ST MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS, COLEHILL

Annual Report for the year ended 31 December 2024

St Michael and All Angels, Colehill LEGAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

Reference and administrative details of the Charity, its Trustees and Advisers

Full name of the Charity	The Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish of St Michael and All Angels, Colehill, known as St Michael and All Angels				
Charity Registration Number	1134712				
Address of the Charity	St Michael's Church Centre, Colehill Lane, Colehill, Wimborne, Dorset. BH21 7AB				
Ex officio Trustees					
Incumbent	Revd Suzanne Pattle	Chair			
Deanery Synod Representatives	Mrs Sharen Green Mrs Muriel Jacobs Mrs Joanne Clayton	Elected 21 April 2024			
Elected Trustees					
Mr Graham Kewley	Churchwarden	Elected 21 April 2024			
Mrs Hilary Motson	Churchwarden	Elected 21 April 2024			
Mr Alan Motson	Treasurer	Elected 21 April 2024			
Mrs Joanne Clayton	Parish Safeguarding Representative	Ex-officio (Deanery Synod Representative)			
Mr John Spatchet					
Mrs Caroline Jones					
Mr Nigel Davies		Resigned 21 April 2024			
Mr Adrian Ramshaw					
Mrs Rebecca Bellows					
Mrs Helen Hunwick	Electoral Roll Officer				
Mr Lindsay Wood					
Mrs Margaret Wood					

Mrs Ngaire Kewley	PCC Secretary	Co-opted onto PCC
Reporting to PCC		,
Mr Nigel Butler	Assistant Treasurer	Reports to PCC through Treasurer - in occasional attendance at PCC by invitation
Karen Rimmington	Church Centre Bookings Secretary	Employed by PCC for 10 hours a week. Reports to Treasurer and Churchwardens

Structure, governance and management

The Church of St Michael and All Angels is situated in Colehill, near Wimborne Minster in Dorset. It is part of the Diocese of Salisbury. The Parochial Church Council (PCC) is a body corporate (PCC Powers Measure 1956, Church Representation Rules 2006) and a charity registered with the Charity Commission. The method of appointment of PCC members is set out in the Church Representation Rules. All Church attendees are encouraged to register on the Electoral Roll and stand for election to the PCC. Following a decision taken at the APCM on 23 April 2023, the representation of members on the PCC now stands at 9 elected members, which came into effect in 2024. The PCC had one vacancy for most of 2024.

Objectives and activities

St Michael's Parochial Church Council has the responsibility of co-operating with the incumbent in promoting in the ecclesiastical parish the whole mission of the Church; spiritual, pastoral, prophetic, evangelistic, ecumenical and social. It oversees adherence to policies on Safeguarding, Health and Safety and Data Protection. It also has the responsibility for the fabric of the church and for the operation of St. Michael's Church Centre.

The PCC met 5 times during the year and the Standing Committee met once. Other committees met at various times and, where appropriate, discussions and decisions at these committees were presented to and discussed by the PCC.

Committees

The PCC operates through a number of committees and sub groups, which meet between full meetings of the PCC. The principal committees are:

Standing Committee:

This is the only committee required by law. It has power to transact the business of the PCC between its meetings, subject to any directions given by the Council. It met twice during the year. Membership: Vicar, Hilary Motson, Graham Kewley, Alan Motson, Lindsay Wood, Ngaire Kewley. There is currently no Lay Vice Chair.

Fabric Committee (incorporating previous Reordering Task Group):

The committee is responsible to the PCC for all matters relating to the fabric of the church, including action on outstanding quinquennial items, health and safety policy, fire safety and risk assessments for both Church and Church Centre. The Fabric Committee is also responsible for all matters related to the upkeep and repair of the Church Centre. Hall Hire policy and bookings policy and pricing remain in the hands of the Vicar, Churchwardens and Treasurer, with Bookings Administrator Karen Rimmington, who address these matters on a regular basis, reporting to the PCC as required.

Membership: Graham Kewley, Robert Heaton, Alan Motson, John Spatchet, Nigel Davies, Robin Hill, Lindsay Wood, Peter Condon

Mission and Outreach Committee:

This committee aims to support key events in the church and community calendar in order to foster deeper connections with the life of the church, especially at Harvest, Remembrance, Christmas and Easter. As such it supports and nurtures regular events such as coffee mornings, Cherubs toddler group, craft workshops and the community café. It organises publicity and communication to promote church and community life and special events, and enables prayer and gentle conversation through making prayer cards and leaflets available. During the course of 2024 the Committee organised a joint music event to celebrate RSCM Sunday, bringing in the school and local community choir. It also planned and led a series of Family Activity mornings during the school holidays, drawing in a younger demographic.

Membership: Vicar, Hilary Motson (CW), Hilary Gooding, Joanne Clayton, Liz White, Helen Hunwick, Rebecca Bellows. In attendance: Karen Rimmington

Finance, Stewardship and Fundraising Committee

The Finance, Stewardship and Fundraising Committee scrutinises financial procedures and financial protocols, develops future campaigns on stewardship and drafts fundraising proposals for capital projects related to fabric and reordering. During 2024, the committee drafted a Reserves Policy for PCC approval, secured grant funding for the last phase of reordering (Screen and Projector Project), and worked with the Eco Committee in securing funding for the installation of solar panels on the Church Centre.

Membership: Vicar, Alan Motson, Muriel Jacobs, Adrian Ramshaw, Jeremy Barnard, Nigel Butler

Fundraising and Events Committee

This committee plans events through the year with the aim of raising money for the General Fund (which may include partnering to raise funds for other charities, subject to the approval of the PCC). During the course of 2024, the committee ran a Spring Fair, July Coffee Morning and Car Wash (jointly to raise money for the Uniformed Organisations), Summer BBQ, supported musical events held by external organisations in the church, Quiz night (joint event to raise funds for Wimborne Community Garden), Coffee and Makers Morning, Murder Mystery Evening and the Christmas Fair. The committee also oversaw two parish lunches

which were well attended by church members and others from the local community. These events raised a significant amount for both church and other charities in a year of considerable financial pressure for the parish, which increased share contributions as well as inflationary pressures (projected budget deficit of over £11,000).

Membership: Rebecca Bellows (Chair), Adrian Ramshaw, Angela Ramshaw, Meg Wood, Helen Hunwick, Hilary Gooding (resigned October 2024), David Benson (joined November 2024)

Colehill Community Café:

Karen Rimmington acts as Café Coordinator, reporting to the PCC via the Vicar, Churchwardens and Treasurer. Day to day running of the café is managed by a small team who are responsible for ensuring that all health and safety issues and requirements are fully met. A full meeting of all café volunteers is convened twice a year to review financial information, to agree rotas, to review progress overall and to ensure continued full compliance with health and safety legislation and good practice. Following a trial period agreed in early 2024, the café now runs on a donations basis rather than a fixed pricing structure, which has proved to be beneficial. The café holds a 5* Food Hygiene Certificate. It continues to operate as a warm space. Café Coordinator: Karen Rimmington. Core Team: Alan Motson, Eric Jones, Jackie Jones, Jenny Horobin.

Eco-Church Committee

This committee monitors our compliance with Eco-Church recommendations, including Fairtrade Church status and the ecological management of the church grounds. The committee continues to work towards the Gold Eco-Church award. Significant achievements in the past year include the installation of solar panels on the Church Centre Roof, working towards our net zero carbon targets, with the assistance of grants obtained from the National Lottery Communities Fund, as well as Low Carbon Dorset. The Church continues its affiliation to Planet Wimborne through this committee and the congregation contributes to a monthly collection for recycling by Win on Waste Wimborne.

Membership: John Spatchet, Jenny Spatchet, Graham Kewley, Anne Bowley, (resigned December 2024) Nigel Butler, Hilary Motson, Rod Chapman. Alan Motson (Treasurer) attends on request.

REVIEW OF THE YEAR

REGULAR WORSHIP

No major changes in the conduct of our regular worship have happened in the course of 2024. We continue to livestream services on Sundays and at special times of the church year and a number of people, especially the housebound and others who cannot attend in person, participate in online worship. We continue to operate our YouTube channel, but it is not possible accurately to determine the nature of participation in online worship: whether people watch the entire act of worship or simply 'drop in'.

Our pattern of worship in 2024 was as follows:

Sunday services:

10 am Holy Communion

On 5^{th} Sundays: 8am HC (BCP), 10am Service of the Word led by the Lay Worship Team An 8am HC (BCP) is also offered at key festival times, namely Easter, Pentecost, Harvest, Christmas

Midweek Services

First Wednesday of the month at 10.30 Holy Communion (BCP)

Daily Office

Tuesdays, Wednesdays - 8.30am Morning Prayer (on Zoom) Thursdays 5pm Evening Prayer (on Zoom) Fridays at 12noon, Midday Prayer in Church

Festivals

Ash Wednesday - Holy Communion with Ashing - 10.30am (said); 7.30pm (sung)

Holy Week and Easter:

Maundy Thursday Eucharist

Good Friday - Meditation at the Cross

Easter Day:

8am HC (BCP)

10am All Together Communion

Christmas:

Nine Lessons and Carols - Third Sunday in December

Christmas Eve:

4pm Crib and Christingle Service

11pm Midnight Communion

Christmas Day

8am HC

10am All Together Communion

It has been a benefit to us all this year to have Revd Martin as part of the Ministry Team alongside our Lay Worship Leaders, John Spatchet, Jenny Spatchet, Hilary Gooding and Graham Kewley. Martin presides once a month, and preaches roughly every 6 weeks, as well as playing his part on the rota for the observance of Lent, Holy Week, Easter, Advent and Christmas. He is also available to cover when the Vicar is on leave. His ministry is greatly appreciated by the Vicar and congregation alike.

During Lent 2024 the Vicar ran a midweek course based on Paula Gooder's book "The Joy of the Gospel", which was offered as a joint course with members of Wimborne Minster.

Attendance was a little disappointing this year, with the majority of participants coming from St Michael's. Lent, Holy Week and Easter services were observed with a variety of

opportunities for reflection. . Using a screen for the liturgy has continued to enhance worship through the use of images, other musical items and film clips.

The Parish continued its active support for the Children's Society through donations from the Crib and Christingle Service, choir carol singing in the pubs, and an annual box opening and coffee morning Fundraiser in March, with a guest speaker invited to Sunday Worship. In May Christian Aid week was marked by a special service, with a guest speaker, followed by a fundraising lunch. Harvest donations were given to Salisbury Women's Refuge and the raffle held at the Harvest Lunch raised money for our link deanery in South Sudan.

In June the parish marked RSCM Music Sunday with a Cream Tea and Hymn Sing. Colehill Community Choir as well as St Michael's Middle School Choir came to perform some musical items, rounded off by a community hymn sing. Proceeds from the tea were divided between church funds and the RSCM. Later on in the year we celebrated the Patronal Festival with a Choral Evensong, drawing in choristers from other local churches, and the service was well-received by those who attended. We have now gained another two choristers as a result.

September saw our usual observance of Creationtide, with input into our worship from the Ecogroup, as we continue to work towards the EcoChurch Gold Award. During the month we opened the church for Dorset Churches' Ride and Stride which coincided with Dorset Architectural Heritage Week. The Church opened for 3 sessions and welcomed well over 100 visitors with refreshments and guided visits. Most visitors were fascinated by our unique Arts and Crafts building and enjoyed the welcome and atmosphere. The Mission and Outreach Commmittee supported these events with a Saturday coffee morning, and with materials on display which showcased that we are a living, serving worshipping community.

During September we also welcomed Dean Nick Papadopoulos to give a presentation on Israel/Palestine, drawing on his experiences having spent three months in the region earlier in the year. Bishop Karen celebrated Harvest Festival with us this year and dedicated new altar frontals made by the Craft Group, as well as our new solar panels on the Church Centre. It was gratifying to see that the artwork produced for Creationtide/Harvest by St Michael's craft group was featured on Bishop Karen's Christmas Card this year.

The Remembrance Ceremonies at the War Memorial were held as usual. Pupils from St Michael's CE Middle School attended alongside the Uniformed Organisations in increasing numbers this year. Some of the young people then attended a Peace Service following the Act of Remembrance, but the turnout for this service was disappointing. It may need a review for the coming year.

The Christmas Season was celebrated with the usual run of services, with the Service of Nine Lessons and Carols and the Crib and Christingle Services being the best attended. We attempted something new this year, which was to offer an event entitled 'Calm Christmas', intended to attract anyone seeking a more reflective space in a busy and stressful season. This was not well attended, despite a lot of 'likes' on our Facebook post advertising the event. Attendances at other services during the season was slightly up on the year before. In terms of worship and Christian growth, it was an encouragement this year to see one member of the congregation prepared for confirmation. In general congregation numbers

have remained stable, with one or two new members joining during the course of the year. We are now running three Home Groups, the joint membership of which represents roughly one-fifth of the regular worshipping congregation.

COMMUNITY OUTREACH

Colehill Community Café has continued to operate throughout 2024. The café revised its charging policy in January 2024, inviting donations instead of fixed prices. This has proved to be beneficial in terms of income received and small claims gift aid applied. Members of the community and volunteers shared in a successful Christmas lunch this year which brought people together: donations received (less expenses) were given to Wimborne Food Bank. The café has a regular committed clientele drawn from both church and community, and is a welcome place of hospitality and connection.

The Mission and Outreach Committee ran several family craft events during the year during the school holidays, with themes loosely connected either to the church year or biblical teaching. This is a regular pattern in the cycle of outreach events run by the parish

Bi-monthly coffee mornings continue to be held on Saturdays throughout the year, and one of our LWLs, Hilary Gooding, runs a very successful Saturday craft group which draws people in from both the congregation and community. They use their creative skills to decorate the church at Christmas and Easter, as well as at other times of the year, which enhances our experience of worship.

Cherubs Toddler Group is thriving: it has a core team of parents and church volunteers who work hard to make the group a success. What has been pleasing this year is the Group's commitment to using sustainable resources for craft activities. In the Summer Cherubs entered a scarecrow competition run by Wimborne Community Garden, and won first prize. The group continues to come into church once per half term for 'Toddler Church'. This is very much an 'opt-in' activity, but the majority of parents and carers come and enjoy this experience. Before Christmas we repeated the Posada (travelling nativity), inviting Cherubs families to 'host' Mary and Joseph figures and share pictures of them on a shared WhatsApp group.

Parish lunches remain popular, as social events and as fundraisers either for parish funds or for charitable giving. During the year we supported Christian Aid, our South Sudan link, the Children's Society, Salisbury Women's Refuge, Emergency Appeals by the Disasters Emergency Committee, and Wimborne Foodbank. The parish actively supports Wimborne Foodbank through weekly donations of food. The parish continues its commitment to the Children's Society by raising funds at Christmas and through the year, with an annual coffee morning fundraiser. Connections to the wider church have in the past included the active involvement of the Vicar in the Church Leaders' Group in Wimborne, but few meetings seem to have taken place during 2024. The Vicar regularly attends Deanery Synod and Clergy Chapter, and in June was elected to serve on Diocesan Synod. Members of St Michael's are actively involved in the local Christian Aid Committee, helping with ecumenical Lent lunches and running a Parish Lunch at St Michael's during Christian Aid week, which raises a

significant amount for the charity. The Vicar is also a member of the Diocesan Link with the Roman Catholic Diocese of Evreux, France. Our longstanding link with South Sudan (Karika) is maintained through the Mothers Union, and other deanery contacts. Our card-recycling project set up to raise funds for South Sudan continues to raise significant sums of money to support the needs there.

The parish ran the annual Christmas Fayre and Tree Lighting in December, which was well attended by the community. This raises a significant sum of money for church funds, but, more importantly, it was good to see many members of the community present and enjoying time together.

PASTORAL CARE

The LPA team (Barbara King, Liz White and Richard Ely) meets quarterly with the Vicar to ensure pastoral needs within the congregation are met and contact maintained through cards, phone calls or visits. They each oversee a section of the Church Electoral Roll. Home Communions are offered on the first Wednesday of each month. Many more informal networks exist within the congregation through the various groups that meet, including the Mothers' Union Prayer and Fellowship Group, the three home groups and the Community Café, which meets pastoral needs of more elderly members of the congregation as well as the wider community. Mac Chisholm (LLM Emeritus) coordinates a prayer list in response to prayer requests for individual needs, which is circulated securely to those who have committed to this ministry of intercession.

OCCASIONAL OFFICES

During the course of 2024, St Michael's conducted 0 Weddings, 4 Baptisms, 5 Funeral services (Church or Crematorium/Cemetery).

ST MICHAEL'S MIDDLE SCHOOL

The school has been ably served by members of the Church congregation both in an informal and formal capacity. John Spatchet and Eileen Roe retired from the Local Academy Committee as Foundation Committee Members at the end of the 2023/24 academic year, after many years of faithful involvement with the school. Graham Kewley stepped down from the committee at the end of the Christmas term. This was due to a newly introduced policy by Initio Trust to limit the terms of office of committee members. Helen Hunwick was nominated by the PCC to serve as a new Foundation Committee Member and joined in Autumn 2024. We were delighted to welcome Headteacher Darren Ayling on Education Sunday in September, with the sermon slot given over to a Q&A session which was very well received by the congregation. The Head subsequently delivered a detailed presentation to the PCC on Church School Relationships in October.

The school underwent an OFSTED inspection in February 2024, and was graded as Good with elements of Outstanding, which was very pleasing to all concerned and a testimony to the hard work and dedication of the teaching staff. They continue to operate in an increasingly

challenging educational environment in terms of funding, increased mental health and special educational needs, and changes in provision of staffing. The school continues to offer an enormous amount of extra-curricular activities enabling pupils to flourish and grow in their God-given talents. The quality of teaching and learning particularly in Art and Music is exceptional, with some improvement needed in pupil attainment in Maths and Science. The school is to be commended for its commitment to offering residential trips and off-site learning experiences for all year groups, and works hard to ensure that no pupil is excluded from these opportunities due to their economic circumstances.

The congregation has continued to actively support St Michael's CE Middle School - sending regular cards of thanks and encouragement to staff at key points throughout 2024. The Vicar and other members of the congregation are regularly seen for collective worship or to support other activities in the life of the school. The Vicar meets regularly with the Headteacher as well as the senior lead for Christian Distinctiveness and together have been involved in discussions and evaluations of what church school flourishing should look like. This includes excellence in the offering of Collective Worship, in the embedding of spirituality across the curriculum, high quality Religious Education, and the development of pupils' ability to see beyond themselves, and play their part in the wider world as courageous advocates for justice and the flourishing of all. The school is due for a SIAMS inspection in the coming year.

Collective Worship follows a four-yearly cycle drawn from diocesan and other resources and is planned in close consultation with the Vicar. The beginning of the academic year for the staff was marked by a special act of worship in Church. Timed to start the school day this year, this was found to be far more beneficial for all staff and will be the pattern going forward.

Pupils attended the Remembrance Service at the War Memorial again this year, and it was pleasing to see increased numbers of pupils present, some of whom presented large poppy-shaped wreaths which held prayers written by pupils during the previous week in school as part of their collective worship.

The School Carol Service in Wimborne Minster was a highlight, and the Vicar addressed a church packed with around 700. As last year, the school also had two Christingle services in the school assembly hall – feedback from the pupils described this as a spiritual and magical experience. Christmas worship also included a more traditional Five Lessons and Carols in St Michael's Church for those who wanted to participate. More pupils attended this year, having trialled it for Christmas 2023.

We continue to run Experience Church for year 5 pupils in the autumn as part of their usual enrichment programme; in March they are offered Experience Easter held at Wimborne Minster - a programme which is delivered by four local churches. The Leavers' Service developed into a more intentional period of reflection for the pupils, with the whole day given over to moments for reflection in this time of transition, with opportunities both to look back and look forward during an important moment of transition in the lives of the young people. Activities began in the school hall, extended into classrooms and finished in the church. This was a departure from the previous pattern, and both pupils and staff found it to be an enriching experience.

The school works hard at developing wide-ranging community relationships, with pupils regularly participating in community events throughout the year, including visiting care homes, supporting local charities (chosen by the children themselves), participating in the Wimborne Children's Society Parade, the Jazz Festival Weekend and other events. A newly formed steel band made a debut appearance at the church Christmas Fair and Tree-lighting in December.

FABRIC

The Fabric Committee has been diligent throughout the year in ensuring the church and church centre are in good order, overseeing the Annual Clean of the Church Centre, and working through remaining repairs required by the last quinquennial inspection of the church. We are currently awaiting the results of the latest Quinquennial Inspection conducted in the latter part of 2024.

During the year we have installed solar panels on the Church Centre to reduce our overall carbon footprint and reduce the consumption and cost of electricity (£23,700). We have also lime washed the exterior plaster panels of the Church and carried out some timber repairs (£4,300). We have also completed the 5 yearly electrical safety survey for both the Church and the Church Centre.

During the course of 2024 the PCC was successful in raising funds to cover the installation of a permanent retractable projector screen. Faculty Permission was granted in November 2024. Works were scheduled to start in early January 2025.

The Churchyard continues to be well maintained as a green space and retains its registration to the Living Churchyard project of Dorset Wildlife Trust. Various spring bulbs and flowers, some from the Candlemas service, were planted in the autumn and are now beginning to show this Spring. Two areas of the churchyard were planted with wildflower seed in co-operation with the Parish Council. Graham Kewley (Churchwarden) has continued to monitor the state of the church lands and has monitored the trees donated by OVO Energy's Charitable Trust and Colehill Parish Council. Some remedial arboricultural work was carried out in the woodland area for safety reasons. Graham has kept the grounds tidy and maintained hedges and formal mown areas with some assistance. The bedding areas and garden pots are managed through the dedicated efforts of Margaret Gillingham.

SAFEGUARDING

In a year which saw the publication of the Makin Report in November 2024 and the subsequent turmoil in the Church of England, there should be no complacency in the area of Safeguarding, so that all can feel safe and flourish within the worshipping community and the wider community can have confidence in our safeguarding practice.

The Vicar and Jo Clayton, Parish Safeguarding Officer, meet on a regular basis to review policies, procedures and practice to ensure that a healthy safeguarding culture is maintained at parish level. DBS checks are managed promptly, and accurate records maintained regarding mandatory safeguarding training. Safeguarding Sunday was highlighted both in

preaching and in the intercessions on 17 November. Safeguarding is a mandatory standing item on PCC agendas and regular reports are given. In the latter part of 2024 and in to 2025 the Code of Safer Working Practice has been discussed and circulated with all Church based volunteers.

SUMMARY OF OVERALL GOVERNANCE

We continue to carefully monitor our financial position, to ensure good governance and continue the practical business of running the church. The Fabric Committee, Finance, Stewardship and Fundraising Committee, and the Standing Committee have continued to meet over the year, to ensure that the fabric and finances of the church are kept in good order and to progress projects underway relating to reordering and fundraising.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

The overall Statement of Financial Activities, as required by FRSSE SORP (SORP 2015) is set out below.

St Michael and All Angels, Colehill

Statement of Financial Activities

For the period from 01 January 2024 to 31 December 2024

	Unrestricted funds	Designated funds	Restricted funds	Total funds	Prior year total funds
Income and endowments from:					
Donations, Legacies and similar incoming resources	83,260	1,501	6,691	91,452	110,890
Activities in furtherance of the charity's objects	337	6,598	808	7.743	7,842
Other trading activities	9,374	-	1,035	10,409	7,391
Investments	1,986	-	-	1,986	1,352
Other income	5,426	50,141	_	55,567	28,613
Total income	100,383	58,240	8,534	167,157	156,088
Expenditure on:					
Costs of generating funds	965	-	273	1,238	741
Grants payable in furtherance of charity's objects	1,601	915	2,793	5,309	5,075
Activities in furtherance of the charity's objects	76,000	5,654	10,408	92,062	99,348
Support costs	11,246	42,233		53,479	38,331
Expenditure on managing-administering the charity	4,480	1,079	-	5,559	7,279
Total expenditure	94,292	49,881	13,474	157,647	150,774
Net income / (expenditure) resources before transfer	6,091	8,359	(4,940)	9,510	5,314
Other recognised gains / losses					
Net movement in funds	6,091	8,359	(4,940)	9,510	5,314
Reconciliation of funds					
Total funds brought forward	37,933	28,620	10,501	77,054	71,740
Fund Transfers	5,898	(3,315)	(2,583)	-	-
Total funds carried forward	49,922	33,664	2,978	86,564	77,054
Represented by					
Unrestricted					
General fund	49,922			49,922	37,933
Designated					
Cherubs		142		142	-
Choir		266		266	232
Church Centre Operations		19,653		19,653	13,713
Community Café		3,217		3,217	908
Flower Fund		248		248	314
General Reserve Fund		5,300		5,300	5,300
Legacies		4,685		4,685	8,000
Reordering Project		_		-	-
Vicar's Discretionary		153		153	153
Restricted					
Giving to Charities			376	376	-
Organ Fund - Pipe Organ only			2,602	2,602	2,602
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Peacehaven			-	-	7,816
Peacehaven Reordering Project Res			-		7,816 83

The Balance Sheet as at 31 December 2024 is set out below.

Balance Sheet as at 31 December 2024

	Total Funds	Prior Year Funds
Fixed assets		
Tangible assets	16,498	11,400
	16,498	11,400
Current assets		
Debtors	1,283	2,727
Cash at bank and in hand	70,912	64,778
	72,195	67,505
Liabilities		
Creditors: Amounts falling due in one year	2,129	1,851
	2,129	1,851
Net current assets less current liabilities	70,066	65,654
Total assets less current liabilities	86,564	77,054
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Restricted	076	
Giving to Charities	376	-
Organ Fund - Pipe Organ only	2,602	2,602
Peace Haven - Homes For Refugees	-	7,816
Reordering Project Res		83
	2,978	10,501
Funds of the Church	86,564	77,054

The Statement of assets and liabilities is shown below

Statement of assets and liabilities as at 31 December 2024

	General	Designated	Restricted	This year	Last year
Fixed assets - Tangible assets					
Viscount Organs - Envoy	10,600		-	10,600	11,400
Projection System	5,898	-	-	5,898	-
Totals	16,498	-		16,498	11,400
Current assets - Cash at bank and in hand					
Bank Current Account					
Bank Savings Account					
Bank Savings Account	34,508	33,426	2,978	70,912	64,778
Cash on Deposit CBF					
Petty Cash					
Totals	34,508	33,426	2,978	70,912	64,778
Current assets Debtors					
Fees received payable	-	1,028	-	1,028	1,750
Tax due from I/Revenue	-	-	-	-	724
VAT reclaimable under LPW Scheme	-	-	-	-	-
Sundry Debtors	150	105	-	255	253
Totals	150	1,133	-	1,283	2,727
Liabilities Creditors: Amounts falling due					
one year					
Grants received	-	573	-	573	271
Holiday Lunch fund	-	-	-	-	-
Accounts Payable	1,234	322	-	1,556	1,580
Totals	1,234	895	-	2,129	1,851
Grand total	49,922	33,664	2,978	86,564	77,054

OVERALL SUMMARY

Total funds at the end of the year were £86,564 (2023: £77,054)

St Michael and All Angels, Colehill GENERAL FUND (UNRESTRICTED FUND)

The General Fund made a surplus in the year £6,091 (2023: Deficit £3,609). This compared to a budget deficit of £11,366 (after including £4,500 of income from fund raising events).

Notable factors are:

- 1. The turn round of £17,400 has come principally from an increase in the overall level of income.
- 2. In February we launched a mini stewardship appeal. This resulted in
 - 2.1. planned giving through membership of the Parish Giving Scheme or through standing orders were £4,600 up on budget.
 - 2.2. One off donations following the appeal totaled £3,600.
 - 2.3. Collections and donations were £3,000 up on budget.
 - 2.4. Fund Raising was £3,900 up on budget.
 - 2.5. This all resulted in an increase in gift aid claimed of £1,000
- 3. We paid our Parish Share commitment of nearly £69,000.

DESIGNATED FUNDS

Designated Funds include the Church Centre Operations Fund, Colehill Community Café Fund, General Reserve Fund, Flower Fund, Cherubs Toddler Group Fund and Choir Fund. Such funds may be used for any purpose at the discretion of the PCC.

Church Centre Operations Fund

This Fund deals with all income and expenditure relating to St Michael's Church Centre. Income in the year was £24,749 (2023: £21,246). This generated a surplus for the year of £5,940 (2023: Surplus 4,268)

Thanks go to Karen, our booking administrator for her hard work in promoting the Centre.

General Reserve Fund

The General Reserve fund is money set aside to cover work required by the Quinquennial Report or for significant and unforeseen maintenance. At the end of 2023, the balance on the fund was £5,300 and there were no charges in 2024. Given the surplus on the General Fund, the PCC agreed to transfer £1,700 to this fund to bring the balance to £7,000 at the end of 2024. It was thought this to be prudent given that we had a quinquennial inspection in the last quarter of 2024.

Colehill Community Café

The Church Centre continues to be registered as a "Warm Space". The Community Café supports both church and community individuals and provides a place of friendship, conversation and light lunches!

We have continued to work on a donations basis which enables us to claim gift aid on the donations made. The Café made a surplus in the year of £2,309 (2023: Surplus £2,397).

Legacies Fund

The policy adopted by the PCC was that any legacies of £1,000 or over should be placed in a separate designated fund to be used where possible for the general development and mission of the Church. The balance at the start of 2024 was £8,000 of which £3,315 has been used towards the cost of the installation of a projector and drop-down projector screen.

RESTRICTED FUNDS

Restricted funds are determined by the intention of donors, either individually or collectively. Such funds can only be spent on the purpose for which the money was originally given.

Charities Fund

St Michael's is committed to supporting a wide range of charities, covering local, national and international appeals. In 2024 we donated a total of £4,700 - including donations to the Children's Society, Embrace the Middle East, Christian Aid, the Wimborne Foodbank and the RSCM music day.

Peacehaven Fund

This is an ecumenical fund, run through St Michael's, and initiated by a member of our congregation, but which involved members of other churches and the wider community. There were 100 people who contributed to the fund, of which 20 came from St Michael's. It was established to provide the rental costs for two refugee families.

The balance on the fund at the start of the year was £7,816 and this has been paid out during the year. The fund is now closed.

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS

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

2. Fund structure

- 1. General Fund used for PCC ordinary purposes.
- 2. Designated funds are unrestricted funds set aside for specific purposes at the discretion of the trustees.
- 3. Restricted funds represent income from trusts, endowments and donations or grants received for a specific object or invited by the PCC for a specific object. The funds may only be expended on the specific object for which they were given. Any balance remaining unspent at the end of the year must be carried forward as a balance on that fund.
- 4. The PCC cannot create a restricted fund itself.
- 5. The PCC does not invest separately for each fund.
- 3. The accounts are prepared on an accrual basis for years ending on 31 December.
- 4. Full provision is made for all anticipated expenditure for which a liability has arisen but not yet spent.
- 5. Income is included based on the period to which it relates rather than when actually received. Full provision is made for any income that may not be received.
- 6. The Viscount organ is depreciated at 5% per annum straight line.
- 7. It is the policy of the PCC to retain reserves sufficient to meet:
 - 1. General Reserve Fund provision for any significant but unforeseen maintenance expenditure and to cover essential costs relating to the latest quinquennial inspection.
 - 2. Church Centre Operations anticipated replacement of boilers, ovens, etc, and major redecoration costs for the internal and external aspects of the building.
 - 3. During 2024 a Reserves Policy was established and approved by the PCC. The values will be assessed at the end of each financial year, and the basis agreed is:
 - i General Fund equivalent to one guarter of annual expenditure
 - ii Centre Operations equivalent to one quarter of annual income
 - iii General Reserve assessed each year by the PCC.
 - iv All Restricted Funds to be fully maintained
 - 4. The accounts have been reviewed by and approved by an independent examiner as required by the Charities Act. The Independent Examiners Report is included with the accounts submitted to the Charities Commission.