



# Parish of All Saints' Weston and St Mark's Shavington

*"Sharing the love of Jesus with all"*

## **Annual Report**

of the

## **Parochial Church Council**

for the year ended 31 December 2024

Incumbent Rev. Rachael Griffiths

## Administrative Information

The Parish of Weston comprises All Saints' Church in Weston and St. Mark's Church in Shavington. It is part of the Diocese of Chester within the Church of England. The correspondence address is The Vicarage, 13 Cemetery Road, Weston, Crewe, CW2 5LQ.

The Parochial Church Council is a corporate body established by the Church of England. The PCC operates under the Parochial Church Council Powers Measure. The PCC is excepted by order from registering with the Charity Commission.

## Structure, Governance and Management

The Method of appointment of PCC members is set out in the Church Representation Rules. All church attendees are encouraged to register on the Electoral Roll and stand for election to the PCC.

During the year the following served as members of the PCC:

### Ex Officio members

Vicar	Rev. Rachael Griffiths
Licensed Reader	Mrs. Gaynor Bracey
Reader with PTO	Mrs Margaret Hodgkinson
Wardens:	Mrs Suzan Moore (2025)
	Vacant

### Hon Treasurer

Mr Roger Bracey 2025

### Hon Secretary

Mrs Gaynor Bracey 2025

### Deanery Synod Reps

All Saints' Dr Keith Evemy (2026)  
St. Mark's Mrs Margaret Smallwood (2026)

## Elected Members

### Representatives until 2025

All Saints' Mr John Densem  
All Saints' Mrs Juliana Stewart  
St. Mark's VACANCY  
St Mark's VACANCY

### Representatives until 2026

All Saints' Mrs Julia Cox  
All Saints' Andrew Spooner  
St. Mark's Shaan Shepherd  
St. Mark's Jonathan Griffiths

### Representatives until 2027

All Saints' Mr Robert Galloway  
All Saints' Mr William Atteridge  
St. Mark's Mrs Elizabeth Davies  
St. Mark's Mr Roger Bracey

## Committees

The PCC operates through All Saints' Committee and St. Mark's Committee. which meet between PCC meetings and deal with issues relating to each particular church.

## Objectives and Activities

The PCC has the responsibility of cooperating with the incumbent, in promoting in the ecclesiastical parish the whole mission of the Church, pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical. It also has maintenance responsibilities for the two church halls located in Weston and Shavington.

## Church Attendance

There were 116 parishioners on the Church Electoral Roll at end December 2024.

The average attendance at each church based on statistics supplied to the Diocese was 27 adults at All Saints' and 24 adults and 5 children at St. Mark's. Both churches have well attended children's Bible based groups **Edward Bear Club** (pre school) and **GLOW** (primary) during the week.

There were 6 baptisms, 1 wedding and 11 funerals in the parish during 2024.

## Vicar's Report 2024

'Wait for the LORD;  
be strong, and let your heart take courage;  
wait for the LORD!'

(Psalm 27)

One of my favourite services of the year is the Easter Vigil. We gather in the darkness to wait for the dawning of Easter Day. As we sit in the darkness, our candles lit from the Easter Candle, we hear again the story of God's unfolding plan for the world. It begins with creation, followed by the rescue of God's people from the darkness of slavery in Egypt, the words of God's prophets calling people back to God and then finally, the death and resurrection of Jesus. As we sit in the darkness, I find there is a moment of realisation that waiting for the light of Easter morning to break means learning to trust in God – trust that in the darkness, God is not only present, but is also working out his plans and purposes in God's own time. We are reminded of this in the reading from Exodus which is read during the Vigil. The Israelites are afraid and they start to wonder whether they might have been better off staying in Egypt as Pharaoh's slaves rather than dying in the wilderness with Moses. As they wait for God's rescue plan to unfold, Moses tells them not to be afraid. He says, *'The Lord will fight for you; you only have to keep still.'*

So much of our lives can be spent striving to achieve and our life as a church family is no exception to this. There is always a long list of jobs that need doing so that the doors to our churches can remain open and the needs of our local communities can be met. But alongside God's call to serve, we must try not to fall into the trap of striving solely in our own strength rather than trusting in God. Moses tells the Israelites that God is on their side. All they need to do is to have the courage to be still and wait, trusting that God will lead and provide. The same is true for us. During this past year, we have kept our

doors open because of the hard work and dedication of volunteers who have been willing to serve our parish. I am deeply grateful to all of you. But in the coming year, I also want to encourage you to keep sight of our calling to be people who lean into God in order to do the work He calls us to. I want to encourage you to trust that God has a plan for the future of our parish, and sometimes, we have to be strong and wait for God's plans to be revealed. Sometimes, it is just as important to be still and pray as it is to get on and do. To keep still in the darkness means learning to trust that the dawn will break.

Over the past year, we have continued to wait on God in relation to his plans for our church buildings. This has not been easy and at times, the slow rate of progress has been a source of great frustration, especially when reasons for delay have been beyond our control. However, we give thanks to God for his resourcing of these projects, particularly in terms of the church members who continue to give a significant amount of time and energy to moving things forwards, as well as for funding of the new heating system at All Saints'. We continue to pray that God would guide us in relation to plans for our church buildings and that in the coming year, further progress will be made.

Finally, we give thanks to God that we have been able to meet our financial commitments this year, including payment of our Parish Share. As I reflect on this, I am struck by the ways in which God has provided for our needs, often in unexpected ways. When we started the community cafés, we could not have imagined that more than three years later, they would still be going strong, not only as places of welcome but also as a valuable source of regular income to help keep our parish finances afloat. When the money that we were using to fund our work with children and families ran out, we could not have imagined that someone would offer to match

fund this work going forwards, enabling us to continue to employ Sara, our Children and Families Worker. I would like to say a huge thank you to everyone who has felt able to offer financial support to the parish this year, either by regular giving, supporting our community cafés, taking part in fundraising events or making one-off donations to support specific projects. Thank you for your generous support and in the coming year, we trust that God will continue to lead and provide as we wait on Him.

**Rev Rachael**

### **Safeguarding Report**

Firstly I would like to take the opportunity of thanking Gwyneth Prew for her sterling work in helping to set up the robust safeguarding system which is now in place. I have now agreed to take on the task for our parish and hope that I can be as effective as Gwyneth. This year has been a learning curve for me as I am beginning to learn the importance of the work. During the year I have attended, together with Rev Rachael and Sue Moore, a course at church house which gave an insight into the best way to deal with possible safeguarding situations. We came away in full agreement that the best approach is to listen carefully to all the information available and to proceed sensibly and carefully. In the early months of the coming year I shall be starting the process to renew the DBS enhanced certificates for a number of members on the PCC. I look forward to learning more about safeguarding and how we can improve our best practice within our parish.

**Shaan Shepherd**

### **All Saints' Church**

This year has been another year of great community celebrations and some special services.

The Parish meal was the first of our community events, this year with a Burns' night theme.

We had a lovely three course meal, with good fun and good company.

In May we held a Village fete .Another great community event, with many stalls, games, tombola and a raffle. The Scouts ran a BBQ and afternoon teas were available in the Church Hall. Although we didn't serve as many afternoon teas as the previous year (due to the White Lion pub being open), it was a really good event attended by many villagers. The day concluded with an Evening Praise service in church. A huge thank you must go to Annelene, Ben and Rachael for their part in the organisation, with the help of others, of this event. Funds raised for the redecoration of All Saints' church.

May also saw a new event in our Church calendar. We celebrated Ascension Day in a new way.

Rachael lead a service of Holy Communion in Rob Galloway's garden to be followed by lunch. The day was warm and sunny and the garden setting among the trees, by the lake was very atmospheric. We all then enjoyed lunch at the White Lion Hotel.

Our Harvest Supper had a new look this year. A singer called Gabriela entertained us during and after our meal. The menu included homemade vegetable soup, cheese and pate with bread or crackers and a lovely array of puddings.

Soon after harvest we were busy collecting and filling jam jars with sweets and treats for a jam jar tombola. This was to be one of the stalls at the Christmas Fayre which we held at the beginning of Advent . There were lots of stalls in the Church hall and Father Christmas and his Elf helper had a grotto in church, where there were also children's crafts .

Mince pies and hot drinks were also available in the Church hall, hot chocolate with "Baileys" and warm mulled wine being the favourites. The Scouts again provided BBQ food.

All these events are a great way of bringing the community and the church together whilst raising funds for repairs and redecoration of

the church.

Thanks to Irene and John, leading us, the Festival choir have been together again, singing at the celebration services after the Fete, at Easter, Harvest and Christmas.

It's thanks also to Irene that the church always looks so lovely. She organises the flower team and ensures there are flowers in church each week. She also does the arrangements under the altar for the special seasons in the church calendar. They are truly amazing. Irene keeps our brass ware brilliantly clean too.

We try to encourage links with our local school and nursery. They made poppies to create a garden of poppies by the entrance for our Remembrance service.

The Scout group paraded their flags and presented a wreath, along with other organisations at our Remembrance service.

We held our usual services for the Christmas season. Thanks to Rob and John for even more candles this year for our Carols by Candlelight. We had great fun with festive bingo on Christmas day.

The church looked lovely, with the tree and window decorations inside and a tree, given by the Duchy, lit up outside.

January begins our regular maintenance, with the fire extinguisher checks in the church and hall. The out of date foam appliance in the vestry exchanged for a small water one.

Mr. Oaks checks and tunes the organ in April and November.

Matt does the gas safety check in the church and hall. Constant surveillance of the church boiler pilot light is needed. Thanks to Rob for continually re lighting it. Hopefully our new system will soon be fitted, putting an end to breath holding when the church door is opened on a Sunday morning, hoping it will be warm. We've had a number of mornings when the pilot has gone out and the heating has failed.

Thanks to Rob also for his help with

maintenance. Keeping the grass mown, clearing the gutters and lots of jobs in the hall and around the church.

Alison and Keith continue to keep the garden tidy and the leaves under control. Irene plants the garden around the porch and door.

We open the church every day, so a neat and tidy garden helps to make our church a welcoming place. Thanks to Julia for opening up in the morning. We have some lovely entries in our visitors' book, reminding us that it is important for us to continue to open every day.

Thank you too for the welcome our sidespeople give at our services. Greeting people as they come in and helping with the after service drinks is important, especially if you are new to the church and village. The after-service time is a valuable time for conversation and catching up. Thank you for continuing to be on the rota and thank you to Juliana for keeping the rota up to date.

Our community café continue to be a great place for meeting friends and sharing good food. The volunteers work really hard to keep them running smoothly. (see separate report).

I have to thank Geoff for his help with the many tasks that frequently crop up.

Sadly this year several of our parishioners have been ill and have died. We miss them, value their memory and are here to support their relatives and friends.

I hope we continue to be an important part of village life as we have this year. Thank you to everyone who gives their time and energy that makes our church the friendly, safe, welcoming place it is.

**Sue Moore**  
**Church Warden**

## **All Saints' Building repairs and Improvements**

After a year of significant progress in 2023, last year proved rather frustrating! The early months proved the unreliability of our ancient gas boiler, with our congregation arriving to a freezing cold church on Sunday mornings more than once.

The plans for our proposed Air to Air Heat Pump system required planning permission and were duly submitted in January, but concerns were raised by the Planning and Conservation officers which required lengthy negotiations and it was not until late August that Permission was finally granted.

The work also required Church of England 'Faculty' approval – which proved even more lengthy with sign off by the 'Diocesan Advisory Committee' (DAC) only received a couple of days before Christmas, just leaving the final approval by the official Registrar to complete the permissions.

The pipes and cables for the new heating will follow some of the routes of the existing pipes – so we will need to remove all the old system prior to installation. This will require temporary removal of all the pews, which will allow us to have plaster repaired in the places where it has fallen off spoiling the look of the church for more years than most of us can remember! Complete repainting of the walls in the correct 'breathable' paint will be needed to complete the work (and should greatly improve the look of the church).

A greater challenge is the ceiling which also requires re-painting – but also needs insulating to help ensure optimum performance of the new heating. Unfortunately this will require another Faculty which may rule this out until a later date.

The one bit of good news in 2024 was a successful Grant application to help with the cost of the new heating – but with all the other associated work above, there will clearly be a need for more serious fund-raising in 2025.

**Robert Galloway**

## **St. Mark's Church**

Our pattern of Sunday services during 2024 took the form of a regular monthly programme: Sunday Celebration (1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of the month), Morning Praise (3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday) and Holy Communion (other Sundays).

Live streaming of these services to the Parish Facebook page continued – many thanks to the very small team of helpers who undertake "laptop duty".

Brian Humphreys has continued to play at our service on the 3rd Sunday of the month with Jonathan Griffiths singing and playing at the other services.

Rachael and Gaynor lead a monthly communion service at Alexandra Mill, which opened last year. (see separate report on page 14).

The festivals of Easter, Harvest and Christmas were all celebrated in the usual way, together with an All Souls' service on Sunday 3rd November.

The church continues to be used on a weekly basis by SAS (Singers at St Mark's). Although much smaller in numbers, due to illness and other personal circumstances, the choir continues to rehearse, led by Roger Bracey and a small team of helpers. At the end of 2023 SAS were delighted to welcome Scott Austin as an accompanist for the choir and he has become an integral member. The choir had a concert in December and raised money for the St Mark's New Church Fund. They also sang at the Christmas Carol Service.

St Mark's did not host either the Parish or Harvest Meals this year.

The very popular Parish Craft Fayre took place once again on 23rd November – see separate report on page 16.

St. Mark's Committee met six times during the year on a bimonthly basis to consider matters relating to the building fabric, health and safety, social and community events and the New Build. However new members are needed as the number of committee members is now quite small.

Our church was brightened up for the Christmas season with bells decorated by a number of local community groups – thanks to those who organised this activity.

Finally a big thank you to those people who look after the important tasks keeping our church looking good, such as flower arranging, washing and ironing the altar cloths and maintenance.

**Gaynor Bracey**  
**Reader**

### **St Mark's Church and Hall Fabric Report**

The routine maintenance continues with regular checks taking place.

The gas inspection took place in September, showing no problems at the time.

The heating control has been replaced with a system that can be controlled from a smart phone. This has been so helpful to Bill. He can control and monitor the heating requirements from home, which is a much more satisfactory system.

This year the 5 year electrical check was due, which was duly completed.

NWF services made their inspection of fire extinguishers, etc, in April, no changes made.

The Portable Appliances Testing was completed in October, thank you Shaan for your help with this. Two items were taken out of use.

Regular mowing keeps the Church field tidy.

Thank you to Shaun for his support with the odd jobs that crop up regularly.

**Sue Moore**  
**Churchwarden**

### **St. Mark's New Build Project**

The project made further progress during 2024. Martyn Wilshaw of Finlason Partnership continued to act as our architect until the middle of the year when Aidan Finlason took over responsibility for the

project. He has concentrated in particular on ensuring that we discharge the planning approval conditions.

Detailed discussions on internal finishes, electrical requirements and kitchen layouts took place during the year and Cheshire East Council were appointed as Building Control in November.

A Quantity Surveyor was contacted at the end of the year with a view to appointment early in 2025 to prepare detailed costings for the project and this will inform our future fundraising plans.

Our main fundraising during the year came from donations, the Village Festival stall, St. Mark's Craft Fayre and the SAS Christmas concert which in total raised nearly £2000. Many thanks to all those who supported the project.

The Parish website continues to be updated with the latest plans and information on the project as well as containing links to the Community Survey and a Donation portal.

**Roger Bracey**  
**Project Manager**

### **All Saints' Church Hall**

The Hall's activities recommenced on 3rd January following the Christmas / New Year holidays. The usual groups re-opened: the Café, Scouts, Edward Bear, Yoga, and the various Meetings.

The Holly hedge was cut and reshaped by Mark Goodwin, during the non-growing period, as it had encroached on to the public footpath.

The Parish Meal was held in the Hall on the 9th February, the theme being a Burns Supper, with Haggis on the menu. 42 people were catered for and they enjoyed a congenial evening, feasting on Haggis, Neeps, and Tatties, or Sausage Plait, or Cheese and Onion Pie. A musical singalong further enhanced the evening.

The ladies toilet developed a blockage, and a local drainage expert was called in. Unfortunately the problem was not resolved until certain shrub roots and debris were cleared away by Robert and John. This situation prompted a ban on all sanitary products being flushed down the toilets so bins and containers were provided to enable the disposal of all such items.

In March, it was felt necessary to increase the Hall charges by 5%. This included a review of the Scouts' fees and a review date set for December 2024, to bring into line with the financial year.

April brought an Exhibition from a Housing Company, which helped the revenue figures. In addition, an overnight camper used the Hall, while on a long walk.

May brought the first election day for the Police Commissioner, followed on July 4th by the General Election, which meant the Hall being used from 06.00 hrs until 22.00 hrs.

A Village Fete was held on the 5th May, and the Hall was at the centre of the event. The Volunteers provided and served Afternoon Teas and drinks with donations being requested. Approximately 100 were catered for, while only about 50 attended. There were stalls selling cakes, and tempting treats, so the competition was fierce. Bishop Mark attended the Event and was able to chat to the volunteers and parishioners. The weather was warm and sunny enabling the tables and chairs to be used outside. On reflection the timing could have been different, with more signage to advertise the attractions.

In July, the Scouts held a Charity Tractor Run for which the Hall was able to provide toilet facilities, and a Meeting Point.

The summer month of August is quiet due to holidays, but September brings the return of activities. The Dexter Cattle Society hired the Hall for their 2- day event. In addition, a new Scout Section (Squirrels) commenced, this

group being for 4-6 year olds with weekly Tuesday sessions from 5.30 pm till 6.15 pm.

The Harvest Supper was held in October, and on this occasion had a different theme of entertainment by Gabriella, on the ukulele, who took us all round the world with her music. A plentiful meal of home-made soup, cheese biscuits, bread & pate was served, along with the usual donated desserts.

The Scouts held their first On-line Jamboree, using the Hall from 06.00 hrs on Saturday 19th October until 18.00 hrs on Sunday 20th October. This Event proved successful for the Scouts, as well as the Hall's revenue, and has been booked again for the coming year.

November saw the first 'Baby Shower' in the Hall, and the Annual Fund Raising Quiz was held on 15th November. The Quiz raised £450 for FOALS, and with 16 tables offered an entertaining evening for over 60 people. The Quizmaster, Tony Butler, provides his services free of charge.

It was felt necessary to employ a cleaner who could regularly work more hours per week, and with mutual consent we now employ Elizabeth. We are grateful to Louise for her loyal service over recent years.

A Winter Village Festival was held as a new event with Stalls in the Hall, protecting all from the winter weather. The volunteers served mulled wine and mince pies. 'Sweetie' Jars were raffled to raise funds.

December was a quieter month with the Hall's regular activities continuing until the 3rd week. The Carol Service was followed by Mulled Wine and Mince Pies, a well-attended event.

The Hall remains a focal point for the community, with the provision of a pleasant environment for all events from the Community Café to Elections, Scout Groups, meetings, fund-raising and Church-related events.



Thank you to all the volunteers who offer their services in the running, maintenance, and hosting of all the Hall's activities, and consequently making it a valuable resource for the village.

**Julia Cox**

### **St. Mark's Church hall**

The hall continues to be very busy. The community café open on Fridays is very well supported and new faces are a regular occurrence which indicates that the café is a much needed local asset.

Shavington Festival committee continue to rehearse for the annual pantomime during the winter months and Shavington drama group rehearse for their plays.

The local WI use the room monthly for their meetings and their members are a great support at the community café and any special functions during the year.

St Lukes hospice hold their monthly meetings in the hall and we are happy to support them when Facilities are required for their fund raising activities.

We have our own commitments in the hall too! GLOW and our Toddler Group meeting weekly during term time and are well supported. Our Craft and Chatter group meet twice a month and they love to see new people for a cuppa.

Our annual craft fair is very successful and there is always a waiting list for table space.

There is bingo once a month which is enjoyed by the local community and also helps to raise funds for use within the church.

We are able to offer the room for private functions such as birthday parties for adults and children. The hall has been used to accommodate the wake after several funerals.

We are fortunate that the hall is in almost constant use and is able to provide a much needed resource for both the church and the wider community.

Please note that future bookings for the church hall must be made with Bill Atteridge and he can be contacted on 07931 230643. Many thanks to all hall users for their continued loyalty.

**Shaan Shepherd**

### **Pastoral Care in the Parish**

We continue sending cards for birthdays, baptism anniversaries and also on the anniversary of the death of families of those whose funerals are held in our churches or the crematorium.

We have kept in touch with the parishioners who have been ill or living alone as much as possible by telephone. Also since it has been possible to visit in Leighton hospital, we have done our best to do so, (usually on the day Gaynor is volunteering for the Hospital Chaplaincy) or have arranged for one of the hospital chaplains to visit. However, we do need to know the ward!

Please do continue to let us know of anyone who is sick or struggling so that we can keep in touch with them, or if they are unable to get to church if they might like Home Communion. This can be short term if someone is incapacitated and will be able to return to church at a later date and does not mean that you have given up on coming to church, but simply that church can come to you albeit in a different way to your normal experience. We are there to carry on the link with the church family.

The Prayer Chain has continued with the members faithfully praying for everyone for whom we receive requests. If this is something you feel you would like to be a part of, please contact Margaret or Gaynor. As always, we take this opportunity to thank them all,

Remember the Prayer Chain is there for everyone to request prayers at any time and for anything and that prayers can be to give thanks for the good things that happen not just the sad or difficult times.

**Margaret Hodgkinson & Gaynor Bracey  
Readers**

**Craft and Chatter**

It has been another busy year.

We have produced Knitted vegetables for the garden at Harvest time, and sunflower badges for distribution to the congregations at the Harvest thanksgiving services.

This was followed by cinnamon crosses for distribution at the All-Souls services, which were much appreciated,

Over the course of the year, we have continued making items for the Craft Fair which we supported in November and had a busy day; the proceeds being donated to church funds and offered some of our donated materials at low prices which were excess to our requirements which were eagerly snapped up once again, the proceeds were donated to church funds.

The run up to Christmas saw us busy making 'peg nativities' for distribution at Carol Services.

Currently we are taking part in the project in Shavington to make an updated village map crafted for display in the Village Hall, celebrating the coronation of King Charles.

There was plenty of tea/coffee dispensed



over the year and even more chatter was shared.

If you are free on the 1<sup>st</sup> or 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of each month do come along and bring any kind of craft you enjoy doing, or just come along for a cuppa and a chat – there's always plenty of both, and it is a nice warm space.

**Margaret Hodgkinson  
Reader**

**Children and Families Work**

It's been another full and rewarding year here in our Parish, and I'm delighted to share our highlights from 2024. Our focus remains on strengthening old friendships and forging new ones, and every event has been a testament to our community's spirit and enthusiasm.

I'd like to extend a big thank you to everyone who has contributed to our weekly clubs and community events. Your continued support makes all our efforts possible. A very special thanks goes to Rev Rachael for her unending encouragement, to Sue Moore for her fantastic assistance at EBC, and to Elizabeth Davies-Allman, Allison Emery, Louise Oldershaw, my husband Shaun Randle, and my mum Dina Bostock for their support at GLOW.

I am also very grateful to Bill Atteridge & Lynsey Bentley, for helping with our school sessions. Your commitment plays a crucial role in our family, school, and community activities.

**Community Events**

**Harvest Garden & Family Celebration  
Service**

This year marked an exciting new addition to our community celebrations. With funding from Shavington-cum-Gresty Parish Council— part of their Wellbeing Wednesday evening sessions —and funding support from Age UK, we created a beautiful Harvest Garden.

Local schools and nurseries took part enthusiastically, and the garden was enhanced with an array of fabulously knitted fruits and vegetables from the Craft and Chatter group under Margarets leadership that was also put on display.



***The Remembrance Garden***

At our Celebration Sunday Service, the garden came even more to life with the inclusion of the 'Bill Pringle' scarecrow made by the GLOW children. Attendees added their personal touches to Bill, making him patches of thankfulness. After the service, we hosted a session focused on harvest crafts and planting, where community members could get hands-on. With thanks to Bill Atteridge for making a delicious vegetable soup that everyone shared—a perfect end to a day of community.



In keeping with our commitment to honouring our past, we once again reached out to local primary and secondary schools, nurseries, and the Brownie group to contribute to our Remembrance Garden. The artwork this year was outstanding. Contributions added to the knitted and crocheted poppies from previous years. The garden stood as a fitting tribute, honouring those we remember with grace and reverence.





### ***Advent Window Trail***

Our annual Advent Window Trail continues to bring the community together, and this year we were thrilled to see a record participation—with 103 community members creating windows for the trail! It was inspiring to see such a high level of engagement, with our church leading this in the community.



### ***Nativity Crib Scene***

The nativity scene outside St. Mark's remained a popular attraction this Christmas season. Families gathered to enjoy the display, sparking conversations and drawing many to visit the church. A special thank you to my husband Shaun for his masterful work in rebuilding the Crib - it continues to be a highlight year after year.



### ***Schools & Youth Engagement***

#### ***Christmas Workshops & School Sessions***

This year, our Christmas workshops were as lively as ever. We invited local nurseries to join us at St. Mark's for storytelling and crafts, and our visits to Shavington Primary and Weston Primary were met with enthusiastic participation. We read a book from the camels perspective of the Christmas story and, we brought the Christmas story to life for Year 4 and 5 children at Shavington and Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 at Weston.





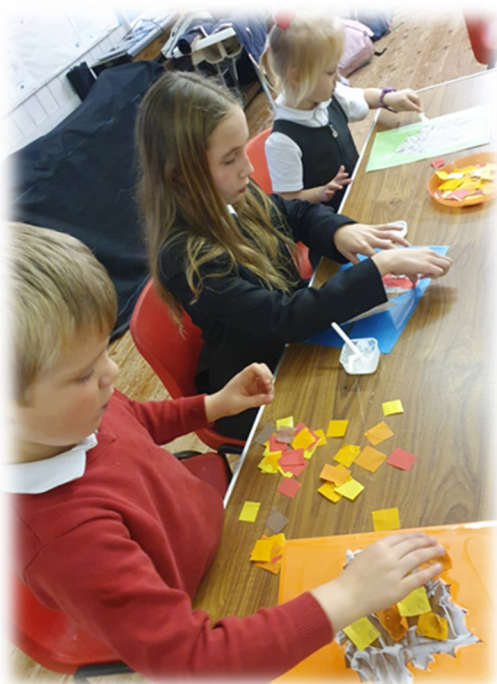
### **GLOW**

GLOW continues to be well attended for our children. Our sessions begin with a snack, followed by singing, dancing, storytelling, and prayers in church. The children then enjoy crafts and games, rounding off the session with another moment of prayer. I extend my thanks to our regular helpers—Elizabeth, Allison, Louise, Dina, and Shaun—for their ongoing dedication.



### **Edward Bear**

At Edward Bear, our regular group remains robust, with many members inviting their friends to join. Our routine of singing, storytelling, craft-making, and prayer continues to create a nurturing environment for everyone. A special shout-out to Sue Moore, our tireless volunteer, whose hard work ensures the smooth running of our sessions.



### **St Mark's Toddlers**

Our toddler group has continued with its structured format this year, which has been well received by families. Starting with free play, we follow up with a story, craft, snack, and conclude with nursery rhymes or singing.



Rachael leads the group with support from parent Lauren and I remain involved in planning sessions and stepping in as needed, ensuring that our little ones have a secure and joyful experience.

### **Summer Celebrations**

During the summer, the GLOW families embarked on our another trip to Bearstone Fruit Farm. The weather was kinder this year and we had a fantastic time in the outdoors and on the tractor ride then tasting fruit afterwards.



### **Fundraising Bingo**

We have organised two very successful Bingo events to help towards our funding for Children & Family work. Beachball bingo and Christmas Pudding bingo have been very popular and have been a fun way to pass a Sunday afternoon with lots of community spirit. Thanks to Rev Rachael, Shaun our Bingo caller and Elizabeth for their help with this. We are extremely grateful for the match

funding on this which has helped to double our fundraising efforts. Thank you!



In closing, 2024 has been a year of connections and creativity. I am immensely grateful for every volunteer, supporter, and family member who has contributed to our community life.

**Sara Randle**  
**Children and Families Worker**

### **Alexandra Mill Care Home**

Rev Rachael and Gaynor continue to take a monthly shortened service of Holy Communion at Alexandra Care Home. We meet in one of the sitting rooms and now regularly have a congregation upwards of 12.

The services which last just over 30 minutes are attended by residents, family members and some staff, if available.

The time together is joyous with everyone joining in, especially the singing, with some knowing the hymns off by heart.

The service always end with us sharing a hot drink and refreshments and a catch up!



The residential home also takes part, when it can, in celebrating festivals with us. Last year a beautiful harvest loaf was baked for the altar at St Marks Church and a bell decorated for

the display of Christmas bells in St Marks.

The link with Alexandra Mill is invaluable and has helped a significant number of people continue their link with faith, whilst either being a permanent or temporary resident

**Gaynor Bracey (Reader)**

### **Wednesday evening Home Group (Meets in Shavington)**

This home group meets once a month in Shavington and participants are welcomed from across the parish. We usually meet on the third Wednesday of each month, at 7.30pm, hosted by Jan and Dave Sayer in Shavington, although the actual day may change according to the circumstances of participants. We use material from a variety of sources, including videos and music, to enhance our understanding of the Bible, and how we can apply this to our daily life and experience.

Our meetings provide opportunity for study and conversation in a friendly and comfortable setting, always starting with a chat over tea and biscuits. We aim to provide an environment in which questions can be asked, and answers discussed, in a relaxed and non-threatening way. The main topic this year has been to examine the story of the

Bible itself, and how it came to us in the form we have it today. Once that topic was concluded, we decided to examine the lives of particular Bible characters, especially women, beginning with the story of Ruth. New members are always welcome, and details of the group can be found in the "Weekly Link".

**Dave Sayer**

### **Thursday Home Group (Meets in Weston)**



We meet on the first Thursday of the month at 10.00am, hosted by Juliana and Keith Stewart in Wychwood Village in Weston. Members are welcome from both sides of the Parish. Our study is based on scripture and our material comes from the "Bible Project" website. This provides a variety of entertaining material and gives a practical perspective to the Bible. In 2024, we studied in detail "The Sermon on the Mount", based on a series of excellent videos. Throughout we were able to ask questions, share our doubts and think of so many aspects of life. The "Bible Project" highlights many themes that run through the Bible which all lead to Jesus, and in 2025 we will be looking at the theme of "mountains".

New members are always very welcome. There are refreshments to sustain us and lots of lively, friendly and perhaps not too serious conversations to help us think about life and scripture. This year was rounded off in great

fashion by a buffet-style lunch followed by a short eucharist led by the Rev. Keith Stewart using an “ancient” Celtic Liturgy. A memorable and moving experience.

**Keith Every**

### **The Craft Fayre**



Saturday 23rd November saw our 8th Craft Fayre (sadly we were unable to safely hold it in 2020 because of COVID) and we welcomed both new and old stall holders back to this annual event.



In all we had 17 attendees who between them rented 18 pitches in within the hall and church space.

This year despite the considerable increases in energy costs for the day, especially for heating, we changed the fees for the stalls from £12.50 to £13.00. Only the second increase since the event started in 2016. As in previous years, the church café ran alongside the event offering light snacks, cakes, teas and coffees.

The weather on the day was kind to us and we had many local people through the doors

to browse the brightly decorated stalls, with many stall holders reporting a good trade.

This year the event raised a considerable amount (see accounts section) towards the New Build Fund.

Many thanks to all the volunteers including those from café@StMarks, who helped run the café on the day and those who helped set up and tidy up after a long day!

**Gaynor Bracey**  
**Reader**

### **St. Mark's Church Prize Bingo**

Our Bingo at St Mark's Church is held on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of every month commencing at 2.00pm although the doors are open from 1.30pm. We have twelve games of bingo stopping for tea/coffee and biscuits after six games and there is a prize for the first line and house for each game. We also hold a raffle which there are usually six prizes to choose from. There are between 20 and 27 ladies who regularly attend each month.

Two of the reasons for running St Mark's Bingo is to help with the maintenance of the Church Hall and support Young Church, ie GLOW (God loves our World).

During 2024 our Bingo's income was £1720.90, expenditure £965.36 making a profit for the year £755.54.

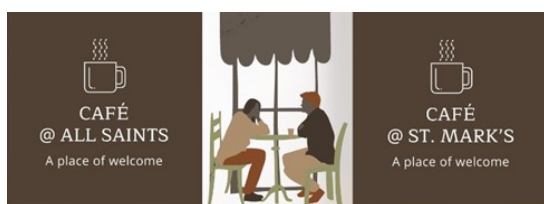
We could not make this profit without the continuous donations of prizes that are handed to me and if they are not suitable for bingo prizes then I pass them for other church fundraising events.

My thanks to Mike Curzon who has been calling the bingo for years and the ladies who sell the bingo books, raffle tickets and makes the tea and coffee with me.

Please spread the word, it is a lovely social afternoon for everyone to enjoy.

**Elizabeth Davies-Allman**





### **Community Cafés**

The cafés continue to provide a friendly and warm meeting place for both villages. Over the year we have noticed regular groups of friends meeting at our cafés on a regular basis.

During Lent, those attending the Cafés choose 6 charities per café (12 in all) to share a donation of 50% of the profit made in this period.

Unfortunately, it was felt that the prices of some of the Menu items had to be increased, in line with the inflationary cost of living. As far as possible, these were kept to a minimum.

The new Autumn Menu commenced with Soup and Jacket Potatoes being back on the menu, alongside the ever-popular toasted sandwiches. The Cafés closed for two weeks in August, due to holidays, as was the case in December, due to the Festive Season break.

Rachael organised a Café Staff Christmas Party, which was held in December in the Hall, with a Fish & Chip Supper being provided. A Quiz and Christmas Hat Competition made it a great fun night, and was greatly appreciated by the volunteers.

### **Gaynor Bracey**

#### **Café @St Mark's**

The café has now been open almost 4 years and it continues to be a valued place for the community to come together. Each week we see our regular customers returning and new people from the village being welcomed. We offer a varied menu which changes with the seasons and our homemade cakes are very popular.

During Lent 2024 we donated half our net profits to various charities and will be doing the same in 2025. We continue to open the café on Good Friday as it is well attended.

Some of our volunteers provided refreshments for the Craft Fayre in November. This year we decided to do 'bacon butties' and they proved very popular.

Our teams of volunteers and bakers / soup makers work very hard to give our customers the best food and service possible and we would like to thank them for all their hard work throughout the year. We are always looking for new volunteers in either role. We were sorry to lose one of our bakers during the year when Jean Newall died.

We would like to thank all our customers for their continued support.

### **Sheila McAlpine**

#### **Café @All Saints'**

The Café re-opened after the Christmas break, on the 3rd of January, and continues to be the venue for local people and those for the wider community to meet up and enjoy drink and a chat, or indulge in the home-made fare on offer. Customers are also able to purchase Greeting Cards provided by Sarah Wrench. In addition, home-made marmalade and seasonal fruit jams are provided by Robert.

The local Year 6 school children continue to assist in the running of the Café during term-times. This enables them to learn new skills, and communicate with older generations.

The staffing of the Café remains an issue with some volunteers leaving due to ill health or long-term illness, causing staff shortage. In order to alleviate this, several temporary volunteers were recruited which helped enormously, while one new permanent volunteer joined the team.

The Café continues to be a very successful facility within the village, and surrounding area, and continues to grow. Recruitment

drives for more volunteers are still done on a regular basis, and an ongoing Social Media update is maintained by Rachael, in order to keep our potential customer base aware of our presence.

**Julia Cox**

### **Charity Support**

The PCC has continued to support a wide range of local, national and international charities in 2024:

- From Parish funds £400 was donated to each of the following charities: Centrepont Manchester (local); Dementia UK (Admiral Nurses) (National); Forever Angels (Tanzania) (International)
- During Lent our community cafés have supported: Guide Dogs; Carers trust; Marie Curie; Alzheimer's UK; SSAFA; Shelter Box; Blind Veterans; 12SWC (Shavington) Scout Group; Children's Heart Foundation; St Luke's Hospice; The Salvation Army and Christian Aid. Each charity received £50 which amounted to 50% of the café net profits during the Lent period. (£600)
- Harvest gifts of food were donated to St Paul's Pantry and both churches continue to have food donation boxes for St Paul's Pantry all year round.
- The Harvest Services' Collection was donated to Christian Aid.
- The Christingle Services' collection was donated to The Children's Society

**Gaynor Bracey**  
**Reader**

### **St. Paul's Pantry**

St. Paul's pantry is a foodbank based in Crewe, run by Christian Concern. They give help and support to families and individuals who are in need in the local area.

Our food collection box is always accessible at All Saints' Church, in the porch, when the church is closed or inside near the door when open. The St. Mark's collection box is inside church. Your donations are taken to the

centre in Crewe for distribution. From July to December this year, 1500 people from 700 households received crisis food parcels. This is a huge increase from previous years.

Your donations of food items make the work of the centre possible. This year 23% of the food donated was from churches.

Thank you to everyone who donates so generously to the food bank, their help and support could not continue without your generosity.

**Sue Moore**  
**Church Warden**

### **Shoe Boxes**



Thank you for your fantastic response to the appeal to support the Teams4U charity by filling shoeboxes to send to the poorest places in eastern Europe.

This year we put together 43 boxes which were filled with

beautifully knitted hats and mittens, dressed knitted dolls, toiletries, stationery, toys and sweets. These were delivered direct to the charity and put with the thousands of other boxes ready for distribution.

Your response to this appeal has been humbling and I thank you on behalf of the recipients.

Without your help there would be many children who would have nothing at Christmas.

Please do continue to think about us in the coming months by sending me shoeboxes with removable lids so that I can cover them in readiness for next year.

Also I can use any leftover Christmas paper you may have, which means that every penny we collect in donations can be used to fill the boxes next year.

With very grateful thanks

**Shaan Shepherd**

**PCC OF ALL SAINTS' WESTON AND  
ST MARK'S SHAVINGTON  
TREASURER'S REPORT  
YEAR ENDING 31 DECEMBER 2024**

**GENERAL FUND**

The general fund shows a surplus of £ 3913 for the year (demonstrating that our income exceeded our expenditure by about 5%).

This was on a par with the previous year and contributed about 29% of our total income.

**GENERAL FUND EXPENDITURE**

**GENERAL FUND INCOME**

In overall terms, General Fund income was on a par with the previous year, 2023. Details of income sources and changes therein (compared with 2023) are given in the following paragraphs:

1. Planned giving represents monies received via standing order and the envelope scheme. This increased by 6%. Planned giving contributes about half of our total income.
2. Collections and other giving represents monies received in the loose plate collections, and also one-off Gift Aid donations (not specifically for any restricted or designated fund). These reduced by 34% contributing about 4% of our total income.
3. Other voluntary receipts includes donations, appeals, legacies and grants. These increased by 30% and contributed about 1% of our total income.
4. Gift Aid is recovered on eligible donations (from the previous year). This increased by 18% and contributed about 10% of our total income.
5. Activities for generating funds includes fundraising events such as the Parish Meal, Harvest Supper, Raffles and the Parish Craft Fayre. This reduced by 42% and contributed about 3% of our total income.
6. Investment income is the interest received on deposit accounts, most of which are held by CCLA. This was on a par with the previous year and contributed about 2% of our total income.
7. Receipts from church activities represents the proportion of wedding and funeral fees that we are allowed to keep after paying the statutory fees to the Diocese, together with receipts from church hall lettings (this includes a significant contribution from the two church Community Cafés).

In overall terms, General Fund expenditure reduced by about 5% compared with the previous year, 2023. Details of expenditure streams and changes therein (compared with 2023) are given in the following paragraphs:

1. Costs of generating funds are expenses incurred in respect of fundraising events (recorded in "Activities for generating funds"). These reduced by about 4%.
2. Missionary and Charitable Giving includes annual charitable donations agreed by the PCC as well as the Harvest donation to Christian Aid and the Christingle donation to the Children's Society. This increased by 4%.
3. Parish Share – this is set by Chester Diocese and is a contribution by parishes in the Diocese towards the cost of the provision and support of Parish mission and ministry. It increased by 5.0%.
4. Clergy and staffing costs includes honoraria for readers and organists, expenses of the incumbent and vicarage expenses (council tax, water and telephone). They increased by 14%.
5. Church running expenses includes building insurance, small maintenance items, items for the upkeep of services (e.g. candles and communion wine), energy costs and administrative costs (including printing). They reduced by about 15%.
6. Hall running expenses includes building insurance, small maintenance items, energy costs and water. They reduced by about 35%.

## RESTRICTED AND DESIGNATED FUNDS

Please see below details of movement in the Restricted and Designated funds:

### Communal - Wages Support Fund

Overall reduction during year - £ 1773.54  
Income

Planned Giving - £ 600

Expenses

Children & Families Worker - £ 2373.54

This fund had a negative balance of £ 619.25 which was cancelled out by transfer of this amount from the new Communal Children and Families Work Fund (see below) which was established in June 2024.

### Communal – Children and Families Work Fund

Overall decrease during year - £ 1514.26  
Income

Donations - £ 1389.00

Planned Giving - £ 825.00

Fundraising - £ 637.00

Other - £ 44.00

Expenses

Children and Families Worker  
- £ 3479.19

Transfer out - £ 619.25

Edward Bear expenses - £ 140.49

GLOW expenses - £ 66.24

School craft expenses - £ 63.85

Cost of fundraising events - £ 40.24

### Communal – Community Café grant Fund

Overall increase during year - £ 1619.54  
Income

Café receipts - £ 26798.20

Expenses

Café running costs - £ 20930.88

Hall cleaning and maintenance  
- £ 1671.45

Charitable donations - £ 600.00

Broadband provision - £ 542.44

Water - £ 479.29

New cooker - £ 460.00

SumUp transaction fees - £ 259.62

Trolley - £ 118.78

Hive CH controller - £ 100.00

Kitchen shelf - £ 16.20

### St Mark's Building Fund

Overall Increase during year - £ 140.39  
(Interest received only)

### St Mark's Hall and Young Church Fund

Overall increase during year - £ 735.19  
Income

Bingo receipts - £ 1800.95

Expenses

Bingo prizes - £ 974.72

GLOW expenses - £ 41.05

Hall notice boards - £ 49.99

### St Mark's Legacy Fund

Overall increase during year - £127.52  
(Interest received only)

### St Mark's New Church Fund

Overall reduction during year - £ 16811.09  
Income

Interest received - £ 4491.63

Craft Fayre - £ 915.00

Donations - £ 469.00

SAS Christmas concert - £ 406.00

Village Festival stall - £ 205.00

Planned Giving - £ 120.00

Collection box & jar - £ 103.64

Gift Aid recovered - £ 36.23

Expenses

New Build Expenses - £ 23464.40  
(Consultants and other fees)

Fundraising event costs - £ 93.19

### St Mark's Organ and Music Fund

Overall increase during year - £ 553.94  
Income

SAS Subscriptions - £ 1663.87

Interest received - £ 208.29

Expenses

Accompanist fees - £ 875.00

SAS Music - £ 378.40

Other - £ 58.82

Concert expenses - £ 6.00

### St Mark's - Toddlers Fund

Overall increase during year – NIL

### **All Saints' Choir Fund**

Overall increase during year - £ 5.44  
(Interest received only)

### **All Saints' Flower Fund**

Overall increase during year - £ 1.54  
(Interest received only)

### **All Saints' Hall Fund**

Overall increase during year - £ 82.40  
Book sales - £ 63.59  
Interest received - £ 18.81

### **All Saints' Heating Fund**

Overall increase during year - £ 19647.00  
Income  
Cheshire East Grant - £ 15000.00  
FOALS donation - £ 5000.00  
Expenses  
Planning application fee - £353.00

### **All Saints' Roof and Fabric Fund**

Overall increase during year - £ 5764.91  
Income  
Gift Aid recovered - £ 2092.50  
Donations - £ 1601.50  
Weston Fete - £ 1290.14  
Weston Christmas Fair - £ 701.62  
Interest received - £ 239.30  
Expenses  
Cost of fundraising events - £ 160.15

### **All Saints' Youth Group Fund**

Overall increase during year - £ 81.95  
Income  
Edward Bear subs - £ 143.57  
Interest received - £ 25.40  
Expenses  
Edward Bear expenses - £ 87.02

## **Note to the Accounts for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> December 2024**

### **The Samuel Hunter Fund**

Value as at 31<sup>st</sup> December 2024 - £384,723.50.

As this fund is held by the Diocese on behalf of the PCC, it is not included in these accounts but recorded by way of this note.

#### Background

In 1929 a Mr Samuel Hunter made a bequest of £680 for the benefit of Shavington Church of England.

Sometime in the 1960's this amount was transferred to the Diocese. A charitable trust was established with the name "Samuel Hunter Bequest for Shavington Church of England". The Diocesan Board of Finance (DBF) became Custodian Trustee on behalf of the PCC who were Managing Trustees.

At this time the PCC instructed the DBF to invest the £680 in the Central Board of Finance (CBF) Investment Fund - Accumulation in the name of St Mark's Shavington - New Church Fund. This investment remains in place in the value shown above.

### **Frank Thomas Key Trust**

Value as at 31<sup>st</sup> December 2024 - £4706.71.

As this fund is held by the Diocese on behalf of the PCC, it is not included in these accounts but recorded by way of this note.

# PCC of Weston and Shavington

## Balance Sheet detailed

	As at 31/12/2024	As at 31/12/2023
<b>Current assets</b>		
6501: Bank current account (HSBC)	-	-
6502: Bank Current Account (NatWest)	39,766.60	31,952.00
6505: Bank deposit account	3.37	3.17
6520: CBF - General Fund	27,502.45	26,155.88
6521: CBF - S - Organ / Music	4,253.99	4,045.70
6522: CBF - S - New Church	91,737.53	87,245.90
6523: CBF - W - Flower	31.37	29.83
6524: CBF - W - Youth	518.74	493.34
6525: CBF - S - Legacies	2,604.39	2,476.87
6526: CBF - S - Building	2,867.29	2,726.90
6527: CBF - W - Hall	450.94	428.86
6528: CBF - W - Roof & Fabric	4,887.32	4,648.02
6529: CBF - W - Choir	111.05	105.61
6533: CBF - W - Cyber	-	-
6591: Petty Cash - St Mark's	93.69	93.69
6592: Petty Cash - All Saints	56.38	56.38
6593: LFO - Shavington	41.20	191.88
6594: LFO - Weston	(34.46)	805.17
<b>Total Current assets</b>	<b>174,891.85</b>	<b>161,459.20</b>
<b>Liabilities</b>		
6699: Agency collections	972.58	853.98
<b>Total Liabilities</b>	<b>972.58</b>	<b>853.98</b>
<b>Net Asset surplus (deficit)</b>	<b>173,919.27</b>	<b>160,605.22</b>
<b>Reserves</b>		
Excess/(deficit) to date	13,314.05	(4,868.12)
Z01: Starting balances	160,605.22	165,473.34
Z02: Gains and losses on investments	-	-
<b>Total Reserves</b>	<b>173,919.27</b>	<b>160,605.22</b>

Represented by Funds		
General (Unrestricted)	24,214.48	20,301.29
Designated	35,484.09	17,735.25
Restricted	114,220.70	122,568.68
<b>Total</b>	<b>173,919.27</b>	<b>160,605.22</b>

**PCC of Weston and Shavington**  
**Sofa Separate Designated**  
**For the period from 01 January 2024 to 31 December 2024**

	Unrestricted funds	Designated funds	Restricted funds	Total funds	Prior year total funds
<b>Receipts</b>					
Planned giving	37,533.00	1,425.00	120.00	39,078.00	36,724.25
Collections and other giving	3,251.29	-	962.00	4,213.29	5,021.35
Other voluntary receipts	895.34	21,919.72	1,244.14	24,059.20	32,644.08
Gift Aid recovered	7,644.59	-	2,128.73	9,773.32	6,502.75
Other receipts	85.00	44.00	-	129.00	8,486.00
Activities for generating funds	1,908.11	1,913.72	5,328.71	9,150.54	11,367.25
Investment Income	1,346.77	368.19	4,893.40	6,608.36	6,337.17
Receipts from church activities	22,035.00	-	26,937.20	48,972.20	36,501.06
<b>Total income</b>	<b>74,699.10</b>	<b>25,670.63</b>	<b>41,614.18</b>	<b>141,983.91</b>	<b>143,583.91</b>
<b>Payments</b>					
Cost of generating funds	669.59	1,310.71	22,158.94	24,139.24	13,167.20
Missionary and Charitable Giving	2,044.10	-	600.00	2,644.10	2,946.49
Parish Share	41,439.48	-	-	41,439.48	39,466.08
Clergy and Staffing costs	6,267.67	5,852.73	-	12,120.40	11,574.97
Church Running Expenses	12,645.41	405.35	300.67	13,351.43	15,178.35
Hall Running Costs	7,620.69	-	2,743.17	10,363.86	12,517.97
Church Repairs & Maintenance	98.97	353.00	23,464.40	23,916.37	53,430.00
Hall Repairs & Maintenance	-	-	694.98	694.98	170.97
<b>Total expenditure</b>	<b>70,785.91</b>	<b>7,921.79</b>	<b>49,962.16</b>	<b>128,669.86</b>	<b>148,452.03</b>
<b>Net income / (expenditure) resources before transfer</b>	<b>3,913.19</b>	<b>17,748.84</b>	<b>(8,347.98)</b>	<b>13,314.05</b>	<b>(4,868.12)</b>
<b>Transfers:</b>					
Gross transfers between funds - in	1,040.00	619.25	1,040.00	2,699.25	31,413.22
Gross transfers between funds - out	(1,040.00)	(619.25)	(1,040.00)	(2,699.25)	(31,413.22)
<b>Other recognised gains / losses</b>					
Gains/losses on investment assets	-	-	-	-	-
Gains on revaluation, fixed assets, charity's own use	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Net movement in funds</b>	<b>3,913.19</b>	<b>17,748.84</b>	<b>(8,347.98)</b>	<b>13,314.05</b>	<b>(4,868.12)</b>
<b>Reconciliation of funds</b>					
<b>Total funds brought forward</b>	<b>20,301.29</b>	<b>17,735.25</b>	<b>122,568.68</b>	<b>160,605.22</b>	<b>165,473.34</b>
<b>Total funds carried forward</b>	<b>24,214.48</b>	<b>35,484.09</b>	<b>114,220.70</b>	<b>173,919.27</b>	<b>160,605.22</b>
<b>Represented by</b>					
Unrestricted					
General fund	24,214.48	-	-	24,214.48	20,301.29
Designated					
All Saints Choir Fund	-	89.11	-	89.11	83.67
All Saints Flower Fund	-	151.00	-	151.00	149.46
All Saints Youth Group	-	1,397.00	-	1,397.00	1,315.05
Children And Families Work	-	(1,514.26)	-	(1,514.26)	-
St Mark's Legacy Fund	-	4,473.64	-	4,473.64	4,346.12
St Mark's Organ/Music Fund	-	9,916.71	-	9,916.71	9,362.77
St Mark's Toddlers	-	775.28	-	775.28	775.28
Wages Support From Parish Share	-	-	-	-	1,154.29
Weston Heating Upgrade Fund	-	20,195.61	-	20,195.61	548.61
Restricted					
Agency collection	-	-	139.00	139.00	-
All Saints Roof & Fabric Fund	-	-	23,179.13	23,179.13	17,414.22
C-community cafe grant	-	-	13,073.80	13,073.80	11,454.26
Shavington New Church Fund	-	-	69,223.73	69,223.73	86,034.82
St Mark's Building Fund	-	-	2,867.29	2,867.29	2,726.90
St Mark's Hall and Young Church Support Fund	-	-	5,357.90	5,357.90	4,622.71
Weston Church Hall Special Fund	-	-	379.85	379.85	315.77

**PCC of Weston and Shavington**  
**Analysis of income and expenditure**  
**Selected period: 01 January 2024 to 31 December 2024**

	General	Designated	Restricted	This year	Total Last year
<b>Receipts</b>					
<b>Planned giving</b>					
0101 - S - Gift Aid - Bank	15,659.00	125.00	120.00	15,904.00	13,919.00
0102 - W - Gift Aid - Bank	20,990.00	1,300.00	-	22,290.00	21,376.00
0111 - S - Gift Aid - Envelopes	-	-	-	-	15.00
0112 - W - Gift Aid - Envelopes	194.00	-	-	194.00	656.25
0201 - S - Other planned giving	100.00	-	-	100.00	50.00
0202 - W - Other planned giving	585.00	-	-	585.00	648.00
0203 - S - Other Planned Giving - Non GASDS	5.00	-	-	5.00	55.00
0204 - W - Other Planned Giving - Non GASDS	-	-	-	-	5.00
<b>Planned giving Totals</b>	<b>37,533.00</b>	<b>1,425.00</b>	<b>120.00</b>	<b>39,078.00</b>	<b>36,724.25</b>
<b>Collections and other giving</b>					
0301 - S - Loose plate collections	1,037.09	-	-	1,037.09	729.01
0302 - W - Loose plate collections	1,665.20	-	-	1,665.20	1,383.72
0303 - S - Loose Plate Collections - Non GASDS	35.00	-	-	35.00	47.00
0500 - C - One-off Gift Aid gifts	30.00	-	-	30.00	1,435.00
0501 - S - One-off Gift Aid gifts	50.00	-	159.00	209.00	1,300.00
0502 - W - One-off Gift Aid gifts	434.00	-	803.00	1,237.00	126.62
<b>Collections and other giving Totals</b>	<b>3,251.29</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>962.00</b>	<b>4,213.29</b>	<b>5,021.35</b>
<b>Other voluntary receipts</b>					
0550 - C - Donations appeals etc	75.01	1,315.00	-	1,390.01	28.00
0551 - S - Donations appeals etc	710.33	584.72	413.64	1,708.69	4,094.11
0552 - W - Donations appeals etc	110.00	5,020.00	830.50	5,960.50	28,021.97
0702 - W - Legacies	-	-	-	-	500.00
08C0 - W - Non-recurring grants	-	15,000.00	-	15,000.00	-
<b>Other voluntary receipts Totals</b>	<b>895.34</b>	<b>21,919.72</b>	<b>1,244.14</b>	<b>24,059.20</b>	<b>32,644.08</b>
<b>Gift Aid recovered</b>					
0600 - C - Taxrecoverable on Gift Aid	7,644.59	-	-	7,644.59	6,502.75
0601 - S - Taxrecoverable on Gift Aid	-	-	36.23	36.23	-
0602 - W - Taxrecoverable on Gift Aid	-	-	2,092.50	2,092.50	-
<b>Gift Aid recovered Totals</b>	<b>7,644.59</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>2,128.73</b>	<b>9,773.32</b>	<b>6,502.75</b>
<b>Other receipts</b>					
0900 - Other funds generated	85.00	44.00	-	129.00	8,182.00
1320 - Surplus - sales of fixed assets	-	-	-	-	304.00
<b>Other receipts Totals</b>	<b>85.00</b>	<b>44.00</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>129.00</b>	<b>8,486.00</b>
<b>Activities for generating funds</b>					
0910 - C - Fundraising	1,114.21	517.15	-	1,631.36	1,569.10
0911 - S - Fundraising	185.90	1,168.15	3,326.95	4,681.00	6,573.34
0912 - W - Fundraising	608.00	228.42	2,001.76	2,838.18	3,224.81



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<b>Activities for generating funds Totals</b>	<b>1,908.11</b>	<b>1,913.72</b>	<b>5,328.71</b>	<b>9,150.54</b>	<b>11,367.25</b>
<b>Investment Income</b>					
1020 - C - Bank and building society interest	1,346.77	-	-	1,346.77	1,347.63
1021 - S - Bank and building society interest	-	335.81	4,632.02	4,967.83	4,233.84
1022 - W - Bank and building society interest	-	32.38	261.38	293.76	755.70
<b>Investment Income Totals</b>	<b>1,346.77</b>	<b>368.19</b>	<b>4,893.40</b>	<b>6,608.36</b>	<b>6,337.17</b>
<b>Receipts from church activities</b>					
1100 - C - Fees for weddings and funerals	188.00	-	-	188.00	312.00
1101 - S - Fees for weddings and funerals	417.00	-	-	417.00	1,025.00
1102 - W - Fees for weddings and funerals	986.00	-	139.00	1,125.00	1,402.00
1221 - S - Church Hall - other receipts	-	-	10,727.75	10,727.75	5,267.94
1222 - W - Church Hall - other receipts	34.00	-	16,070.45	16,104.45	9,593.52
1231 - S - Church hall lettings	9,073.00	-	-	9,073.00	9,837.60
1232 - W - Church hall lettings	11,337.00	-	-	11,337.00	9,063.00
<b>Receipts from church activities Totals</b>	<b>22,035.00</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>26,937.20</b>	<b>48,972.20</b>	<b>36,501.06</b>
<b>Receipts Grand totals</b>	<b>74,699.10</b>	<b>25,670.63</b>	<b>41,614.18</b>	<b>141,983.91</b>	<b>143,583.91</b>
<b>Payments</b>					
<b>Cost of generating funds</b>					
1730 - C - Costs of fetes & other events	322.59	40.24	13,948.29	14,311.12	9,277.60
1731 - S - Costs of fetes & other events	-	1,270.47	4,330.16	5,600.63	3,080.91
1732 - W - Costs of fetes & other events	347.00	-	3,880.49	4,227.49	808.69
<b>Cost of generating funds Totals</b>	<b>669.59</b>	<b>1,310.71</b>	<b>22,158.94</b>	<b>24,139.24</b>	<b>13,167.20</b>
<b>Missionary and Charitable Giving</b>					
1830 - C - Giving - Relief & Development Agency	758.00	-	-	758.00	1,069.85
1831 - S - Giving - Relief & Development Agency	-	-	25.00	25.00	-
1832 - W - Giving - Relief & Development Agency	-	-	25.00	25.00	-
1850 - C - Giving - Home mission	286.10	-	50.00	336.10	-
1870 - C - Giving - Secular charities	1,000.00	-	500.00	1,500.00	1,859.42
1871 - S - Giving - Secular charities	-	-	-	-	17.22
<b>Missionary and Charitable Giving Totals</b>	<b>2,044.10</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>600.00</b>	<b>2,644.10</b>	<b>2,946.49</b>
<b>Parish Share</b>					
1910 - C - Ministry Parish Share etc	41,439.48	-	-	41,439.48	39,466.08
<b>Parish Share Totals</b>	<b>41,439.48</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>41,439.48</b>	<b>39,466.08</b>
<b>Clergy and Staffing costs</b>					
2000 - C - Assistant staff costs	-	5,852.73	-	5,852.73	6,065.78
2050 - C - Salaries, wages & honoraria	800.00	-	-	800.00	700.00
2051 - S - Salaries, wages & honoraria	-	-	-	-	350.00
2052 - W - Salaries, wages & honoraria	400.00	-	-	400.00	350.00
2100 - C - Working expenses of incumbent	687.15	-	-	687.15	406.50
2130 - C - Parsonage house expenses	4,380.52	-	-	4,380.52	3,702.69

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<b>Clergy and Staffing costs Totals</b>	<b>6,267.67</b>	<b>5,852.73</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>12,120.40</b>	<b>11,574.97</b>
<b>Church Running Expenses</b>					
2301 - S - Church running - insurance	795.28	-	-	795.28	764.43
2302 - W - Church running - insurance	1,444.60	-	-	1,444.60	1,612.70
2331 - S - Church Maintenance	606.10	-	-	606.10	584.76
2332 - W - Church maintenance	687.65	-	-	687.65	1,296.62
2340 - C - Upkeep of services	694.73	63.85	-	758.58	634.20
2341 - S - Upkeep of services	732.12	66.24	41.05	839.41	1,018.57
2342 - W - Upkeep of services	-	227.51	-	227.51	571.39
2351 - S - Upkeep of churchyard	763.76	-	-	763.76	972.00
2352 - W - Upkeep of churchyard	118.00	-	-	118.00	-
2360 - C - Administration	2,793.23	47.75	259.62	3,100.60	1,935.45
2441 - S - Church running - heating & lighting	2,267.72	-	-	2,267.72	3,074.91
2442 - W - Church running - heating & lighting	1,742.22	-	-	1,742.22	2,713.32
<b>Church Running Expenses Totals</b>	<b>12,645.41</b>	<b>405.35</b>	<b>300.67</b>	<b>13,351.43</b>	<b>15,178.35</b>
<b>Hall Running Costs</b>					
2551 - S - Hall running - insurance	795.28	-	-	795.28	764.54
2552 - W - Hall running - insurance	1,444.49	-	-	1,444.49	1,612.69
2561 - S - Hall running - maintenance	322.10	-	728.99	1,051.09	1,303.01
2562 - W - Hall running - maintenance	294.19	-	992.45	1,286.64	820.45
2571 - S - Hall running - other	-	-	304.96	304.96	577.29
2572 - W - Hall running - other	26.19	-	237.48	263.67	480.04
2581 - S - Hall running - water	129.57	-	382.86	512.43	362.97
2582 - W - Hall running - water	96.43	-	96.43	192.86	181.66
2591 - S - Hall running - heating & lighting	2,267.83	-	-	2,267.83	3,074.99
2592 - W - Hall running - heating & lighting	2,244.61	-	-	2,244.61	3,340.33
<b>Hall Running Costs Totals</b>	<b>7,620.69</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>2,743.17</b>	<b>10,363.86</b>	<b>12,517.97</b>
<b>Church Repairs &amp; Maintenance</b>					
2711 - S - Church Major repairs - installation	98.97	-	23,464.40	23,563.37	7,110.00
2712 - W - Church major repairs - installation	-	353.00	-	353.00	46,320.00
<b>Church Repairs &amp; Maintenance Totals</b>	<b>98.97</b>	<b>353.00</b>	<b>23,464.40</b>	<b>23,916.37</b>	<b>53,430.00</b>
<b>Hall Repairs &amp; Maintenance</b>					
2821 - S - Hall - major repairs - installation	-	-	694.98	694.98	-
2831 - S - Hall - decorating	-	-	-	-	170.97
<b>Hall Repairs &amp; Maintenance Totals</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>694.98</b>	<b>694.98</b>	<b>170.97</b>
<b>Payments Grand totals</b>	<b>70,785.91</b>	<b>7,921.79</b>	<b>49,962.16</b>	<b>128,669.86</b>	<b>148,452.03</b>