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Annual Parochial Church Meetings 2025

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ

The format for producing our Annual Report has not changed since last year's Meetings. So you will find included within this document the agenda for our Annual Meetings on 27th April, the minutes of last year's Annual Meetings, and all of the reports relating to this year's Meetings. All reports cover the period between January and December 2024. However, this Report is being distributed primarily by e-mail. Only a few copies for those without e-mail will be left at the back of the Church.

It is very important that everyone in our Church family takes an active interest in all of the areas of our life together, so that we can support one another on our Christian journey, and take responsibility for our shared life and mission. We therefore encourage everyone firstly to read their copy of the Annual Report before the meeting, and secondly to attend our Annual Meetings, which this year will be held after our 10 am Parish Eucharist on Sunday the 27th April, starting at around 11:30 am in the Hall.

If you cannot come to the meetings, or if you have any issues, concerns or questions you wish to raise about the business of the Meetings, please do so by contacting either Fr Bernard (01525 372149, email: linsladevicar@gmail.com) or our PCC Secretary Barbara Appleyard (tel: 01525 376842, email: markapleyard199@btinternet.com) before the 27th of April. You can also write to us at the above address. We are happy to raise matters for you at the Meetings, given sufficient notice.



Bernard Minton
Team Vicar



Nick Butler
Churchwarden



Michael Woodhouse
Churchwarden

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*ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETINGS 2025***IN THE CHURCH HALL****AGENDA**

ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

1 Election of two Churchwardens for the coming year (nominations must be received before the meeting).

ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING

- 1 Apologies for absence.
- 2 To elect 3 Members to the Parochial Council for 3 years (nominations may be accepted at the meeting, with the permission of the person nominated), and 1 member to fill a vacancy for 2 years. Also, to elect 1 member of Deanery Synod for 1 year.
- 3 To consider:
 - a. Minutes of the last APCM
 - b. Matters arising
 - c. The revision of the Electoral Roll
 - d. A report on the proceedings of the Parochial Church Council
 - e. A report on the financial affairs of the Council
 - f. The accounts of the Parish for 2024
 - g. To appoint an Independent Examiner
 - h. A report by the Churchwardens on the Ornaments, Fabric and Goods of the Churches
 - i. Reports of the Deanery Synod and other church organisations
 - j. Chairman's report

PARISH OF LINSLADE**DIOCESE OF St ALBAN'S****MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING HELD IN THE CHURCH HALL ON
28 APRIL 2024 at 11.40 AM****Election of Churchwardens**

Nick Butler and Michael Woodhouse were duly elected as Church Wardens for the year 2023-2024 there being no other nominations.

**MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL PAROCHIAL MEETING HELD IN THE CHURCH HALL ON 28
APRIL AT 11.45 AM**

Present: B Appleyard, C & D Amis, A Barrett, B. Benedicter, J. Bewick, S. Bradshaw, A & C Birch, N & I Butler, R T Clayden, A Fensom, A.K & V Frazer, A. Frazer, N. Griffith, S. James, P Miller, J Miller, Rev. Dr. B Minton, T. Ralph, V Smith, S. Soper, J W Tigg, Plus K. Guess (observer).

Fr Bernard reminded everyone that the agenda and all paperwork needed for the meeting was in the booklet.

1. Apologies for absence.

Apologies for absence were received from A & M Brandham, K Crooks, M & W Crowe, W Forde, J & S. Deighton, D. Emerson, W. Forde, C. & L Hewett, E. James, P. Morris, J W Thompson, A. Tracey, A & M Underwood, M. Woodhouse, I & S Woodward.

2. To elect 3 members to the Parochial Church Council for 3 years

The following were duly approved by the meeting to serve on the PCC: Janet Miller and Vernon Smith. There being no other nominations they were duly re-elected. This left one vacancy who could be co-opted post meeting. If anyone wished to volunteer they could apply to the Vicar or Church Wardens.

3. To consider

a. Minutes of the last APCM – These were accepted and approved by the meeting.

b. Matters arising – None

c. Changes to the Electoral Register: The Electoral Roll Officer, Isobel Butler, reported that since the 2023 APCM when there were 110 names on the Roll, one name was added and one removed. The Total on the Electoral Roll, revised for the 2024 APCM is 110.

Isobel Butler informed the meeting that the Electoral Roll was now open. The Roll was kept at the back of the Church with applications for new members.

Isobel Butler appealed for those present to encourage more parishioners to join the Roll and encourage an increase in giving.

Father Bernard gave thanks for her hard work.

d. A report on the proceedings of the Parochial Church Council. A booklet containing all the reports of the PCC had been printed and distributed prior to the meeting. The report on the proceedings of the PCC by the Secretary was accepted by all present with no questions or comments.

e. A report on the financial affairs of the Council. This report, and the detailed accounts, were in the booklet. The Vicar thanked the Treasurer for his work and the report was accepted.

f. The accounts of the Parish for 2023. There were no questions about the report.

g. To appoint an Independent Examiner. The re-appointment of David Thompson was proposed by Father Bernard. Vernon Smith had confirmed with David that he was prepared to fulfil the role again. His appointment was approved by the meeting. The meeting approved the giving of a gift as a thank you.

h. A report by the Churchwardens of the Ornaments, Fabric and Goods of the Churches. The Churchwarden's report is in the booklet. Father Bernard asked if there were any questions on the report. There were none, and it was duly approved. Father Bernard thanked Nick and Michael for their diligent work throughout the year.

i. Reports of the Deanery Synod and other church organisations. These reports were all in the booklet as information to the Parish.

There was a vacancy for the Deanery Synod, volunteers to speak to Father Bernard. The synod this year would be voting this year to elect members to the Diocesan Synod.

j. Chairman's report. The Vicar's report was in the booklet and Father Bernard did not propose to read it out. He said this was members' opportunity to comment upon it, but there were no comments except for a vote of thanks from Nick Butler to the Vicar.

Father Bernard told the meeting he felt blest and encouraged by the support shown him.

The meeting ended with the Grace. The meeting closed at 12:05 am.

Vicar's Report for APCM 2025, covering the period January – December 2024

This report is supposed to be a reflection on the life of the parish over the previous year. I very rarely, if ever, make much mention of wider national events, on the grounds that they don't generally have much direct bearing on our life together as a worshipping community here in Linslade. But, given that there appears to be little let-up in the frequency of enforced Episcopal resignations, most notable among them being the resignation of the Archbishop of Canterbury at the end of 2024, I think I ought to begin this report with some reflection on the wider state of the Church of England.

While the life of our parish is in many ways healthy, the same cannot be said for the wider church of which we are members. The Church of England church seems to be continually making headlines for the wrong reasons, stuck in a cycle of decline and recrimination. It's hard not to feel depressed when contemplating the state of the national church. And, if we are honest, even though there is much to be thankful for here in Linslade, and we are in many ways very blessed, nonetheless here also there are fewer of us than there once were, and we have fewer young and active volunteers than we once did.

All of which seems like a depressing beginning to a Vicar's Report! But I think there is something really important that we should remember at this point: that we are all absolutely and completely in God's hands. His Mission of Reconciliation is still ongoing, just as it always was. We are parts of that plan, just as much as our ancestors were, in those confident days when St Barnabas was built, or even when St Mary's was built. God is with us, guiding us, just as He was in those times which, as we look back, seem so much more successful; when there were many more Christians, and the Church was more widely respected, influential, and even powerful. God has a plan for us, and for the Church in our generation: it just so happens that for us that plan involves a time of testing and judgement.

I think that from our perspective, we can see that our ancestors tended sometimes to forget a couple of vital truths. The first is that this world is not as it should be, and that what flourishes here is often not as it should be. God has allowed creation to sin: to obstruct His work, and the full flow of His love: indeed, that is what creation is, in a sense; a temporary obstruction to the fullness of the flowing of God's love in the Holy Trinity. Things and people that succeed in this world often do so because "the children of this world are more shrewd in dealing with their own generation than the children of light". To succeed in this world, it helps to ignore the world that God is making. Or, as the old saying goes, "you can tell what God thinks of money by the people He gives it to"!

The second truth is very much related to that first one. It is that "my grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness" as God told St Paul, who certainly knew a lot about weakness. Paul himself tells us how often he was beaten and imprisoned, and humiliated, even sometimes by other Christians. He was afflicted himself with some kind of condition (a "thorn in the flesh") that made him sometimes a laughing stock, which God did not take away, despite Paul's own pleadings. And that helped Paul to realise that God is most fully and completely revealed in the weakness of the Cross. In our day and age, we as the Christians of this generation are privileged to be called back to the simplicity of that witness. We are called back to the simple truth of our need for repentance, and to recognise that in the Cross alone is our hope.

These are testing times, but in them we are called to be faithful, just as our ancient ancestors the people of Israel were called to be faithful in destruction, exile and slavery. And we must ask ourselves: were the people of Israel closer to God when they were prisoners in Babylon, or now, when they are the ones wielding the weapons of power, making others exiles? That same challenge faces us, too. It may well be that the Church of England has never been closer to God than she is now: we simply have to notice Him!

The Secretary's report provides some brief attendance figures for this parish, which are if anything a slight improvement on last year, overall. The Treasurer's report and the Accounts provide a reasonably encouraging picture of our current financial position, though we should guard against complacency. Both of these nonetheless indicate that there is a great deal of generosity and joy in our congregation, and much for which we should be thankful. For myself,

certainly, I feel very blessed, both to be your parish priest, and for all the support and fellowship I receive from you all.

In particular, I would like to thank the members of our PCC, especially our Churchwardens and Treasurer, for all their support, and I must also pay special thanks to our Readers Charles, Mike and Ian, and our associate priests Wyn, Paul and Alan. Their ministries among us are greatly valued by many, including by me! My thanks also go to those who live-stream our services, publish details on the internet, and organise and distribute our Christmass and Easter cards; and to those who in many different ways support our ministry to children, in the Tuesday group, and in Church on Sunday. Lastly, I thank all those who together make our worship possible; sacristans, servers, musicians, intercessors and readers. May God bless us all in 2025, as He has done so generously in 2024!

Fr Bernard

Churchwardens Report for 1st January 2024 to 31st December 2024

St Barnabas'

The flower room refurbishment has now been complete, we now have new flooring, cabinet, hot and cold water and also the last of the lead piping has now been replaced with copper, this now makes the cold-water drinkable without having to go the hall kitchen for supplies.

In July the rain water goods have been renovated, some mainly on the north side have been replaced with new and the rest repaired as required and all were given a new coat of paint.

The exterior paint work around most of the church has been given a new coat of paint, varnish.

The 3 yearly checks on the trees at both Churches was carried out in October and some issues were found. Namely the Crimson Norway maple will need dead wood greater than 2 cm removed and the Hornbeam will need to be reduced by approximately 3 m, the height of the tree's main stem (to the north-east side), taking care to retain all live epicormic growth on the stem. Permission and a quote for doing the work have been asked for and the work will be carried out in the new year. There are also some dead elm trees at St Marys that the Friends will be able to remove.

Testing and servicing were carried out on the lightning conductors in July for St Barnabas and St Marys.

The heating system has been serviced for another year and all working well.

All risk assessments have been reviewed and updated.

The CCTV system has had its yearly check-up and is working well.

Sweeping up of leaves in the carpark at St Barnabas. It has been decided that next Autumn we will get a contractor in to do this work.

Work on keeping up the appearance of St Barnabas both inside and outside has been carried out by the willing band of volunteers and our cleaner Trude. It is much appreciated and again our thanks to these lovely people.

St Mary's

Unfortunately, the wall between our drive and the entrance to the cemetery has been hit by a large vehicle and been badly damaged. Work has started on the repair.

The Churchwardens would like to thank the Friends of St Mary's for the work they do maintaining the Churchyard and opening the church to visitors on the first Sunday of the month.

Neither St Barnabas' nor St Mary's could be adequately maintained without the help of many people who are willing to volunteer their time and labour, and work with contractors to enable the required specialised works to be carried out. We are grateful and indebted to you all.

Nick Butler and Michael Woodhouse

Secretary's Report on the Business of the Parochial Church Council (2024)

Linslade PCC has the responsibility of co-operating with the incumbent in promoting, within the ecclesiastical parish of Linslade, the whole mission of the church, pastoral, evangelistic and social. It also has maintenance responsibilities for the churches of St. Barnabas and St. Mary, (Old Linslade) and the Community Hall on the St. Barnabas site.

Membership

Members of the PCC are either ex officio or elected by the Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM) in accordance with the church representation rules. 3 members are elected each year for a 3 year period, there being 9 elected members in total plus 3 Deanery Synod Members. Due to insufficient nominations there is currently 1 vacancy for a Deanery Synod member. Occasionally members are co-opted to fill vacancies not filled at the APCM. At its first meeting following the APCM, PCC appointments are approved to serve until the next APCM.

During the year 2024, the following served as members of the PCC

Ex Officio

Reverend Bernard Minton	Team Vicar
Reverend Wyn Jones	Assistant Priest
Mr Charles Amis	Reader (co-opted)
Mr Ian Woodward	Reader (co-opted)

Mr Nick Butler	Churchwarden
Mr Michael Woodhouse	Churchwarden

Elected members

Mr Winston Forde	Deanery Synod Member elected 2023 for 3 years
Mr Simon Soper	Deanery Synod Member elected 2023 for 3 years
Mrs Janet Miller	Elected 2024 for 3 years
Mr Vernon Smith	Elected 2024 for 3 years
Mrs Barbara Appleyard	Elected 2023 for 3 years
Mr David Emerson	Elected 2023 for 3 years
Mrs Sarah Woodward	Elected 2023 for 3 years
Mrs Carolyn Birch	Elected 2023 for 2 years
Mrs Pam Morris	Elected 2022 for 3 years
Mrs Ann Tracey	Elected 2022 for 3 years
Mrs. Jennie Bewick	Co-opted 2021 for 3 years until April 2024
Mr John Tigg	Elected 2022 for 2 years until April 2024

Committees

The PCC operates through a number of committees, which meet between full meetings of the PCC. In particular:

Standing and Finance 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 full Council. It also prepares the agenda for subsequent PCC meetings.

Worship Committee

This committee exists to work with the clergy to establish and review the forms of worship for use in the parish. It is not presently active.

Outreach Committee

This committee attends to matters relating to the ministry of the church to the community and to the world, such as ecumenical links, evangelism and the support of mission and relief agencies. It organises fundraising activities to support its work and reports regularly to the PCC. It is not presently active.

Friends of St Mary's

This organisation attends to matters relating to the upkeep of St. Mary's Churchyard, Old Linslade, in support of the Churchwardens and the PCC. It operates a membership scheme and organises fundraising to support the activities.

Stewardship Committee

This committee has an ongoing responsibility for identifying tasks and roles that are required for the parish to flourish and to identify (in consultation with the clergy) those laity able to give talents and resources to perform them.

Other organisations

Many other organisations function within the church, all of which are accountable to the PCC. These include the Bell Ringers, the Choir, and the Tuesday Toddler Group.

Church Attendance and Electoral Roll

The Sunday attendance during October 2024, the period when the diocese usually collects attendance figures on behalf of central church offices, varied from 116 to 59 adults, and 3 to 26 under 16 year olds. Total attendance on Easter Day was 128, and on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day 302. On average, the Church's facebook page is visited about 160 times a week, and around 80 people watch some of the Sunday service during the week (this figure may include individuals returning several times, people watching only a minute or so, and households, of course). An average of 6 people watch live on a Sunday morning. During the year 2024, 10 baptisms, 4 confirmations, 5 marriages and 23 funerals were held in or by the church.

At the APCM held on 28 April 2024, Isobel Butler, the Electoral Roll officer, reported that the number on the Roll at the time of the meeting was 110.

Review of the Year

The full PCC met on 6 occasions during 2024. From January to April there were 18 members, and from April to December there were 16 members. Average attendance at PCC meetings was 11½ members (!) with the lowest

attendance 10 and the highest 15. The Standing Committee met in person on 6 occasions. The main issues under discussion have been as follows:

Buildings

Issues raised by the Quinquennial Inspection were addressed throughout the year by the Standing Committee and PCC. For more details of work undertaken, please see the Churchwardens' report. The PCC would like to record their gratitude to Mr Jonathan Pawley, a bell ringer and local resident, who has managed (at time of writing) to get the church clock at St Barnabas working again.

Safeguarding Policy

The Parish has complied with the duty under section 5 of the Safeguarding and Clergy Discipline Measure 2016 (duty to have due regard to House of Bishops' guidance on safeguarding children and vulnerable adults) and copies of the Policy and guidelines for children and vulnerable adults have been posted on the public notice boards. They are continually monitored and updated including safeguarding checks for all PCC members; the GDPR policy, Photograph policy and Live streaming Protocol all consider safeguarding responsibilities.

Finance

The church's financial situation continues to be a regular discussion item and the PCC are continually looking at ways to improve the financial position. (See also Treasurer's report). Our audited reports were sent to the Charity Commission as required. Electronic giving is utilised.

Other items

The PCC received regular reports from the Deanery Synod and Team Council.

Barbara Appleyard, PCC Secretary

Treasurer's Report 2024

I present my report for 2024. The detailed Annual Financial Report and Statements are provided separately. Our funds are categorised into General, Designated, Restricted and Endowment funds. The interest from the endowment funds, £1,422, is transferred to restricted funds at the end of the financial year. This year the combined endowment investment values are £52419 an increase of £1172 or 1.2%. Interest Rates have risen and our funds have benefited from this with an extra £1,740 interest paid into funds.

Our planned giving and weekly collections have increased due to a Stewardship campaign by around 20% but there has also been a loss of some congregation members. Our planned giving was up by around £10,000. Our grateful thanks to all those who have increased their giving, but as always we need to find ways to encourage regular increases to our giving, particularly from those who haven't increased their giving for many years.

The running costs for the church and hall increased as expected because of more use and increased cost of supplies and cleaning. The general fund at the end of 2024 was £68,743 compared with £68,710 at the end of 2023. However after four years we have had a surplus so we have been able to replenish Church Maintenance and Repair funds by £20,000 and also add another £5,000 to the Hall fund. We paid the Parish Share of £66,996 in full. Gift Aided Giving and the Small Gift Donations Scheme have allowed us to reclaim £19,602 from the Inland Revenue and £1,539 was generated from the solar panels.

The main expenditure this year, apart from annual inspections of lightning conductors, fire extinguishers, roofs, boiler servicing etc, was for repairs at St Barnabas' - Sacristy Toilet refurbishment, Chancel Lighting replacement, Guttering replacement and External painting of doors. Repairs at St Mary's - Heater repairs and Guttering inspections. Works to the Hall - New Lincat Boiler, external painting of doors and windows and floor polishing & cleaning, the majority of this work being drawn from our designated repair funds.

Our utility costs are remaining high into 2025 although lower than 2023. We shall continue to monitor the cost of our utilities and will stay with our present provider for the foreseeable future. We held Lent, Harvest and Advent lunches, 2 jumble sales, the summer and autumn fairs and our Christmas tree festival, all of which were well supported, and raised much needed funds for our church.

The PCC has agreed to add to the funds raised by the Outreach Group and £500 was sent to each of our three Outreach Charities, as well as support to other charities through special collections & donations.

I would like to thank all of those who have assisted with the financial matters in the parish, especially Carolyn Birch, and for Carolyn's support for tracking Hall and Church invoices, and magazine subscriptions, and Janet Miller for managing Hall bookings and invoicing.

Vernon Smith - Linslade PCC Treasurer

Deanery Synod Report for 2024

Together with Fr Bernard, Winston Forde and Simon Soper represent St Barnabas at Dunstable Deanery Synod. St Barnabas is allowed to have three lay members on deanery synod so if anyone is interested, please talk to any of us. There are normally three meetings a year.

Bernard has been voted as a clergy representative onto Diocesan Synod. The Rev Noel McGeeney of St Leonards took over as rural dean from the Revd Nicola Lenthall this year.

During 2023, Winston Forde proposed that General Synod should consider the fact that under the current CofE management policy, a Church Warden, once elected, cannot by any means be removed for failure to perform the duties for which they were elected. At the same time, other dioceses recognised that although Lay members sign a code of Conduct, there is no formal and enforceable disciplinary/removal process within safeguarding which can be instigated without significant delays. Dunstable Deanery fully supported our proposal, but, faced with time pressures on the Synod agenda, Canon Peter Adams had to settle for a compromise bullying motion on a formal disciplinary procedure that was brought before General Synod and others gave examples where such a code of conduct provision would have been most helpful. Even then, a motion to ask the Archbishop's Council to bring forward legislative proposals was amended so that, instead, it is up to every PCC and every other governance body to adopt its code of conduct and disciplinary process. The original policy deficiency regarding failed Church Wardens, which is pivotal to effective management in a parish, remains intact.

All three Deanery Synod meetings covered Safeguarding issues where the onerous nature of meeting the requirements were discussed. Indeed, the number of tasks seem to multiply.

Deanery Synod continues to monitor activity at General Synod on the Living in Love and Faith initiative.

Again, at all three meetings, parishes share what they are doing to meet the Eco-Church initiative.

In July there was a presentation on the work of the Mother's Union within the diocese. Examples include:

- Providing refugees leaving Yarlswood Immigration Centre with suitcases etc.
- Supporting four refugees in the diocese and providing starter packs of essential household items for those leaving the refugees.
- Activism against gender violence.

In November Deanery Synod was mainly about reflections on and reactions to the resignation of Archbishop Justin Welby.

Winston Forde, Simon Soper

Report on Safeguarding and DBS checks at St Barnabas 2024

Safeguarding at St Barnabas Church is carried out under the direction of the Diocese and in accordance with the policy statements of the House of Bishops. The current Parish Safeguarding Officer and also the DBS checker is Ann Tracey. We have safeguarding policies for Children and for Vulnerable adults which are displayed on the West Door noticeboard and Church Hall noticeboards. We also have a Photography and Video recording policy, a Policy on Responding to Domestic Abuse and a policy on the Recruitment of Ex-Offenders. These are all updated in May each year.

Safeguarding posters giving contact details of appropriate Parish and Diocesan officers are also displayed.

A copy of the Church of England Safeguarding Handbook is available at the back of church and links to this can also be found on the Diocesan website.

Appointments to church roles and offices take account of the Safer Recruitment guidance and appropriate DBS checks are carried out and candidates are requested to complete the appropriate Safeguarding courses.

During 2024 there were no Safeguarding issues reported within the Parish. I received a notification from the Diocese of an issue to be aware of.

I have carried out DBS update checks for members of PCC. There is one further DBS check to be completed. I have advised those needing to either update or complete Safeguarding courses and sent links to the courses. Most of these have now been completed and Certificates have been forwarded to me.

Ann Tracey

Linslade Bell Ringers

The ringers had another busy year in 2024. We have continued to support the new band that has formed in Husborne Crawley, with a small group of Linslade ringers regularly attending practice there on the second and fourth Thursdays of each month. We are always on the lookout for new recruits, so if you have any interest in learning to ring, please do speak to me. The only qualification you need is that you can get up the tower steps (and are over the age of about 10 so your hands are big enough to hold the rope) – we will support you with the rest!

There was only one wedding this year that requested bells, and these were provided. We were also saddened by the deaths of two former Linslade ringers during 2024: Neville Peerman and Peter Gwilym Williams. Neville had been a great support to ringing at Linslade even after he stopped ringing himself, often splicing our new ropes for us. He was also, of course, involved in the fundraising for and rehangings of the bells during the 1990s. Peter Williams rang at both St Barnabas and All Saints during the 1960s and 1970s. We were able to provide bands to ring for both funerals. We also rang a quarter peal in Neville's memory. The record for this quarter peal is on BellBoard

(<https://bb.ringingworld.co.uk/view.php?id=1773274>) and Chris Hewett kindly prepared a hard copy of this record for Gill Peerman to have.

As always, I would like to thank Father Bernard for his continuing support, as well as thanking Janice Robinson for being our ringing master, Simon Head for being our deputy ringing master and Mark Cluett for being our steeple keeper.

Louisa Hewett, Tower Captain

The Cell of Our Lady and St. Joseph

The Cell of Our Lady and St. Joseph is under the pastoral care of Fr. Bernard and includes not only members of the St. Barnabas congregation but also All Saints and other congregations.

The principal event is an annual pilgrimage to the Anglican Shrine of Our Lady of Walsingham led by Fr. Bernard which took place on 27th to 29th September 2024. 22 pilgrims took part. We had a bus to take most pilgrims, which is very convenient, and left from the Railway Station. We appreciate the leadership of Fr. Bernard, and we all enjoy a spiritual revival during the weekend.

The Cell also pays for a candle in the name of the cell to burn in the Holy House in the Walsingham Shrine.

The pilgrimage this year is between 26th and 28th September and at the time of writing there are still a few places available. A coach will be available for transportation leaving from the railway station on Friday 26th September at noon and returning on Sunday 28th at around 6.30 pm.

On Sundays we visit the Parish Church for their Eucharist before returning to a fabulous Sunday Roast Lunch. The food and accommodation at the Shrine are excellent with other food options being available.

For details, please contact me on walsinghamjudith@gmail.com or telephone 07766473730.

Judith Watts. Secretary. The Cell of Our Lady and St. Joseph, Linslade.

Friends of St. Mary's

It was another good year at St Mary's. First Saturday of the month we had services on a regular basis. The grounds were maintained which owes a big thank you to John Tigg. We regularly get over ten people coming along and extra jobs can be done. (Clearing ivy from Sexton's hut- exposing the stones in the memorial garden).

Services were held at St Mary's, especially the sunrise service on Easter Morning. The Carol service was well attended (70+) and the first Saturday services went ahead. The Cheese and Wine evening was a success as was the St Mary's dinner.

We have new notice boards in St Mary's with a photographic history showing how the place used to look, you must come and see it.

Two historical groups came to see the Holy Well and St Mary's "Paintings" during the year and we expect some others will want to come this year.

The church was open on Easter day and on every first Sunday of the month until September. Many people visited and appreciated the time we gave up to be there. This practice is becoming difficult to staff as we only have a few volunteers. It entails opening up the church, putting on a kettle or two of water and bringing a packet of biscuits. The Church is open from 2:30 to 4:30 pm: please think about volunteering, and speak to me if you are interested.

Ian Woodward

Outreach report 2024

There is still no formal Outreach group but we have held our usual fundraising events this year. We had a lent lunch with soup, bread and cheese, and an advent lunch when we added mince pies and cakes. We also had a harvest bring and share lunch which was held after the Sunday morning service.

St Barnabas continues to support our three charities, one international, one national and one local. Our international charity is "Rukungiri Orphan Partnership" who support a primary school in Uganda; our national project is "Kids Out" whose headquarters is in Leighton Buzzard; our local charity is "Leighton Linslade Helpers" who operate a community fridge and food bank for those in need in Leighton Buzzard. The PCC decided to send £500 to each of our charities.

Carolyn Birch, on behalf of the PCC

Hall Secretary and Treasurer's Report 2024

Carolyn and I have been running the hall for the last year and bookings are going well. We still have regular bookings Monday to Friday. The hall is still booked nearly every Saturday and we have quite a lot of bookings for Sunday afternoons for birthday and baptism parties. I am still having to turn people down because they are not asking soon enough to use the hall. Most bookings are for at least a month ahead if not more and in order to make sure they get the date they require it is necessary to book at least 3 months in advance. I am also getting bookings for next year. I get a lot of feedback about how lovely the hall is and how they have enjoyed using it. I have also had comments about how good the kitchen facilities are.

The Invoicing system is still going well and it is much easier to see who has paid and who still needs to with regard to regular bookings. For casual users the invoice system means that I know who I need to chase up for payment.

We now have a group using the Keith Saunders Rooms once a month and have a group early on a Saturday morning during term time. We also have a regular group on the 3rd Saturday of the month in the morning which leaves the

afternoon for those who want parties etc. We also have quite a few casual users using the Keith Saunders and Wyn Jones rooms at various times, often during the day.

Janet Miller

Servers and Sacristan Report for 2024

Sadly we lost a valued friend and long standing server this year. Although latterly Neville Peerman was prevented by ill health from joining us in the Sanctuary, we know he was and is still there in spirit. RIP Neville, we miss you.

In 2024 we were very pleased that Ben and William joined the servers team. The list of servers is as follows: Barbara, Ben, Charles, Clara, Kate, Michael, Vernon, Anghy, Bruce, Isobel, James, Louisa, Gill, Jayne and William with Nick, Tim and Simon who are also sacristans. If anybody would like to join the team, please ask any of us.

We would be delighted if anyone wishes to pay for the elements for a week, perhaps in memory of a loved one or for an anniversary. Please ask Vernon.

For those who don't know, the sacristans get things ready for the Sunday services. Silverware is polished, candles replenished, altar frontals changed if necessary, cruets filled with wine and wafers and linen put out. We also order and buy altar supplies.

Nick and Isobel also do sterling work washing and ironing linen including altar cloths. **Simon Soper & Isobel Butler**

Children's Sunday Activities Report.

The All-Age is well attended, with mostly the same families attending. Besides the help the children give to the sermon, the children have access to the crèche floor area and the back table for craft and word searches. Using the instruments for the last song is also popular. We number a dozen children aged 0-12. Most interest is shown by children of just school age. On other weeks we have similar activities which can be done at the back of church. We also have some book bags made by Pam Morris for use if children or parents prefer to be together in the pews. I am also grateful to a number of people for donating craft items, books, etc. We have the craft and stores: we just need the children! We tried Sunday School with a couple of children for two weeks going out to the hall; thanks to David Emerson for offering singing, and to Michelle and Cheryl for helping with craft in All-Age services. **Tina Ralph**

Fund Raising Committee

A small committee have organised a number of events this year. The two jumble sales, in March and September, held to raise funds for the expenses involved in running the fairs, were as usual, well supported.

The Summer Fair was held indoors with the dog show in the park. The stalls were in the hall and the church with the refreshments served from the kitchen. Altogether, it was a successful and enjoyable day. The Christmas Fair was equally successful with many of our craft groups making a return appearance. It was our turn to host the Christmas Tree Festival which took place soon after the Fair and saw return visits from many of the crafters who support us. We had over 65 trees representing many of the organisations in the town and it was an enjoyable and profitable weekend. All events, as well as being enjoyable, generated much needed funds. We would like to thank all those who come and help – if anyone feels they would like to help organise fundraising events, please come and join us!

Carolyn Birch on behalf of the Committee.

Busy Bees

Busy Bees have made many items for neonatal and new born departments at the hospitals from home as we have been unable to meet at the hall this year for several reasons. We still have a booking on the first Saturday in the month from 2 to 4 in the afternoon at the hall and hope to start meeting again next year. The Parish magazine has a pattern for anyone to knit of a canula sleeve for new borns. If you are able to knit them please contact Candys Hunter who can distribute the goods.

Candys Hunter & Pam Morris

Tuesday Toddlers Annual Report.

The Tuesday Toddlers Group (AKA Church Road Mother and Toddler) meets in the church hall every Tuesday throughout the year except for a short Christmas break.

The club is open to all, and although we are not a religious group, we mark Christmas and Easter with craft activities. The crafts are displayed in the church before being returned to the children. This makes the group a moderately successful outreach event, and some families join us for Sunday worship.

Attendance remains steady, with expected variations as some toddlers move up to pre-school and younger children join. We have had peaks of over forty children.

The general format of the meeting is lightly supervised play with a large selection of toys and equipment. Our largest pieces of equipment are the new kitchen stocked with cooking utensils and play food, a Brio railway, car mats with a garage, and a Fisher Price workshop with a large selection of tools. These two large play centres encourage cooperative play in the early years. We also have a large selection of ride-on toys and early years toys.

The children's ages range from newborns to pre-school. At the end of the session, the toys are tidied away, ready for group singing time.

Mums, grandparents, and childminders accompany the children in roughly equal numbers. Our pricing structure encourages childminders to bring their charges to the group. Already socialised, these children catalyse the other children to engage in social activities. Tea, coffee, biscuits and cake are included in the price.

We have arranged visits from uniform groups to familiarise the children with these services. We have had community police and paramedics. These are low-key visits where they join us for tea and cake and chat with the children. We intend to expand on this in the following year and plan to invite the fire service and a vet.

During the summer holidays, we advertised on our WhatsApp group meetings in the park, which, though not busy, provided a valuable service to those looking for a low-key social meeting.

As with all church activities, we are hugely dependent upon and grateful to our volunteers. A special mention must be made of Sally, who makes the teas and coffees and offers a listening ear to everybody. Michael would particularly like to thank Clare, Leyla and Lisa who stood in for Sally and saved him the trauma of having to sing the end-of-session songs. Parents also step up when needed and many lead craft activities.

As always, more volunteers would be very welcome.

Pam Morris and Michael Woodhouse.

The Parish Magazine

This year we published 12 issues on paper, pdf and on the website. We are also printing the magazine content in large print. Thank you to everyone who subscribes to the magazine, and to those who distribute it, advertise in it, and supply articles for it.

Wives Fellowship

During 2024 our members enjoyed a varied and interesting programme; which consisted of several talks and one meeting of musical entertainment provided by a group called 'Chasm'. The subject titles of our talk were: Downton Abbey accompanied by slides, The Curious Disappearance of Major Glen Miller also accompanied by slides, Henley and Hats, Boaters and Blazers again accompanied with slides. Also, one speaker came dressed in the costume of the day for his talk about Life in Tudor Times. We also had a very informative talk about scams provided by a local Safer Communities Officer.

In July for our Summer Outing, despite the adverse weather, we thoroughly enjoyed a trip to the local Milton Keynes Museum. The trip included a lovely two course lunch provided by the friendly staff at the museum's Granary Tearoom.

As usual in December we enjoyed a three course Christmas lunch at the Tilsworth Golf Club, followed by a lovely Christmas raffle. Also, during the year we raised funds with two Bring and Buy stalls.

We always end the meetings with refreshments and a raffle. Our meetings are held in St. Barnabas Community Hall, the first Wednesday of the month, from 2.15 pm. New members are always welcome.

Gill Windmill

Churches Together

The official organisation of Churches Together in Leighton-Linslade went into abeyance this year. But various church-wide initiatives have been continuing, and has some liaison between individual churches. The inter-denominational Good Friday Walk of Witness took place on the 29th March, and will occur again in 2025.

Music Report 2024

2024 was a full year of music at St Barnabas, with highlights including our first Advent Carol Service for a number of years, our second Tenebrae service and, of course, another excellent service of Nine Lessons and Carols the Sunday before Christmas.

One sad event was the passing of Maurice Crowe, a dedicated member of the choir up until very recently. The choir were able to give him a moving send-off at his funeral, aided by guests from the Leighton Buzzard Festival Singers, the Linsdale Singers and other people who had sung with him in the past.

The choir and the church as a whole have been very supportive as we welcomed James into our family, and we would like to thank the organists who filled in whilst Kathryn was on maternity leave: Richard Watts, Dennis Pim, Philip Stopford, Arthur Togneri and Simon Dunn.

Many thanks to everyone in the choir for all their hard work throughout the year, and to the congregation for their continuing support for the music at St Barnabas.

David Emerson.



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(Part of the Ouzel Valley Team Ministry – Diocese of St Albans)

ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT

AND STATEMENTS

OF THE

LINSLADE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL

FOR THE YEAR ENDED

31 DECEMBER 2024

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David Thompson

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INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT **TO THE PCC OF ST. BARNABAS' CHURCH LINSLADE**

Introduction

This report on the financial statements of the PCC for the year ended 31st December 2024, which are set out on pages 2 – 12, is in respect of an examination carried out in accordance with the Church Accounting Regulations 2006 (“the Regulations”) and Section 145 of the Charities Act 2011 (“the Act”).

Respective responsibilities of the PCC and the examiner

As members of the PCC you are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements. You consider that the audit requirement of the Regulations and section 144(2) of the Act does not apply. It is my responsibility to issue this report on those financial statements in accordance with the terms of the Regulations.

Basis of this report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act and to be found in the *Church Guidance*, 2006 edition, issued by the Finance Division of the Archbishops' Council. That examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the PCC and a comparison of the accounts with those records. It also includes considering any unusual items or disclosures in the financial statements and seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently I do not express an audit opinion on the view given by the accounts.

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 Act;
and
- to prepare financial statements, which accord with the accounting records and comply with the requirements of the Act and the Regulations 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.

DAVID THOMPSON
Chartered Accountant
30 High Street
Leighton Buzzard
Beds. LU7 1EA

Signed:



Date:

17/2/25

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Statement of Financial Activities (SOFA)

01 January 2024 to 31 December 2024

	Unrestricted funds	Designated funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds	2024	2023
<i>Income and endowments from:</i>						
Donations and legacies	70,514.02	7,995.46	55.00	0.00	78,564.48	66,366.79
Income from charitable activities	4,677.00	0.00	1,451.41	0.00	6,128.41	5,179.29
Other trading activities	40,412.65	0.00	0.00	0.00	40,412.65	37,105.20
Investments	1,440.80	4,486.09	4,508.49	1,422.52	11,857.90	10,002.19
Other income	19,216.85	1,847.24	898.88	0.00	21,962.97	18,440.10
Total income	136,261.32	14,328.79	6,913.78	1,422.52	158,926.41	137,093.57
<i>Expenditure on:</i>						
Costs of generating funds						
Costs of generating voluntary income	8,791.10	4,016.00	1,470.48	0.00	14,277.58	11,143.85
Expenditure on charitable activities	94,964.30	20,505.39	3,360.14	0.00	118,829.83	112,545.41
Other expenditure	8,016.72	381.25	96.00	0.00	8,493.97	7,756.86
Total expenditure	111,772.12	24,902.64	4,926.62	0.00	141,601.38	131,446.12
Gains / losses on investment assets	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,172.94	1,172.94	4,441.96
Net income / (expenditure) resources before transfer	24,489.20	(10,573.85)	1,987.16	2,595.46	18,497.97	10,089.41
<i>Transfers</i>						
Gross transfers between funds - in	1,293.48	25,750.00	1,422.52	0.00	28,466.00	2,424.86
Gross transfers between funds - out	(25,750.00)	0.00	(1,293.48)	(1,422.52)	(28,466.00)	(2,424.86)
<i>Other recognised gains / losses</i>						
Net movement in funds	32.68	15,176.15	2,116.20	1,172.94	18,497.97	10,089.41
<i>Reconciliation of funds</i>						
Total funds brought forward	68,710.80	97,639.95	96,096.45	51,246.21	313,693.41	303,604.00
Total funds carried forward	68,743.48	112,816.10	98,212.65	52,419.15	332,191.38	313,693.41

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Registered Charity 130239

Balance Sheet as of 31 December 2024

	2024	2023
Fixed assets		
D001: Investments <i>[Note A]</i>	52,419.15	51,246.21
D002: Equipment Owned	0.00	0.00
Total Fixed assets	52,419.15	51,246.21
Current assets		
Z05: Accounts Receivable <i>[Note B]</i>	4,231.79	3,298.86
ZZZ011: Barclays business premium a/c	38,474.89	96.94
ZZZ013: Petty cash	0.00	0.00
ZZZ11: Barclays current a/c	32,423.71	64,652.13
ZZZ12: CBFIF (CCLA) deposit fund	206,073.84	196,016.41
Total Current assets	281,204.23	264,064.34
Liabilities		
Z04: Accounts Payable <i>[Note C]</i>	1,432.00	1,617.14
ZZZ200: Current liabilities	0.00	0.00
Total Liabilities	1,432.00	1,617.14
Net Asset surplus (deficit)	332,191.38	313,693.41

Represented by Funds		
Unrestricted	68,743.48	68,710.80
Designated	112,816.10	97,639.95
Restricted	98,212.65	96,096.45
Endowment	52,419.15	51,246.21
Total	332,191.38	313,693.41

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

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Church Accounting Regulations 2006 and under section 145 of the Charities Act 2011, and follow the accounting and reporting by Charities Statement of Recommended Practice applicable (Charities SORP) and in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard for Smaller Entities (FRSSE) 2015.

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention except for the valuation of investment assets, which are shown at market value. The financial statements include all transactions, assets and liabilities for which the PCC is responsible in law. They do not include the accounts of church groups that owe their main affiliation to another body, nor those that are informal gatherings of church members.

Funds

Endowment funds are funds, the capital of which must be maintained; only income arising from investment of the endowment may be used either as restricted or unrestricted funds depending upon the purpose for which the endowment was established.

Restricted funds represent (a) income from trusts or endowments which may be expended only on those restricted objects provided in the terms of the trust or bequest, and (b) 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 each year must be carried forward as a balance on that fund. The PCC does not usually invest separately for each fund. Where there is no separate investment, interest is apportioned to individual funds on an average balance basis.

Designated funds are part of general funds which are designated for specific purposes, although this can be changed for PCC ordinary purposes.

Unrestricted funds are general funds which can be used for PCC ordinary purposes.

Incoming resources

Planned giving, collections and donations are recognized only when received. Tax refunds are recognized when the incoming resource to which they relate is received. Grants and legacies are accounted for when the PCC is legally entitled to the amounts due. Dividends are accounted for when receivable, interest is accrued. All other income is recognized when it is receivable. All incoming resources are accounted for gross.

Resources expended

Grants and donations are accounted for when paid over, or when awarded, if that award creates a binding or constructive obligation on the PCC. The diocesan parish share is accounted for when due. Amounts received specifically for mission are dealt with as restricted funds. All other expenditure is generally recognized when it is incurred for gross.

Fixed assets

Consecrated property is not included in the accounts in accordance with section 10(2)(c) of the Charities Act 2011.

Movable church furnishings held by the vicar and churchwardens on special trust for the PCC and which require a faculty for disposal are inalienable property, listed in the church's inventory, which can be inspected (at any reasonable time).

No equipment assets are currently held by the PCC which require depreciation.

Investments are valued at market value as at 31 December 2024.

2. INVESTMENTS

Endowment funds

Held by the Central Board of Finance of the Church of England.

	£
Lawford bequest (upkeep of Lawford Memorial Chapel)	6,404.99
Hadley bequest (care and upkeep of St. Barnabas' clock)	716.80
Biley bequest (upkeep of St. Mary's churchyard)	10,659.56
Gamble bequest (upkeep of St. Mary's churchyard and specific graves)	5,156.36
Merry bequest (upkeep of St. Mary's churchyard and specific graves)	7,538.00
Oakley bequest (upkeep of St. Mary's churchyard and specific grave)	8,162.31
Roberts bequest (upkeep of St. Mary's churchyard and specific graves)	1,202.38
Vickers bequest (upkeep of St. Mary's churchyard and specific graves)	12,578.75
Endowment Investment values at 31 December 2024	52,419.15

3. ANALYSIS OF NET ASSETS BY FUND

	Unrestricted	Designated	Restricted	Endowment	2024	2023
Fixed Assets (Investments)				52,419.15	52,419.15	51,246.21
Current Assets	70,175.48	112,816.10	98,212.65		281,204.23	264,064.34
Liabilities & Acc Payable	(1,432.00)				(1,432.00)	(1,617.14)
TOTAL NET ASSETS	68,743.48	112,816.10	98,212.65	52,419.15	332,191.38	313,693.41

4. CURRENT LIABILITIES

	2024	2023
Creditors	(1,432.00)	(1,617.14)
TOTAL LIABILITIES	(1,432.00)	(1,617.14)

5. DESCRIPTION OF FUNDS

General fund:

General Fund – For Ordinary purposes for PCC Income and expenditure, covers St Barnabas, St Mary’s and Linslade Community Hall day to day Income and costs.

Designated funds:

Church – designated money for future ongoing upkeep Maintenance and Repairs to St Barnabas & St Mary’s Churches

Hall - designated money for future ongoing upkeep Maintenance and Repairs of Linslade Community Hall

Teach – designated money for Youth Worker and Christian teaching within the Church

Outreach – mission giving both at home and overseas, money raised from Outreach fundraising and matched by PCC funds

Choir – for the provision of music, robes and other requirements

Restricted funds:

Bells – maintenance of the Bells and Belfry

Biley St. Mary's – maintenance of the fabric of St. Mary's church.

Chapel- upkeep of Lawford Memorial Chapel, Interest from Lawford Endowment.

Clock fund - upkeep and maintenance of St. Barnabas' tower clock, Interest from Hadley Endowment.

Dorothy Hall bequest – for the use of St. Mary's church and St Barnabas,

Friends of St. Mary's – upkeep and maintenance of St. Mary's church and churchyard.

Special projects – other worthy causes identified as of need, smaller bequests/donations for one off items.

St Mary's Churchyard - upkeep and maintenance of St. Mary's churchyard, Endowment Interest from the St Mary's Endowments.

Endowment funds

Lawford bequest - upkeep of Lawford Memorial Chapel.

Hadley bequest - care and upkeep of St. Barnabas' Clock.

Biley bequest - upkeep of St. Mary's churchyard.

Gamble bequest - upkeep of St. Mary's churchyard and specific graves.

Merry bequest - upkeep of St. Mary's churchyard and specific graves.

Oakley bequest - upkeep of St. Mary's churchyard and specific grave.

Roberts bequest - upkeep of St. Mary's churchyard and specific grave.

Vickers bequest - upkeep of St. Mary's churchyard and specific grave.

Note, The Interest from the Endowment funds was transferred to respective Restricted funds (Chapel, Clock and St Mary's Churchyard) at year end.

Endowment Interest for 2024 by Fund, allocated to respective restricted funds, amounts transferred at year end:

	£
Lawford – Chapel Fund	173.83
Hadley – Clock Fund	19.45
Biley – St Mary's Churchyard	289.28
Gamble – St Mary's Churchyard	139.92
Merry – St Mary's Churchyard	204.56
Oakley – St Mary's Churchyard	221.51
Roberts – St Mary's Churchyard	32.62
Vickers – St Mary's Churchyard	341.35
Total	1422.52

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Analysis of Income and Expenditure
01 January 2024 to 31 December 2024

	Unrestricted	Designated	Restricted	Endowment	Total	
					2024	2023
Income and endowments						
<i>Donations and legacies</i>						
ZZZ103 - Planned giving <i>[Note D]</i>	63,953.90	0.00	0.00	0.00	63,953.90	54,503.52
ZZZ104 - Collections St. B	3,702.93	111.50	0.00	0.00	3,814.43	2,901.68
ZZZ105 – Donations <i>[Note E]</i>	1,570.22	6,132.96	55.00	0.00	7,758.18	6,945.59
ZZZ106 - Gift aided giving	861.97	1,000.00	0.00	0.00	1,861.97	610.50
ZZZ112 - Charitable donations	0.00	751.00	0.00	0.00	751.00	1,024.50
ZZZ116 - Don. - Church costs	337.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	337.00	214.00
ZZZ126 - Collections St. Mary	88.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	88.00	167.00
Donations and legacies Totals	70,514.02	7,995.46	55.00	0.00	78,564.48	66,366.79
<i>Income from charitable activities</i>						
ZZZ118 - Fees St. Barnabas	2,149.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	2,149.00	2,040.00
ZZZ119 - Fees St. Mary's	2,103.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	2,103.00	1,775.00
ZZZ122 - Messy Church & Toddler Gps	425.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	425.00	422.00
ZZZ127 - Friends - St. Mary's	0.00	0.00	1,451.41	0.00	1,451.41	942.29
Income from charitable activities Totals	4,677.00	0.00	1,451.41	0.00	6,128.41	5,179.29
<i>Other trading activities</i>						
ZZZ117 - Fund raising	3,698.07	0.00	0.00	0.00	3,698.07	1,142.81
ZZZ120 - Fetes & bazaars	8,233.96	0.00	0.00	0.00	8,233.96	6,889.55
ZZZ121 - Hall income	22,337.12	0.00	0.00	0.00	22,337.12	23,851.74
ZZZ131 - Magazine income	651.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	651.00	746.60
ZZZ136 - St Barnabas (Use of Church)	4,942.50	0.00	0.00	0.00	4,942.50	4,199.50
ZZZ137 - St Mary's (Use of Church)	550.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	550.00	275.00
Other trading activities Totals	40,412.65	0.00	0.00	0.00	40,412.65	37,105.20
<i>Investments</i>						
ZZZ108 - Interest on deposits	1,440.80	4,486.09	4,508.49	0.00	10,435.38	8,601.41
ZZZ109 - Endowment interest	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,422.52	1,422.52	1,400.78
Investments Totals	1,440.80	4,486.09	4,508.49	1,422.52	11,857.90	10,002.19
<i>Other income</i>						
ZZZ110 - Tax recoverable <i>[Note F]</i>	17,287.09	1,687.24	627.88	0.00	19,602.21	16,423.37
ZZZ123 - Choir income	0.00	160.00	0.00	0.00	160.00	55.00
ZZZ124 - PCC Bells	390.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	390.00	160.00
ZZZ135 - Bells Restricted Account	0.00	0.00	271.00	0.00	271.00	198.00
ZZZ138 - Renewable Energy (Solar)	1,539.76	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,539.76	1,603.73
Other income Totals	19,216.85	1,847.24	898.88	0.00	21,962.97	18,440.10
Income and endowments Grand totals	136,261.32	14,328.79	6,913.78	1,422.52	158,926.41	137,093.57

	Unrestricted	Designated	Restricted	Endowment	2024	Total 2023
Expenditure						
Costs of generating funds						
ZZZ204 - Fetes & bazaars	775.40	0.00	0.00	0.00	775.40	692.18
ZZZ205 - St. Mary's expenses	51.98	594.99	1,415.48	0.00	2,062.45	789.44
ZZZ206 - Hall expenses	6,413.93	1,236.94	0.00	0.00	7,650.87	7,430.89
ZZZ227 - Fundraising	115.80	0.00	0.00	0.00	115.80	0.00
ZZZ235 - St B Expenses	1,433.99	2,184.07	55.00	0.00	3,673.06	2,231.34
Costs of generating funds Totals	8,791.10	4,016.00	1,470.48	0.00	14,277.58	11,143.85
Expenditure on charitable activities						
ZZZ201 - Altar Requisites	807.19	0.00	0.00	0.00	807.19	1,055.24
ZZZ203 - Choir expenses	0.00	137.00	0.00	0.00	137.00	0.00
ZZZ208 - Magazine expenses	1,236.44	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,236.44	1,458.00
ZZZ210 - Organist' s fees [Note G]	5,361.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	5,361.00	5,004.00
ZZZ212 - Parish share [Note H]	66,996.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	66,996.00	66,881.00
ZZZ213 - Parish activities	220.00	400.00	0.00	0.00	620.00	450.30
ZZZ214 - St. B. repairs [Note J]	0.00	11,167.08	2,588.40	0.00	13,755.48	4,655.86
ZZZ215 - St. M. repairs [Note J]	0.00	656.00	0.00	0.00	656.00	2,110.74
ZZZ217 - Charitable giving [Note K]	200.00	1,500.00	0.00	0.00	1,700.00	3,177.00
ZZZ220 - PCC Bells	320.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	320.00	160.00
ZZZ224 - Friends of St. M exp	14.50	0.00	771.74	0.00	786.24	337.77
ZZZ225 - Choir own exp.	0.00	133.00	0.00	0.00	133.00	127.00
ZZZ233 - Ouzel Valley Team fees [Note L]	4,200.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	4,200.00	4,200.00
ZZZ234 - Hall repairs [Note J]	70.00	6,512.31	0.00	0.00	6,582.31	3,323.99
ZZZ236 - Utilities Office Cottage	1,632.37	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,632.37	1,845.03
ZZZ237 - Utilities St B [Note M]	8,482.87	0.00	0.00	0.00	8,482.87	11,121.31
ZZZ238 - Utilities Hall [Note M]	4,897.25	0.00	0.00	0.00	4,897.25	6,064.63
ZZZ239 - Utilities St M [Note M]	526.68	0.00	0.00	0.00	526.68	573.54
Expenditure on charitable activities Totals	94,964.30	20,505.39	3,360.14	0.00	118,829.83	112,545.41
Other expenditure						
ZZZ209 - Office / Admin expenses	947.40	381.25	0.00	0.00	1,328.65	891.49
ZZZ230 - Insurance St B	4,027.48	0.00	0.00	0.00	4,027.48	4,056.30
ZZZ231 - Insurance St Marys	1,555.24	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,555.24	1,293.48
ZZZ232 - Insurance Hall	1,486.60	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,486.60	1,424.59
ZZZ240 - Bells Expenses	0.00	0.00	96.00	0.00	96.00	91.00
Other expenditure Totals	8,016.72	381.25	96.00	0.00	8,493.97	7,756.86
Expenditure Grand totals	111,772.12	24,902.64	4,926.62	0.00	141,601.38	131,446.12

Linslade PCC – St Barnabas’
Registered Charity - 1130239

Fund Movement Summary

01 January 2024 to 31 December 2024

Fund	Fund balances Brought forward	Incoming Resources	Outgoing Resources	Transfers	Gains and Losses On Investments	Fund balances Carried Forward
Unrestricted						
General - General fund	68,710.80	136,261.32	111,772.12	(24,456.52)	0.00	68,743.48
Sub-totals	68,710.80	136,261.32	111,772.12	(24,456.52)	0.00	68,743.48
Designated						
Church - Maint&Repair fund StB & StM	69,467.84	10,524.89	14,503.79	20,000.00	0.00	85,488.94
Teach - Youth, Mission & Teaching	8,069.60	385.00	879.60	0.00	0.00	7,575.00
Hall - Linslade Community Hall fund	15,234.78	1,988.37	7,749.25	5,000.00	0.00	14,473.90
Choir - Choir Fund	3,997.33	474.29	270.00	0.00	0.00	4,201.62
Outreach - Charitable donations	870.40	956.24	1,500.00	750.00	0.00	1,076.64
Sub-totals	97,639.95	14,328.79	24,902.64	25,750.00	0.00	112,816.10
Restricted						
Friends - Friends of St. Mary's	10,068.67	2,081.01	757.05	(1,293.48)	0.00	10,099.15
Bells - Bells Fund	3,606.97	499.14	96.00	0.00	0.00	4,010.11
S.proj - Special projects	2,864.46	202.01	55.00	0.00	0.00	3,011.47
Dhall - Dorothy Hall bequest	56,734.52	3,053.46	2,588.40	0.00	0.00	57,199.58
Biley-M - Biley St. Mary's fund	14,935.25	766.49	0.00	0.00	0.00	15,701.74
Stmchyd - StM Churchyard(End Int)	6,980.01	264.39	1,430.17	1,229.24	0.00	7,043.47
Chapel - Lady Chapel(Lawford End)	792.11	41.34	0.00	173.83	0.00	1,007.28
Clock - Clock Fund (Hadley End)	114.46	5.94	0.00	19.45	0.00	139.85
Sub-totals	96,096.45	6,913.78	4,926.62	129.04	0.00	98,212.65
Endowment						
Biley - St. Mary's church	10,421.04	289.28	0.00	(289.28)	238.52	10,659.56
Hadley - Clock fund - Hadley	700.76	19.45	0.00	(19.45)	16.04	716.80
Lawford - Chapel fund - Lawford	6,261.67	173.83	0.00	(173.83)	143.32	6,404.99
Roberts - St. Mary's fund - Roberts	1,175.48	32.62	0.00	(32.62)	26.90	1,202.38
Merry - St. Mary's fund - Merry	7,369.33	204.56	0.00	(204.56)	168.67	7,538.00
Gamble - St. Mary's fund - Gamble	5,040.98	139.92	0.00	(139.92)	115.38	5,156.36
Oakley - St. Mary's fund - Oakley	7,979.67	221.51	0.00	(221.51)	182.64	8,162.31
Vickers - St. Mary's fund - Vickers	12,297.28	341.35	0.00	(341.35)	281.47	12,578.75
Sub-totals	51,246.21	1,422.52	0.00	(1,422.52)	1,172.94	52,419.15
Totals	313,693.41	158,926.41	141,601.38	0.00	1,172.94	332,191.38

6. SUMMARY OF FUND TRANSFERS

A Transfer of £1,293.48 from Friends of St Mary's to General Funds for Payment of the St Mary's Insurance the year 2023 as agreed by the Friends APCM.

A Transfer of £750 from General Funds to Outreach for matched funding for the Outreach 2023 funds distribution to our charities, as agreed by the PCC.

After a review of our General Funds balances held at 31 December 2024 a transfer of £20,000 from General Funds to Church Maintenance Designated Fund and a transfer of £5,000 from General Funds to Hall Designated Fund was made at year end to build up our reserves for the future.

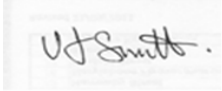
(For Endowment Interest transfers see Page 8)

7. EXPLANATION NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS FOR 2024

- [Note A] Endowment Investments - Endowment Fixed Asset values increased by 1.23% during 2024.
- [Note B] Accounts Receivable – This is represented by Gift Aid Tax reclaim to the end of December 2024 of £4,231 (*Which has now been received*)
- [Note C] Accounts Payable – All utility bills for December remain outstanding to be paid, £1,432 has been calculated from the end of month bills. (*Which have now been paid*)
- [Note D] Planned Giving has increased this year following a Stewardship reminder, although still reliant on some generous givers.
- [Note E] Donations received for during year, from individuals & groups and the use of the car park.
- [Note F] Tax recoverable through the year; Gift Aid claims including FWO and Small Donations total £19,602.
- [Note G] Organist and Choirmaster fees and remuneration as agreed by the PCC Trustees.
- [Note H] Parish Share paid in full £66,996 from the General Funds.
- [Note J] Main repairs / works include:
StB - Sacristy Toilet refurbishment, Chancel Lighting replacement, Guttering repairs and External painting of doors.
StM – Heater repairs and Guttering inspections.
Hall – New Lincat Boiler, External painting of doors and windows and Floor polishing & Cleaning.
- [Note K] Charitable donations of £200 made from General Funds and £1500 from Outreach Funds for our 3 Charities, as part of matching Outreach donations.
- [Note L] Clergy expenses are managed by the Ouzel Valley Team Council. A fixed monthly charge of £350 to the OVTC covers the Clergy expenses. (From 2025 the Clergy expenses will be paid direct by the PCC)
- [Note M] Utility costs (Gas & Electric) have reduced slightly in 2024 as shown in accounts.

Vernon Smith

Signed:



Linslade PCC Treasurer

Date:

17 February 2025