

8 April 2025 at 7pm in the Sacristy
Present: Fr Charles Sutton, Martin Robinson, Annette Young, Sue Perry, Paul Gale, Georgina Harford, Elizabeth Thomas, Bob Bell, Janice Callow, Eric Tyson, Liz Badman

	Agenda item	Notes	Action required	
			By whom	By when
1	Apologies for absence	Brendan Biggs, (at a Vacancy in See meeting), Ruth Baker, Helen Clifton, Vicky Gordon, John Davenport		
2	Prayer			
3	2 procedural financial items	Fr Charles explained that two items, within Finance, have arisen which need PCC resolutions to approve: Sudanese Students: PCC has agreed in principle to this expenditure towards these refugees' education. £1,150 has been raised through special events, matched by Trustees. (£2,300). PCC requested to approve the transfer of funds, to include the 'top-up' amount of £700 from the designated Mission Giving sum. Bob Bell offered to donate to this fund, was thanked and advised that donating towards next year's costs for the students would be very welcome.	ET to send cheque to Afrinspire	Imminently
		Proposal: that the PCC approve the transfer of funds, to include the 'top-up' amount of £700 from the designated Mission Giving sum. Proposed: Sue Perry, Seconded: Liz Badman. Passed unanimously Opening-up Investigations': The architect needs to investigate under the paving stones in the atrium. There are 2 other related, investigative actions. We need to get a formal resolution approved in order to apply to the diocesan Advisory Committee (DAC). Quote from JG Build is	Architect, MR	



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		approx.£1800, it can be paid from the money already pledge by the PCC for the Atrium Project. Proposal: that the quotation of JG Build dated 25 th March 2025 for the sum of £1796.51, incl. VAT, for opening-up investigations, as identified by Chantry Conservation Architects Ltd in the document dated 25.11.24, be approved, and that application be made to the DAC for permission for these works. Proposed: Paul Gale, Seconded: Georgina Harford. Passed unanimously.		
		 Eric presented the end of year accounts. He explained that: The accounts have been approved by the Independent Auditor Re. the current instability on the financial markets, he was reassured that the church's money is with trusted financial advisors and not heavily exposed to the tech sector. Advice is to 'sit tight' while markets are volatile. 		
4	Financial Report	 Income We have transferred £100,000 to cash during the year for two reasons-to support our expenses which have exceeded our income, and to ensure that we have the wherewithal to cover our commitment to the Atrium Project. We have nevertheless gained £27,000 in growth on our investments this year. Pledged giving is slightly up, Gift Aid is slightly down. 	ER has sent Mission giving cheques, these	

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•	Mission Income is well up this year, following successful fundraising for
	Ukraine and a fruitful Christmas appeal which was match funded by the
	Trustees.

• Traidcraft went into liquidation in 2023, the account has £450 in it, there is also some stock remaining. (Some was sold at Sudanese fundraising lunch).

Proposal: that funds from this account and any income from future sale of stock should go to the Sudanese Students fund.

Proposed: Annette Young; seconded: Paul Gale. Passed unanimously.

• Concert income. Originally decided that profit from matinee concerts would be split between church and lighting fund. Now lighting project has been implemented.

Proposal that all profit goes back to church (unrestricted) funds.

Proposed: Paul Gale, Seconded: Sue Perry, passed unanimously.

- Lettings: income from Randall Room is down, many groups who used to use it in the day have suffered from cost-of-living rise and are no longer viable. Church letting income is up, as we make a good profit from candle-lit concerts.
- No insurance claims this year.
- No grants received this year.

will show up in next year's accounts.

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Expenditure

- Heat and light have dramatically increased, ET's prediction last year was fairly accurate.
- Electricity has gone up by £400 a month. This is probably due to the use of the new fan heaters, mostly for candle-lit concerts where they stipulate 18 degrees.
- Expectation from Trustees is that PCC funds the preparation work for the Atrium Project, we are using the Restricted Repair fund.
- Education expenditure: we purchased new projector and screen.
- £6.5k spent on toilet refurbishment
- Staff costs will go up as Huw takes up role assisting John Davenport.
- There is some income from two trusts which comes from the diocese, Vaughan Trust and St John's Trust. Small amounts go to local charities every year, including to ASC.
- Flower fund: is in credit. Discrepancy year on year is due to a change in how the fund-raising is recorded.
- St John's Bibles: sometimes contributed to by Vaughan Trust, sometimes entirely funded by restricted Education Fund.
- Food bank has a healthy balance and donations come in regularly.
- ET calculates our deficit is £48,000 over the year.



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		Fr Charles: The accounts show that there is (1) a need to increase our voluntary income, through a stewardship campaign. And (2) to give thanks to those who have given in the past which enables us to continue our work in this parish.		
		Fr Charles thanked Eric for the huge amount of work which goes into preparing the accounts, in addition to the day-to-day work as Treasurer. PCC showed their gratitude.		
		Proposal: That the PCC of ASC receives and adopts the Annual Report and Financial Statements of AS for the year ended 31 st December 2024. Proposed: Bob Bell; Seconded: Sue Perry. Carried unanimously.		
5	Safeguarding	Janice reported that there are two individual agreements in place which need review. The Safeguarding team, which has greatly benefitted from Annette's expertise, are working on these.	SG team	Ongoing
6	PCC Minutes	Adopted as a true record. Proposed: Georgina Harford; Seconded: Bob Bell. Passed unanimously.		
	Prayer	Liz Badman led us in closing prayers.		



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Signed:

Date: 17 June 2025