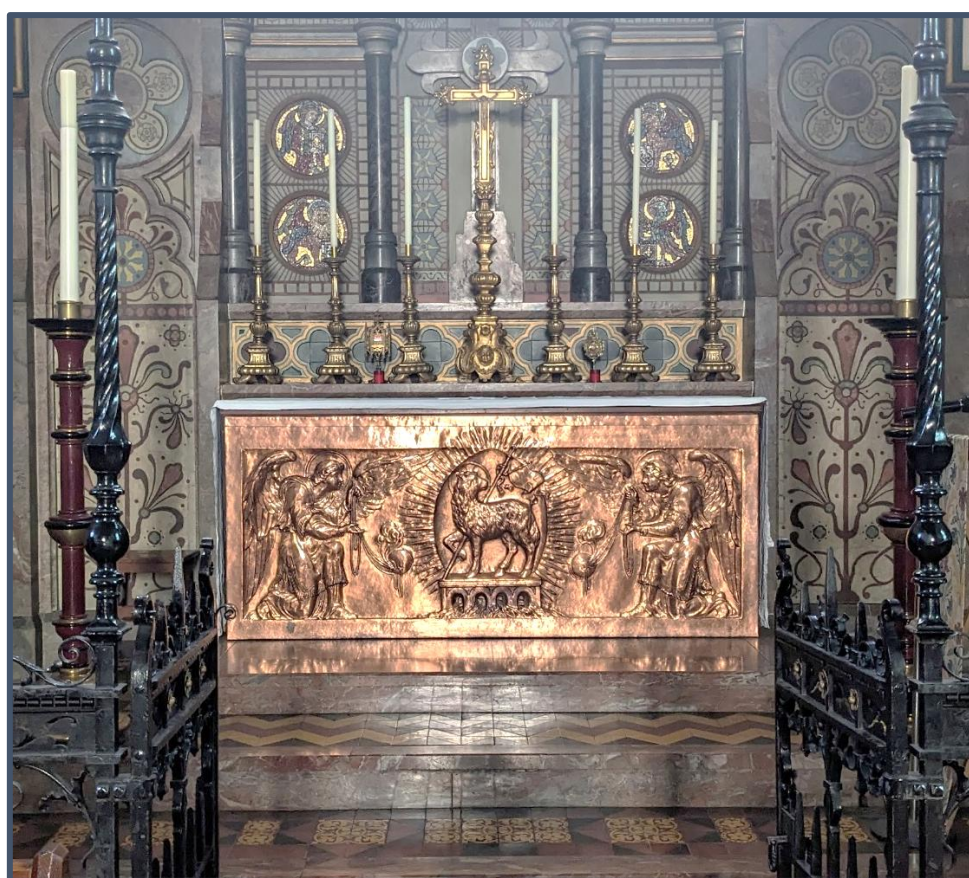


# **The Parish of St John the Evangelist Clevedon**



**Annual Reports and**

**Accounts 2024**



**To be presented to the  
Annual Parochial Church Meeting on 18 May 2025**

## **Clevedon St John's Annual Parishioners' Meeting 2025**

to be held in St John's Church on  
Sunday 18 May 2025 at noon

### **AGENDA**

- Welcome and Opening Prayer
- Election of two Churchwardens

to be followed by the

## **Clevedon St John's Annual Parochial Church Meeting**

### **AGENDA**

- 1 Welcome and Opening Prayer
- 2 Apologies for Absence
- 3 Minutes of the 2024 APCM – for approval
- 4 Matters arising not covered by the following items
- 5 Reports: The PCC will present the Annual Report to the meeting which includes:
  - Report on changes in membership of the electoral roll
  - Report on what the PCC has done over the past year
  - Financial Statements of the PCC for the year ending 31<sup>st</sup> December 2024
  - Report on fabric, goods and ornaments of the church
  - Report on proceedings of Deanery Synod
- 6 Elections and Appointments:
  - Election of 4 members for the PCC
  - Election of 1 Deanery Synod representative
  - Appointment of Independent Examiner or Auditor to the PCC
- 7 Address from the Vicar (to be read by one of the wardens)
- 8 Any other business
- 9 Closing Prayer

to be followed by the

## **first meeting of the newly elected St Johns PCC**

### **AGENDA**

- 1 Election of Officers – Vice Chair, PCC Secretary, Treasurer, ERO
- 2 Date of next meeting

## **Clevedon, St John's Annual Parishioners' Meeting 2024**

Held in St Johns Church on Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> May 2024. There were 36 people present.

Fr Brendan Clover took the chair and opened the meeting with a prayer..

Election of churchwardens. Two nominations had been received, thus Gary Lewis and Dilwen Miller were duly elected and Dilwen took her seat for the APCM to a round of applause.

This meeting was followed by the

### **Clevedon St Johns Annual Parochial Church Meeting**

Chaired by Fr Brendan Clover

1. Fr. Brendan welcomed everyone and opened the meeting with a prayer.
2. Apologies for absence were received from Judith Boulden, Don Box, Lynn Box, Andrew Callow, Edward Callow, Kevin Coaker, Janet Scammell and Mike Soars.
3. The Minutes of the APCM in April 2023, together with the Annual Report and Accounts for 2023, had been circulated prior to the meeting. The Minutes were approved.
4. There were no matters arising.
5. Presentation of the Annual Report, covering changes to the electoral roll, PCC report, financial statements for year ended 31 December 2023, report on fabric goods and ornaments of the church, and report on Deanery Synod proceedings.
6. Elections and appointments:
  - PCC - There were 3 vacancies for which there were three nominations. Accordingly, Judith Boulden, Hugh Hurst and Maurice Miller were declared duly elected. With everyone's approval.
  - Deanery Synod - There was 1 vacancy although, at the time of the meeting, no-one had volunteered.
  - Independent Examiner / Auditor to the PCC - With everyone in favour, Mike Bowles was re-appointed to this role.
7. Address by Chair. Fr Brendan began by offering his heartfelt thanks to a number of parishioners who quietly and diligently offer their service to the church in myriad ways:
  - Arlene Crawshaw for her years of fundraising work, specifically in managing the highly profitable 100 Club. Arlene remarked that, in her experience, it has proven to be simply the easiest way of making money. Arlene was gifted a potted pink lily.
  - Margaret James for her work - exceeding all expectations - in coordinating Gift Aid collections. Margaret was gifted a bouquet of flowers
  - Retired clergy - particularly Father Mark Smith, Father Robert Ward and Revd Prebendary John Andrews - who have supported him in maintaining a high standard of worship at St. John's over the last year.
  - The many guest organists who continue to be welcomed into St. John's and enhance our worship with their musical talents.
  - Father Brendan's brother who continues to manage our parish website which had received 2000 hits by this time last year and had already surpassed this in 2024, with 3000 hits to date.

- Martin Ingram, Margaret James and Vera Ostrehan who diligently take care of the church on a day-to-day basis, something that is very much appreciated.

Father Brendan highlighted a key change over the last year, i.e. taking on All Saints and St. Saviour's in Weston-super-Mare as an affinity parish with St. John's, Clevedon, before outlining our five key mission aims:

- Proclaiming the glory of God
- Worshipping God
- Reaching out to the local community
- Rediscovering what it means to be the 'Town church'
- Becoming a regional centre of catholic life in the Church of England

Father Brendan reflected on our growing parish, noting that we had also felt the loss of several longstanding parishioners in recent months – including one whose ashes had, that same day, been interred in our church grounds.

Over the coming year, it was hoped that the PCC would seek ways to:

- Celebrate our partnership with All Saints and St. Saviour's
- Consider economies of scale
- Consolidate our pattern of worship
- Consider finding new ways of reaching out to our local communities

Father Brendan ended with the exciting news that he has been asked to be a trainee incumbent, with our parish becoming a training parish, meaning that we will get a newly-ordained deacon in June 2025. The parish was encouraged to see this as a sign of great confidence in all that we are doing together.

**8.** Any other business. Gary Lewis (churchwarden) congratulated Father Brendan for making such a difference and expressed his thanks, on behalf of the whole parish, for Brendan's extraordinary gifts: for his pitch-perfect sense of how to create worship to God; hospitality; friendship; love; humour; and hard work, noting that perhaps less of the latter will be needed going forward.

Father Brendan, in turn, gave his personal thanks to Lynne for her support and for the way in which she keeps the vicarage ticking over and the coffee flowing.

Martin Ingram gave thanks to Betty Taylor for her work and care in the laundering of church linens. A task she has undertaken unseen for many years.

**9.** Father Brendan led everyone in prayer to close the meeting.

# **2024 Report and Accounts for the Parochial Church Council of Clevedon St John the Evangelist**

## **1. Aim and purposes**

St. John's Parochial Church Council (PCC) has the responsibility of cooperating with the priest in charge in promoting in the ecclesiastical parish, the whole mission of the Church, pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical. The PCC is also specifically responsible for the maintenance of the Church and Church Hall.

## **2. Objectives and Activities**

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

When planning our activities for the year, we consider the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit and particularly supplementary guidance on charities for the advancement of religion. In particular, we try to enable people to live out their faith as part of our parish community through:

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

To facilitate this work, it is important that we maintain the fabric of the Church and the Church Hall.

## **3. Churchwardens' Report**

We are glad to report that we are still seeing a gentle climb in our numbers and this gives us great encouragement. As well as good overall numbers at services the great majority of us want to be in church very frequently to receive the sacrament, participate in worship and fully engage in our life together as a community. We have a parish of people who really want to be there.

One of the drivers of our parish growth and success is the beauty of worship at St John's. The quality of our services rests on the prayerful preparation of our priests, especially Father Brendan. It also depends on the practised skill of our servers and the preparation of the altars, linen and vessels, the music in our services, the shining brass and the lovely flowers. Our church gardens are always beautiful and our building is kept tidy and clean. We would like to thank Martin Ingram, Kevin Coaker, Derek Coaker, Judith Bowden, Betty Taylor, Sarah Lewis, Debra Ward, Martin Frith and the many, many others who have contributed to our core activity: worship.

2024 saw the passing of several of our faithful congregation. In January we lost Sandra Coaker. She was a faithful member of the choir, often read the lesson and was a supporter of every aspect of parish life. It touched us all to hear of her testifying to God's goodness when she was in hospital. We also lost John Scammell in March. John had worshipped at St John's for most of his adult life and served the church in a great many ways. Both

Sandra and John were senior members of multi-generational families in our church, which in both cases speaks to the example that they set and the sincerity of their faith. We miss them both.

Two other losses affected the parish but especially our vicar. Father Brendan lost his mother Joan, who had worshipped with us since her move to Poets Mews in 2023, and then his brother Richard. Richard designed and managed the church website and also that of All Saints Clevedon. He also desktop-published a great many of our materials. From far distant Ely he was a key person in our parish team. We know that Brendan derived great consolation from the support and prayers of this parish for them and for him.

A game changer for us this year has been the recruitment of a church administrator. Catherine Hughes joined us in September as administrator for both our Affinity Parishes. Catherine had until recently been a primary school headteacher and she brings all that energy and capacity to us. We are very fortunate as many hundreds of important things would go undone or be half-done without her excellent organisation and efficiency.

One challenge that has become an increasing concern to us is finance. When you read the statements, you will see that we are operating with an in-year deficit. Some people in the congregation may feel that this seems hard to understand as we don't look like a poor parish. They might point to the grand piano at the front of church or the new vestments for our priests and soon for our deacon. The fact is that almost anything other than run of the mill expenditure will be a gift to the church from a benefactor. It is also a fact that our income from Parish Giving, standing orders and envelope schemes is lower than we might expect. Several months ago, Hugh Hurst from our Finance Committee sent out a letter (paying the postage from his own pocket) addressing the issue. One of the things that the letter pointed out was that average monthly household giving at St John's is surprisingly low. Nicola has updated the figures for me and the total from our Planned Giving Scheme and Free Will Giving for 2024 is £30,545. Service cash from the plate is usually about £80. So we receive about £34,705. If we assume that we have 60 dedicated and regular members of the congregation, that equates to a weekly offering of just about £11. The weekly giving in the Church of England in 2023 was £16.90. If we were able to get our giving up to even this outdated average, we would have an additional £18,720, which would be transformational. We ask each member of the congregation to reflect on whether they can do more, especially those who are most comfortable financially.

*"Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver." 2 Corinthians 9:7*

Before leaving matters financial, we would like to express our thanks to Angela Edgar, who served as Treasurer for most of the year and to Nicola Coaker who has taken on the role since October. Despite our better accounting software, it remains a very skilled and important role and we really appreciate what they have done.

On 2<sup>nd</sup> February 2024, Father Brendan was formally installed as Vicar of St John's Clevedon, having previously been 'Interim Minister'. Neither of us were in the parish when our predecessors, Nicola Coaker and Nick Dixon, were negotiating on what then seemed a very uncertain future for the parish. That situation has been transformed. As churchwardens we both greatly enjoy working with Father Brendan and it has been a

privilege this year to have supported him in work that he clearly loves and is having such impact. We are very lucky in our priest!

We hope that in the coming year we will all be able to pull together to address some of the financial challenges mentioned above and evident in the financial statements. We also have much to look forward to, not least the ordination of Kevin (soon to be the Rev'd Kevin Coaker!) to the diaconate.

**Gary Lewis and Dilwen Miller**

#### **4. Worship and Prayer**

Daily services were maintained across both parishes, St John's and All Saints and St Saviour Weston-super-Mare, throughout 2024, as well as a weekly Sunday club for young people at the time of the Parish Mass. As both parishes have been growing the decision was made not to change the time of the main Sunday service but to continue to rely on visiting and retired clergy to cover the parish Fr Brendan is not celebrating Mass in. On occasion this has meant a service of 'Communion by extension' has been offered. Happily, our churches are so attractive that retired and visiting clergy want to come to us!

Holy Week was kept in full, with all the special liturgies and there was a Lent course on prayer led by Canon Nicola Stanley, former Precentor of Bristol Cathedral.

The Cell of the Holy House of Our Lady of Walsingham meets on the first Saturday of each month for Mass, devotion and coffee. A parish pilgrimage to Walsingham took place in October with an increased number of pilgrims and this has become a yearly event in the life of the Parish.

We welcome the fact that our school continues to use the Church for seasonal events, workshops and important milestones in the life of that community such as at beginning and end of term and the leavers' service. As well as our regular services, we enable our community to celebrate and thank God at the milestones of the journey through life. Through baptism we thank God for the gift of life, in marriage public vows are exchanged with God's blessing and through funeral services friends and family express their grief and give thanks for the life which is now complete in this world and to commend the person into God's keeping.

Our servers have over the last year covered many of the extra services each week and at major festivals. Grateful thanks are given to all members of our growing serving team who each play an important part. And thanks too to readers and welcomers and to our organists and choir. Worship is a team effort.

**Father Brendan Clover**

#### **5. Community and outreach**

Membership is currently nine people: Sarah Lewis, Debra Ward, Margaret James, Betty Taylor, Judith Boulden, Maurice Miller, Dilwen Miller and Celia Andrews. We are supported regularly by other members of the congregation when putting on events and catering for funerals.

We have organised and run a number of fundraising events such as the May plant sale, and Summer and Christmas fayres. We cater for parish events such as the parish BBQ, Candlemas lunch, patronal lunch and harvest lunch. We have decided to look at our 'charges' for events as only small profits (if any) are made. It is thought that if we publicise that we are fundraising for particular items/jobs then people would understand higher charges and be willing to contribute.

In 2024 we welcomed pupils from St John's CE Primary School on a number of occasions. Owls and their parents came for a Christmas workshop. We are taking this work into our current year.

**Sarah Lewis**

## **6. Portishead Deanery 2024**

Deanery Synod Representatives, Clergy and Church Wardens attended a number of synod meetings including:

- June 2024 – Bishop Mike Hill: A letter to the church today.
- September 2024 - Churches and Neurodiversity: The Rev'd Mike Haslam, Interim Mission Development Team Leader and The Rev'd Lindsay Smith, Pioneer, Portishead Team
- November 2024 – The Rev'd Dr Sean Doherty, Principal of Trinity College Bristol: "Money, money, money: Is it a 'Rich Man's World'?"
- March 2025 - Presentation by Jenny Hollingsworth – "A view from the Bath & Wells Diocesan Secretary"

## **7. The Church and Hall buildings**

### **Church**

Last year saw us achieve a project that had been in long gestation, namely the replacement of our heating boiler. This was achieved in September. We are particularly grateful to Martin Ingram, whose engineer's eye and technical knowledge guided our specification and selection of contractor.

We have had an electrical inspection and some minor matters attended to and we also had PAT testing on portable appliances.

The tower was drenched with water on the inner walls in the autumn and we lost electrics in that part of the building. It was feared that this might be to do with the exhaust of water vapour from the new boiler but it seems to have been a freak event, perhaps related to a short cold snap and it hasn't so far recurred.

Derek Coaker has attended to a great many minor repairs and matters of decoration. It is good to be able to address these issues in-house. Margaret James continues to oversee and personally work in the church gardens and Vera Ostrehan looks after our lawns. We appreciate all these efforts.



We now face a list of more complex and more expensive works including removal of the old flumes from the north and south roofs, stonework, particularly around the vestries, and lighting projects outside (for safety) and inside to dispel the gloom of the aisles.

## **Hall**

We replaced the infra-red heaters in the upper hall and a roofing repair was made to address some slipped ridge tiles. During the year Margaret James, who remains a very active steward of this facility, has handed over the management of lettings to our new Parish Administrator. The hall remains a great community asset and we even had a touch of glamour as the building was used as a support base by a film crew who were shooting a feature film based on the Famous Five at the nearby Curzon.

Having spent a significant sum on this building in recent years we may now need to plan for future roof works as the roof is old and very patched. We have redoubled our efforts to let the space in the hope that in the future we can clear sufficient surplus to address the maintenance of this 100-year-old building.

## **8.Parish Safeguarding Officer's Report for the Parish of St John the Evangelist Clevedon**

June Fegredo is our Safeguarding Officer and is assisted by Catherine Hunt, our Administrator. Safeguarding continues to be an urgent and high priority for the whole church and for our parish. We take the view that 'it could happen here' and ensure that our culture is safeguarding alert and that we mitigate every risk possible through training, reporting and self-review.

### **Training**

June has led face to face training to ensure that all people who need to access training can do so, recognising that online training will not suit everyone. Repeats of training will be provided in the year ahead.

### **Parish Dashboard**

Work continues apace on ensuring that all standards, processes and actions necessary are taken and are visible to the diocese and our PCC through the Safeguarding Dashboard.

### **Policies**

The Safeguarding Policy has had its annual review and the PCC also supervises media and other policies that have a safeguarding dimension. The media policy is currently under review.

### **Incidents to Report**

There have been no safeguarding incidents to report.

## **9. Tower Captain's Report to APCM**

Where does the time go?

This year has seen an unusual, possibly unique, occurrence: no quarter peals rung by the resident band. I hope that changes during the coming year.

Four quarters were rung on the bells however, and included Anniversary Doubles for the 80th Anniversary of the D-Day Landings, St. Simon and St. Jude's Doubles on the occasion of their festival day and April Day Doubles on St. George's Day and for the 70th birthday of one of the ringers. I was the only resident ringer to take part in the last one.

The ringers association local branch held a striking competition (to see who rings with least crashes!) in May and I was able to report then that the band we entered for the "Call Changes" category came away with a shield and certificate for coming first among equals (they were the only entry in that category!) However, most of that band had never entered such a competition and will tell you that nerves are tested to breaking point for 5 minutes - so they did very well. Our second, change ringing, band were in the middle of the field, so not disgraced in any way.

Our young, and even younger, learners continue to make progress, and I hope that the two younger ones will be able to ring for at least some services by the end of this next year. Well done all! Keep up the progress.

Two of our ringers were presented with certificates in recognition of their long membership of the Bath and Wells Diocesan Association of Change Ringers, by our branch chairman. Margaret James for 55 years and Mark Callow for 50 years membership. It was an eventful evening as the lights were out and the tower looked like a sauna (this was for a short while until problems created by the new heating system were solved) and we managed to break a bell stay that evening too! Too much excitement for one evening.

We have been assisted on a couple of practice nights by the Chew Branch Ringing Master, and more regularly by a visiting ringer from Tickenham. They all help keep ringing going at St. John's and give us the chance to practise methods we otherwise would not ring.

We took ourselves out for our annual jaunt around local towers on October 19th along with some members of the Tickenham band, and visited Holy Trinity at Burrington, St. John the Baptist at Churchill (both towers with bells rather heavier than ours) and onwards to St. Leonard's at Shipham and then our last tower of the afternoon was St. Michael and All Angels at Rowberrow (both of which are much closer in weight to ours!). We had fine weather and rounded the afternoon off with a good meal at the Swan at Rowberrow. I'm already thinking of where to go later this year.

As ever, if anyone is interested in learning to ring at St. John's, please don't be shy; get in touch with myself or any of the other ringers and you will be most welcome to start learning this uniquely English Art.

My thanks to all the resident band for their continued efforts at practice and for service ringing.

**Nick Dixon, Tower Captain**

## **10. Structure, governance and management**

The method of appointment of PCC members is set out in the Church Representation Rules. At St. Johns the membership of the PCC consists of the incumbent, churchwardens, treasurer, and members elected by those members of the congregation who are on the electoral roll of the church. All those who attend our services / members of the congregation are encouraged to register on the Electoral Roll and stand for election to the PCC.

The PCC members are responsible for making decisions on all matters of general concern and importance to the parish including deciding on how the funds of the PCC are to be spent. The PCC met 6 times during 2024.

## **11. Administrative information**

St. Johns Church is situated in Queens Road, Clevedon. It is part of the Diocese of Bath and Wells within the Church of England. The correspondence address is St Johns Vicarage, 1 St Johns Road, Clevedon BS21 7TG. The PCC is a body corporate (PCC Powers Measure 1956, Church Representation Rules 2020) and a charity currently excepted from registration with the Charity Commission.

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

Ex Officio members:

- Fr Brendan Clover
- Nicola Coaker, Warden, Until May 2024
- Dilwen Miller, Warden, from May 2024
- Gary Lewis, Warden
- Robert Watson, Deanery Synod Representative

Elected members:

- Derek Coaker
- Sarah Lewis
- Peter Woolf
- Michelle Hibberd
- Jane Carter
- Helen Callow
- Maurice Miller
- Judith Boulden
- Hugh Hurst

Kevin Coaker (formerly Electoral Roll Officer)

June Fegredo, Safeguarding Officer attends PCC meetings periodically to provide updates.

## 12 Financial Statements and Treasurers Report

NatWest Bank Account as of 31st December 2024	£63,902.86
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CCLA- Church Board of Finance Savings Account - Fabric Fund	£0.00
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CCLA-Church Board of Finance Savings Account - Organ Fund	£0.00
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CCLA-Church Board of Finance-Savings Account Religious Education Fund	£6,637.82
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### Restricted Funds held within the NatWest Bank Account

100 Club	£1,529.76
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Altar Fund	£950.00
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Choir Fund	£354.19
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Community and Outreach Committee	£2,535.80
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David James Homeless Fund	£227.50
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Fabric Fund	£580.00
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Festival Fund (Patronal)	£541.97
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Flower Fund	£862.92
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Gin Project	£90.40
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Hall Equipment & Furniture Fund	£75.52
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Legacies	£16,000
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Music Fund	£26.50
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OLW Regional Festival Fund	£280.81
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Refreshments Coffee Donations	£506.10
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Religious Education Fund	£721.26
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One significant difference when comparing this year with 2023 is that the Bell Current and Reserves Savings Account and the Hall Account have been removed from this year's accounts, during this financial year the PCC was not accountable for these bank balances , therefore, the accounts have not been audited as part of the PCC's annual accounts for 2024. They were included within the PCC accounts due to a misunderstanding of the responsibilities of the PCC by the Auditor.

This is a summary of the 2024 accounting year, starting with the analysis of Income.

There has been an increase in the Income Tax recovered which is a reflection of the increased income received from our main three giving income streams of £3,369.99 i.e. Parish Giving Scheme, Free Will Offering Scheme (parishioners monthly standing order payments) and Service Cash Collections, an overall increase in giving income of 9.37%.

In addition to the Income Tax Recovered of £13,394.64 an application was made to the List Places of Worship Scheme for a grant to cover the VAT paid on the purchase and installation of the church boiler of £2,705.26 and a Gift Aid claim for income received in the last two months of 2024, £1,128.23. Both amounts were received in 2025 but related to 2024.

Gift Days and Sundry Collections represent the collection from the Carol Service in aid of the Jessie May Trust, Gin Sales, and the Easy Fund-Raising Scheme.

The PCC collects assigned Fees e.g. Funerals, Weddings, Internment of Ashes, passed on to the Diocese of Bath & Wells.

The 100 Club was not included in prior years accounts, as it was previously run through a separate bank account, not that of the PCC's, this has now been closed. The figure shown is a net figure of income after the deduction of prize money.

Extra Ordinary/Other Income represented income from donations made for after mass refreshments. This is a net figure after the purchase of consumables.

Moving on to expenditure, Church Administration is significantly increased compared to last year, this includes the set up costs for the Parish Administrator role, e.g. Laptop, Mobile Phone Contract(part funded by All Saints Weston-Super-Mare), Audit Fee for 2023 account, QuickBooks Accounting Package and Card Reader Transaction Charges.

Trading Cost represent the income received from donations for votive candles.

The Major Repair is the cost of the purchase and installation of the new boiler. This was funded by £6,637.82 held in a Diocesan Board of Finance CCLA investment account and Fabric Restricted Funds within the PCC Current Account.

The Church Running Expenses have increased by 11.6%, due to increased cost of utilities, a general increase in consumables with the recent rise in inflation and the engagement of a regular organist for Sunday and festival worship, this expenditure has been partly funded from the Organ Fund investment held with Diocesan Board of Finance CCLA investment account.

There has been a slight increase in Clergy Expenses, this represents not only those claimed by the incumbent but also visiting clergy who claim mileage or the cost of public transport travel. Without their support Fr. Brendan could not minister to our sister parish.

Support Costs these represent the Outreach Education Activities the parish does with St John's Primary School and the parishes funding the Year 6 Leavers publications.

In 2023 the PCC agreed to increase our Parish Share, we saw a 9.32% increase in 2024.

There has been a reduction on the Fundraising expenses compared to 2023 as we have consolidated our events. It is recognised accounting practise to show Fundraising Expenses to demonstrate full transparency in the accounts.

Home Mission, we have an unusual positive figure as our cheque for last years Lent donations to the Additional Curates Society (ACS) was lost in the post. This was only highlighted in a bank reconciliation completed in November. The plan is to make a transfer later this month for the 2024 and 2025 donations.

Secular Society, this is the St John's Bell Ringers annual subscription to the Bath and Wells Bell Ringers Association and our annual membership of Churches Together in Clevedon (CTIC).

Upkeep of the Churchyard, there is a significant increase on 2023, due to the maintenance work required by a number of trees in our churchyard, particularly those overhanging the library car parks storage shed.

Payroll Expenses represent St John's contribution of 60% to the salary of the Parish Administrator, this is offset by a monthly contribution of 40% made by All Saints Weston-Super-Mare.

Reconciliation Difference has had a positive effect on our accounts; this came about when reconciling the bank account in November.

Prior year expenses are made up of invoices paid in 2024 for goods and services consumed in 2023, the removal of the Bell Current and Reserves Savings Account and the Hall Account as mentioned above.

As a parish we have an in-year deficit of £23,034.79 made up as follows:

**Hall Account** £5,261.90

**Bell Current Account** £3,101.25

**Bell Reserve Savings Account** £1,227.89

**Cash in Hand** £167.42

**Restricted Funds** £4,131.16

Totalling £13,889.62.

This leaves an in-year deficit of **£9,145.17**.

In 2024 the parish received Non-Recurring Grants of £1,050, i.e. donations from societies for the use of the church and a kind donation for the purchase of Servers Alb's in memory of a relative.

Other Income represented the funds withdrawn from a Diocesan Board of Finance CCLA investment accounts to fund the boiler, Religious Education Outreach Initiatives, and the organist.

We received two substantial legacies generously left for St Johns by former parishioners, both of which have resulted in the parishes overall 2024 surplus of £9,050.77.

Moving to the Balance Sheet the difference in comparing 2023 with 2024 is that the restricted funds are included in the balance account balance and the Hall and Bell Accounts have been removed, as detailed above.

Payroll and Other Creditors as of 31<sup>st</sup> December represented the underpayment of the Parish Administrator from September to November, the backpay owed was paid in January 2025. The government Gateway account enabling the parish to pass on Income Tax paid the Parish Administrator was not activated until January 2025, these funds are now paid to HMRC.

Thank you to Angela Edgar for all that she did as Treasurer before handing over the role in October 2024 and Derek Coaker, Gift Aid Secretary for compiling and making our claims to HMRC. Finally, thank you to Katie Swinney who continues to as independent examiner of our accounts.

**Nicola Coaker**

**PCC of St John, Clevedon Treasurer with effect from October 2024**

**The Parish of St. John the Evangelist, Clevedon**  
**Annual Accounts for the year ended 31st December 2024**

The following accounts have been prepared in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP) issued by the Charity Commission to comply with the Executive Committee's obligations as the Trustees of the Charity for keeping accounting records

<b>Income</b>	<b>2024</b>
	<b>£</b>
Hall Lettings	£ 10,854
Other Income (Hall)	£ 1,646
Cash in	£ 65
	<b>£ 12,565</b>

<b>Expenditure</b>	
Lighting and Heating	£ 2,533
Cleaning	£ 995
Dues	£ 478
Repairs	£ 4,540
Insurance	£ 1,394
Expenses	£ 10
Loan Repayment	£ 5,000
<b>Total Expenditure</b>	<b>£ 14,950</b>

<b>Trading Income</b>	<b>-£ 2,384</b>
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	<b>2024</b>
<b>Current Assets</b>	
St Johns Church Hall Account	2,877
<b>Total Assets</b>	<b>2,877</b>

<b>Funded By:</b>	
Reserves B/Fwd	5,262
Current Year Surplus (Deficit)	-2,384
<b>Total</b>	<b>2,877</b>

**Notes to the Accounts**

1. The accounts are prepared on a receipts and payments basis and no account has been taken of accrued/prepaid income or expenditure

**Basis of Independent Examiners Statement**

An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the organisation and a comparison of the accounts presented with these records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from the officers concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently

no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair' view and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below,

**Independent Examiners 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 Charities Act to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the with the accounting requirements of the Charities Act have not been met; or
2. to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Signed: *K. Swinney*

Date: 30/04/2025