

## **2024 Report and Accounts for the Parochial Church Council of St Oswald's Church, Methley with Mickletown**

### **Aims and Purposes**

St Oswald's Parochial Church Council (PCC) has the responsibility of cooperating with the interim priest, the Reverend Lisa Senior, in promoting in the ecclesiastical parish, the whole mission of the Church, pastoral, evangelical, social and ecumenical. The PCC is also specifically responsible for the maintenance of St Margaret's Hall, on Main Street in Methley.

### **Objectives and Activities**

The PCC is committed to enabling as many people as possible to worship at our church and to become part of our parish community at St Oswald's. The PCC maintains an overview of worship throughout the parish and makes suggestions on how our services can involve the many groups that live within our parish. Our services and worship put faith into practice through prayer and Scripture, music and sacrament.

When planning our activities for the year, we have considered the Charity Commissioner's guidance on public benefit and, in particular, the supplementary guidance on charities for the advancement of religion.

In particular, we try to enable ordinary people to live out their faith as part of our parish community through:

- Worship and prayer; learning about the gospels; developing their knowledge and trust in Jesus.
- Provision of pastoral care for people living in the parish.
- Missionary and outreach work

To facilitate this work, it is important that we maintain the fabric of the church of St Oswald's and St Margaret's Hall.

### **Achievements and performance**

#### **Worship and prayer**

At the start of the year, we bid farewell to Reverend Sarah Hancox and Reverend Anthea College. All churches across the benefice joined together to wish Reverend Sarah well and present her with gifts of appreciation (including some tape in case the paschal candle got dropped again). Many tears were shed but everyone has been grateful for the work that Reverend Sarah and Reverend Anthea have given to us over the years. Reverend Sarah's licensing service at Brislington St Luke's was streamed at St Oswald's in March, with some people making the journey to attend the service in person.

In April, Reverend Lisa Senior, an experienced parish priest, was appointed to St Oswald's and St John's for a 1 year interim post. Reverend Lisa ensured that both St John's and St Oswald's were able to continue serving their communities, while new patterns of worship and oversight were discussed and implemented over the year. She was also able to support clergy and congregation in the process of 'new ways' to be church. She advocated change and challenged our established ways, but always with enthusiasm and a strong sense of humour. In leading discussions and in chairing our PCC she frequently used the word pragmatic and this defined her approach during her year with us. In her preaching Lisa often took us in new directions, using poetry and anecdotes from everyday life to illustrate her message. The Benefice has been blessed to have Reverend Lisa working with us through a change in the pattern of ministry and we wish her well in her next calling.

The focus for the last year has been how we work together as a benefice. Reverend Mark Umpleby and Reverend Mandy Rhodes have led services at St Oswald's and St Margaret's. All churches have joined together for services at alternating host churches throughout the year. St Oswald's choir have joined with Holy Trinity Rothwell choir on a number of occasions to lead us in song at the services.

As Reverend Mandy and Reverend Mark will be overseeing 2 churches each, the pattern of worship will change in 2025 to Reverend clergy from doing the mad dash from the 9am service at one church to the 11am service at the second. It was felt that all services needed to have the time to share fellowship with the clergy following the services. As a result, each church will have 2 service of the word services and 2 holy communion services. At St Oswald's, as our all age service on the first Sunday of the month is service of the word, we would only be changing 1 service from communion to service of the word on the third Sunday of the month.

Palm Sunday brought difficult news as we were informed of the passing of Dr Ann Whitfield one of our Licenced Lay Ministers. Dr Ann and Peter Whitfield moved into the parish in 2009 to be close to their family who had already settled here and were involved in the church. Their daughter, Emma Hilton, gave us advance warning "Mum will take over everything". This proved to be scarcely an exaggeration, as Dr Ann had in a very short time started Messy Church, taken a prominent role in the worship and music of the church and re-established a weekly Bible Study, held out in the Garden when the weather permitted. In due course Dr Ann was elected Secretary of the PCC and also took on responsibility for safeguarding.

Reverend Sarah Hancox, new in post and direct from her curacy, found the experience, wisdom and faith of Dr Ann invaluable and together they formed a strong partnership. Dr Ann soon made herself well known throughout the parish, not least from her regular appearances at assemblies in Methley Primary School and for her involvement with coffee mornings. Her involvement in pastoral care, taking the sacrament to the homes of the sick has been hugely valued. Her experience of working with voluntary organisations in India brought a missionary dimension to her witness here in Methley.

Dr Ann could be relied upon for sound advice, for generous hospitality and for strongly held opinions, be it about the Liturgy, the Diocesan hierarchy or parish finances. If a difference of opinion arose, Dr Ann would always show respect for the views of others, ensuring that these differences never became personal. Since her death a year ago the church community and the parish are still discovering tasks which she had been faithfully carrying out for years. Dr Ann is greatly missed.

The Christmas season was once again heralded by the star shining out from the tower of our church (although it has got a battering in the winter storms). Once again we were "sold out" for the Christingle services. This year saw the arrival of Aidan Downess (guitarist) who was joined by Ellen Fawcus (keyboard) and Tom Fawcus (drums). This event continues to bring people from many generations together whilst raising £1,482 for the Children's Society. At the Festival of the Nine Lessons and Carols, the choir stalls were packed with members of the Melodia Ladies Choir and the Holy Trinity Rothwell choir.

A Christmas concert was given by locally based Scherzo Strings and Let's Sing 26 ladies choir. The Clueless Chorus, community choir, continue to meet on a bi-weekly basis.

Other events which were hosted in our church or churchyard included the Cherry Blossom Arts Festival, the Methley Scarecrow Festival and the Heritage Open Days, once again with the added attraction of the Towton re-enactment group, the Frei Compagnie. The church continued to be open to visitors every Sunday afternoon throughout the year and on Wednesday afternoons through the warmer months, thanks to a rota of faithful volunteers.

We continue to hold an Inclusive Sunday service once a year as part of our registration with Inclusive Church.

Monthly Messy Church meetings have continued throughout 2024 and new families have been welcomed. This continues to be our major outreach to young families. Our thanks to Emma Hilton, Laura Bartlam and all the volunteers involved who supervise and provide food.

Every Tuesday a said service of Holy Communion was held in St Margaret's Hall, typically attended

by 10 communicants. This was followed by refreshments as a welcome opportunity to enjoy fellowship.

All-age services are well received. We have an all-age planning team consisting of Reverend Diane Flynn, Charlotte Taylor, Joanne Taylor, Jackie Davis, Stuart Davis and Brenda Wilby who meet regularly. As the all-age service is for everyone, the music is mixed to appeal to everyone. There are some more traditional hymns, some action songs for everyone to be involved in and some more contemporary songs enabled by the worship lyric videos.

Members of the congregation continue to take part in our services by reading the scriptures and leading us in the Intercessions. Our thanks to Elaine Williams for preparing the rotas to ensure our services run smoothly.

The church continues to engage with the wider community through social media and the live streaming of services. These platforms enable us to reach not only local residents but also a broader audience, including former villa residents living abroad. Since the introduction of Wi-Fi in the church, we have been able to live stream our services, establishing a small but regular online congregation. This has included village residents who live abroad. After each service, the recordings are uploaded to our YouTube channel for those without Facebook accounts, and the most recent service is posted on our church website for easy access. We regularly post updates about services events and activities on our social media platforms.

Facebook remains our most popular platform, with over 1,600 followers, and serves as the primary communication channel with people in the village. On Instagram, we have 1,351 followers, many of whom are other churches within the Anglican Communion, as well as local residents. We also maintain an active presence on X (formerly Twitter) with 866 followers, and we frequently receive support from the Methley Village Twitter account, which often re-shares our posts.

We have recently expanded our social media presence to include Threads and Bluesky, although our follower numbers on these platforms are currently small. This year, the parish website has been expanded to include additional pages, documents, and links, in particular promoting heritage. We have received inquiries through the "Get in Touch" section, covering topics such as weddings, baptisms, funerals, grave locations, and requests for church visits.

The year saw 9 baptisms, 3 weddings, 6 funerals held at church, 8 funerals held at crematoriums and 9 burial of ashes.

As at the date of the annual meeting, there were 57 people on the electoral roll following a full revision of the electoral roll. Thanks to Jackie and Elaine for their hard work.

As well as our regular services, we enable our community to celebrate and thank God at the milestones of the journey through life. Through baptism we thank God for the gift of life, in marriage public vows are exchanged with God's blessing and through funeral services friends and family express their grief and give thanks for the life which is now complete in this world and to commend the person into God's keeping.

### **Deanery Synod**

The Deanery Synod met on 25th January 2024 at St Peter's Church, Gildersome. Stuart Ward, Lay Chair, thanked Reverend Phil Harris for serving as Area Dean, and also thanked Sarah Hancox for serving as Assistant Area Dean. Bishop Nick licensed Reverend Phil Arnold as Area Dean and Reverend Sharon Wilkinson as Assistant Area Dean. Bishop Nick encouraged a kingdom-focused perspective amid political and social fragmentation.

The Area Forum at St George's Church on Tuesday 12th March 2024 focussed on Church Growth.

The next meeting of the Deanery Synod was on Tuesday 14th May 2024 at Christ Church, Upper Armley. There were updates on the Deanery Synod elections, the practicalities of finding cover during a vacancy and an update on Parish Share. Reverend Emily Tidball had been appointed as Priest-in-Charge of the parishes of Gomersal and Birkenshaw. There is a vacancy for Deanery Secretary. There was a presentation by Janet Edmonds and Alena Rose-Douglas from the Diocese on using church buildings for mission and grants to support mission in our churches.

The third meeting of the Deanery Synod was on Thursday 12th September 2025 at St Wilfrid's, Calverley. Elections to Mission & Pastoral Committee – Reverend Phil Arnold volunteered as Clergy Member and Stuart Ward led the election of Ian Waterhouse, previous Lay Chair, who was happy to continue. Brenda Pickard from Calverley agreed to take on the role of Deanery Secretary. Phil mentioned the Selection Panel for Ordinands and asked for any names, clergy or lay to be forwarded to him. DDV Advisors were also mentioned and Reverend Rob Denton, who is an Advisor, gave a brief explanation of how it works. Reverend Graham Blackwell was unavailable to speak about Artificial Intelligence so Reverend Chris Balding shared a few tips on how it can be used practically. Reverend Mark Watson spoke about his experiences of 3-year Interim Ministry at St Michael's.

The Area Forum at St George's Church on Tuesday 12th November 2024 focussed on Lay Training.

We are thankful for all those who serve on Deanery Synod and, in particular, the work of Reverend Phil Arnold, Area Dean, Reverend Sharon Wilkinson, Assistant Area Dean and Stuart Ward, South Leeds Deanery Lay Chair and Brenda Pickard, Deanery Secretary.

### **The Church Building**

All necessary checks have been completed and passed.

The under pew electrical system continued to be a welcome source of warmth during all but the coldest winter spells. Over the busy Christmas period this was supplemented by use of gas central heating, once a replacement fan had been fitted to the boiler at a cost of some £600. We are continuing to monitor how best to balance the two systems. The Chancel has proved to be the area most prone to draughts and two "patio" heaters have been purchased to alleviate this.

Our ambitious scheme to improve access throughout the building and to make it more adaptable, both for worship and for community events was given Faculty approval on 16<sup>th</sup> November 2024. It has also received the necessary planning permissions from Leeds City Council. With the benefit of hindsight we overreached ourselves in commissioning all the design and survey work involved in the whole scheme, notably the extension for toilets. The challenge is now to secure sufficient funds, both by grant applications and fundraising in the community, to embark on the first phase – the general renovation of the South Porch with the removal of the hazards presented by the steps.

In October our inspecting architect Stuart Beaumont of One/17 Design resigned from the practice, We thank him for his inspiration and enthusiasm throughout his years of working with us, especially on the Reordering Scheme. The process to appoint a new Inspecting Architect, who will in due course guide us through the construction phases, is under way.

A loyal group of volunteers have continued to maintain the churchyard to a standard which attracts compliments from visitors and passersby. Meeting people as we work is an important witness to the life of the church.

A major setback to our work occurred on Friday 7<sup>th</sup> June when the machinery store was broken into and all the equipment stolen. We were grateful to members of the community who, in response to an appeal on social media, turned out with their own trimmers to keep growth under control. Even more fortuitously, both ride on mowers were recovered, as police spotted the thieves recovering them from a hideaway in a local farmer's field. Insurance on other stolen machinery will offset much of the cost of a new and more secure shipping container, due to be installed early in 2025.

Some tree work has been required, as gales have brought down limbs of both cedar trees. A low growing branch of the Cedar of Lebanon which was blocking direct access to the latest section of the graveyard has been removed and this is an improvement for families visiting the newest graves. In its first full season the compost bin system yielded all the leaf mould needed for the Garden of Memories, which continues to flourish and is much appreciated.

The Diocese now has tenants in the Rectory and good relations have been established with them. Ladybirds Nursery (now owned by a large Dutch group Partou) continues to thrive with visible investments being made to play equipment. We hope that this means that this essential source of income will continue

### **St. Margaret's Hall**

St. Margaret's Hall currently employs a part-time caretaker, bookings officer, and cleaner to manage its day-to-day operations. The hall successfully hosted the annual Scarecrow Festival over a weekend during the summer, attracting local participation. Monthly Messy activities continue to be run from the hall.

In February, a public meeting was held at the hall to discuss the proposals for a Sand & Gravel Quarry in Mickletown, allowing local residents to voice their opinions. Additionally, the monthly coffee morning remains a well-supported event, with half of the proceeds raised for charity and the other half directed to church funds.

Coffee mornings are also used as a venue for our local councillors to meet and engage with villagers. In 2024, our MP, Keir Mather, held a public meeting at the hall, providing a platform for further community interaction.

Leeds City Council funded the installation of a water butt, providing a sustainable source of rainwater for the hall's planters. Additionally, we applied for and received a free official framed portrait of His Majesty King Charles III, which now hangs proudly in the hall.

With the support of the PCC and the Eco Church group, we successfully secured a grant from the diocese for the installation of solar panels. A private donation, alongside church funds, enabled the panels to be installed in early 2025, further enhancing the hall's commitment to sustainability.

The PCC has agreed to review the hall's booking fees, as the current rates have not been updated since the hall's opening in 2010. This review aims to ensure that the hall remains financially sustainable while continuing to serve the community effectively.

This report outlines the key activities, community involvement, and improvements at St. Margaret's Hall, reflecting the ongoing commitment to serving the community and fostering sustainability.

### **Pastoral Care**

The pastoral care team has been reinstated with Charlotte Taylor, Jackie Davis and Elaine Williams been given permission to offer home communion to those who request. The prayer list is updated regularly.

### **Mission and evangelism**

Church members hosted monthly coffee morning in the hall with funds raised for the Brownies and Rainbows and a range of charities including the Disaster Emergency Committee, British Legion Poppy appeal, Prickly Edge Hedgehogs and Breast Cancer Care. The PCC have not donated to any additional charities in 2024 and this has been deferred to 2025. Facebook continues to be updated regularly. Thanks to Stuart Davis for producing the notice sheets every week. These are sent via email and are included on social media.

### **Ecumenical relationships**

St Oswald's is a member of Churches Together with the Methley Methodists. We joined together in January 2024 to renew our covenant promises for the upcoming year.

### **Eco Church**

Over 2024 we continued with the Eco Church group meetings. Meeting approximately every 6 weeks. We had a break over the winter months and have restarted the meetings monthly in 2025. We also have a new member in the group.

We continue to work towards the Gold award and plan to submit our application in 2025.

In 2024 we held activities in the Summer with Messy church, planting saplings, sowing seeds and making bees from stones. We had a visit from the Embsay church Eco Church group. Our Duke of Edinburgh student helped make a raised bed, recycling stone, a large compost bin and a herb shelf. We continued planting for diversity in the garden using plants grown locally by a member of the church. We held Coffee mornings at St Margarets in aid of Prickly Edge hedgehog rescue charity and Water Aid. Our under pew heating in church continues to be used and we have had solar panels installed in St Margarets for the electric.

We have regularly had Fairtrade stalls in church and have also had a soap stall selling home made soaps. In Creationtide we led in services and had a focus on the environment and eco work. One of the members of the Eco Church group is now a Sustainable Church Flowers Ambassador and has attended the Harrogate Flower Show representing the organisation and will be attending the national event in May.

We understand that the Gold award requires more community engagement and we are working towards this with plans to be involved in the Big Green Week in the Summer, engagement with the RSPB.

### **Financial Review**

Total receipts on unrestricted funds were £76,431 of which £23,601 was unrestricted voluntary donations, and a further £5,023 was from Gift Aid. The School House continues to be rented out and income from this source came to £27,574 including the reimbursement of the insurance premium. This income forms a big part of our receipts and is crucial to the running of our church.

The planned giving through envelopes, parish giving scheme and standing orders increased by 12% of which the parish giving scheme is most favoured. Total income, including tax recovered but excluding the legacy, is 9% less compared with last year. This was largely due to one off legacies and grants received last year to the value of £11,000.

£64,575 was spent from unrestricted funds to provide the Christian ministry from St Oswald's Church, including the contribution to the diocesan parish share that increased by 8% in the year and largely provides the stipends and housing for the clergy.

The net result for the year was an excess of receipts over payments of £11,856 on unrestricted funds, which includes a surplus of £1,596 for St Margaret's Hall.

The two large restricted funds are the Fabric Fund and the Outreach Fund. Payments out of Fabric Fund totalled £21,761, including £9,220 for the installation of solar panels at St Margaret's Hall and over £10,000 of architects fees as work continues on preparation for the church reordering project that is discussed elsewhere in this report. £554 was spent against the Outreach Fund.

Total cash and bank balances at 31 December 2024 were £232,577 a reduction of £2,245 or 1% from 2023. As the work on church reordering continues into 2025 and beyond the levels of cash

held by the church will decrease substantially. At the same time rising day to day costs mean that unrestricted funds will also come under pressure.

### **Reserves policy**

Whilst the PCC has no formal policy on reserves it holds sufficient balances to smooth out fluctuations in cash flow and to meet emergencies. The Fabric Fund will be used as match funding for grant applications during 2025 and the current fund is expected to be fully exhausted.

No current commitments exist against the Outreach Fund.

### **Volunteers**

We would like to thank all the volunteers who work so hard to make our church the caring community it is.

### **Structure, governance and management**

The Parochial Church Council is a corporate body established by the Church of England. The PCC operates under the Parochial Church Council Powers Measure.

The method of appointment of PCC members is set out in the Church Representation Rules. At St Oswald's the membership of the PCC consists of the interim priest, churchwardens, the licensed lay minister and members elected by those members of the congregation who are on the electoral roll of the church.

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. New members receive initial training into the workings of the PCC.

The PCC met on 7 occasions during the year. In addition the PCC communicate by email to receive regular updates from sub-committees and individuals.

Given its wide responsibilities the PCC has a number of committees each dealing with a particular aspect of parish life. These committees, which include the Standing Committee, Building Committee, and the Eco-group, are all responsible to the PCC and report back to it regularly, reports of their decisions being received by the full PCC and discussed as necessary.

### **Safeguarding**

Safeguarding remains an important and constant concern in this parish. A report is given at each PCC meeting by the safeguarding officer. All PCC Members are required to complete a Confidential Declaration Form following the ACPM each year. When new appointments are made, the PCC follow safer recruitment guidelines and several members have completed this training on-line. The PCC has complied with the duty under section 5 of the Safeguarding and Clergy Discipline Measure 2016 (duty to have regard to House of Bishops' guidance on safeguarding children and vulnerable adults). All members are aware of their obligations under this Act as evidenced by undertaking training, agreeing to DBS scrutiny and signing a disclaimer regarding any previous convictions or cautions. These were inspected by the Archdeacon. All safeguarding information is displayed on the church notice board and our policy is available for scrutiny if required.

### **Administrative information**

St Oswald's Church is situated in Methley. It is part of the Diocese of Leeds within the Church of England. The PCC is a body corporate (PCC Powers Measure 1956, Church Representation Rules 2011) and a charity currently exempted from registration with the Charity Commission.

PCC members who have served any time from 1<sup>st</sup> January 2024 until the date this report was approved are:

#### **Ex-officio members:**

Interim Priest	Reverend Lisa Senior (chair)
Team Vicar	Reverend Mandy Rhodes (chair from January 2025)
Licensed Lay Minister	Charlotte Taylor (secretary)
Warden	Peter Bloodworth
Warden	Stuart Davis (deanery synod representative)

#### **Elected members:**

Lynn Williams  
Sally Carrington  
Joanne Taylor, Treasurer  
Elaine Williams, Electoral roll officer  
Shirley Wright  
Irene Westmoreland, Deputy church warden  
Jacqueline Davis, Electoral roll officer

Jillian Potts does not sit on the PCC but holds the office of safeguarding officer.

#### **Standing Committee membership:**

Reverend Lisa Senior  
Reverend Mandy Rhodes  
Peter Bloodworth  
Stuart Davis  
Jillian Potts  
Charlotte Taylor  
Joanne Taylor

#### **Building Committee (Reordering) membership:**

Reverend Mandy Rhodes  
Irene Westmoreland  
Shirley Wright  
Sally Carrington  
Elaine Williams  
Mark Ibbertson  
John Wilson  
Stuart Davis  
Peter Bloodworth  
Joanne Taylor

#### **Eco Group membership:**

Jacqueline Davis  
Lynne Charlesworth  
Stuart Davis  
Steven Heywood  
John Wilson  
Peter Bloodworth



## **Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of St Oswald's Parochial Church Council**

I report on the accounts of the church for the year ended 31 December 2024 which are set out on pages 10 to 12.

### **Respective Responsibilities of Trustees and Examiner**

The church's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The church's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act)) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- Examine the accounts (under section 145 of the 2011 Act);
- To follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners (under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 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 Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity 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 2011 Act; and
  - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the 2011 Act have 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.

  
Mrs Alison Mundy 5/4/25

**PAROCHIAL CHURCH OF ST OSWALD'S, METHLEY WITH MICKLETOWN**  
**Financial Statements for the year ended 31 December 2024**

**Receipts and Payments Accounts**

	Note	Unrestricted £	Restricted £	Total 2024 £	Total 2023 £
<b>RECEIPTS</b>					
<b>Voluntary receipts</b>					
Planned Giving		14,268	0	14,268	12,761
Collections at services		4,601	0	4,601	6,808
Collections at weddings, funerals, baptisms		1,705	0	1,705	2,543
All other giving/voluntary receipts	5a	3,026	0	3,026	9,288
Gift Aid recovered		5,023	0	5,023	3,684
		<b>28,624</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>28,624</b>	<b>35,083</b>
<b>Activities for generating funds</b>	5b	4,707	2,000	6,707	10,350
<b>Investment income</b>	5c	27,000	6,216	33,216	31,021
<b>Church activities</b>	5d	16,101	0	16,101	17,033
<b>Total receipts</b>		<b>76,431</b>	<b>8,216</b>	<b>84,647</b>	<b>93,487</b>
<b>PAYMENTS</b>					
<b>Church activities</b>					
Diocesan parish contribution		32,174	0	32,174	29,754
Clergy and staffing costs		274	0	274	44
Church running expenses	5e	20,242	13,095	33,337	78,080
Hall running costs		7,654	9,220	16,874	7,433
School House running costs		335	0	335	1,049
Mission giving and donations	5f	2,701	0	2,701	6,951
		<b>63,380</b>	<b>22,315</b>	<b>85,695</b>	<b>123,312</b>
<b>Costs of generating funds</b>		1,196	0	1,196	0
<b>Total Payments</b>		<b>64,575</b>	<b>22,315</b>	<b>86,891</b>	<b>123,312</b>
<b>Excess of receipts over payments</b>		<b>11,856</b>	<b>-14,099</b>	<b>-2,243</b>	<b>-29,825</b>
Cash at bank and in hand at 1 January		68,906	165,914	234,820	264,647
Bank transfers		0	0	0	0
		<b>80,762</b>	<b>151,815</b>	<b>232,577</b>	<b>234,822</b>
Cash at bank and in hand at 31 December		<b>81,266</b>	<b>160,970</b>	<b>242,236</b>	<b>238,423</b>
<b>Bank Reconciliation</b>					
<b>Receipts recorded 2024, banked 2025</b>					
Hall lettings		362	0	362	
Service collections		836	0	836	
<b>Total Receipts</b>		<b>1,198</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1,198</b>	
<b>Payments recorded 2024, banked 2025</b>					
Notice sheets		12	0	12	
Hall solar panels		0	9,000	9,000	
Church giving		1,229	0	1,229	
Staff wages		407	0	407	
Christingle materials		0	155	155	
Expenses		53	0	53	
<b>Total Payments</b>		<b>1,701</b>	<b>9,155</b>	<b>10,856</b>	
		<b>80,762</b>	<b>151,815</b>	<b>232,577</b>	

## 5. Further Analysis of Receipts and Payments Accounts

	Unrestricted £	Restricted £	Total 2024 £	Total 2023 £
<b>Receipts</b>				
(a) All other giving/voluntary receipts				
Donations	3,026	0	3,026	4,312
Legacy	0	0	0	4,976
	<b>3,026</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>3,026</b>	<b>9,288</b>
(b) Activities for generating funds				
Coffee mornings	3,034	0	3,034	1,929
Grants	1,673	2,000	3,673	8,421
	<b>4,707</b>	<b>2,000</b>	<b>6,707</b>	<b>10,350</b>
(c) Investment income				
Dividends on CCLA Investment Funds	0	710	710	299
Bank and CCLA Deposit Funds	0	5,506	5,506	2,673
Rent – school house	27,000	0	27,000	28,049
	<b>27,000</b>	<b>6,216</b>	<b>33,216</b>	<b>31,021</b>
(d) Church activities				
Reimbursement of costs	574	0	574	0
Fees for weddings	1,061	0	1,061	1,650
Fees for funerals	5,776	0	5,776	6,278
Lettings for St Margarets Hall	8,690	0	8,690	9,105
	<b>16,101</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>16,101</b>	<b>17,033</b>
<b>Payments</b>				
(e) Church running expenses				
Costs of services	3,899	554	4,453	7,668
Printing and stationery	325	0	325	920
Church building running expenses	10,355	0	10,355	9,035
Upkeep of churchyard	2,375	0	2,375	2,294
Church repairs and maintenance	3,288	12,541	15,829	58,163
	<b>20,242</b>	<b>13,095</b>	<b>33,337</b>	<b>78,080</b>
(f) Mission giving and donations				
Autistica	0	0	0	250
British Legion	500	0	500	500
Cancer Research	190	0	190	122
CAP	0	0	0	500
Children's Society	1,482	0	1,482	2,457
Clothing bank	0	0	0	230
Disasters Emergency Committee	187	0	187	0
Leeds Autism Society	0	0	0	250
Lend with Care	0	0	0	500
Little Hiccups	0	0	0	250
MacMillan	0	0	0	220
Medicin Sans Frontiers	0	0	0	500
Prickly Edge Hedgehog Rescue	155	0	155	0
Rothwell Foodbank	0	0	0	93
Second Chance Headway	0	0	0	250
Toilet twinning	0	0	0	180
Wakefield Hospice	187	0	187	0
Wateraid	0	0	0	650
	<b>2,701</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>2,701</b>	<b>6,951</b>

## Statement of Assets and Liabilities

Note	Unrestricted £	Restricted £	Endowment £	Total 2024 £	Total 2023 £
<b>Current Assets</b>					
<b>Cash Funds</b>					
Bank current account	79,723	157,016	0	236,739	232,926
Deposit funds	1,543	3,954	0	5,497	5,497
<b>Total Current Assets</b>	<b>81,266</b>	<b>160,970</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>242,236</b>	<b>238,423</b>
<b>Fixed Assets</b>					
<b>Investment Assets</b>					
CBF Investment Fund	0	37,973	0	37,973	37,124
<b>Assets retained for church use</b>	<b>12,755,971</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>12,755,971</b>	<b>12,095,366</b>
<b>Total Fixed Assets</b>	<b>12,755,971</b>	<b>37,973</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>12,793,944</b>	<b>12,132,490</b>
<b>Total Assets</b>	<b>12,837,237</b>	<b>198,943</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>13,036,180</b>	<b>12,370,913</b>

### Notes

1 The financial statements of the PCC have been prepared in accordance with the Church Accounting Regulations 2006 using the Receipts and Payments basis

2 Fixed assets retained for church use (building sums insured) are:

St Oswald's Centre	1,472,419
St Margaret's Hall	351,469
St Oswald's Church	10,932,083

3 Separate bank accounts are not maintained for the General, Fabric, and Outreach Funds.

4 Shares in the CBF Investment Fund are valued at market value as at 31 December 2024.

5 The movements in restricted funds during the year were:

	Bal b/f	Receipts	Payments	Transfer	Bal c/f
Fabric	135,377	8,216	21,761		121,832
Outreach	26,583	0	554		26,029
	<b>161,960</b>	<b>8,216</b>	<b>22,315</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>147,861</b>

The fabric fund represents accumulated donations and income from investments, and is to be spent on fabric maintenance.

The outreach fund is to be spent on outreach projects. The fund is maintained through transfers from the General Fund