

Sonning Parochial Church Council

Registered Charity No 1130763

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS of the **Parochial Church Council** for the year ended **31 December 2024**

INCUMBENT

The Revd. Jamie Taylor
The Vicarage
Thames Street
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INDEPENDENT EXAMINER

Banks & Co.
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**The Parochial Church Council (PCC)
of the Ecclesiastical Parish of Sonning**

During the year to 31 December 2024, the following served the Parish:

Incumbent (and Chair)	Revd Jamie Taylor
Licensed Lay Minister	Bob Peters
Youth Minister	Chris West
Youth and Children's Minister	Corinne Robertson (appointed to PCC 19 th May 2024)
Churchwardens	Liz Nelson Stuart Bowman (resigned 19 th May 2024) Ruth Jeffery (appointed 19 th May 2024)
Deputy Churchwardens	Sue Peters Kevin Wilson (appointed 19 th May 2024)
Treasurer	Jerry Wood
Secretary	Hilary Rennie (re-appointed 19 th May 2024)
Other PCC Members (normally 3 year term)	Indra Biddulph (resigned 19 th May 2024) Helen Craig Heather Hexter Terry Hunt (resigned 19 th May 2024) Katherine Karalus (appointed 19 th May 2024) Nicola Riley Jenny Sawyer Alison Smyly

The method of appointment of PCC members is set out in the Church Representation Rules. At St Andrew's the membership of the PCC consists of the Incumbent (our vicar), churchwardens, the licensed lay minister and members elected by those members of the congregation who are on the electoral role of the church.

The PCC members are responsible for making decisions on all matters of general concern and importance to the parish, including deciding on how the funds of the PCC are to be spent. New members receive initial training into the workings of the PCC.

The PCC met on 6 occasions during the year and the average attendance at these meetings was 84%.

Administrative Information

The Parish of Sonning encompasses the thriving communities of Sonning, Sonning Eye and Charvil, located between Reading and Henley-on-Thames in a beautiful section of the Thames valley. We have a growing congregation and are welcoming and uplifting, embracing the broad Anglican tradition.

The correspondence address is:

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The PCC is a body corporate (PCC Powers Measure 1956, Church Representation Rules 2006) and a charity registered with the Charity Commission (Registered Charity Number: 1130763).

Aim and Purpose

To provide:

- Regular public worship that is open to all
- Sacred space for personal prayer and contemplation
- Pastoral work which includes visiting the sick and the bereaved
- The teaching of Christianity through sermons, courses and small groups
- The leadership of religious assemblies in schools
- The promotion of Christianity through the staging of events and meetings, and in the distribution of literature
- Promotion of the mission of the Church through provision of activities for all ages in our Parish
- Support of other charities in the UK and overseas

Objectives and Activities

The PCC is committed to enabling as many people as possible to worship in our parish and to become part of our parish community within Sonning, Sonning Eye and Charvil. The PCC vision is to:

- Serve better those who choose to worship with us and share a journey in faith
- Reach out and draw others to the knowledge and love of God
- Attend to the pastoral needs of those around us (as individuals and as an organisation)
- Preserve our Anglican heritage
- Engage with our local community and find new ways to serve it

When planning our activities for the year, the Incumbent and the PCC have considered the Commission's guidance on public benefit and the specific guidance on charities for the advancement of religion.

We try to enable ordinary people to live out their faith as part of our parish community through:

- Worship – Learning about the Gospel and developing their knowledge and trust in Jesus
- Mission and pastoral care – Giving to others and the provision of pastoral care for people living in the parish
- Buildings and Maintenance – To facilitate this work it is important that we maintain the fabric of our church
- Social – Arranging social events throughout the year

Committees

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

Standing and Finance

This is the only committee required by law and has power to transact the business of the PCC between meetings, subject to any directions given by the Council. Members are the Incumbent, the Churchwardens, the Treasurer and the Secretary.

Buildings and Maintenance

This committee attends to matters relating to stewardship of the church buildings and fabric. Chair: Mrs Liz Nelson.

Mission and Pastoral

This committee attends to matters concerning external giving from the Parish. Chair: Revd Jamie Taylor.

Social

This committee is responsible for arranging social events.

Chair: Mrs Sue Peters.

The Parish Magazine

Delivered free to every house in the parish.

Editor: Bob Peters

Advertising and Distribution: Harriet Nelson

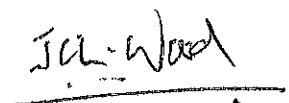
Electoral Roll

At the APCM on 28th May 2024 there were 241 people on the Electoral Roll.

Approved by the Parochial Church Council on 24 March 2025 and signed on its behalf by:



Revd. Jamie Taylor (PCC Chair)



Jerry Wood (Treasurer)

TREASURER'S REPORT

Financial Review

The PCC ended the year with a total net expenditure (deficit) of £117,595, compared to a total net expenditure (deficit) of £54,668 for the previous year. This deficit included an element of catch up in expenditure and was met from cash funds accumulated during the pandemic and shortly thereafter when maintenance was delayed.

Total income for the year was £343,301. There were grants received of £140,025, which included £113,000 from The Bull Inn Ecclesiastical Trust. Planned donations to the PCC increased over the prior year and the number of planned givers rose slightly. One-off giving in 2024 was £15,287 including specific gifts for Youth work. Investment income of £12,499 was received, mostly from endowments and interest on deposits which declined slightly with less cash on deposit. During the year, the Youth Minister moved and his former house is now let commercially, increasing lettings income.

Expenditure relating to services, mission and running costs increased to £467,152 including £61,465 on repairs to the church building and the churchyard wall, although these repairs were offset by some specific grants.

The Parish Share contribution to the Oxford Diocese was £93,972.

The cost of producing the Parish Magazine was not fully covered by the revenue from advertising. Efforts are in train to increase advertising revenue. The cost of distribution continues to be funded from General Funds.

Depreciation for the Ark, the Youth Minister's (former) House and Equipment was £31,926.

Reserves policy

It is PCC policy to maintain a Reserves balance, which equates to at least three months normal Unrestricted payments (if possible) to cover emergency situations that may arise from time to time. Approximately £60,000 has been held in a Designated General Reserve Fund for this. In March 2024, the PCC agreed to increase reserves towards a figure of £85,000. The Reserve fund stood at £61,018 at the end of 2024 and will be increased as and when funds are available to the target level.

Jerry Wood - Honorary Treasurer

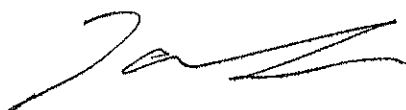
Parish of Sonning
Statement of Financial Activities
For the period from 1 January 2024 to 31 December 2024

	Notes	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds	Total funds	Prior year total funds
		£	£	£	£	£
<i>Income and endowments from:</i>	2					
Voluntary Income		278,216	4,681	--	282,897	261,651
Activities for Generating Funds		14,567	--	--	14,567	24,764
Income from Investments		6,203	274	6,022	12,499	12,613
Church activities		22,588	10,750	--	33,338	15,214
Other Income		--	--	--	--	--
Total Income		321,574	15,705	6,022	343,301	314,242
<i>Expenditure on:</i>	3					
Church activities		364,819	95,681	6,022	466,522	392,192
Raising Funds		582	48	--	630	144
Total expenditure		365,401	95,729	6,022	467,152	392,336
Net Income/(Expenditure) before Investment Gains		(43,827)	(80,024)	--	(123,851)	(78,094)
Net Gains/(Losses) on Investments		356	226	5,674	6,256	23,426
Net Income/(Expenditure)		(43,471)	(79,798)	5,674	(117,595)	(54,668)
Transfers between Funds		(27,455)	27,455	-	0	-
Net movement in funds		(70,926)	(52,343)	5,674	(117,595)	(54,668)
<i>Reconciliation of Funds</i>						
Total funds brought forward		200,588	1,187,379	247,979	1,635,946	1,690,614
Total funds carried forward		129,662	1,135,036	253,653	1,518,351	1,635,946

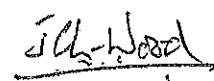
Parish of Sonning
Balance sheet
As at 31 December 2024

	Notes	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	This Year Total	Last Year Total
		£	£	£	£	£
Fixed assets	6					
Tangible assets		65,661	1,061,224	-	1,126,885	1,156,574
Investments		26,105	10,101	253,654	289,860	283,604
		91,766	1,071,325	253,654	1,416,745	1,440,178
Current assets						
Debtors and prepayments	7	137	1,673	-	1,810	8,543
Cash at bank and in hand	8	52,912	64,787	-	117,699	220,380
		53,049	66,460	-	119,509	228,923
Liabilities	9					
Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year		15,154	2,749	-	17,903	33,155
Net current assets / (liabilities)		37,895	63,711	-	101,606	195,768
Total assets less current liabilities		129,661	1,135,036	253,654	1,518,351	1,635,946
Total net assets		129,661	1,135,036	253,654	1,518,351	1,635,946
Represented by	11					
General fund		9,477	-	-	9,477	27,612
Organ		57,361	-	-	57,361	61,036
Choral Foundation		368	-	-	368	25,700
Mission & Development		(1,324)	-	-	(1,324)	4,012
Parish Magazine		2,762	-	-	2,762	15,934
General Reserve		61,018	-	-	61,018	61,869
External Giving		-	-	-	-	4,425
New Hall		-	621,020	-	621,020	636,317
Youth		-	534	-	534	2,500
Frances Cooper		-	3,258	-	3,258	3,185
Jacqueline Hadida		-	6,843	-	6,843	6,689
Ecclesiastical Fund		-	503,381	-	503,381	538,688
Price Davies		-	-	925	925	904
Churchyard Trust		-	-	4,671	4,671	4,566
Dickson Memorial Trust		-	-	118,250	118,250	115,604
Mitchell Trust		-	-	4,624	4,624	4,521
Palmer Charity		-	-	123,799	123,799	121,029
Witherington Trust		-	-	1,223	1,223	1,198
William Payne		-	-	161	161	157
Funds of the church		129,662	1,135,036	253,653	1,518,351	1,635,946

Approved by the Parochial Church Council on 24 March 2025 and signed on its behalf by



Revd. Jamie Taylor (PCC Chair)



Jerry Wood (Treasurer)

The Notes on pages 8 to 12 form part of these accounts

Parish of Sonning
Cash Flow Statement
for the year ended 31 December 2024

	2024		2023	
	£	£	£	£
Net Cash from operating activities		(112,943)		(61,178)
Cash Flows from Investing activities				
Dividends and Interest from Investments	12,499		12,613	
Equipment Costs	(2,237)		--	
Buildings Cost	--		(4,862)	
Net Cash provided by / (used in) Investing activities		10,262		7,751
Change in cash and cash equivalents in reporting period		(102,681)		(53,427)
Cash and cash equivalents at 1 January		220,380		273,807
Cash and cash equivalents at 31 December		117,699		220,380
Reconciliation of net income/expenditure				
Net Income before Investment gains/(losses) 31 Dec		(123,851)		(78,094)
Adjustments for:				
Depreciation Charges		31,926		32,750
Dividends, Interest and Rent from Investments		(12,499)		(12,613)
Decrease / (Increase) in debtors		6,733		(3,176)
(Decrease) / Increase in creditors		(15,252)		(45)
Net Cash provided by / (used in) operating activities		(112,943)		(61,178)
Analysis of cash and cash equivalents				
Cash and Bank		113,449		216,344
Short term deposits (less than 3 months)		4,250		4,036
		117,699		220,380

Notes to the financial statements

For the year ended 31 December 2024

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The PCC is a public benefit entity within the meaning of FRS 102. The financial statements have been prepared under the Charities Act 2011 and in accordance with the Church Accounting Regulations 2006 governing the individual accounts of PCCs, and with the Regulations' 'true and fair' provisions, together with FRS 102 as the applicable accounting standards and the 2019 version of the Statement of Recommended Practice, Accounting and Reporting by Charities (SORP(FRS 102)).

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention except for 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 retained either permanently or at the PCC's discretion; the income derived from the endowment is to be used either as restricted or unrestricted income funds depending upon the purpose for which the endowment was established in the first place.

Restricted funds represent (a) income from endowments which is to be expended only on the restricted purposes intended by the donor and (b) revenue donations or grants received for a specific PCC activity intended by the donor. Where these funds have unspent balances, interest on their pooled investments is apportioned to the individual funds on an average balance basis.

Unrestricted funds (including designated funds) are general funds which are to be spent on the PCC's general purposes.

Incoming resources

Planned giving, collections and donations are recognized when received. Tax refunds are recognized when the incoming resource to which they relate is received, if necessary by estimated amounts. Grants (including government grants) and legacies are accounted for under the performance model when the PCC is entitled to use of the resources, their ultimate receipt is considered reasonably certain and the amounts due are reliably quantifiable. Dividends and rental income are accounted for when receivable, interest is accrued (where material). All other income is generally 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 expected to be paid over is accounted for when due.

All other expenditure is generally recognized when it is incurred and is accounted for gross.

Fixed assets

Consecrated and benefice property is not included in the accounts in accordance with s10(2)(a) 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). For anything acquired prior to 2000 there is insufficient cost information available and therefore such assets are not valued in the financial statements. Subsequently no individual item has cost more than £1,000 so all such expenditure has been written off when incurred.

Equipment used within the church premises is depreciated on a straight-line basis over an appropriate number of years. Individual items of equipment with a purchase price of £1000 or less are written off when the asset is acquired.

Investments are valued at market value at 31 December.

2 INCOMING RESOURCES

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Endowment Funds £	Total 2024 £	Total 2023 £
2(a) Voluntary Income					
Planned Giving	96,345	485	--	96,830	85,659
Tax Recoverable	22,428	1,496	--	23,924	14,406
Collections (Open Plate)	6,831	--	--	6,831	5,828
Other Donations	12,587	2,700	--	15,287	22,739
Grants	140,025	--	--	140,025	133,019
	<u>278,216</u>	<u>4,681</u>	<u>--</u>	<u>282,897</u>	<u>261,651</u>
2(b) Activities for Generating Funds					
Magazine Advertising	14,567	--	--	14,567	24,764
Sundry Activities	--	--	--	--	--
	<u>14,567</u>	<u>--</u>	<u>--</u>	<u>14,567</u>	<u>24,764</u>
2(c) Income from Investments					
Dividends and Interest	6,203	274	6,022	12,499	12,613
	<u>6,203</u>	<u>274</u>	<u>6,022</u>	<u>12,499</u>	<u>12,613</u>
2(d) Income from Church Activities					
Lettings	1,900	10,750	--	12,650	1,443
Fees	12,201	--	--	12,201	7,789
Sundry Income	8,487	--	--	8,487	5,982
	<u>22,588</u>	<u>10,750</u>	<u>--</u>	<u>33,338</u>	<u>15,214</u>
Total Income	<u>321,574</u>	<u>15,705</u>	<u>6,022</u>	<u>343,301</u>	<u>314,242</u>

3 RESOURCES EXPENDED

3(a) Charitable Activities					
Missionary & Charitable Giving					
Church Overseas: Missionary Societies	2,000	--	--	2,000	7,250
Church Overseas: Relief and Development Agencies	3,000	--	--	3,000	--
Home Mission and Other Church Societies	3,750	--	--	3,750	750
Secular Charities	1,750	--	--	1,750	7,250
Diocesan Parish Share	93,972	--	--	93,972	96,795
Ministry Team Costs	48,207	76,436	--	124,643	76,982
Upkeep of Services	6,464	--	--	6,464	5,052
Parish Training and Mission Costs	17,783	3,673	--	21,456	18,432
St Andrew's Running Costs and Maintenance	55,846	88	3,364	59,298	64,480
Organ, Organist, Choir, Music	23,372	--	--	23,372	19,922
Upkeep of Churchyard	43,301	186	2,658	46,145	11,939
St Sark Room Running Costs and Maintenance	312	--	--	312	563
The Ark Running Costs and Maintenance	7,866	14,726	--	22,592	21,211
Administration	28,341	572	--	28,913	36,899
Magazine Printing and Other Costs	27,752	--	--	27,752	26,074
Miscellaneous	1,083	--	--	1,083	2,613
New Buildings/Churchyard	--	--	--	--	--
	<u>364,819</u>	<u>95,681</u>	<u>6,022</u>	<u>466,522</u>	<u>392,192</u>
3(b) Cost of Generating Funds					
Cost of Generating Voluntary Income	--	--	--	--	--
Fundraising Trading Cost of Goods Sold & Other Costs	582	48	--	630	144
	<u>582</u>	<u>48</u>	<u>--</u>	<u>630</u>	<u>144</u>
Total Resources Expended	<u>365,401</u>	<u>95,729</u>	<u>6,022</u>	<u>467,152</u>	<u>392,336</u>

4 STAFF COSTS

The PCC had four employees at the end of the year. Details of costs are as follows:

Salary	85,523
Social Security Costs (National Insurance)	2,896
Pension Contribution	4,293
	<u>92,512</u>

The above amounts are included in Ministry Team Costs and Administration Costs in Note 3 above.

Chris West, a trustee, was employed as Youth Minister and his remuneration is included in the above amounts.

Hilary Rennie, a trustee, was employed as Office Administrator and her remuneration is included in the above amounts.

Corinne Robertson was employed as a Youth and Childrens Minister and her remuneration is included in the above amounts

5 PAYMENTS TO PCC MEMBERS

Expenses paid to Clergy, the Youth Minister, the Youth and Childrens Minister and the Lay Minister may include a small immaterial proportion which relates to their function as PCC members. No other payments or expenses were paid to any other PCC members or their related parties, except directly to reimburse items paid for on behalf of the PCC.

6 FIXED ASSETS

(a) Tangible

		Freehold Land and Buildings	Church Equipment	Total
		£	£	£
ACTUAL/DEEMED COST	At 1st January 2024	1,236,557	145,882	1,382,439
	Disposals	--	--	--
	Additions at Cost	--	2,237	2,237
	As at 31st December 2024	<u>1,236,557</u>	<u>148,119</u>	<u>1,384,676</u>
DEPRECIATION	At 1st January 2024	151,532	74,333	225,865
	Withdrawn on Disposal	--	--	--
	Charge for the Year	24,731	7,195	31,926
	As at 31st December 2024	<u>176,263</u>	<u>81,528</u>	<u>257,791</u>
NET VALUES	At 1st January 2024	1,085,025	71,549	1,156,574
	Additions at Cost	--	2,237	2,237
	Depreciation for Year	(24,731)	(7,195)	(31,926)
	As at 31st December 2024	<u>1,060,294</u>	<u>66,591</u>	<u>1,126,885</u>

		2024 £	2023 £
(b) Investments	Market Value at 1st January	283,604	260,178
	Purchases	--	--
	Revaluation Gain	6,256	23,426
	Market Value at 31st December	<u>289,860</u>	<u>283,604</u>

The Market Value represents investments for

Unrestricted Funds	26,105	25,750
Restricted Funds	10,101	9,875
Endowment Funds	253,654	247,979
	<u>289,860</u>	<u>283,604</u>

7 DEBTORS AND PREPAYMENTS

Tax Recoverable	1,810	8,543
Prepayments	--	--
	<u>1,810</u>	<u>8,543</u>

8 CASH AT BANK AND IN HAND

CAF Bank Acc Balance	108,993	192,046
CAF Bank Mag Acc Balance	4,183	21,220
CCLA (CBF) Deposit Acc	4,250	4,036
Cash In Hand	273	3,078
	<u>117,699</u>	<u>220,360</u>

9 LIABILITIES

Magazine Adverts Next Year	910	5,286
Other	18,993	27,869
Amounts falling due within one year	<u>17,903</u>	<u>33,155</u>

	Notes	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Endowment funds £	Total funds £
<i>Income and endowments from:</i>	2				
Voluntary Income		248,938	12,713	--	261,651
Activities for Generating Funds		24,764	--	--	24,764
Income from Investments		5,596	270	6,747	12,613
Church activities		15,214	--	--	15,214
Other Income		--	--	--	--
Total Income		294,512	12,983	6,747	314,242
<i>Expenditure on:</i>	3				
Church activities		348,548	36,899	6,747	392,192
Raising Funds		144	--	--	144
Total expenditure		348,690	36,899	6,747	392,336
Net Income/(Expenditure) before Investment Gains		(54,178)	(23,916)	--	(78,094)
Net Gains/(Losses) on		1,075	856	21,495	23,426
Net Income		(53,103)	(23,060)	21,495	(54,668)
Transfers between Funds		(4,882)	4,862	-	-
Net movement in funds		(57,985)	(18,198)	21,495	(54,688)

11 FUNDS	Fund	2024	Notes	Balances Brought Forward	Incoming Resources	Outgoing Resources	Transfers	Gains and Losses	Balances Carried Forward
Unrestricted Funds									
	General Fund			27,612	287,299	247,048	(58,386)	--	9,477
	Organ			61,036	--	3,675	--	--	57,361
	Choral Foundation			25,700	--	25,332	--	--	368
	Mission & Development			4,012	14,228	48,760	29,196	--	(1,324)
	Parish Magazine			15,934	14,595	28,086	319	--	2,762
	General Reserve	10(a)		61,869	5,452	--	(6,659)	356	61,018
	External Giving			4,425	--	12,500	8,075	--	--
				200,588	321,574	365,401	(27,455)	356	129,662
Restricted Funds									
	New Hall			636,317	--	15,345	48	--	621,020
	Youth	10(b)		2,500	4,681	34,054	27,407	--	534
	Frances Cooper	10(d)		3,185	88	88	--	73	3,258
	Helen Belson								
	Jacqueline Hadida	10(c)		6,690	186	186	--	153	6,843
	Ecclesiastical Fund			538,687	10,750	46,056	--	--	503,381
				1,187,378	15,705	96,729	27,455	226	1,135,036
Endowment Funds									
	Price Davies	10(c)		904	25	25	--	21	925
	Churchyard Trust	10(e)		4,566	95	95	--	105	4,671
	Dickson Memorial Trust	10(c)		115,604	2,410	2,410	--	2,648	118,250
	Mitchell Trust	10(c)		4,521	94	94	--	103	4,624
	Palmer Charity	10(d)		121,029	3,360	3,360	--	2,770	123,799
	Witherington Trust	10(c)		1,198	34	34	--	25	1,223
	Charlbond								
	Charfund Young/Welsh								
	Rushby Family								
	William Payne			157	4	4	--	4	161
	Phyllis Palmer			--	--	--	--	--	--
				247,979	6,022	6,022	--	6,874	253,653
Sundry Funds									
				--	--	--	--	--	--
				1,635,946	343,301	467,152	0	6,256	1,518,351

10(a) Reserve of 3 months expenditure

10(b) Funds for Youth Work

10(c)

10(d)

Income to be applied to upkeep of graveyard and certain graves

Income to be applied to Repairs and Maintenance of St Andrew's

11 FUNDS (continued)

Comparatives for movement in funds (2023 figures)

Fund	Notes	Balances Brought Forward	Incoming Resources	Outgoing Resources	Transfers	Gains and Losses	Balances Carried Forward
Unrestricted Funds							
General Fund		82,223	253,650	277,769	(30,492)	--	27,612
Organ		64,711	--	3,675	--	--	61,036
Choral Foundation		26,000	--	300	--	--	25,700
Mission & Development		4,272	15,036	40,920	25,624	--	4,012
Parish Magazine		16,224	24,819	25,115	6	--	15,934
General Reserve	10(a)	59,948	1,007	161	--	1,075	61,869
External Giving		5,175	--	750	--	--	4,425
		258,553	294,512	348,690	(4,862)	1,075	200,588
Restricted Funds							
New Hall		646,334	--	14,879	4,862	--	636,317
Youth	10(b)	124	12,713	10,337	--	--	2,500
Frances Cooper	10(d)	2,909	87	87	--	276	3,185
Jacqueline Hadida	10(c)	6,110	183	183	--	580	6,690
Ecclesiastical Fund		550,100	--	11,413	--	--	538,687
		1,205,577	12,983	36,899	4,862	856	1,187,379
Endowment Funds							
Price Davies	10(c)	826	25	25	--	78	904
Churchyard Trust	10(c)	4,169	94	94	--	397	4,566
Dickson Memorial Trust	10(c)	105,584	3,160	3,160	--	10,020	115,604
Mitchell Trust	10(c)	4,129	124	124	--	392	4,521
Palmer Charly	10(d)	110,538	3,307	3,307	--	10,491	121,029
Witherington Trust	10(c)	1,094	33	33	--	104	1,198
William Payne		144	4	4	--	13	157
		226,484	6,747	6,747	--	21,495	247,979
		1,690,614	314,242	392,336	--	23,426	1,635,946
10(a) Reserve of 3 months expenditure	10(c)	Income to be applied to upkeep of graveyard and certain graves					
10(b) Funds for Youth Work	10(d)	Income to be applied to Repairs and Maintenance of St Andrew's					

12 RELATED PARTIES

The Vicar and Churchwardens, who are trustees of the PCC, are also trustees of The Bull Inn Ecclesiastical Trust, from which the PCC received grants of £113,000 during the year (2023 - £113,000) to support the work of the PCC in the Parish.

The Vicar and Churchwardens are also trustees of The Ranmore Trust, to which the PCC made payments of £19,800 during the year (2023 - £12,000) for the use of a house for the Youth Minister. The PCC also settled certain invoices on behalf of The Ranmore Trust which were directly reimbursed by the Trust during the year.

The Vicar and Churchwardens are also trustees of The Sonning School and School House Trust, to which the PCC made a donation of £1,500 during the year (2023 - £1,500) to help the Trust support the work of Sonning Primary School.

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of Sonning Parochial Church Council

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the charity for the year ended 31 December 2024 which are set out on pages 5 to 12.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity's trustees you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the Act').

I report in respect of my examination of the charity's accounts carried out under section 145 of the Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

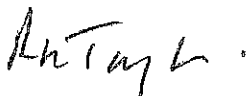
Independent examiner's statement

Since the charity's gross income exceeded £250,000 your examiner must be a member of a body listed in section 145 of the Act. I confirm that I am qualified to undertake the examination because I am a member of the Association of Chartered Certified Accountants, which is one of the listed bodies.

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the charity as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair view' which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.



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Date: 11. APRIL 2025