Registered Charity Number: 1133810

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES AND

UNAUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

FOR

THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH OF THE CHURCH OF THE ASCENSION HALL GREEN BIRMINGHAM

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REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

The Trustees present their report for the purposes of Part 8 of the Charities Act 2011 for the year ended 31 December 2024.

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

The objective of the charity is to further the religious and other charitable work of the Church of England in the parish.

In 2024, the charity sought to benefit:

1. Those in need by reason of age (elders), disability, ill health and financial hardship. For example, through the Food Bank and Benefits Advice Service for those in food poverty and/or those in financial difficulty.

2. Those suffering hardships through family separation. The Child Contact Centre provided a neutral and safe venue for non-resident parents to have contact with their children.

3. The community through recreation and leisure facilities; for example, for children and young people through the uniformed organisations and karate classes, for adults through Hall Green Choral Society, Hall Green Arts Society, Acock's Green Folk Dancing Society and Barn Dance Fitness.

Most of these activities are operated by volunteers and included some organisations which are charities in their own right, while the remainder are operated on a private or commercial basis for the community.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

The Generals funds of the Church showed a deficit of income over expenditure of £7,857. This includes a net one-off cost of £8,490 on the new water pipe to the across the Churchyard to the Church building.

Income from regular planned giving and one off donations totalled £45,190 including £7,862 from Gift Aid claims. A further £22,000 was received from various investments. In total, receipts to unrestricted funds totalled £76,367.

£84,768 was spent from unrestricted funds towards our Christian ministry, including £39,830 towards the Diocesan Parish Share Request, which again was paid in full. At the end of the year General (unrestricted) Funds stood at £110,424.

Reserves Policy

The PCC maintains a Reserve Policy; the cash balances held in unrestricted funds more than satisfy the target amount of $\pm 56,000$. The Policy was reviewed by the PCC on 20th February 2025.

Going concern

The financial statements have been prepared on a going concern basis as the trustees believe that no material uncertainties exist. The trustees have considered the level of funds held and the expected level of income and expenditure for 12 months from authorising these financial statements. The budgeted income and expenditure are sufficient with the level of reserves for the charity to be able to continue as a going concern.

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Governing document

The charity is controlled by its governing document, a Deed of Trust and constitutes an unincorporated charity.

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT (Continued) Organisational structure

The Parochial Church Council (PCC) operates under the Parochial Church Council Powers Measure. The PCC is a Registered Charity (1133810). The method of appointment of PCC members is set out in the Church Representation Rules. The membership of the PCC consists of the incumbent, churchwardens, two licensed Readers, members of the Deanery Synod and members elected by members of the congregation who are on the Electoral Roll and stand for election to the PCC. The PCC had a total of 15 members and met 6 times between June 2022 and April 2023.

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.

The Church of the Ascension Parish Hall is a separate charity (Charity Number 1187634) and the PCC as its trustee. As a separate charity, it is required to produce a report of its activities.

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

Registered Charity Number 1133810

Principal address

93b School Road Hall Green Birmingham B28 8JQ

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES (Continued) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS (Continued) Trustees

Reverend N Boumenjel Mrs C Dixon N Fahmi Mrs M Hyde J Meadows Miss J Payne Mrs A Tinline Mrs P Wagg Mrs S Barnes C Jones J Mobasher Mrs P Price Mrs J Whitington Ms G Urwin K Meadows

Independent Examiner

Thomas and Young Limited Chartered Accountants and Registered Auditors **Carleton House** 266-268 Stratford Road Shirley Solihull West Midlands B90 3AD

Approved by order of the board of trustees on $\gamma |s| 25$

and signed on its behalf by:

J Meadows – Trustee

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF THE PARACHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE ECCLESIASTIAL PARISH OF THE CHURCH OF THE ASCENSION HALL GREEN BIRMINGHAM

I report on the accounts of the Charity for the year ended 31 December 2024, which are set out on pages 6 to 16.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The charity's Trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's Trustees consider that an audit is not required 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 Commission 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 REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF THE PARACHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE ECCLESIASTIAL PARISH OF THE CHURCH OF THE ASCENSION HALL GREEN BIRMINGHAM (continued)

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.

J Carty FCA FCCA Thomas & Young Limited Chartered Accountants & Registered Auditors

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Carleton House 266 – 268 Stratford Road Shirley Solihull West Midlands B90 3AD

Dated:

7 May 2025

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

No	otes	General Fund £	Restricted Fund £	2024 I Total Funds £	2023 Total Funds £
Income and Endowments From Donations and legacies		52,793	5,386	58,179	93,462
Charitable activities Charitable activities		1,408	(47)	1,361	940
Other trading activities Investment income	2 3	740 22,262	46,838 -	47,578 22,262	49,405 16,923
Total		77,203	52,177	129,380	160,730
EXPENDITURE ON Raising funds		21	-	21	189
Charitable activities Charitable activities		162,696	95,859	258,555	181,408
Other		-	-	-	299
Total		162,717	95,859	258,576	181,896
Net gains/(losses) on investments		542	2,421	2,963	4,931
NET (EXPENDITURE)/INCOME		(84,972)	(41,261)	(126,233)	(16,235)
Transfers between funds	10	-	-	-	
Net movement in funds		(84,972) 	(41,261) 	(126,233)	(16,235)
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS					
Total funds brought forward		247,949	230,279	478,228	494,463
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD		162,977	189,018	351,995	478,228

The notes form part of these financial statements

BALANCE SHEET 31 DECEMBER 2024

	Notes	General Fund £	Restricted Fund £	2024 Total Funds £	2023 Total Funds £
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FIXED ASSETS Investments	6	44,185	197,161	241,346	238,383
CURRENT ASSETS Debtors Cash at bank and in hand	7	4,580 115,692	2,823 (8,296)	7,403 107,396	7,117 242,968
		120,272	(5,473)	114,799	250,085
CREDITORS Amounts falling due within o year	ne 8	(1,480)	(2,670)	(4,150)	(10,240)
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NET CURRENT ASSETS		118,792	(8,143)	110,649	239,845
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES		162,977	189,018	351,995	478,228
NET ASSETS		162,977	189,018	351,995	478,228
FUNDS General fund Restricted funds	10 11			162,977 189,018	247,949 230,279
TOTAL FUNDS				351,995	478,228

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees and authorised for issue on $\gamma |z| \nu s$ and were signed on its behalf by:

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J Meadows – Trustee

The notes form part of these financial statements

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of preparing the financial statements

The financial statements of the charity, which is a public benefit entity under FRS 102, have been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102) 'Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102). Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the Charities Act 2011. The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention, with the exception of investments which are included at market value, as modified by the revaluation of certain assets.

Income

All incoming resources are included in the Statement of Financial Activities (SoFA) when the charity is legally entitled to the income after any performance conditions have been met, the amount can be measured reliably and it is probable that the income will be received.

For donations to be recognised the charity will have been notified of the amounts and the settlement date in writing. If there are conditions attached to the donation and this requires a level of performance before entitlement can be obtained then income is deferred until those conditions are fully met or the fulfilment of those conditions is within the control of the charity and it is probable that they will be fulfilled.

Donated facilities and donated professional services are recognised in income at their fair value when their economic benefit is probable, it can be measured reliably and the charity has control over the item. Fair value is determined on the basis of the value of the gift to the charity. For example, the amount the charity would be willing to pay in the open market for such facilities and services. A corresponding amount is recognised in expenditure.

No amount is included in the financial statements for volunteer time in line with the SORP (FRS 102). Further detail is given in the Trustees' Annual Report.

Where practicable, gifts in kind donated for distribution to the beneficiaries of the charity are included in stock and donations in the financial statements upon receipt. If it is impracticable to assess the fair value at receipt or if the costs to undertake such a valuation outweigh any benefits, then the fair value is recognised as a component of donations when it is distributed and an equivalent amount recognised as charitable expenditure.

Gifts in kind donated for resale are included at fair value, being the expected proceeds from sale less the expected costs of sale. Where estimating the fair value is practicable upon receipt it is recognised in stock and 'Income from other trading activities'. Upon sale, the value of the stock is charged against 'Income from other trading activities' and the proceeds are recognised as 'Income from other trading activities'.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

Income (Continued)

Where it is impracticable to fair value the items due to the volume of low value items they are not recognised in the financial statements until they are sold. This income is recognised within 'Income from other trading activities'.

Fixed asset gifts in kind are recognised when receivable and are included at fair value. They are not deferred over the life of the asset.

For legacies, entitlement is the earlier of the charity being notified of an impending distribution or the legacy being received. At this point income is recognised. On occasion legacies will be notified to the charity however it is not possible to measure the amount expected to be distributed. On these occasions, the legacy is treated as a contingent asset and disclosed.

Income from trading activities includes income earned from fundraising events and trading activities to raise funds for the charity. Income is received in exchange for supplying goods and services in order to raise funds and is recognised when entitlement has occurred.

Investment income is earned through holding assets for investment purposes such as shares and property. It includes dividends, interest and rent. Where it is not practicable to identify investment management costs incurred within a scheme with reasonable accuracy the investment income is reported net of these costs. It is included when the amount can be measured reliably. Interest income is recognised using the effective interest method and dividend and rent income is recognised as the charity's right to receive payment is established.

Other income includes the conversion of endowment funds into income which arises when capital funds are released to an income fund from expendable endowments or when a charity has authority to adopt a total return approach to its permanent endowment fund. It also includes other income such as gains on disposals or tangible fixed assets.

Expenditure

All expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all costs related to the category. Expenditure is recognised where there is a legal or constructive obligation to make payments to third parties, it is probable that the settlement will be required and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably. It is categorised under the following headings:

'Cost of raising funds includes expenses relating to fundraising events'

'Expenditure on charitable activities includes diocesan fees, worship costs and church upkeep'

'Other expenditure represents those items not falling to the categories above'.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (Continued) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

Irrecoverable VAT is charged as an expense against the activity for which expenditure arose.

Taxation

The charity is exempt from tax on its charitable activities.

Fund accounting

Unrestricted funds are available for use at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of the general objectives of the charity and which have not been designated for other purposes.

Designated funds comprise unrestricted funds that have been set aside by the trustees for particular purposes. The aim and use of each designated fund are set out in the notes to the financial statements.

Restricted funds are funds which are to be used in accordance with specific restrictions imposed by donors or which have been raised by the charity for particular purposes. The cost of raising and administering such funds are charged against the specific fund. The aim and use of each restricted fund are set out in the notes to the financial statements.

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2. OTHER TRADING ACTIVITIES

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	2024 £	2023 £
Bible reading fellowship/bookstall	268	105
Magazine sales	472	474
Church hall lettings	13,672	15,231
Chatterton hall and house lettings	33,166	33,595
	47,578	49,405
INVESTMENT INCOME		
	2024	2023
	£	£
Rent received	4,350	1,875
Interest and dividends	17,912	15,048
	22,262	16,923

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (Continued) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

4. TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS

Trustee remuneration Trustee expenses	2024 £ 5,225 -	2023 £ 4,750
	5,225	4,750

5. COMPARITIVES FOR THE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

	General Fund £	Restricted Fund £	Total Funds £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENT FROM Donations and legacies	82,293	11,169	93,462
Charitable activities Charitable activities	893	47	940
Other trading activities Investment income	579 15,311	48,826 1,612	49,405 16,923
Total	99,076	61,654	160,730
EXPENDITURE ON Raising funds	189		189
Charitable activities Charitable activities	75,021	106,387	181,408
Other	299	-	299
Total	75,509	106,387	181,896
Net gains on investments	903	4,028	4,931
NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE) Transfers between funds	24,470	(40,705)	(16,235)
Net movement in funds	24,470	(40,705)	(16,235)
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS Total funds brought forward	223,479	270,984	494,463
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD	247,949	230,279	478,228

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (Continued) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

6. FIXED ASSET INVESTMENTS

MARKET VALUE	Unlisted investments £
At 1 January 2024 Revaluations	238,383 2,963
At 31 December 2024	241,346

There were no investment assets outside the UK.

7. DEBTORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	2024	2023
	E	£
Gift aid receivable	2,444	2,282
Prepayments	4,959	4,835
	7,403	7,117

8. **CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR**

	2024 £	2023 £
Bank loans and overdrafts (see note 9) Trade creditors	- 4,150	- 10,240
	4,150	10,240

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (Continued) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

10. **RESTRICTED FUNDS**

	Balance 1 Jan 2024 £	Transfers £	Incoming Resources £	Resources Expended £	Investment Profits £	Balance 31 Dec 2024 £
House - Assisted Clergy	194,591	-	-	-	2,421	197,011
Charity Giving	-	-	1,011	(1,011)	_,	
Chellingworth Memorial fund	5,000	-	, - -	(3,600)	-	1,400
Choir Fund	324	-	-	-	-	324
Coffee Shop	250	(929)	929	-	-	250
Diocese Fees	47	· · ·	(47)	-	-	
Fabric Repair Fund	38,851	-	860	(38,940)	-	771
Flower Fund	176	-	80	(642)	-	(386)
Food Bank	2,439	-	2,835	(2,734)	-	2,540
Halls Fund	(13,410)	929	46,838	(48,932)	-	(14,575)
Monday Club Funds	2,011	-	(329)	-	-	1,682
	230,279	-	52,177	(95,859)	2,421	189,018

11. UNRESTRICTED FUNDS

	Balance 1 Jan 2024 £	Transfers £	Incoming Resources £	Resources Expended £	Investment Profits £	Balance 31 Dec 2024 £
General Fund	118,282	-	76,368	(84,768)	542	110,424
Fabric Repair Fund	70,800	-	835	(69,082)	-	2,553
Fay Lord Legacy	8,867	-	-	(8,867)	-	, –
Parish Mission Support Fund	50,000	-			-	50,000
	247,949	-	77,203	(162,717)	542	162,977

12. **RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURES**

There were no related party transactions for the year ended 31 December 2024.

DETAILED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

	2024	2023
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS	£	£
Donations and legacies		
Gift aided – envelopes	941	1,043
Gift aided – BGC	22,352	19,136
NTE envelopes	6	90
NTE BGC	5,275	5,775
Cash collections	4,664	5,039
Contactless donations	3,297	2,140
Donations – in memoriam	365	300
Sundry donations	490	387
Christmas gift to the church	1,390	1,317
Flowers fund donations	30	215
Coffee shop	929	1,099
Monday club	(329)	(52)
Other donations	20	425
Monthly charity – gift aided	759	628
Monthly charity – not gift aided	50	600
Gift aid recovered	8,662	7,918
Legacies	-	37,234
Recurring grants	6,041	5,726
One off grants	2,149	2,935
Food bank	1,088	1,507
	58,179	93,462
Other trading activities		
Bible reading fellowship/bookstall	268	105
Magazine sales	472	474
Church hall lettings	13,672	15,231
Chatterton hall and house lettings	33,166	33,595
-		-
	47,578	49,405
Investment income		
Rent received	4,350	1,875
Interest and dividends	17,912	15,048
	22,262	16,923
Charitable activities		
Fees for weddings and funerals	1,448	853
Diocesan fees	(47)	47
Flowers	-	-
Vergers Fees	(40)	40
	1,361	940
Total income resources	129,380	160,730

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DETAILED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

	2024	2023
EXPENDITURE	£	£
Raising donations and legacies		
Publicity	_	-
Giving envelopes	-	-
Fundraising costs	-	-
Publicity	21	189
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	21	189
Charitable activities	4.65	
Church mission society Mission to seafarers	162	164
Malawi fund	219 162	335
Bible society	162	180 106
Children's society	102	296
Birmingham City Mission	162	290 114
Other charities	-	301
JMC subsidy refunds	-	- 501
Diocesan parish share	39,830	39,830
Support staff costs	5,225	4,750
Parish administrator salary and pension	11,262	10,290
Parish administration	-	-
Incumbent expenses	411	434
Vicarage upkeep	1,420	1,864
Pastoral staff and youth worker	3,500	3,500
Mission and outreach	66	29
Food bank cost	2,735	2,947
Coffee shop costs	-	154
Church insurance	3,330	3,263
Church maintenance	3,002	568
Cost of worship services	1,683	1,712
Church off expenses	1,873	1,939
Church flowers Bank charges	640	382
•	309	300
Upkeep of churchyard Visiting speakers and locums	6,245	6,495
Visiting speakers and locums Church utilities – gas	-	-
Church utilities – electric	3,879	5,969
Church utilities – water	713 149	1,029
Magazine printing	859	160 932
Editorial expenses	52	932 50
Bookstall and bible reading fellowship	259	242
Magazine postage	213	169
Hall utilities – gas	12,073	13,770
	12,075	10,770

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DETAILED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

	2024 £	2023 £
Hall utilities – electricity	4,790	4,035
Hall utilities – water	694	634
Hall cleaning	4,336	3,964
Hall repairs and maintenance	5,592	4,081
Hall insurance	1,698	2,755
Chatterton hall maintenance	2,759	5,045
Chatterton hall and house cleaning	7,827	8,842
Chatterton hall and house	1,502	380
Independent examination fee	960	1,756
Major repairs to church hall	-	23,984
Major repairs to church yard	127,658	23,275
Major works to church	-	432
	258,555	181,408
Support Costs		
Other		
Sundries	-	299
Professional fees	-	-
		
	-	299
Total resources expended	258,576	181,896
Net expenditure before gains and losses	(120, 100)	(21.100)
Net expenditure before gains and losses	(129,196)	(21,166)
Realised recognised gains and losses Realised gains/(losses) on fixed asset investments	2,963	4,931
Net expenditure	(126,233)	(16,235)
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