit fund	General fund (Unrestr'ctd)	Chancel fund (Restricted)		CBF Ch Hse fund (Permanent endowment)		Total
	£	£	£	Units	£	Units	£
Market value 1 st Jan 2024	16,118	410	15,462	684	79,639	1,334	111,629
Purchases at cost (transfer)					-84,011	1,334	-84,011
Net gain annual revaluation	1,289	-410	354	-	9,874	-	11,107
Market value 31st Dec 2024	<u>17,047</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>15,816</u>	<u>684</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>33,223</u>

Other Assets retained for Church use.

Significant Church equipment comprises:-

a) Yamaha clavivova – original cost £3,504, b) Hilltop Audio/Visual system £25,490 c) Henry Jones organ – original cost not known. d) HSE Lighting system £39,429. All have been fully written down, so no depreciation is included in these accounts.

St James churchyard, (“closed” since approximately 1937), is owned by the PCC but nominally maintained by the local council and constitutes an asset of the Church although no value has been estimated for this. The church has been looking, possibly, to develop the site but it currently appears not to be a viable proposition.

A loan of £50,000 was made from the Church House fund, some 25 years ago, in 1998, with the permission of the Charity Commissioners, to help the financing of the extension and has now, after revaluations, been repaid, the total fund now being available. (See page 11).

Analysis of net assets by fund

	Gen Fund £	Des Fund £	Fab Fund £	Chanc Fund £	App Fund £	Chu Hse Fund £	CBF Dep Fund £	Total 2024 £
Investment								
Fixed assets	-	-	-	15,816	-	-	17,407	33,223
Current Assets	113,241	3,414	-	9,997	16,821	-	-	143,473
Fund Balance	<u>113,241</u>	<u>3,414</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>25,813</u>	<u>16,821</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>17,407</u>	<u>176,696</u>

Approved by the Parochial Church Council and signed on its behalf by:-

Rev. Rich Duncan (Acting Treasurer)

Date:

1. Accounting policy

The financial statements of the PCC have been prepared in accordance with the Church Accounting Regulations 2006 using the Receipts & Payments (R & P) basis which is recommended when gross income is less than £250,000.

2. Funds

The General Fund represents the funds of the PCC that are not subject to any restrictions regarding their use and are available for the general purposes of the PCC. Permission has been given by the Feoffee Charity to use their donation for expenditure on the fabric of the church (see below). The current value of the General Fund is shown as £ 104,538 i.e. ending bank balances – remaining appeal fund.

Restricted funds are those funds that must be spent on restricted purposes, and these are:

- Fabric Fund, which normally only receives money from the FEOFFEE charity and can be used for repairs, acquisitions, replacements and renewals or maintenance of the church buildings, their contents, fixtures and fittings including organ, heating, lighting etc.
- Chancel Fund, which is restricted and used for any expenses relating to the Chancel. All of the income from the Chancel Fund investment account (£423 in 2023) goes to this fund and 117th of the insurance cost (£523) comes from it.
- Church House Fund, at least some if not most of the money given to buy the original clergy housing would have been given for that explicit purpose. Which means that the Charities Commission approval is required for the funds to be unrestricted and spent. The funds must be used in accordance with the original charitable designation of “ecclesiastical purposes” within the parish of Brackley. The fund is now exhausted.
- Designated Fund, is a fund into which the 2019 legacy of £187,225 had been placed so that it could be identified for the growth and protection of St Peter's into the future. The balance stood at £19,180 which has been spent on the costs of the Children & Families Worker and this legacy is now exhausted.

Fund & Grant payment analysis

Invoices	Payment Description	Date Invoice paid	Invoice Total	Children & Family worker	Grants	Kitchen Renovation	Chancel	800 Appeal
				(Legacy / Diocese Grant / Designated)	Feoffee charity 2023_24. BENHAM CHARITABLE, DC Trust benefit Northants, John Warren foundation	(Tesco & Brackley town Council Grant / Designated)	(Restricted)	Fund
				£32,100	£22,571	£4,500	£15,462	£66,993
Alden	Heating System	21/10/2024	£38,173		£22,571			£15,602
S+W BUILDING CONTR	Rainwater system	30/12/2024	£6,276					£6,276
BLENHEIM DRY STONE	Churchyard	02/04/2024	£5,850					£5,850
Inox	Kitchen Refurbisher	04/06/2024	£5,508			£4,500		£1,008
Rung Heating Supplies L	Heating System	25/10/2024	£2,684					£2,684
CBG Consultants	Heating System	10/10/2024	£2,545					£2,545
Rung Heating Supplies L	Heating System	14/08/2024	£2,237					£2,237
KIMBER + SONS CONS	Roofing	12/11/2024	£1,992					£1,992
KIMBER + SONS CONS	Roofing	22/01/2024	£1,455					£1,455
S+W BUILDING CONTR	Rainwater System	30/12/2024	£1,440					£1,440
CBG Consultants	Heating System	11/11/2024	£1,273					£1,273
KIMBER + SONS CONS	Roofing	12/11/2024	£1,002					£1,002
CBG Consultants	Heating System	16/05/2024	£870					£870
KIMBER + SONS CONS	Roofing	04/01/2024	£765					£765
OXFORD INSTALLATION	Electrics	03/06/2024	£514					£514
Rung Heating Supplies L	Heating System	21/11/2024	£447					£447
Children & Family Worke	N/A	N/A	£28,686	£28,686				
			Total Fund left	£3,414	£0	£0	£15,462	£21,033

3. Receipts Analysis								
	General	Designated	Fabric	Chancel	Appeal	Total Funds		
	Fund	Fund	Fund	Fund	Fund	2024	2023	
	(Unr'stcd)	(Unr'stcd)	Restricted	(Restricted)				
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
3 a) Voluntary receipts								
Standing orders (gift aided)	67,924	-	-	-	3,695	71,619	68,849	
Weekly envelopes (G A)	-	-	-	-	-	-	587	
Non G A envelopes & SO's	4,438	-	-	-	-	4,438	1,337	
Other "casual" G A	1,642	-	-	-	-	1,642	2,191	
Collections inc Good Box	10,490	-	-	-	-	10,490	12,378	
Donations inc Sum Up	13,335	12,920	10,000	-	5,599	41,854	83,427	
Income tax (G A refund)	19,656	-	-	-	896	20,553	20,323	
	117,485	12,920	10,000	-	10,190	150,596	189,092	
3 b) Funds generating activities								
Social events	-	-	-	-	8,701	8,701	23,088	
Film Shows	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Sunday lunches	1,048	-	-	-	-	1,048	670	
Others (R&S, tea/coffe etc)	2,389	-	-	-	-	2,389	2,668	
	3,437	-	-	-	8,701	12,138	26,426	
3 c) Church activities receipts								
Weddings/funerals	4,130	-	-	-	-	4,130	6,524	
Assigned fees to diocese	4,118	-	-	-	-	4,118	2,806	
Hire of church hall	2,903	-	-	-	-	2,903	3,390	
Church mag (total receipts)	2,558	-	-	-	-	2,558	2,526	
Children's activities	470	-	-	-	-	470	846	
	14,179	-	-	-	-	14,179	16,092	
3 d) Investments								
Dividends	-	-	-	354	-	354	423	
Interest	323	-	-	-	719	1,042	806	
	323	-	-	354	719	1,396	1,229	
3 e) Other receipts								
Transfer from Ch Hse Fund	84,011	-	-	-	-	84,011	25,000	
Insurance Claim	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Transfers to/from App Fund	-	-	-	-	-	-	46,643	
VAT refund	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Miscellaneous	470	-	-	-	-	470	529	
Legacies	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
	84,481	-	-	-	-	84,481	72,172	
Total receipts	219,905	12,920	10,000	354	19,610	262,789	305,011	
Cash in bank accounts								
Location		Barclays	Lloyds	Lloyds	CBF	Total		
Account no.		43960404	0060124	7140379	628032001D			
Cash at 1 Jan 2024		25,752	11,018	54,780	16,118	107,668		
Gross receipts in 2024		156,740	93,934	18,114	1,289	270,077		
Gross payments in 2024		132,217	95,649	5,902	-	233,768		
Increase/(Decrease) in cash		£ 24,523	-£ 1,715	£ 66,993	£ 1,289	£ 91,089		
Cash at 31 Dec 2024		£ 50,275	£ 9,303	£ 66,993	£ 17,407	£ 143,977		

4. Payments Analysis								
	General Fund (Unr'stcd)	Designated Fund (Unr'stcd)	Fabric Fund (Restricted)	Chancel Fund (Restricted)	Appeal Fund (Unr'stcd)	Total Funds		
						2024	2023	
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
4 a) Energy costs								
Gas	3,424	-	-	-	-	3,424	3,688	
Electricity	7,730	-	-	-	-	7,730	7,776	
	<u>£ 11,154</u>	-	-	-	-	11,154	11,464	
4 b) Church running costs								
Cleaning (inc windows)	3,460	-	-	-	-	3,460	3,158	
Altar requisites	819	-	-	-	-	819	265	
Churchyard maintenance	1,558	-	-	-	-	1,558	870	
Organ/piano tuning/maintnce	663	-	-	-	-	663	574	
Others	1,240	-	-	-	-	1,240	2,701	
	<u>£ 7,740</u>	-	-	-	-	7,740	7,568	
4 c) Administration								
Insurance	3,664	-	-	-	-	3,664	3,664	
Print, post & stationery	3,636	-	-	-	-	3,636	3,649	
Administration	2,930	-	-	-	-	2,930	2,172	
Telephone	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Ind examiner's fee	779	-	-	-	-	779	756	
Bank charges	-	-	-	-	-	-	100	
	<u>£ 11,009</u>	-	-	-	-	11,009	10,341	
4 d) Choral & music								
Choir	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Music fees	5,105	-	-	-	-	5,105	5,499	
	<u>£ 5,105</u>	-	-	-	-	5,105	5,499	
4 e) Children's activities								
1st Steps, J C, Hol Club	218	-	-	-	-	218	197	
	<u>£ 218</u>	-	-	-	-	218	197	
4 f) Other payments								
Parish share	78,498	-	-	-	-	78,498	75,291	
Assigned fees (weds, funls)	2,975	-	-	-	-	2,975	2,806	
Fees to verger & other clerc	909	-	-	-	-	909	1,916	
Clergy expenses	2,090	-	-	-	-	2,090	2,593	
Fund raising costs	686	-	-	-	2,795	3,481	39,290	
Charity giving	-	-	-	-	-	-	1,460	
C & F Worker	-	28,686	-	-	-	28,686	26,044	
New fixtures	5,801	-	-	-	-	5,801	571	
Repairs, maintenance	1,006	-	16,071	-	52,240	69,317	26,234	
Transfers to/from App A/c	-	-	-	-	-	-	45,300	
	<u>£ 91,965</u>	<u>£ 28,686</u>	<u>£ 16,071</u>	-	<u>£ 55,035</u>	191,757	221,505	
Total payments	<u>£ 127,191</u>	<u>£ 28,686</u>	<u>£ 16,071</u>	<u>£ -</u>	<u>£ 55,035</u>	£ 226,984	£ 256,574	

5. Trustees and Related Parties

Three members have a financial interest, the Administrator, Val Lynam, the Children and Family's Worker, Helen Price, and Tony Holden as spouse to Jacinta Holden the Principal Musician. The Vicar and Curate are paid expenses. There were no disclosable related party transactions during the year.

Independent Examiners Report to the PCC of St Peter with St James

I report to the members on my examination of the accounts of the PCC for the year ended 31 December 2024 which are set out on pages 9 to 13.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the members of the PCC, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 (“the Act”) and the Church Accounting Regulations 2006 (“the Regulations”).

I report in respect of my examination of the PCC’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.

Basis of independent examiner’s report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commission and to be found in the Church guidance. The examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the PCC and a comparison of the accounts with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the financial statements 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 on whether the financial statements present a “true and fair view” and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

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 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.

Rob Blencowe BSc FCA
Blencowes,
15 High Street,
Brackley
NN13 7DH

Date:

Appendix to Trustees' Annual Report for 2024

Halse Mission Body Report of 2024

Responsible people: Sue Bridge (Treasurer/Keyholder), Sara Hollett (Assistant Treasurer /Keyholder), Peter Gamble (Keyholder). The hall has continued to be used for the common good and religious services.

It was used twice in 2024 as a polling station which brought much needed funds into the account. However the electricity bill that month was quite a lot more than usual.

We have also had a very generous donation from a resident of Halse who wanted to use the chairs from the hall for a celebration being held in a local barn. The Greatworth and Halse parish council used the hall for a meeting and we continue to have a monthly communion service with the Christmas morning service being very well attended. We applied for and received the local grant from G&H PC.

We appear to have stopped whatever was getting into the roof space and have not had any more damage done however the roof is very thin in places so this may happen again. The Community Payback team still come once a month to keep the building clean and tidy inside and out for which we are very grateful as with a small and ageing congregation its more than we can manage.

It does look as if we have a healthy balance in the bank account but with costs rising sometimes our collections don't always cover our monthly outgoings . Anglian Water now charge us £20 per month just to be connected luckily our actual water usage is very low.

Thanks go to Rev Sylvia, Rev Rich and Rev Rob for continuing to come out for services and the Community Payback Team for keeping the building and surround looking good.

HALSE MISSION CHURCH ACCOUNTS 2024

RECEIPTS

COLLECTIONS	795.70
MISC RECEIPTS AS BELOW	937.00
HALL HIRE	15.00
DONATION (VILLAGE XMAS PARTY 2023)	122.00
DONATION (HALSE RESIDENT)	150.00
GRANT(GREATWORTH PC)	250.00
WNDC (POLLING STATION X2)	400.00
TOTAL	1732.70

PAYMENTS

ELECTRICITY	370.14
WATER	177.00
INSURANCE	515.11
MISC	40.00
TOTAL	1102.25

RECONCILIATION OF BALANCE

BALANCE AT 31/12/2023	2674.49	
RECEIPTS	1732.70	
BALANCE AT 31/12/2024		3304.94
PAYMENTS		1102.25
TOTAL	4407.19	4407.19

Bank Account: Lloyds 30-11-08
Account number: 00038455