

**THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF
THE ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH OF
HECKFIELD WITH MATTINGLEY AND ROTHERWICK**

(Registered Charity Number 1132735)

ANNUAL REPORT

AND

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

For the year ended 31st December 2024

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**REPORT from the RECTOR, the Rev'd Canon Dr Marion de Quidt
to the Parish of Heckfield with Mattingley and Rotherwick**

“Now you are the body of Christ, and each one of you is a part of it.” 1 Cor 12.27

Every year we have this opportunity to look back and notice, celebrate and give thanks for our life as three rural village churches in one parish. As I write in 2025, it is especially important to me as I prepare to move on from the Whitewater Benefice, and as the Rev'd Helen Sherlock arrives and settles into HMR. The most significant note, for me, in 2024 has been our teamwork.

We have enjoyed another whole year of beautiful worship services in our stunning locations, being closer to God, with creative ministry for families, Book of Common Prayer Communion, Matins and Evensong, as well as Morning Worship, Christmas and Easter, Harvest and Remembrance Specials. We served our local children and families through the Whitewater Church of England school, Rotherwick and the Pumpkin Patch Preschool, Mattingley. In connection with Holdshott Farm and Bluebell Café we have sought to care for some of our most vulnerable adults on at least a weekly basis. Our church weddings are stunning, along with our local venues, we offer such a personalised and special day giving couples a precious start, we pray, for a long partnership. Christenings are fun, and gather our local farming community and others into our churches. Sadly, this year we have lost a couple of our dearest church family members, Rosie Mandry and David Miles and even more in the beginning of 2025, with the deaths of Gilly O’Keeffe, Heather Merricks, Charlotte Peddie, Beryl Rumbold, Joyce Baldock and Charles Giles.

None of this care happens without the detailed care of our Ministry team. Huge thanks in particular to our Licenced Lay Ministers, Jennifer Martin and Tim Maynes, plus our organists, Richard Joyce, Jason Drury, Michael Steen, with the support of Martin Barnes and Stephen Davies. Furthermore, our Church Wardens, Steve, James, Ian, supported by Andrew, Sarah and Vivienne, have been tireless in looking after the buildings, and keeping our community enthusiastic and happy. The monthly ‘planning’ meetings at the Leather Bottle led by James Trumpeter are a highlight, as well as being effective, organising readers and chalice assistants and being good fun. Our flower ladies astonish us by their creativity throughout all seasons of the year and with bursts of beauty for festivals and occasions. Our bell ringers meet every week in Rotherwick and have gradually increased their involvement in our parish and in the Deanery and beyond. Our cleaning team, mowing and gardening teams work behind the scenes, and we so appreciate their attention to detail. Not everyone will be aware of the detailed and tireless administration of John Platt, our Treasurer, and all the people who support by counting and banking and managing Gift Aid, plus Lisa our External Examiner. We rejoice in the arrival of Laura Preston as our HMR PCC secretary doing work to support our church wardens and myself. We thank Eliza Burrige in the Benefice office for reliability in a myriad of roles supporting the Benefice, weddings, baptisms and funerals, Diocesan quarterly, i-know updates, notices sheets and more. And for all the bakers and hospitable members of our church family, thank you too. I wish to say thank you for each of you playing your part, knitting together in your service for God, his church, his people, and our community. The words of St Paul at the top are so appropriate for this season. Without each and every one of us, we would not have managed to care for each other, our buildings and worship the Lord together. Thank you from the bottom of my heart.

With every blessing, Canon Marion de Quidt, Rector

PCC MEMBERSHIP AND ADMINISTRATION

BACKGROUND

The Parochial Church Council (PCC) of Heckfield with Mattingley and Rotherwick (HMR) has responsibility for:

- promoting the whole mission of the Church within the ecclesiastical parish
- maintaining three churches (Heckfield, Mattingley & Rotherwick)
- maintaining four burial grounds and
- maintaining Mattingley Church Hall

The Parish of HMR is joined with the Parish of Hook to form The Benefice of Hook and Heckfield with Mattingley and Rotherwick (known as The Whitewater Benefice), within which there are:

- four churches (Heckfield, Mattingley, Rotherwick and Hook)
- two PCCs: HMR and Hook

The Benefice has been under the care of The Rev'd Canon Dr Marion de Quidt, since April 26th, 2015.

The correspondence address of the Benefice is:

The Whitewater Benefice Office, St John's Church, London Road, Hook RG27 9EG.

MEMBERSHIP

The PCC is a corporate body established by the Church of England and operates under the Parochial Church Councils (Powers) Measure 1956; Church Representation and Ministers Measure 2019. Since August 2009 it has been a charity registered with the Charities Commission: Registered Charity Number 1132735.

PCC members are appointed as per Church Representation Rules and all Church attendees are encouraged to put their names on the Church Electoral Roll and to consider standing for election to the PCC.

During 2024 the following served as members of the PCC:

Rector, Chair	The Rev'd Canon Dr Marion de Quidt
Churchwardens	Stephen Burridge Ian Kenny James Trumpeter
Representatives on the Deanery Synod	James Trumpeter
Secretary	Laura Preston (<i>not an elected member of PCC</i>)
Treasurer	John Platt
Elected Members	Frances Chidley (appointed 24 April) Jennifer Martin LLM, PTO (appointed 24 April) Sarah Robertson (appointed 24 April)
Co-opted Members	None

Electoral roll officer: Laura Preston (not a PCC member) April 2024

Safeguarding officers (Benefice) Caroline Frolander April 2023 and Janine Dunbar April 2024 (not PCC members)

Vergers (Benefice): Juliette Bromham, Gillian Lohead and Patricia Hunter (not PCC members)

Other members of the Benefice ministry team who are not members of the PCC are: Jonathan Bushman (Licensed Lay Minister) and Timothy Maynes (Licensed Lay Minister).

COMMITTEE MEETINGS

During 2024 the PCC met 10 times with an average attendance of 82.5%. In addition to Church maintenance and worship patterns, PCC discussions included financial stewardship, and recruitment of new part time House for Duty Associate Priest post. The Rev'd Helen Sherlock was appointed to work Wednesdays, Thursdays and Sundays. Her Licencing was on 19th January 2025. Between PCC Meetings, the Rector and Churchwardens met regularly to discuss administrative matters not requiring formal PCC approval.

Canon Marion de Quidt

ELECTORAL ROLL AND CHURCH ATTENDANCE

At the end of 2024 the number was 127 on the roll, with the breakdown as follows:

Number of females 73 (57%) and number of males 54 (44%).

Resident in the parish, 41 (32%), and non-resident in the parish, 86 (67.7%).

Laura Preston, Electoral Roll Officer

WHITEWATER BENEFICE MINISTRY TEAM

Our four-person team has worked tirelessly all year to continue to offer the same pattern of worship across the Benefice, with one vicar. In HMR this has relied on the exceptional hard work and dedication of our Lay Ministers, Jennifer Martin (LLM PTO) and Tim Maynes (LLM). We have served with organists, church wardens, bellringers and PCC members to keep the churches open and alive. I appreciate the weekly BCP communion service for my own worship at the start of each Sunday.

In HMR parish in 2024 we conducted 11 baptisms, 4 funerals and 4 interments of ashes, 7 weddings and 1 blessing service. Thank you to Jennie and Tim for sharing funeral ministry, and to our vergers who have helped me with baptisms, plus organists and vergers with weddings.

We have continued to meet monthly as a Ministry team on the 1st Saturday each month, in the Lady Chapel in Hook. We pray, share out responsibilities, plan the readings, themes for worship and major festivals. The HMR socials once each month take the planning to the detailed rotas. Thank you to James Trumpeter for leading these.

Canon Marion de Quidt

WORSHIP AND SERVICES

We have continued to offer the variety of worship across HMR and the whole Benefice that is appreciated by so many. The weekly 8.30am Communion based on the Book of Common Prayer is held in each of the HMR churches with also Hook on 1st Sunday. The 11am Morning worship is in Heckfield on 1st and 4th Sundays (Communion and Morning Worship respectively), Rotherwick 2nd Sunday (Morning Worship), Mattingley 3rd Sunday, (Matins). In Rotherwick at 6.30pm on 2nd Sunday we have Evensong with Bellringing each month.

In addition, we offered the full range of early morning and other services for Holy Week, Easter, Remembrance Sunday and at Advent and Christmas. We are delighted to do this. We have also held special services for Whitewater School and the Pumpkin Patch. These opportunities are only possible with the support of Eliza in the Benefice Office, people who open up, lock up, play the organ, heat the building, order necessary worship items, count the collections, are sides-people, chalice assistants, readers and who bring people to church. Thank you so much to each and every one.

Canon Marion de Quidt

The Churchwardens

The Churchwardens have again been diligent in carrying out their responsibilities regarding services and the fabric of the churches and our thanks go to them and their supporting team members for all their work. The Churchwardens continue to maintain oversight of Health and Safety in each of their churches for compliance with Health and Safety legislation. During this last year they have worked with Laura Preston (HMR PCC administrator) to check all the safety and fire risks in our churches and to update practice where needed. This is an ongoing process.

Canon Marion de Quidt

The Organists

Our five organists have continued to give unbroken service during the year but the same cannot be said about the three organs. Repairs to the Mattingley organ have been successful but the same cannot be said of the other two. Trouble with the Heckfield organ involved the hire of a replacement for the Advent/Christmas period including weddings and funerals. Additionally, the Rotherwick organ suffered a power problem which involved the Bishop and the pupils of Whitewater School in a successful evacuation of the church. This was repaired.

The five organists who play at the three churches met and discussed the way ahead and presented a paper to the PCC with their advice. At the time of writing this report two of the three organs are serviceable and the third is to be replaced. Serviceable parts of the redundant Heckfield organ have been retained and we are hoping a replacement organ will be installed before Easter.

Special thanks are due to Stephen Davies for his untiring work in helping resolve the numerous problems which have arisen this year.

Richard Joyce, Organist

The Bell-Ringers

Ringling at Rotherwick and Heckfield continues strongly with a core band of eleven ringers and a dedicated group of visitors who join us regularly for our Tuesday evening practice.

We were delighted to host the Basingstoke District Bell Ringing Striking Competition in May – there was a huge turnout for this with eleven teams representing seven different towers from across the District. I'm delighted to say that the "home" band came second..... the winners are a hugely experienced band of ringers, so we were really chuffed! There were also hand bell sessions held in the church during the afternoon for those who wanted to try it out!

We ring for the 11.00am services held at Rotherwick and Heckfield and at the monthly Evensong at Rotherwick. We have also rung for weddings and funerals and are lucky enough to continue to be asked to ring the hand bells at the Nine Lessons and Carols at Rotherwick – something we thoroughly enjoy. Rotherwick and Heckfield have some historic and very ancient bells, and it is a privilege and joy to be able to ring and take care of them knowing that they continue to be heard in the community in the same way that they have for centuries.

Nici Collins, Tower Secretary, Rotherwick and Heckfield

The Flower Arranging Teams

Each of the churches has a Flower Team which decorates throughout the year. These teams are led by Dee Betts (Heckfield), Jill Soundy (Mattingley) and Elspeth Cavendish (Rotherwick) and the churchwardens are particularly grateful to them and their teams for their hard work making the churches so beautiful for every service, especially at Easter and Christmas.

Heckfield

A lovely team of our ladies kindly continue to decorate Heckfield church at Easter & Christmas for all to enjoy. Wedding parties are supported with fresh flowers as and when required.

Dee Betts, Heckfield Team leader

Mattingley

I am so grateful to everybody who has helped with Mattingley flowers this year. We have been able to find flowers for every month of the year. We have returned the wooden shelves under the window cills which can be used for flowers if needed. The team has been wonderful with all their help.

Jill Soundy, Team leader

Rotherwick

We have had another good year. We have been able to decorate the church all year. In addition we have been creative with special arrangements for church festivals and to be there for Whitewater School services. Thank you to Lottie Girling and Ann Evans who have supported over the years. We wish them well as they stand down. We are delighted that Ruth Brooker and Lucinda Bennett have joined the team.

Elspeth Cavendish, Team leader

BENEFICE SAFEGUARDING TEAM

Both Hook and HMR's PCC have complied with their 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).

The role of Safeguarding Officer is jointly held by two members of the Hook PCC. Both Hook and HMR PCC's have considered and approved both (Hook and HMR) Parish Safeguarding Policies and received a report on current safeguarding concerns from a Safeguarding officer or the rector at each PCC meeting.

PCC members and relevant leaders and members of groups have been asked to undertake relevant Safeguarding training as advised in the diocese safeguarding training matrix and uptake of this training continues to improve. DBS checks are being undertaken as current certificates expire or new volunteers take up roles.

The requirement to record relevant risk assessments for various church groups has been noted and progress is logged on the Parish Safeguarding Dashboard.

A small number of safeguarding concerns have arisen which have been managed and/or escalated appropriately following the approved Diocesan Safeguarding procedures.

In 2025 it is hoped that a Safeguarding Officer will be appointed for HMR

Caroline Frolander and Janine Dunbar

IT

A small team provides our IT support & comms across the Benefice. This includes supporting the office with its computers, and software we use across the benefice eg iKnow Church, mailchimp, Zoho mail, or Church Edit.

Whilst you may not know what this means, this is used for:

emails from Marion (sent from iKnow Church); the weekly pew sheet email which can arrive in your mailbox; if you are on a rota, you may get a rota reminder email from iKnow Church you and/or children may have attended one of our ticketed events; our Website

A new office PC has been purchased and is being used from January 2025. This coincided with a switchover to using cloud-based Microsoft 365. This is a major change which will provide more flexibility and support collaborative working between office staff, ministers and church officers with a single cloud-based document store. A lot of effort has been put into configuring the new PC and configuring Microsoft 365 to meet our needs. A big thank you to Dave Wilson for all his work on this.

Anna Shergold, Whitewater Website Manager, Dave Wilson IT Manager

BENEFICE COMMUNICATIONS TEAM

We continue to maintain a website for the benefice <https://whitewaterchurches.co.uk>, a presence on A Church Near You and social media through Facebook (for both Hook and for HMR). We also produce other images which you may have seen which advertise some of the many events held in the benefice. The comms team would like to thank June Perry for her help producing the HMR Christmas Card.

By having one team manage publicity, we are ensuring that all publicity is correct, consistent and timely. We are always looking for people to share images with us and that are suitable for example to use when promoting future events. Email us at support@whitewaterchurches.co.uk

Anna Shergold, Whitewater Website manager

DIOCESAN SYNOD

Winchester was delighted to receive the Rt Reverend Bishop Philip Mounstephen as our Diocesan Bishop at a special welcome service in the Cathedral in January 2024. Diocesan Synod met 3 times in 2024. In January 2024 the agenda included Creation Care, and General Synod updates: Code of Conduct for PCCs; Racial Justice; Bullying by Lay Officers; Church Commissioners' Response to Links to Transatlantic Chattel Slavery; Estates Evangelism; Clergy Pensions; Living in Love and Faith. In June Bishop Philip gave his presential address on the theme of community, how much it mattered both in the church and in the world. June Synod noted the 2023 Annual Report and Accounts DS24/03 which had been approved by the Winchester Diocese Board of Finance. Following Common Mission Fund (CMF) review, June Synod authorised the Directors of the Winchester Diocesan Board of Finance to request a total of £8.862m in CMF contributions for 2025 from our parishes to support the costs of mission and ministry of our diocese, increased only in line with clergy stipends. In November 2024, beginning the new triennium, Winchester Diocese Racial Justice strategy was discussed. I stood down as an Odiham Deanery Clergy representative after the June meeting, having served for 9 years.

Canon Marion de Quidt, Winchester Diocese Odiham Deanery Clergy Representative 2015-2024

ODIHAM DEANERY SYNOD

We met 2 times in 2024. On 29 April 2024 at St John's Hartley Wintney, an open meeting with Bishop Philip speaking about "Religious Freedom and the Persecuted Church". On 25 November at St John's Hook, also an open meeting on the topic "Creation Care", with presentations from the parishes of the Deanery, sharing ideas from local ideas; then information from the Diocesan Environment Officer, Rev Sam Scott.

Canon Marion de Quidt, Area Dean of Odiham Deanery

OTHER MINISTRY REPORTS

Whitewater Church of England School

This small rural village school of 130 children, aged 4 to 11, is thriving under the leadership of the "Collaboration" of now five schools, with three head teachers, Glen Golding (Executive Headteacher), Steve Moore (Executive Head of School), Michelle Elie (Head of School). We have two church members on the Governing Body as Foundation Governors: Stephen Davies (Chair of Governors, from St John's Hook), and myself (Rector of the Benefice of Whitewater). In addition, I lead RE lessons and Collective Worship, fortnightly. Jennifer Martin (LLM PTO) leads the Open the Book story-telling team fortnightly in school on Weds afternoons. One annual special event is the 'Walk through Easter' where the children learn the full Easter story through interactive stations in Rotherwick Church. We also have packed half-termly services for the whole school, and parents, led by myself and the children in year 6. We have Christmas Carols with the Parent teacher association, outdoors or indoors depending on the weather, a Leavers' service in July when I present a Youth Bible to each child from our HMR churches. The leadership of the school is positive, inclusive and visionary. It has been a privilege to serve alongside this team, and to support staff, teaching assistants and families in any way that helps them.

Canon Marion de Quidt, Rector of Whitewater Benefice and Foundation Governor

Open the Book Whitewater School

Open the Book has continued to go well as we bring Bible Stories on a fortnightly basis into the school. We involve children from all year groups to take part which they enjoy doing. The joy of one child at the beginning of the year when we acted out the Three Kings (was Thank you, I have never been chosen as Joseph before). And another, 'Thank you for letting me be Mary, I have always wanted to do this') These children were Year R. The new materials have given us the opportunity to include more children because there is less to say, 'more miming'. We link the school values with the theme of the day.

It is a real privilege to visit the school on alternate Wednesdays and the feedback from Staff and children 'Great its open the book today'. Revd, Marion organised the annual 'Walk through Easter', a brilliant way to experience The last days of Jesus' life, his death and resurrection at Rotherwick Church. something the children will remember.

We said a sad goodbye to Brigitte this year as she has decided to concentrate on other things, Sandra too has had to step down. If anyone would like think about being part of the team, I would love to talk about it, we are all safely recruited by the benefice, and trained by the Bible Society to bring the bible into school in a creative and hopefully memorable way.

Jennifer Martin, LLM Whitewater Benefice, Coordinator for HMR OTB OPEN THE BOOK

Pre-School Ministry in HMR - Pumpkin Patch

Our Mattingley Church Hall on Mattingley Green, in the woodland, is hired by this preschool for a delightful outdoor experience for under 5-year-olds from HMR and surrounding area. HMR PCC keeps the Hall in good condition. Children and parents come into Mattingley church at Harvest and Christmas. We have potential to do more when the new HMR Associate Priest is established.

Canon Marion de Quidt, Rector

World Day of Prayer 2024

This was held at the Sacred Heart church in Hook and lead by members of the Whitewater Benefice including members of HMR Parish. *Canon Marion de Quidt, Rector*

Ecumenical Ministry

Local churches in Hook serve the wider community together, including HMR. We are Roman Catholic, Church of England and Life Churches (Commission church). We offer an Annual Unity Service in Hook in January; Bible studies on zoom led by Jennifer Martin (LLM); Open the Book storytelling in Hook Infant school all year, led by Jennifer Martin (LLM); a Walk of Witness on Good Friday in Hook; and an Annual World Day of Prayer service. In 2024 this was held in Sacred Heart Roman Catholic Church in Hook.

Canon Marion de Quidt, Rector

The Bluebell Café at The True Living Centre, Heckfield

The Bluebell Cafe - Fridays, 2 - 4pm continues to provide a forum for people with dementia and their carers. Also, it is a place for anyone who is a bit lonely and perhaps has few visitors to their home. The cafe is at Holdshott Farm, Heckfield RG27 0JZ. Usually there are places on a mini-bus running from Hook. Excellent cakes, tea and coffee are available served by our dedicated team of volunteers to whom we are very grateful. Puzzles, jigsaws, games, music from years ago are always to hand. We have talented musical entertainers who come from time to time and we don't look far for a reason to have a party with extra fancy things to eat . . . and drink! The only downside is the not infrequent departure of some of our guests - to care homes or heaven. When they go, we often but not always, lose their carer too. Recently we have felt very sad at the loss of some of our veterans - we will never forget them and their contribution to Friday afternoons. We are very pleased to receive payment for weekly cleaning from HMR and donations from individuals and The Lions. These pay for heating and catering. We face a happy and secure future as a result.

David Nodder, Honorary Secretary

CHURCHWARDENS' REPORTS

ST MICHAEL'S CHURCH, HECKFIELD

Damage to Graveyard wall

After several delays to the arrangement and starting of the work to repair the latest damage to the graveyard wall from traffic at Highfield Park, the repair work has now been completed, and the wall is repaired to its former state. The gates are to be hung as soon as possible.

Church Signage

We now have a new sign clearly indicating the church which is on the gated entrance to Highfield Park. This has been erected as a permanent fixture with the agreement of Highfield Park.

Social and Planning Meeting

Our monthly social meetings continue to occur on a monthly frequency. They are open to all as an informal church community occasion, we come together for a tippie or 2 to plan the specifics of the church services at all 3 HMR churches but as important, to give us time to meet, chat and be together as a church family. Absolutely everyone is welcome to come along as we meet as a church family in our community, each month, on the 2nd Monday evening of the month.

Quinquennial work

Work continues to be carried out on the fabric of the church following on from the Quinquennial report. There is a new Quinquennial inspection and report due this year.

Heating

The broken heater elements have all now been replaced and the heating is back up to full working order.

Rubber entrance matting.

We have new rubber matting at the entrance to the main door, to combat slipping and to avoid accidents. These will also be installed at the smaller entrance to the vestry door.

Fire Extinguishers & Lightning Conductors

The fire extinguishers have been tested as per the protocol and are all in good order. As well as this other electrical testings are ongoing as required.

Pat-testing/ Electricals

We have had the church portable electricals all pat tested and as result renewed items such as extension leads that were needing to be. We have also bought a new vacuum cleaner to aid in keeping the church clean.

Organ

Late last year the existing organ in the church started to have issues and developed a serious and extensive fault. It turned out that any repair would be extremely expensive and would potentially be ill-advised due to a variety of factors.

After much hard work, research, discussion and thought the PCC have agreed to purchase, with support from the Heckfield School Charity, a new organ which is currently on order. This is expected to be installed before Easter 2025. We are very grateful to Jason, Martin, Richard and especially Stephen for all their hard work and prayerful progression on this matter.

James Trumpeter, Churchwarden

MATTINGLEY CHURCH

This beautiful, unique, Grade 1 listed building is used all year round thanks to the team of volunteers who keep it open during daylight hours, clean, filled with fresh flowers, warm and well lit. We meet each third Sunday, plus our special pastoral services such as Ash Wednesday, Maundy Thursday, Good Friday and All Souls. The grounds are tidied by our local gardener, and graveyards are managed with digital maps in the Benefice office, and careful local support in the village. Laura Preston, HMR PCC secretary has worked on general Health & Safety with Fire risks in 2024. We are enormously grateful to Sarah Robertson who has acted as Church Warden through 2024, with the ongoing support of Vivienne Alexander and Andrew Soundy (retired Church Wardens). We are very grateful to our cleaning teams and flower teams led by Gina and Jill and to Michael Steen for playing the organ.

Canon Marion de Quidt, Rector

ROTHERWICK CHURCH

Thanks to the great team who work together looking after our Church. I am very grateful to the all the flower arrangers led by Elspeth Cavendish, cleaners led by Angie Beer and Trish Sydney-Smith and mowers led by Eliza Burrige, for all the voluntary hours they put in and for doing such a great job throughout the year. The Bell Ringers and Organist (both live and recorded) bring life to the church and are much appreciated with special thanks to Richard Joyce for his continued support and Martin Barnes for his short recitals after Evensong. My fellow church warden, Ian Kenny, and I together with other volunteers have provided support to our ministry team who have done such a great job in providing our regular pattern of worship. As well as his support with services, I would like to thank Ian for his support with a number of ancillary church warden duties which are much less onerous as a result. A special mention to Sarah and Phil Moore, who also open and close the church daily, and to John Platt who has often travelled in from Hartley Wintney to set up for the 08:30 Communion Service. Thank you to Tony and Wendy Heath who have helped out with Services and Trish Hunter who has helped me clear up after Evensong.

Thank you to Tony Merricks and Simon Wells who have helped with church maintenance. We had a section of gutter come down in a storm which has been replaced. We have an ongoing issue with the main door. We have for some time wondered that that the floor may have been rising which has caused us to keep trimming the bottom of the door to prevent it catching. It now appears the floor

may be more stable than we thought, and it is in fact the walls that are sinking. There is some evidence of this in the tiles around the foot of the door. The Quinquennial inspection in 2025, which is conducted by an architect, may shed more light on the issue. There are several other cracks around the church that suggest the building is subject to movement which I imagine is not helped by the effect of alternating periods of very wet and very dry weather on the ground.

The list of those contributing to the wellbeing of our church and worshipping community is long and am grateful to you all for your help and support. Apologies if I haven't made a specific mention but please accept my thanks. Finally, the communion silver is all present and accounted for.

Steve Burridge, Churchwarden

FINANCE REPORT

Income and Expenditure 2024

The Financial Statements are set out at the end of the Annual Report on pages FS1-8, from which it can be seen that the PCC's Income for the year exceeded Expenditure by £843. With the addition of unrealised Investment Gains of £1,675, the overall increase in Reserves was £2,518. This is after grants received from the Heckfield School Charity of £15,066, without which the consequent deficit would have been difficult to manage.

Favourable factors included improvements in Collections income and also Church Hall net income (due to lower expenses), few necessary Church Repairs, and a large reduction in the Common Mission Fund payment to the Diocese. Against this, the net Fee Income was less than the previous year as there were fewer weddings and funerals, and Services Upkeep increased due to organ hire and repairs. Administration costs also increased with the very welcome contribution to the PCC from our new PA to the Rector/HMR PCC Secretary.

Stewardship

Expenditure in 2024 totalled £96,000 of which £55,000 was covered by voluntary Giving, being planned giving, donations and collections. The balance has to be found from Fees, Church Hall Letting, Investment Income and Grants. Ministry, services and administration cost about £70,000, and to preserve the three listed-building churches for future generations, a further £30,000 will likely be spent each year on maintaining these churches and their churchyards. It will be a considerable challenge to raise £100,000 in 2025 to cover these costs. Voluntary giving should provide a steady guaranteed income stream, and we continue to seek a Parish Stewardship Officer who can assist the PCC with increasing this essential financial support.

Common Mission Fund

The Common Mission Fund (CMF) is our parish contribution to the Diocese budget and is by far our largest expenditure. It pays for our ministry cost and also support of the national church's mission. The contribution is based on our worshipping community, which is the number of people who attend church regularly, and it comprises a standard amount per person to which an affluence band weighting is then applied (HMR is in the highest band).

The 2024 CMF contribution decreased from £52,000 to £45,000, which was a welcome reduction, though still based on the 5-year rolling average worshipping community number of 68, which produced a much higher figure than if the actual number of 56 had been used. The CMF payment will reduce again in 2025 from £45,000 to £42,000, an assessment of £738 per head (2024 - £666) based on a worshipping community of 58, now calculated on the rolling average number for the last 3 years only which compares closely with the actual number of 56.

Reserves Policy

It is the policy of the PCC to maintain reserves in the Unrestricted Fund equivalent to approximately one year's net regular expenditure (i.e. excluding capital projects and excluding outgoings on the Mattingley Church Hall which are normally more than covered by its own income). The Restricted Funds are maintained for specific purposes, the details of which are given in the notes to the financial statements. The balance of reserves carried forward at the end of the year was Unrestricted Funds £77,178 (equivalent to 10 months net regular expenditure) and Restricted Funds £104,020.

Investment Policy

Unrestricted and Restricted Funds totalled £181,198 at 31st December. Of this sum, £108,340 was held in the bank and on short term deposit within the CBF Church of England Deposit Fund. A further £74,871 was invested in units of the CBF Investment Fund, which is an equity-based fund designed for long-term capital.

The Heckfield School Charity

During the year Grants were received from The Heckfield School Charity (HSC) of £15,066 (2023 - £21,818). The charity has its origins in the receipt of the Heckfield Church of England School land and buildings, and its objects are to further the religious and other charitable work of the Church of England in the parish of Heckfield with Mattingley and Rotherwick. It is a connected charity, and also an excepted charity for the purposes of the Charities Act 2011. The managing trustees are the incumbent and the churchwardens for the time being. The custodian trustee is the Winchester Diocesan Board of Finance.

John Platt, Treasurer

This Annual Report was accepted and approved by the PCC and signed on their behalf on 12th April 2025 by:

M.E. DE QUIDT

The Rev'd Canon Dr Marion de Quidt, PCC Chairman and Rector

**The Parochial Church Council of
the Ecclesiastical Parish of
Heckfield with Mattingley and Rotherwick**

(Registered Charity Number 1132735)

**Financial Statements
for the year ended 31st December 2024**

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Independent examiner's report to Heckfield, Mattingley and Rotherwick PCC

This report on the financial statements of the PCC for the year ended 31st December 2024, which are set out on pages FS3 to FS8, is in respect of an examination carried out in accordance with the Church Accounting Regulations 2006 (the "Regulations") and s145 of the Charities Act 2011 (the "2011 Act").

Respective responsibilities of the PCC and examiner

As members of the PCC you are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements; you consider that an audit is not required for this year (under section 144(2) of the 2011 Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility:

- to examine the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 Act;
- to follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commission (under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act); and
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent examiner's statement

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts and seeking explanations from the trustees 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 examiner's statement

In the course of 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 proper accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the 2011 Act; and
 - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the 2011 Acthave 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 **Signed by**
Mrs Lisa Fincham Date 10th February 2025

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES (SOFA) for the year ending 31st December 2024

	Notes	Unrestricted Funds 2024 £	Restricted Funds 2024 £	Total Funds 2024 £	Total Funds 2023 £
Income					
Voluntary income	2(a)	68,684	1,080	69,764	74,904
Church activities	2(b)	20,410	-	20,410	25,161
Investments	2(c)	2,741	3,615	6,356	5,665
Total Income		91,835	4,695	96,530	105,730
Expenditure					
Charitable giving	3(a)	2,349	-	2,349	2,231
Church activities	3(b)	68,309	4,324	72,633	93,258
Church management and administration	3(c)	20,705	-	20,705	12,987
Total Expenditure		91,363	4,324	95,687	108,476
Net Income/(Expenditure)		472	371	843	(2,746)
Unrealised Gains on Investments		685	990	1,675	6,294
Net Movement in Funds		1,157	1,361	2,518	3,548
Funds Brought Forward		76,021	102,659	178,680	175,132
Funds Carried Forward		77,178	104,020	181,198	178,680

The notes on pages FS5 to FS8 form part of these accounts

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BALANCE SHEET at 31st December 2024

	Notes	Unrestricted Funds 2024 £	Restricted Funds 2024 £	Total Funds 2024 £	Total Funds 2023 £
Fixed Assets					
Tangible assets	1	-	-	-	-
Investments	5	30,614	44,257	74,871	73,196
		30,614	44,257	74,871	73,196
Current Assets					
Debtors	6	7,468	-	7,468	2,185
Short term deposits					
The CBF Church of England Deposit Fund		26,975	60,528	87,503	83,207
Cash at bank and in hand		20,837	-	20,837	26,956
		55,280	60,528	115,808	112,348
Liabilities - Creditors					
Amounts falling due within one year		(8,716)	(765)	(9,481)	(6,864)
		46,564	59,763	106,327	105,484
Net Current Assets					
		77,178	104,020	181,198	178,680
Total Net Assets					
Represented by Parish Funds					
Unrestricted (General Fund)		77,178	-	77,178	76,021
Restricted	7	-	104,020	104,020	102,659
		77,178	104,020	181,198	178,680

The notes on pages FS5 to FS8 form part of these accounts

The Annual Report and Financial Statements for the year ended 31 December 2024 was accepted and approved by the HMR PCC at their APCM on 27th April 2025 and signed on their behalf by Revd Marion de Quidt, PCC Chairman.

M.E. De Quidt

The Rev'd Canon Dr Marion de Quidt
PCC Chairman and Rector

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NOTES to the Financial Statements for the year ending 31st December 2024

1 Accounting Policies

The financial statements have been prepared under the Charities Act 2011 and in accordance with the Church Accounting Regulations 2006 governing the individual accounts of PCCs, together with applicable accounting standards and the Charities Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard 102 and on the Accruals basis.

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

Funds

Restricted Funds are those funds which may only be expended on the specific object for which they were given. Where there is no separate investment, interest is apportioned on each fund's closing balance. Details of the funds held are provided in Note 7.

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

Incoming Resources

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

Realised gains and losses are recognised when investments are sold.

Resources Expended

Grants and donations are accounted for when paid over, or when awarded, if that award creates a binding obligation on the PCC. The Common Mission Fund payment to the Diocese is accounted for when due. All other expenditure is generally recognised on an accruals basis and is accounted for gross.

Fixed Assets

Consecrated and benefice property is not included in the accounts in accordance with s.10(2) (a) and (c) of the Charities Act 2011. Mattingley Church Hall is carried at nil value.

Movable church furnishings held by the Rector and Churchwardens on special trust for the PCC, and which require a faculty for disposal, are inalienable property listed in the churches' inventories, which can be inspected at any reasonable time. All such expenditure and any equipment used within the church premises has been written off when incurred.

Investments are valued at market value at 31st December.

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2 Income	Unrestricted Funds 2024 £	Restricted Funds 2024 £	Total Funds 2024 £	Total Funds 2023 £
2(a) Voluntary Income				
Planned giving	26,560	100	26,660	26,134
Collections at services	11,004	-	11,004	9,330
Donations	5,759	980	6,739	8,439
GiftAid recovered	10,295	-	10,295	9,183
Grants	15,066	-	15,066	21,818
	<u>68,684</u>	<u>1,080</u>	<u>69,764</u>	<u>74,904</u>
2(b) Church Activities				
Church Hall lettings	8,300	-	8,300	7,760
Fees for weddings and funerals	12,110	-	12,110	17,401
	<u>20,410</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>20,410</u>	<u>25,161</u>
2(c) Investments				
Dividends and interest	2,741	3,615	6,356	5,665
	<u>91,835</u>	<u>4,695</u>	<u>96,530</u>	<u>105,730</u>

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3 Expenditure	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total	Total
	Funds	Funds	Funds	Funds
	2024	2024	2024	2023
	£	£	£	£
3(a) Charitable Giving	2,349	-	2,349	2,231
3(b) Church Activities				
Ministry	45,264	-	45,264	52,458
Diocesan Common Mission Fund				
Diocesan fees share	6,074	-	6,074	8,135
Other ministry expenses	2,134	-	2,134	2,082
Upkeep of services	3,965	24	3,989	1,557
Church and churchyard running and maintenance	6,458	3,958	10,416	9,764
Church repairs	250	342	592	13,584
Church Hall running costs	3,248	-	3,248	4,606
Sundry	916	-	916	1,072
	68,309	4,324	72,633	93,258
3(c) Church Management and Administration				
Administration	14,433	-	14,433	6,909
Insurance	6,272	-	6,272	6,078
	20,705	-	20,705	12,987
Total Expenditure	91,363	4,324	95,687	108,476

4 Staff Costs

The PCC employs 1 member of staff directly (The PCC Secretary)/PA to the Rector. The Church Administrator is employed on behalf of the Whitewater Churches by Hook PCC to whom HMR PCC reimburses their share of the cost.

5 Fixed Assets - Investment Assets

	£
Market value - 1st January 2024	73,196
Net profit on revaluation	1,675
Market value - 31st December 2024	74,871

6 Debtors

	2024	2023
	£	£
Prepayments	2,900	-
Tax recoverable (GiftAid)	3,910	1,250
Other debtors	658	935
	7,468	2,185

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7 Restricted Funds Analysis

	Balances at 1 Jan £	Income £	Expenses £	Investment Profits £	Balances at 31 Dec £
Bell Maintenance Funds					
Heckfield Bell Fund	2,409	102	-	-	2,511
Rotherwick Bell Fund	11,078	466	-	-	11,544
Church and Churchyard Funds					
Major Stuart Black Churchyard Trust	67,032	2,084	(3,958)	990	66,148
Mattingley Church Fund (Various legacies)	1,586	52	(342)	-	1,296
Rotherwick Church Fund (Various legacies)	6,926	292	-	-	7,218
Flower Funds					
Heckfield - Lucinda Bullen Flower Fund	1,394	58	(24)	-	1,428
Mattingley - Peter Gale Flower Fund	1,672	70	-	-	1,742
Rotherwick - Hutchings Flower Fund	1,417	60	-	-	1,477
Friends of Whitewater Churches Fund					
	9,145	1,511	-	-	10,656
	102,659	4,695	(4,324)	990	104,020

The Restricted Funds Investment Assets are held entirely by the Major Stuart Black Churchyard Trust. The capital and income of this Trust may be used to maintain the Churches and Churchyards within the Parish

The Bell Funds were provided for the purpose of maintaining and repairing the bells at the designated church

The Church Funds may be used to maintain the Church and Churchyard of the designated church

The Flower Funds may be used for payments for flowers at the designated church

The Friends of Whitewater Churches Fund may be used for repairs and maintenance of the churches

8 Other Matters

During the year the following amounts were paid to members of the PCC :

- £1,324 was paid in clergy expenses to the Reverend Marion de Quidt (2023 - £1,550)
- £641 was paid in clergy expenses to Jennifer Martin (2023 - £430) and also £144 was paid as vergers fees (2023 - £nil)
- £64 was paid as vergers fees to James Trumpeter (2023 - £nil)