



**St Paul's Church, Yelverton
Parochial Church Council**

Yelverton Devon PL20 6AB

**Annual Report and Financial Statements
for**

The Year Ended 31st December 2024

Rector: The Rev Andrew Thomas

Bankers:

HSBC Bank Launceston Cornwall

Lloyds Bank Royal Parade Plymouth

Independent Examiner:

Col Gordon Mills

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ST PAUL'S CHURCH YELVERTON

Receipts & Payments Account for year to 31 December 2024

	2024		2023	
	£	£	£	£
RECEIPTS				
Donations and Legacies				
Regular Giving				
Tax efficient Planned Giving				
Parish Giving Scheme	15,643		16,657	
Envelopes and Bank SOs	3,329		3,363	
Collections at Services	2,196		2,290	
Gift Aid tax recovered				
Parish Giving Scheme	3,911		4,164	
Other	1,994		2,028	
		27,073		28,502
Other Voluntary Receipts				
Grants	0		0	
Legacies	0		0	
Donations	2,521		3,421	
		2,521		3,421
Income from Church Activities				
Church Hire	430		668	
Cream Teas	1,434		1,833	
Fees	1,416		1,349	
		3,280		3,850
Receipts from Investments				
Interest	1,310		875	
		1,310		875
Other Receipts				
Insurance Refund	0		5,655	
Miscellaneous	3,481		20	
		3,481		5,675
Total Receipts		37,665		42,323
PAYMENTS				
Church Activities				
Diocesan Parish Share	21,686		22,336	
Mission Community Share	0		1,786	
Upkeep of Services	204		100	
Church Utility Costs	1,017		2,116	
Church Running Costs	6,242		7,432	
Church Maintenance	13,168		9,479	
New Building Work	0		0	
Mission Giving	0		112	
		42,317		43,361

Total Payments	<u>42,317</u>	<u>43,361</u>
Excess of Receipts over Payments	-4,652	-1,038
Transfer to General Reserve	<u>-4,652</u>	<u>-1,038</u>

ST. PAUL'S CHURCH YELVERTON

Statement of Assets & Liabilities at 31 December 2024

ASSETS	2024			2023		
	Market Val.	Cost		Market Val.	Cost	
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Investments						
Equities Investment Fund for Charities	89,922	11,592		82,491	11,592	
CBF Investment Fund Shares	74,254	14,543	26,135	70,450	14,543	26,135
Current Assets						
Cash at Bank		11,540			16,504	
Cash in Hand		35			158	
Fixed term deposit		31,108			31,108	
Notice Account		20,726	63,409		10,291	58,061
Fixed Assets						
St Paul's Church Hall			NIL			NIL
Total Assets			89,544			84,196
REPRESENTED BY						
Current Liabilities						
Loan from St Paul's Church Hall		10,000	10,000			
GENERAL RESERVE ACCOUNT						
Balance at 1 January		82,437			83,475	
Transfer from Receipts & Payments account		-4,652			(1,038)	
Balance at 31 December			77,785		82,437	82,437
TOWER FUND ACCOUNT						
Balance at 1 January		1,759			1,759	
Surplus/(Deficit) on Tower Fund account		0			0	
Balance at 31 December			1,759			1,759
Total Balance Sheet Value			89,544			84,196

ST. PAUL'S CHURCH HALL YELVERTON

Receipts & Payments Account for year to 31 December 2024

	2024	2023
	£	£
INCOME		
Lettings	15,311	9,731
Electricity Meters	1,930	1,288
TOTAL RECEIPTS	17,241	11,019
EXPENDITURE		
Heating & Lighting	3,396	2,079
Repairs & Renewals	728	911
Insurance	1,648	1,602
Cleaning	1,189	1,115
Miscellaneous Expenses	79	72
TOTAL PAYMENTS	7,040	5,779
SURPLUS (DEFICIT) FOR THE YEAR	10,201	5,240

Statement of Assets & Liabilities at 31 December 2024

	2,024	2,023
	£	£
ASSETS		
Current Assets		
Loan to St Paul's Church	10,000	
Cash at Bank	15,155	14,954
Total Assets	25,155	14,954
REPRESENTED BY:		
Accumulation of Funds		
Balance at 1 January	14,954	9,714
Surplus/(Deficit) for the year	10,201	5,240
Total Balance Sheet Value	25,155	14,954

St Paul's Church Yelverton

Notes to the 2024 Accounts and Financial Statements

1. The financial statements of the PCC have been prepared in accordance with the Church Accounting Regulations 2006 using the Receipts and Payments basis.
2. There are no remaining liabilities arising from the work programme on rendering the Tower. The balance of the Tower Fund will be retained for maintenance of the Tower.
3. The Church Hall is included as a fixed asset. The cost has been written down to nil consistent with an asset which has no market value.
4. Accounts have been prepared separately for the Church and the Church Hall, but it should be noted that the combined totals of receipts and payments amounted to £54,906 and £49,357 respectively.
5. The combined total of balance sheet reserves at 31st December 2024 for the Church and the Church Hall amounted to £104,699
6. Moveable church furnishings held by the Churchwardens on trust for the PCC and which require a faculty for disposal are recognised but not included and valued in the statement of assets.

Approved by the PCC on the 14th January 2025 and signed on its behalf by:

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Richard Byrn (Churchwarden)

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Brian Medhurst (Treasurer)

Independent Examiner’s Report to the members of the Parochial Church Council (‘The Trustees’) of St Paul’s Church Yelverton

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Parochial Church Council of St Paul’s Church, Yelverton (the Trust) for the year ended 31st December 2024

Responsibilities and basis of the report

As the charity trustees of the Trust 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 Trust’s accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 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

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 Trust as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. The accounts do not accord with those records.

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.

Signed:

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Col Gordon Mills

The Parochial Church Council of St Paul's, Yelverton

Annual Report for the year ended 31st December 2024

Aim and Purpose

St Paul's Parochial Church Council (the PCC) has the responsibility of cooperating with the Incumbent in promoting throughout the West Dartmoor Benefice the whole mission of the Church, pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical. In addition to maintaining the Church itself, which is a Grade II Listed Building, the PCC is also responsible for maintaining the Church Hall next door.

Objectives and Activities

In partnership with our 5 fellow-Parishes within the West Dartmoor Mission Community:

- To build up our worshipping congregation
- To support both individuals and families
- To engage in mission and outreach work
- To maintain and enhance the fabric of church and church hall

Achievements and Performance

Worship and Prayer

We record warm thanks to Andrew our Rector and also to the whole of our Ministerial Team.

Three times during the year we took sad leave: our Reader Anne de Looy moved house to Wells; our Curate-in-training Scott Angel moved to his first Curacy in Honiton, and during the autumn our Curate the Rev'd Dr Philippa Bellows moved to become Rector of the Brixham Team. With warmest memories of, particularly, their input on Eco matters, study courses, and music, we thank all three most heartily and wish them well in their continuing ministry.

We are most grateful that we still enjoy the spiritual & pastoral oversight and teaching input of our Rector and of Rev'd Mike Fairall, Rev'd Miranda Donne, Rev'd Denis Robinson and of our LLM Martin Jury. Long may they flourish.

During the year we also said goodbye to two other pillars of our congregation.

Kathy Howard, churchwarden for 10 years (two of them on her own), moved house to be closer to grandchildren. Nothing happened at St Paul's without input from Kathy: we are immensely grateful for her indefatigable leadership and commitment. (Within 6 months of moving she had been co-opted onto a local PCC.)

In August, with a mixture of sadness and joy, we took leave of Anne Medhurst. Sadness because Anne had roots in our congregation reaching back before St Paul's became an independent Parish. She (along with Brian) was a benefactress supporting the Yelverton Charities. She had a major input into our Mothers Union, our Children's Altar, our Choir, and was still accompanying the hymns at our monthly Family Worship into her 92nd year – we miss her greatly. But sadness is tempered by the joy of knowing that she is now with Our Lord whom she loved and served so faithfully. Praise be!

Our normal monthly pattern of Sunday worship settled as wk1: 0915 Family Worship / Service of the Word (attendance c23); wk2 0915 Eucharist Order 2 (att.c25); wk3 1800 Eucharist Order 1 (att.c10); wk4 0915 Eucharist Order 1 (att.c25); (wk5 MC Eucharist).

On Wednesdays there was regularly an 11am Order 2 Eucharist (att.c10), often followed by a discussion group focussing on the Gospel for the week.

As in previous years, our main Christmas services were a major draw for Yelverton's wider community. The Service of 9 Lessons and Carols was held on Sunday 15th December and attracted 90+ attendees: it was enhanced by a flute solo performed by Guy Saunders. The Christmas Eve Crib Service was again a joyous occasion: "Where's the Baby King?", led by Corinne Shutt and family – some 120 adults attended plus a large number of children.

This year's Lent course was led by the Rev'd Philippa Bellows based on the CoE's discussion-guide "Living well together".

Particular thanks go to Martin Jury and the Worship Team for leading our monthly Family Worship. Likewise to Belinda Gardiner – our Readers & Welcomers rota manager and also MC website manager.

Special thanks as ever to Sheila Stacey and Alison Kennerley for providing refreshments after Sunday services – they add enormously to the sense of fellowship and welcome. We also note sadly that an era is ending now that health has become an issue for Sheila: the annual contribution to Church funds inspired by her catering prowess and assistants – especially the summer Cream Teas – runs into the £1000s. We are most grateful.

Entries in the Visitors Book regularly compliment the floral displays – our warmest thanks go to Vivienne Thompson and team for providing these.

We also record thanks to our music-makers, primarily Pauline Hamilton-Leggett, but also to David Paddon and Anne Medhurst R.I.P.

Thanks go, too, to Berwyn Turley Rogers for a variety of behind-the-scenes jobs, not least Flag Master.

At present there are 32 parishioners on the Electoral Roll (last year 36), all living within the West Dartmoor Mission Community boundaries. In 2025 the Roll will be drawn up fresh.

During the year we had 2 funerals, 3 ashes services, 0 weddings/services of prayer & dedication after civil marriage, and 4 baptisms.

For the CoE Statistics for Mission we recorded a Worshipping Community total of 31 – significantly showing 0 children age 0-10.

Deanery Synod

St Paul's continued to be represented at the Deanery Synod by Belinda Gardiner – of which she is also Hon.Secretary.

Church Fabric

Responding to priorities noted in the QI 2022, the PCC thanks John Gozzard for de-rusting and reconditioning the large metal beam in the bell tower.

The recommendation that a railing be placed on the stonework above the steps to the boiler room was met by the erection of a wooden bug hotel.

The required Lightning Conductor check remains to be completed.

The board commemorating the Parish's presiding clergy was updated by the addition of '2020 - Andrew Nigel Thomas B.A. (RD of Tavistock)'. (Signwriter: Camilla Rose)

But the transformative enhancement of the church's external appearance was the renewal of the gravel surrounds plus kissing-gate footpath during the autumn. Retractable bollards now prevent traffic driving around the church uncontrolled. We thank Murray Sherrell for undertaking this project so expertly and conscientiously.

Church Hall

Our Insurers (E.I.G.) required a fresh Risk Assessment plus Certification of all the electrical circuits and fittings in both Church and Hall. This was undertaken by KDElectric (Plymouth) with remedial work largely completed before Christmas.

A leaking pipe under the old MC Office was a cause for concern. Making good the subsidence is not, however, eligible for insurance cover. A solution of some kind will be undertaken in 2025.

Our regular hirers continued: Legs, Tums & Bums; Pilates; Zumba; Craft Group; Poppins; Lunch Club; Yelverton Bridge Club; Rainbows & Brownies; Badminton; monthly Yelverton Café Cinema. A welcome addition was a second Bridge afternoon on Fridays.

Shortly before Christmas we took fond leave of our Church & Hall cleaner, Zelinda Brown, after some two decades in post. From 2025 cleaning will be done on a volunteer basis.

Mission and Evangelism

“Poppins” – the weekly mother-and-toddler group in St Paul’s church hall initiated by the WDMC – continued to be a great success. For Easter, Harvest and Christmas the children prepare displays to embellish the Children’s Altar in church.

The ‘Open The Book’ team has regular input from two St Paul’s members, performing at our CoE schools in Meavy and Walkhampton and also occasionally as curriculum support at Horrbridge County School.

Other Activities

The collection box for Tavistock Foodbank continues – with thanks again to Chris & Jackie Philpott for managing it.

Two concerts were held in church. Mid-July we hosted the Tamar Valley Male Voice Choir plus a PMA scholar, Ciaran Ricketts (violin) accompanied by David Crocker. The £400 proceeds were shared equally with St Luke’s. In mid-December we hosted another very successful concert by the Levowan XII Choir – but on a hiring basis only.

Financial Review

With regard to normal income flows it was a fairly uneventful year. The final deficit of £4,652 was due to significant capital expenditure. Work on the splendid improvement to the pathway around the church cost some £7,173, and the balance of the cost of the organ repair work completed in 2023 cost another £4,500 modified somewhat by the VAT recovery of £3,216.

The Church Hall has proved very popular and despite the high electricity costs generated a record surplus of £10,201.

St Paul’s remains in a sound financial state with good reserves, however regular income from parishioners is likely to come under pressure over the coming years and there will be a struggle to meet on-going expenditure.

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January 2025

Reserves Policy

The PCC has reserves to ensure as far as possible the ability to meet major renewal and repair costs that will arise from time to time to maintain the church in good order.

Safeguarding

The PCC has complied with the duty under section 5 of the Safeguarding and Clergy Discipline Measure 2016 (duty to have regard to House of Bishops' guidance on safeguarding children and vulnerable adults).

Structure, Governance and Management

The method of appointment of PCC members is set out in the Church Representation Rules. The Council comprises the Incumbent (Chair, ex officio), Licensed Clergy, the Churchwardens, a representative of the Readers, those elected to the Deanery Synod, and other members who are elected at the Annual Parochial Church Meeting by those on the Electoral Roll. Members of the congregation are always urged to join the Electoral Roll, and to stand for election to the PCC.

The Church is situated at Yelverton, PL20 6AB and is part of the Deanery of Tavistock, in the Diocese of Exeter. The correspondence address is The Parish Office, St Paul's Church, Yelverton, PL20 6AB. The PCC is a body corporate (PCC Powers Measure 1956, and the Church Representation Rules 2006) and a Charity excepted from registration with the Charity Commission.

PCC members who served during the year were:

The Incumbent (ex officio)	Rev. Andrew Thomas
Reader	Martin Jury
Churchwarden(s)	Richard Byrn (Acting Chair)
Secretary	Belinda Gardiner
Deanery Synod Rep(s)	Belinda Gardiner
Elected:	Brian Medhurst (Treasurer)
	Anne-Marie Critchley
	John Gozzard
	Jenny Gray
	James Watt