

All Saints' Church, Rayne (*Parish No. 19.01a*)

**ANNUAL REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
OF THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024**



Easter Crafts & Picnic in Rayne Church 2024

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Rector:

The Revd. Rachel Prior
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Associate Priest:	Rev'd Roman Kukiewicz
Associate Curate:	Rev'd Nikki Horsley
Retired Reader (PTO):	Mrs Chris Hutton
Licenced Preacher:	Colin Miles

Administrator Mrs Lisa Gregson

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PCC members who have served in 2024



Kate Kukiewicz

Secretary.

See Kate if you have a fundraising idea or want to know about Lunch Club or Knead



Kay Fraser

**Community liaison.
Pastoral co-ordinator.**

See Kay about posters & publicity.



Linda Jones

**Baptism cards
& support.**



**Reverend
Rachel Prior**

Rector.



Michele Harris

Children's work.

See Michele about Picnic in the Park.



Charlotte Brine

Treasurer.

See Charlotte if you want to book the Old Schoolroom.



Yvonne Marsden

Resigned from PCC

See Yvonne about Glad tidings grave care



Colin Miles

Churchwarden.

Licensed Preacher.
See Colin if you want to help revive the Old Schoolroom.



Graham Brine

Churchwarden.

See Graham if you can help with rotas or the churchyard..



**Reverend
Nikki Horsley**

Assistant Curate



John Haigh



Jacky Haigh



**Reverend
Roman Kukiewicz**
Associate Priest.



Rachel Miles
Deanery Synod Rep.

See Rachel if you want to support our mission partner



Chris Hutton
Retired Reader.

See Chris if you want to help revive the Old Schoolroom.

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

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 exempted by order from registering with the Charity Commission.

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.

Parochial Church Councils are legally recognised as Trusts. This annual report has been produced in accordance with the requirements set out by the Church of England and by the Government.

See: <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/prepare-a-charity-trustees-annual-report>

ELECTORAL ROLL

The Electoral Roll was revised in accordance with the prescribed timetable. Electoral Figures as at 31st December 2024 were 57 of which 17 lived outside the village

A full revision of the electoral roll will take place in 2025.

Graham Brine (*Electoral Roll Officer*)

SECRETARY'S REPORT

The Parochial Church Council (PCC) met bi-monthly throughout 2024. There were thus 6 PCC meetings during the year, held in the church on Friday mornings.

ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

All Saints' Church is situated in the village of Rayne in Essex. It is part of the Diocese of Chelmsford within the Church of England. The correspondence address is: The Secretary, 22 The Maltings, Rayne, CM77 6BS

The Parish Number is: 19.01a

The website address is: <https://www.thethreechurches.co.uk/rayne-1>

Facebook: <http://www.facebook.com/AllSaintsRayne>

The Parochial Church Council (PCC) is a charity and is a Trust excepted from registration with the Charity Commission.

MISSIONAL PURPOSES AND VISION OF ALL SAINTS' CHURCH RAYNE

All Saints' Church, Rayne Parochial Church Council (PCC) has the responsibility of co-operating with the incumbent, the Reverend Rachel Prior, in promoting in the ecclesiastical parish the whole mission of the Church.

The PCC is committed to enabling as many people as possible to worship at our church and to become part of our parish community at All Saints'.

We invite people to live out their faith as part of our parish community through the words of our Vision Statement, which draws on the Anglican Communion's

Five Marks of Mission:

1. **Tell the gospel of Jesus Christ**
2. **Teach the faith and baptize new believers**
3. **Tend to the needs of the community**
4. **Transform the unjust structures of society**
5. **Treasure creation**

Mission Action Plan

PCC priorities for “Leading Your Church into growth” (LYCIG) were converted into a Mission Action Plan (MAP). The MAP was adopted by PCC in January 2024; it is reported on at every PCC meeting and will be reviewed in January 2025.

The Mission Action Plan published in January 2024

Our Mission Priorities (*Areas you are focusing on for the next 1-5 years*)

If possible, please indicate which of the Five Marks of Mission these relate to

1	Nurturing faith of adults and children and young people Mark of mission 2
2	Becoming more joyful in worship Mark of mission 1
3	Becoming an Eco Church Mark of mission 5

Our Goals (*SMART action goals for the next year or more*)

1	Increase numbers of baptisms and confirmations.
2	Increase lay participation in All Age worship services
3	Grow in discipleship, love and forgiveness
4	Develop a choir and improve our sung worship
5	Work towards becoming a Bronze Eco Church in 2024, and Silver in 2025

Rev'd Nikki Horsley was ordained as a priest on 28 September 2024 and she will serve her curacy in our Benefice. Her family have moved into the Rectory in Rayne



John Haigh was confirmed by Bishop Roger at St Peter and St Paul's at Black Notley



LIVING OUR VISION IN 2024

1. Tell the Gospel of Jesus Christ

All Saints Rayne is committed to sharing the Gospel of Jesus Christ in words and actions.

In common with churches across the UK our congregation has been ageing and shrinking. Our PCC is committed to growing our church spiritually and in number. At each PCC meeting we discuss progress on our Mission Action Plan (MAP) that includes strategies to grow our church.

Growth has already been discerned in key areas such as family and children's ministry, the re-establishment of a bellringing team and choir and in the flourishing of church groups. The church opens every day from 8am until 4pm for private prayer and visits. The feedback has been wholly positive.

PCC is very grateful to a group of people who open and close the church daily, most notably Yvonne Marsden who opens the church most days.

Every week we pray a prayer for growth for our Benefice churches:

God of mission who alone brings growth to your Church

Send your Holy Spirit to give

Vision to our planning

Wisdom to our actions

Joy to our worship and power to our witness

Help our churches to grow in numbers, in spiritual commitment to you and in service to our local communities.

Through Jesus Christ our Lord

Amen

All Age worship activities in 2024



Shrove Tuesday



Palm Sunday



Advent



Remembrance Sunday



The pattern of services in 2024 was:

1st Sunday Lay-led morning prayer

2nd Sunday All age worship including interactive activities, songs and liturgy projected on screen.

3rd Sunday Modern Communion, more accessible liturgy, hymns, words and pictures on screen.

4th Sunday Traditional Communion with choir and organist.

In months where there were 5th Sundays joint Benefice services were held in one of the Benefice Churches.

We have an excellent social media presence on Facebook and Instagram thanks to the perseverance of Claire Scales and Kay Fraser. Their work enables us to reach as many people as we can with our news and events. Also, we have a benefice website, with dedicated pages for Rayne, allowing information to be shared more easily. This helps to provide a first point of call for people who are interested in the Church.

<https://www.thethreechurches.co.uk/>

We continue to live broadcast Sunday services on Facebook and we are most grateful to Rachel Miles who films services. We have a faithful following of former parishioners who have moved away and those unable to attend in person, mainly due to illness or caring responsibilities.



for this street

Throughout 2024 we reached out to the people of Rayne, inviting them to pass on their thoughts and concerns and we prayed in turn for all our streets and for all who live in them.

2. Teach the faith and baptise new believers

There were 9 baptisms in Rayne church in 2024. 6 adults and 3 children including a mum, daughter and granddaughter from one family and a young woman who found our church through our breadmaking group, Knead. This is a massive increase on previous years in fulfilment of the mission action plan.



Links with Rayne School

We welcomed school groups into church for the Easter Experience and this year, at short notice and at their request, we offered something similar for the Christmas story. Rev'd Roman, Colin and Barbara Taylor regularly visit school to lead assemblies. We hosted the School Christmas Carol Service in 2024. The school entered two trees for our Christmas tree festival and their choir came to sing at that event.



Posada

This year, we resumed the tradition of sending knitted figures of the Holy Family to homes, nurseries, groups, and schools in our village to commemorate Joseph and Mary's journey from Nazareth to Bethlehem. Thanks to Michele Harris for organizing this.

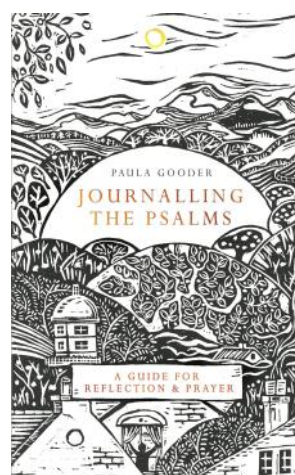


Alpha

An Alpha course, which is a series of conversations that freely explore the basics of the Christian Faith was held in Autumn 2024. Another course is starting in the new year along with a group to continue and move on the discussions.

Lent Course on the Psalms

A well attended benefice wide course based on Paula Gooder's book 'Journalling The Psalms' was held during Lent.



Explorers

The young people of our three churches were keen to explore their faith and a group meet up in the Florence Slater Room of Black Notley Church on the third Sunday of each month.

Lectio Divina

This course to deepen people's experience of scripture was run by Reverend Nikki in 2024.



3. Tend to the needs of our community

Our Church groups are aimed at people at all stages and situations in their life journey. Bambinos, Lunch Club, Men's Breakfast, Knead and Picnic in the Park all reach out to tend to people in our Community.

Pastoral care offers telephone support, direct assistance and home communion to individuals who are experiencing difficulties in mind, body or spirit. We remain vigilant in identifying and supporting those in need.

Our ministry team supports the bereaved through funeral visits and services both in Rayne church and churchyard and in other places. There were 7 funeral services for people connected to Rayne and 3 services for the burial of ashes in the churchyard.

Yvonne Marsden leads a team that provides 'Glad Tidings'. This is a service where, for a modest annual donation, graves are regularly cleared and cleaned

on behalf of families too far away or otherwise unable to tend graves of family members.

Linda Jones sends cards for the anniversaries of baptisms and Kay Fraser sends birthday cards to members of the congregation.


A facility that collects donations for Braintree's Food Bank is coordinated by Colin and Rachel Miles throughout the year. The Harvest Festival offered another chance to collect food, and this year, a tower of cans donated by the community was given to Braintree Foodbank from the Christmas Tree Festival. Generous gifts of toys from the Toy service on 8th December were given to Essex Young Carers and the Salvation Army for distribution to families in need.

GLAD TIDINGS

Do you need assistance in caring for a grave or memorial in this churchyard?

All Saints' Church has volunteers who will help you for the price of an annual donation.

Please see the main noticeboard outside the gate for more details.



Lunch Club

Lunch Club meets every Thursday in the Old School Room. It's a welcoming and friendly group where you can chat and take part in a quiz, if you wish. We serve homemade soup and sandwiches weekly, and a two-course hot lunch on the 2nd Thursday of each month. The club offers companionship and pastoral support, especially for those who struggle to get out. We provide transport for those less mobile and deliver meals to the housebound. We make a modest charge that covers costs, pays for use of the Old Schoolroom and gives us a surplus to support others.



Our lunch club has funded the cost of 10 new go-pak tables for

use at church events and in 2024 donated to Rayne Church, Braintree Foodbank and the Christmas lunch for Crossroads Dementia day centre.

Our esteemed lunch club team is highly sought after for catering celebrations and church fundraising events. Their diligent efforts have successfully raised thousands of pounds for Rayne church.

Knead

Our Church breadmaking group, Knead, fulfils a need for companionable baking. Bread is the staff of life, a gift from God and a symbol central to the Christian tradition. Knead meets in the church on the second Saturday morning of each month and is regularly attended by between 30 and 40 people of all ages and genders. It is friendly and welcoming group that has spread its popularity by word of mouth and has brought new members to the church. In November one of our new bread makers, Amita Pandya, volunteered to lead the group by demonstrating some Indian bakes and Linda Taylor lead the December session to make Stollen.



Linda Jones and Yvonne Marsden are invaluable members of the Knead team- Linda helps to set up and organise refreshments and Yvonne does the admin and finances. As we hold Knead on the second Saturday of each month it means, with the help of Michele and Paul, Jacky and John, Linda and David Jones and the ever present and hard-working Roman we can set up for all age worship service in whatever configuration for the following day.

The modest charge we make pays for ingredients, equipment, a fee to hire the church and makes a surplus that can be fed into supporting mission activities.



The KNEAD bread making group meets on the second Saturday of each month in the church



Breakfast Club

This takes place in the Old Schoolroom on the first Saturday of each month from 8.30am. A full English breakfast with coffee, tea and toast are offered along with a chance to meet, chat and put the world to rights.

Thanks to Graham Brine for coordinating the group and to Paul Harris for shopping and cooking. All are welcome.

Picnic in the Park

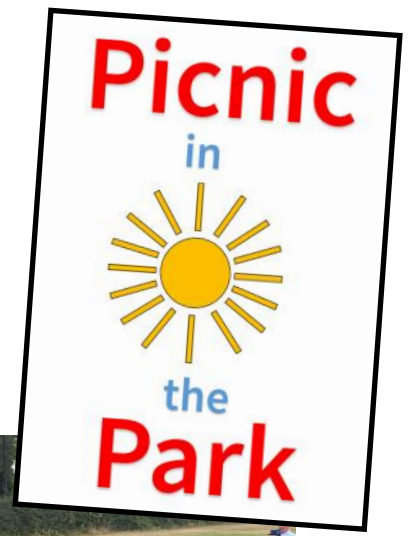
Our Picnic in the Park initiative began in October 2022 as a response to rising energy prices and concerns about families struggling to heat their homes or feed their children, especially during school holidays. It provides free packed lunches to school-age children on one day of every week of the holidays. By 2024, the initiative has grown significantly and was recognised with a community award by Rayne Parish Council. Picnic in the Park was also featured in the Chelmsford Diocese's "The View". Connections made through Picnic in the Park have led to baptisms and attendance at all -age services.

Donations from attendees, our generous congregation and supporters enabled 491 lunch bags to be gifted over the 6 weeks of the school summer holiday alone. During the colder months a family film and packed lunch are offered in the church and at Easter we held a busy Easter crafts event. An amazing 707 lunch bags were gifted during the year.

Our great team, ably led by Michele Harris, made it happen.



Reaching out to support local families with children in 2024



Picnic in the Park
At Rayne Park, near the playground.
On Tuesdays from 12 noon :
30th July
6th August
13th August
20th August
27nd August
3rd September
Offering free picnic lunches to primary aged children & siblings accompanied by an adult.



Rayne Bambini's Stay and Play Group

It's been a very good year at Bambini's. Last December saw our Arctic themed party, which was a sell out and a huge success. The children enjoyed various craft activities, songs, dancing, a delicious party tea and a visit to Santa with a present.

Volunteer Helpers

We have been very fortunate to recruit new volunteers this year. There are now 8 volunteers which means that we can cover holidays and sickness without having to close the group. Volunteers are:

Joy Darby, Gina Buckley, Carmen Want, Jo Siebert, Sally Reid, Vanessa Williams, Diane French, June Carslake and Steve Darby.

Helpers from the Church

We continue to receive help and support from members of the Church, this was especially helpful at the Christmas Party and is very much appreciated.

The group has run each week during term time this year, numbers still vary week on week and have ranged from 12 to 42 Children with between 4 and 7 Volunteers.

Special Events

On the last day of the Summer Term we held a Teddy Bear's Picnic in the garden. This was a fun event with the Children all bringing their Teddies for a tasty picnic. We enjoyed crafts, games, music and dancing with ice creams to follow. The Children went home with a gift of "We're going on a Bear Hunt" book.

We also received an award from the Parish Council for our contribution to the community, this was a lovely thing to receive and acknowledges the time and effort put in by all of the Volunteers.

Training

Gina Buckley has now completed Paediatric First Aid Training. Jo Siebert will be taking this on soon.

Jo Siebert and Vanessa Williams are now completing training for DBS checks to be carried out.

Inside Play Activities

We continue to provide lots of different opportunities for the Children to learn through play. We have a different role play corner each week, construction and small world play, physical play in the library room, various craft activities and each session ends with singing.

We are looking to expand our toy collection in 2025.

Christmas Party

This years Christmas Party was held on 11th December 2024.

We will return to Bambinos on January 8th 2025

4. Transform the unjust structures in our society

In 2024, Rayne Church supported Neil and Sue Browning in their work in Uganda with the Church Mission Society (CMS). Neil worked as a doctor, and Sue was a teacher. Due to health issues and working difficulties, they returned to the UK. In January 2025, the PCC agreed to support Nicci Maxwell, who is working as a paediatric doctor in South Sudan. It is planned that she will attend a service when she returns to the UK in September 2025. Rachel Miles coordinates the mission work with CMS.

Our intercessory prayers address the suffering and challenges of nations facing wars, unjust governments, natural disasters, and climate change.

A consultation is currently underway with our Benefice congregations regarding Prayers of Love and Faith, which have been created for prayer with and for same-sex couples. This consultation will conclude and report in 2025.

5. Treasure Creation

During the course of 2024 we have completed the requirements to achieve the le Rocha Bronze Eco award and we are on our way to achieve the Silver Award. This has formed one of the SMART objectives for our Mission Action Plan for 2025.

As part of the Eco Church initiative the PCC are working with the Parish Council to develop a maintenance plan for the churchyard. It is hoped that we will be able to nurture wildflowers in designated meadow areas. Yellow rattle seeds have been sown so time will tell whether these areas will develop as hoped.



Churchwardens' Report

The Church Fabric

The latest Quinquennial inspection took place in November 2024, at the time of writing we await the final report from our new approved architect, John Woodcock. Many small DIY and maintenance jobs have been completed during the year. In March the works to lower the font and instal a new step was completed making it much easier and safer for our priests to carry out baptisms. Our new Church architect has produced drawings and a specification for the re-tiling of the north slope of the Chancel and Choir



vestry including refurbishment of the Clergy Vestry, both reported on at last year's APCM. Funding for this work will come from the Fabric Fund, from Rayne Church Building Trust (to whom PCC offers its thanks) and grants which will be applied for in 2025. It is hoped this work will commence in September 2025.

The condition of the organ remains a concern and if suitable funding can be found then it will be possible to undertake this renovation.

Designs for the provision of a draught screen within the tower arch are being explored and costs determined. A transparent glass draught screen will help to retain heat within the building and to improve our carbon footprint.

In the summer of 2024 a fabric committee was formed by the PCC, this has proved invaluable in assisting the churchwardens in the care of the church fabric.

The Churchyard

During 2024 we have been most grateful for the work of the Parish Council in helping to maintain the churchyard and also to the volunteers who regularly clear graves of dead flowers etc. especially Yvonne Marsden for her diligence in this area. The Parish Council have indicated that for the future they will need to charge for their work in the churchyard. This is an unexpected and unbudgeted expense. PCC have developed and agreed a Churchyard Maintenance Plan which will include keeping most of the grass around older graves at ankle height, creating two wildflower meadows, and cutting neat pathways around the churchyard to provide access. We have continued the practice of asking for seasonal wreaths and other decorations to be removed in a timely manner to keep the churchyard looking as natural as possible. Diocesan rules displayed on the churchyard notice boards have also helped in this respect and the churchyard is now virtually glass free. The use of two compost bins has proved successful with less waste going into plastic sacks.

Yvonne Marsden heads the Glad Tidings team, which, for a modest donation, maintains specific graves on behalf of families who are either too distant or otherwise unable to tend to the graves of their loved ones. These donations will be used to support Parish Council maintenance work.

The Goods

We can report that all the movable goods and plate belonging to the church are present and correct and recorded in the Terrier and Log book. There have been no additions or removals during 2024.

Safeguarding Report

All Saints Parish Church, Rayne is committed to the Diocesan Safeguarding Policy.

During 2024 work has continued to ensure that our Parish is compliant with the Safeguarding Live E-manual. The Model Parish Safeguarding Policy for Promoting a Safer Church, is due to be agreed by the PCC and signed at the 28th March 2025 PCC meeting. It will replace the current policy displayed on the notice board in the entrance of the Church. The Policy for responding to Domestic Abuse is due to be agreed at the next PCC meeting, and will be signed and will replace the current document. The Model Parish Safeguarding Checklist is due to be reviewed.

Work continues to ensure the Parish is compliant with the Church of England Practice Guidance for Safer Recruitment, this applies to all paid and volunteer posts. We continue to use the most up to date paperwork as required. We are using the new Confidential Declaration Forms and Basic DBS where appropriate. The Model Volunteer Job Roles are available for PCC members, Volunteers Working with Children, and or Adults, Church Wardens, Safeguarding Officers and other roles.

Work has been carried out to ensure that overall training continues to be up to date. We were able to obtain the Safeguarding Training pack from the Diocese to enable us to carry out the Basic Awareness and the Foundation Training for the Benefice. This was a successful way to ensure that all those requiring the training or updating their training and those who did not have access to carry out the on-line training: 3 people were able to attend the training and they have completed both Basic Awareness and the Foundation they received a certificate on completion.

Thank you to Rev. Nikki Horsley, who organised the event.

During 2024 there were 7 Volunteers who completed Safeguarding training, 8 Basic Awareness and 5 Foundation. 1 Safer/Recruitment and People Management update, and 1 Domestic Abuse/Raising Awareness.

DBS is carried out in line with the phased renewals to comply with the three yearly renewal.

There were 2 new volunteers completed Basic DBS, 6 volunteers with Current Enhanced DBS.

Church Cleaning

A dedicated group of people clean and care for the church once a week on Wednesdays and once a month on Saturdays.

Deanery Synod Report 2024

Our Deanery Synod representatives provide updates on activities in churches throughout our local deanery, as well as information from the Chelmsford diocese and from across the nation. In 2024, our representatives were Yvonne Marsden and Rachel Miles. Yvonne stepped down due to ill health in September 2024 which leaves a vacancy on our PCC for Deanery Synod representative. Mid-year, Judith Dignum the Deanery Synod secretary, moved to take up a post in the Diocese of Oxford.

During the course of the year a successful bid was made to the Mission Opportunities Fund for the employment of a part-time chaplain on a 12-month contract to support refugees at Asylum Centre on Wethersfield airbase. Melanie Shillito had been appointed to the role following a recruitment process. At the October meeting Melanie gave an interesting talk about the work of the chaplaincy service at Wethersfield which is a temporary home to a number of Iranian Christians.

Nikki and Charlotte Horsley gave a talk at the July meeting about Youth Synod. Youth Synod is a youth council for Chelmsford Diocese which seeks to give young people, aged 11-18, a chance to speak to power, sharing their views on live issues currently being discussed at leadership level in the diocese and the wider church. It meets 3 times a year on Sunday afternoons.

Another topic for discussion at Deanery Synod was the various churches' work to improve their Eco status. Several churches, including our own, had achieved Bronze Eco church status and were working towards a Silver Award.

Rev Dr Alex Shannon has become deputy Area Dean for the Braintree Deanery.

Fund Raising

The fundraising committee revived in 2023 has organized a variety of events, enhancing the church's community presence. Alongside long-standing events, like the Christmas Tree Festival, quizzes and the harvest supper, it hosted a Retro evening, St. Patrick's Day dinner, afternoon tea, a Hawaiian evening and catered for private parties to benefit the church. A coach trip to Thursford Christmas Spectacular was organised and this was very successful in all respects, especially as a fundraiser for Rayne Church.

A 100 Club will start in 2025. Early signs suggest it will be a popular and steady way to raise funds for the Church fabric.

Our Christmas Tree festival was once again busy and successful. Braintree Male Voice Choir and Rayne School choir both came to sing and over a thousand votes were cast to choose a favourite tree. This year a tree made from natural materials titled "Nature's Calm" was voted as favourite.

Our volunteers raised just over **£6,000** for the church in 2024.

A full and ambitious programme of fund raising events has been planned for 2025.



Here is an acknowledgement from Braintree Area Foodbank for the food and money we donated to them through the Christmas Tree Festival in 2024



Some of the Fundraising events in 2024 which helped to keep our church open and thriving



Retro Night



The Christmas Tree Festival



The St Patrick's Day Food Event



Afternoon Tea



Our Hawaiian Night

Bellringing

2024 has been quite a successful year for Rayne Bell Tower. In February refurbishment started with decorating, new carpet and the acquiring of a grant from Stansted Airport for new bell ropes and Sallys. A programme of recruitment was started which has resulted in ten permanent ringers for Rayne. Most started as novices and now form the regular band of ringers. One of the young ringers joined to achieve a module for their Duke of Edinburgh Award scheme but since achieving this has chosen to stay on. Practise night is held on a Wednesday and along with the regular ringers two very experienced ringers Roy and Cherry Threadgold attend to help improve the skills of the Rayne ringers.

During the year there have been many requests from visiting bands from Essex and beyond to ring at Rayne and they have been very welcome. The church has hosted a Quiz night for the Essex Association of Bellringers and also hosted their annual meeting. During the summer the Tower was opened to show visitors around the Tower and also to try their hand at ringing a bell in conjunction with an afternoon tea.

The Rayne Brownies made a visit and were shown the ringing chamber and some ventured into the bell chamber too. During the year the bells have been rung for Sunday services, weddings, funerals, christenings, Remembrance Day and World War Commemorative days. Black Notley bellringers attend Rayne once a month for their practice night

The year ended with a Christmas meal at a local pub. This was attended by 24 people all connected to the Belltower in one way or another. All of the above has been achieved mainly by the hard work and dedication of the Tower Captain Ian Girard who works tirelessly to keep the bells ringing out.



Choir

In answer to our prayer for growth, Gloria Anstis stepped forward in 2024 to restart Rayne Church Choir. Their focus is for Gloria to play the church organ and for the choir to sing at the service of traditional communion on the 4th Sunday of each month. For special services and for Benefice Services the new choir joined forces with singers from the other Benefice churches to sing together. Our mission plan is to add more sung elements to the communion service, led by the choir, to improve our sung worship.

Rayne in Focus

Our Parish magazine is distributed to every home in Rayne free of charge and for many years has been most ably edited by Linda Taylor. Linda is set to leave Rayne in the near future and so we are seeking a new editor.

Our sources of funding no longer match the rising printing costs and the church is having to take action to meet this situation. From 2025 there will be 10 issues a year rather than the previous 12.

We are very appreciative for Linda's generous service and that of Peter Kukiewicz who manages the advertising for Rayne in Focus.



Activities held in the church in 2024



An Art Club has met every month on a Wednesday



Chelmsford Diocese held a training course in March 2024



The Friends of Essex Churches visited and held a lecture for their supporters in May. We supplied them with tea and cake.



TREASURER REPORT 1st January – 31st December 2024

I have now completed my third year as Treasurer and continues to test my brain with new challenges.

The Accounts are prepared using “My Fund Accounting Online” which is a programme produced by Data Development and is saved in “The Cloud”

As instructed by the Parish Finance Manager at the Chelmsford Diocese the Old School Room Finances need to be included in the Church Accounts but can be reported to the Management Committee of the Old School Room.

The challenge was to open a new Bank Account for the Old School Room Management Committee, this took time and patience by myself and Colin Miles but am pleased to report that the Account became live in January 2024.

All Saints Church Rayne still continues wherever possible to make payments for utilities, purchases, services and reimbursement of expenses by online banking, which continues to save on bank charges. These payments are set up by me and authorised by Colin Miles.

The Sum Up facility which is available in Church continues to be used by visitors and Parishioners.

I continue to use my resources when required

- The Diocesan PCC Treasurers Handbook
- The Finance Co-Ordinator Handbook (Fund accounting for churches and charities)
- The PCC Accountability The Charities Act 2011 and the PCC
- Sara Barnes - Parish Finance Manager - Diocese of Chelmsford

BUDGET - The Budget that I produced for 2025 was considered by the PCC in November 2024.

FINANCIAL REGULATIONS were reviewed in November 2024 and necessary changes made. (A copy of which is on the Three Churches website)

THE ACCOUNTS

The Financial Statements have been prepared on a receipts and payments basis. The Statements for 2024 include all transactions, assets and liabilities for which the PCC is responsible for in law. They now include the monies of the informal gatherings of Church Groups i.e., Soup and Lunch Club, Bambinos, Picnic in the Park, Men's Breakfast and the Knead Group, leaving each Group a small figure for running expenses.

The Accounts do not include the accounts for other Church Groups that owe their affiliation to another body, nor those of which are informal gatherings of Church Members.

Documents which are recommended by the Chelmsford Diocese to include are:

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Statement of Assets and Liabilities

Receipts and Payments

Analysis of Receipts and Payments

Funds – Movement by Fund Type

Fixed Assets

Consecrated and beneficed property of any kind is excluded from the accounts by s.10(2)(a) and (c) of the Charities Act 2011.

General Account (Unrestricted)

Total receipts were £56,362.61 some of which £19,271.00 was planned giving, £1,847.00 Loose Collections, Tax recovered from Gift Aid of £9,153.00 , Donations were made to the General Fund, and monies raised from Fund Raising events

£30,530.00 was the expenditure to provide Ministry , this comprised of the Parish Share the contribution to the Diocese, plus Fees for Weddings and Funerals which are also paid to the Diocese.

Church running expenses include insurance, electricity, gas, water, broadband, service materials and Clergy expenses these amounted to £9,075.00

The combined Interest on the Saffron Walden Building Society Account and HSBC Money Manager Deposit Account amounted to £1,085.00 The surplus of receipts over expenses was £2,121. With rising costs, reflected in the budget, to ensure a sustainable financial position active management of costs and continued enthusiastic fund raising is more important than ever.

Donations were made to the CMS, Rayne PSA, Coppafeel, MacMillan Cancer Support, Friends of Essex Churches, The Royal British Legion and Braintree Male Voice Choir.

Old School Room Account (Designated and Managed by the Old School Room Committee)

I am pleased to report that bookings have increased bringing in an income of £7,332.

Grants totalling £6,900 were received from Walter Farthing for Library Room new flooring and ceiling in back room, Essex Association of Local Councils for new boiler and Braintree District Council for attic insulation.

Fund Raising from Quizzes, Music events have raised £3,014.00

OSR running expenses include insurance, electricity, gas, water, broadband, cleaning amounted to £5,556.0

The Old School Room Account holds £8,187.71 which are included in the Church Accounts.

Other Funds (Restricted)

Bell Fund – A grant was received Stansted Community Fund of £820.00 for new Bell ropes

Magazine – This fund is in still deficit of **-£1,384.00** I have been able to requisite a grant from Rayne Parish Council of £1,200.00 for 2025

With donations from Parishioners and a reduced printing cost I would hope to see the deficit reduced considerably by the end of 2025

All Assets as at 31st December 2024 are shown as £55,881.69 which includes the Old School Room Account of £8,187.71

For further information please see Analysis of Receipts and Payment , and Statement of Assets and Liabilities.

ENERGY UTILITIES –The Energy costs are secure at present, these are fixed unit costs for Electricity and Gas from 1st April 2022 – 31st March 2025 with SSE.

I have secured new contracts with EON for Electricity and Gas supplies, which commence on 1st April 2025 until 31st March 2028

I encourage all who wish to donate to the Church whether General Funds or a particular project to donate by using one of the following:-

Standing order for a weekly/monthly or even a one off donation to the
HSBC

Sort Code 40-13-18

Account No. 81361112

Or by using the Sum Up Facility in Church

I would encourage all who make donations to the Church and have not completed a “Gift Aid Declaration” to do so, as this enables All Saints Church to claim through HMRC

These forms are available on the Rayne section of the The Three Churches website

www.thethreechurches.co.uk/rayne

or there are forms on the notice board.

If you require further information on Church Finances or electronic banking then do not hesitate to contact me.

Charlotte Brine -Treasurer

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Financial Review and Statements

Rayne All Saints

Statement of Assets and Liabilities (by code) As at: 31 December 2024

Class and nominal code	General (Unrestricted)	Designated	Restricted	Endowment	Total	Last year
Current Asset - Cash At Bank And In Hand						
6501: HSBC current account	£17,576.60	£5,969.54	£3,078.49	-	£26,624.63	£26,371.92
6502: LUNCH/SOUP CLUB CASH IN HAND	£167.60	-	-	-	£167.60	£679.15
6503: PICNIC IN THE PARK CASH IN HAND	£170.18	-	-	-	£170.18	£119.22
6504: MENS BREAKFAST - CASH IN HAND	£147.38	-	-	-	£147.38	£117.21
6505: HSBC Moneys Manager deposit account	£6,338.81	-	£0.57	-	£6,339.38	£13,431.16
6506: BAMBINOS CASH IN HAND	£299.15	-	-	-	£299.15	£56.23
6507: KNEAD BREAD GROUP	£98.36	-	-	-	£98.36	£137.00
6511: Saffron Walden Buuilding Society	£5,831.75	-	£10,761.88	-	£16,593.63	£15,632.91
6515: OLD SCHOOL ROOM ACCOUNT	£485.65	£5,738.43	(£782.70)	-	£5,441.38	-
Total	£31,115.48	£11,707.97	£13,058.24	-	£55,881.69	£56,544.80
Net total assets	£31,115.48	£11,707.97	£13,058.24	-	£55,881.69	£56,544.80

Represented by

General (Unrestricted)	£31,115.48	-	-	-	£31,115.48	£29,594.05
Designated - BAMBINOS	-	£200.00	-	-	£200.00	-
Designated - Heritage	-	£380.93	-	-	£380.93	£519.74
Designated - KNEAD	-	£405.00	-	-	£405.00	-
Designated - LUNCH CLUB	-	£1,900.00	-	-	£1,900.00	-
Designated - OSR	-	£8,187.71	-	-	£8,187.71	£8,251.37
Designated - PICNIC	-	£245.26	-	-	£245.26	£436.25
Designated - Youth	-	£389.07	-	-	£389.07	£494.70
Restricted - Bells	-	-	£2,930.05	-	£2,930.05	£3,445.59
Restricted - Choir	-	-	£306.26	-	£306.26	£157.84
Restricted - CHRord	-	-	£5,226.07	-	£5,226.07	£8,882.04
Restricted - Churchyard	-	-	£443.75	-	£443.75	(£121.25)
Restricted - Fabric	-	-	£5,535.81	-	£5,535.81	£6,742.39
Restricted - Magazine	-	-	(£1,384.27)	-	(£1,384.27)	(£1,858.49)
Restricted - SERVERY	-	-	£0.57	-	£0.57	£0.57
Total	£31,115.48	£11,707.97	£13,058.24	-	£55,881.69	£56,544.80

Rayne All Saints
Receipts and Payments Account
For the period from 01 January 2024 to 31 December 2024

	Unrestricted funds	Designated funds	Restricted funds	Total funds	Prior year total funds
Receipts					
Planned giving	£19,271.29	£44.59	-	£19,315.88	£18,929.90
Collections and other giving	£1,847.28	-	-	£1,847.28	£1,911.64
Other voluntary receipts	£3,501.81	£9,359.10	£3,538.99	£16,399.90	£27,687.82
Gift Aid recovered	£9,153.09	-	-	£9,153.09	£4,088.24
Other receipts	£10,697.69	£200.00	-	£10,897.69	£7,407.66
Activities for generating funds	£5,553.94	£7,332.42	£2,671.00	£15,557.36	£6,164.57
Investment Income	£124.51	-	£960.72	£1,085.23	£1,140.88
Receipts from church activities	£6,213.00	£3,014.65	£270.00	£9,497.65	£10,015.50
Total Receipts	£56,362.61	£19,950.76	£7,440.71	£83,754.08	£77,346.21
Payments					
Cost of generating funds	£10,455.49	£728.48	£40.00	£11,223.97	£4,660.36
Missionary and Charitable Giving	£1,114.03	-	-	£1,114.03	£1,810.43
Parish Share	£30,530.80	-	-	£30,530.80	£30,082.12
Clergy and Staffing costs	£2,854.15	-	-	£2,854.15	£1,340.38
Church Running Expenses	£9,075.15	£119.79	£8,535.19	£17,730.13	£14,004.57
Hall Running Costs	-	£13,838.71	-	£13,838.71	£9,380.24
Church Repairs & Maintenance	-	-	£3,655.97	£3,655.97	£40,315.14
Hall Repairs & Maintenance	-	£3,186.32	-	£3,186.32	-
Governance Costs	£116.57	£71.55	-	£188.12	£155.67
Purchase of Assets	£94.99	-	-	£94.99	£1,471.86
Total Payments	£54,241.18	£17,944.85	£12,231.16	£84,417.19	£103,220.77
Excess of receipts over payments before transfer	£2,121.43	£2,005.91	(£4,790.45)	(£663.11)	(£25,874.56)
Transfers:					
Gross transfers between funds - in	£21,600.00	-	£22,200.00	£43,800.00	£24,553.00
Gross transfers between funds - out	(£22,200.00)	-	(£21,600.00)	(£43,800.00)	(£24,553.00)
Excess of receipts over payments before other gains	£1,521.43	£2,005.91	(£4,190.45)	(£663.11)	(£25,874.56)
Net movement in funds	£1,521.43	£2,005.91	(£4,190.45)	(£663.11)	(£25,874.56)
Reconciliation of funds					
Excess of receipts over payments at beginning of the year	£29,594.05	£9,702.06	£17,248.69	£56,544.80	£82,419.36
Excess of receipts over payments for the year	£31,115.48	£11,707.97	£13,058.24	£55,881.69	£56,544.80

Rayne All Saints

Analysis of Receipts and Payments Selected period: 01 January 2024 to 31 December 2024

	General	Designated	Restricted	This year	Total Last year
Receipts					
Planned giving					
0101 - Gift Aid	£16,903.84	£44.59	-	£16,948.43	£16,481.95
0110 - Gift Aid - Envelopes	£22.45	-	-	£22.45	£292.95
0201 - Other planned giving	£2,345.00	-	-	£2,345.00	£2,155.00
Planned giving Totals	£19,271.29	£44.59	-	£19,315.88	£18,929.90
Collections and other giving					
0301 - Loose plate collections	£1,847.28	-	-	£1,847.28	£1,911.64
Collections and other giving Totals	£1,847.28	-	-	£1,847.28	£1,911.64
Other voluntary receipts					
0410 - SUMUP Giving	£871.99	£44.27	-	£916.26	-
0550 - Donations appeals etc	£2,629.82	£2,414.83	£1,518.99	£6,563.64	£12,975.82
08A1 - Non-recurring one-off grants	-	£6,900.00	£2,020.00	£8,920.00	£14,712.00
Other voluntary receipts Totals	£3,501.81	£9,359.10	£3,538.99	£16,399.90	£27,687.82
Gift Aid recovered					
0601 - Tax recoverable on Gift Aid	£9,153.09	-	-	£9,153.09	£4,088.24
Gift Aid recovered Totals	£9,153.09	-	-	£9,153.09	£4,088.24
Other receipts					
0901 - Other funds generated	£844.00	£200.00	-	£1,044.00	£7,407.66
0911 - CHURCH GROUPS INCOME	£9,853.69	-	-	£9,853.69	-
Other receipts Totals	£10,697.69	£200.00	-	£10,897.69	£7,407.66
Activities for generating funds					
0910 - EVENTS - FUNDRAISING	£5,553.94	-	-	£5,553.94	£1,671.50
1240 - OSR HALL HIRERS	-	£7,252.80	-	£7,252.80	£2,214.25
1250 - Magazine income - advertising	-	-	£2,671.00	£2,671.00	£1,720.00
1270 - Heritage Income	-	£79.62	-	£79.62	£558.82
Activities for generating funds Totals	£5,553.94	£7,332.42	£2,671.00	£15,557.36	£6,164.57
Investment Income					
1020 - Bank and building society interest	£124.51	-	£960.72	£1,085.23	£1,140.88
Investment Income Totals	£124.51	-	£960.72	£1,085.23	£1,140.88
Receipts from church activities					
1101 - Fees for weddings and funerals	£6,213.00	-	£270.00	£6,483.00	£6,217.00
1230 - Church hall fund raising	-	£3,014.65	-	£3,014.65	£3,798.50
Receipts from church activities Totals	£6,213.00	£3,014.65	£270.00	£9,497.65	£10,015.50

	General	Designated	Restricted	This year	Total Last year
Receipts Grand Totals	£56,362.61	£19,950.76	£7,440.71	£83,754.08	£77,346.21
Payments					
Cost of generating funds					
1730 - EVENT COSTS	£375.66	£510.05	£40.00	£925.71	£4,246.53
1731 - CHURCH GROUPS EXPENDITURE	£10,079.83	-	-	£10,079.83	-
2490 - Heritage costs	-	£218.43	-	£218.43	£413.83
Cost of generating funds Totals	£10,455.49	£728.48	£40.00	£11,223.97	£4,660.36
Missionary and Charitable Giving					
1830 - Giving - relief and development agencies	-	-	-	-	£260.00
1850 - Home mission	£320.03	-	-	£320.03	£100.00
1870 - Secular charities	£794.00	-	-	£794.00	£1,450.43
Missionary and Charitable Giving Totals	£1,114.03	-	-	£1,114.03	£1,810.43
Parish Share					
1910 - Ministry parish share etc	£29,230.80	-	-	£29,230.80	£28,506.12
1915 - Fees to Diocese	£1,300.00	-	-	£1,300.00	£1,576.00
Parish Share Totals	£30,530.80	-	-	£30,530.80	£30,082.12
Clergy and Staffing costs					
2050 - Salary of parish administrator	£2,352.66	-	-	£2,352.66	£755.12
2101 - Working expenses of incumbent	£279.27	-	-	£279.27	£305.89
2102 - Working expenses of Curate	£86.97	-	-	£86.97	£153.46
2150 - Vicar's telephone	£135.25	-	-	£135.25	£125.91
Clergy and Staffing costs Totals	£2,854.15	-	-	£2,854.15	£1,340.38
Church Running Expenses					
2170 - Education/Youth/Messy Church	£26.87	£109.10	-	£135.97	£501.97
2201 - Parish training and mission	£42.60	-	-	£42.60	£179.76
2301 - Church running - insurance	£2,299.85	-	-	£2,299.85	£2,227.57
2310 - Church office - telephone	£772.62	-	-	£772.62	£708.00
2311 - Church Office equipment	-	-	-	-	£291.39
2320 - Organ / piano tuning	-	-	-	-	£225.00
2325 - Organist	£30.00	-	-	£30.00	£120.00
2330 - Church maintenance	£1,603.67	-	£4,351.83	£5,955.50	£2,247.77
2340 - Upkeep of services	£320.12	-	-	£320.12	£201.39
2351 - BELL RINGERS	-	-	£180.00	£180.00	-
2360 - Administration	£1,369.92	£4.99	£6.58	£1,381.49	£1,072.24
2401 - Church running - electric	£506.35	-	-	£506.35	£298.83
2410 - Church running - gas	£1,041.39	-	-	£1,041.39	£1,076.32
2420 - Church running - water	£252.26	-	-	£252.26	£213.56
2425 - Service materials	£509.20	£5.70	-	£514.90	£198.32
2501 - Magazine expenses	-	-	£3,996.78	£3,996.78	£4,425.15
2610 - Gifts	£300.30	-	-	£300.30	£17.30
Church Running Expenses Totals	£9,075.15	£119.79	£8,535.19	£17,730.13	£14,004.57
Hall Running Costs					

	General	Designated	Restricted	This year	Total Last year
2530 - Hall running - electricity	-	£567.43	-	£567.43	£417.71
2540 - Hall running - gas	-	£494.76	-	£494.76	£609.97
2550 - Hall running - insurance	-	£1,816.45	-	£1,816.45	£1,897.63
2560 - Hall running - maintenance	-	£8,282.64	-	£8,282.64	£4,830.02
2565 - Hall Cleaning	-	£1,618.29	-	£1,618.29	£1,035.05
2567 - Hall - Return of deposit	-	£225.00	-	£225.00	-
2570 - Hall running - BROADBAND /telephone	-	£403.20	-	£403.20	£375.01
2580 - Hall running - water	-	£350.54	-	£350.54	£142.85
2591 - Hall Affiliation Fees	-	£80.40	-	£80.40	£72.00
Hall Running Costs Totals	-	£13,838.71	-	£13,838.71	£9,380.24
Church Repairs & Maintenance					
2702 - Church Major Repairs - Reordering	-	-	£3,655.97	£3,655.97	£637.14
2710 - Church major repairs -SERVERY installat	-	-	-	-	£39,678.00
Church Repairs & Maintenance Totals	-	-	£3,655.97	£3,655.97	£40,315.14
Hall Repairs & Maintenance					
2801 - Old School Room - Alterations and Extens	-	£357.00	-	£357.00	-
2820 - Hall + major repairs - installation	-	£2,697.31	-	£2,697.31	-
2830 - Hall + interior and exterior decorating	-	£132.01	-	£132.01	-
Hall Repairs & Maintenance Totals	-	£3,186.32	-	£3,186.32	-
Governance Costs					
2601 - Governance costs BANK CHARGES/SUMUP CHAR	£116.57	£71.55	-	£188.12	£155.67
Governance Costs Totals	£116.57	£71.55	-	£188.12	£155.67
Purchase of Assets					
2950 - Purchase of Assets	£94.99	-	-	£94.99	£1,471.86
Purchase of Assets Totals	£94.99	-	-	£94.99	£1,471.86
Payments Grand Totals	£54,241.18	£17,944.85	£12,231.16	£84,417.19	£103,220.77

Rayne All Saints
Fund movement summary
Selected period: 01 January 2024 to 31 December 2024

Fund	Fund balances brought forward	Incoming Resources	Outgoing Resources	Transfers	Gains and Losses	Journal Entries	Fund balances Carried forward
BAMBINOS							
Designated	-	£200.00	-	-	-	-	£200.00
Sub-totals	-	£200.00	-	-	-	-	£200.00
KNEAD							
Designated	-	£405.00	-	-	-	-	£405.00
Sub-totals	-	£405.00	-	-	-	-	£405.00
LUNCH CLUB							
Designated	-	£1,900.00	-	-	-	-	£1,900.00
Sub-totals	-	£1,900.00	-	-	-	-	£1,900.00
PICNIC							
Designated	£436.25	£68.86	£259.85	-	-	-	£245.26
Sub-totals	£436.25	£68.86	£259.85	-	-	-	£245.26
Bells							
Restricted	£3,445.59	£1,355.49	£1,871.03	-	-	-	£2,930.05
Sub-totals	£3,445.59	£1,355.49	£1,871.03	-	-	-	£2,930.05
Choir							
Restricted	£157.84	£155.00	£6.58	-	-	-	£306.26
Sub-totals	£157.84	£155.00	£6.58	-	-	-	£306.26
Churchyard							
Restricted	(£121.25)	£565.00	-	-	-	-	£443.75
Sub-totals	(£121.25)	£565.00	-	-	-	-	£443.75
Fabric							

Fund	Fund balances brought forward	Incoming Resources	Outgoing Resources	Transfers	Gains and Losses	Journal Entries	Fund balances Carried forward
Restricted	£6,742.39	£1,494.22	£2,700.80	-	-	-	£5,535.81
Sub-totals	£6,742.39	£1,494.22	£2,700.80	-	-	-	£5,535.81
Magazine							
Restricted	(£1,858.49)	£3,871.00	£3,996.78	£600.00	-	-	(£1,384.27)
Sub-totals	(£1,858.49)	£3,871.00	£3,996.78	£600.00	-	-	(£1,384.27)
Youth							
Designated	£494.70	-	£105.63	-	-	-	£389.07
Sub-totals	£494.70	-	£105.63	-	-	-	£389.07
OSR							
Designated	£8,251.37	£17,297.28	£17,360.94	-	-	-	£8,187.71
Sub-totals	£8,251.37	£17,297.28	£17,360.94	-	-	-	£8,187.71
Hymnbook							
Restricted	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Sub-totals	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Capres							
Restricted	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Sub-totals	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Specres							
Designated	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Sub-totals	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CHRord							
Restricted	£8,882.04	-	£3,655.97	-	-	-	£5,226.07
Sub-totals	£8,882.04	-	£3,655.97	-	-	-	£5,226.07
Heritage							
Designated	£519.74	£79.62	£218.43	-	-	-	£380.93
Sub-totals	£519.74	£79.62	£218.43	-	-	-	£380.93
Fund	Fund balances brought forward	Incoming Resources	Outgoing Resources	Transfers	Gains and Losses	Journal Entries	Fund balances Carried forward
SERVERY							
Restricted	£0.57	-	-	-	-	-	£0.57
Sub-totals	£0.57	-	-	-	-	-	£0.57
General							
Unrestricted	£29,594.05	£56,362.61	£54,241.18	(£600.00)	-	-	£31,115.48
Sub-totals	£29,594.05	£56,362.61	£54,241.18	(£600.00)	-	-	£31,115.48
Totals	£56,544.80	£83,754.08	£84,417.19	-	-	-	£55,881.69

Report of the Old Schoolroom Management Sub-Committee

During 2024 the sub-committee met ten times and has continued to arrange for improvements to the building:

- Painting internal walls of main hall
- New lighting in main hall
- Main hall floor refurbished
- New flooring in middle room
- Diseased tree in The Maltings removed
- Insulation to the ceiling in the main hall
- The cottage room prepared for the installation of a new kitchen

Several grant applications have been applied for including items for the new kitchen new entrance fencing and the external redecoration of the main hall.

Early in 2025 the committee will be looking at ideas for redeveloping the old library building to further improve facilities at the venue.

Current committee members are Joy Darby, Colin Miles, Graham Brine, Charlotte Brine, Chris Hutton, Andrew Goldsmith and Mike Begley. The administrator is Gina Buckly.

The full accounts of the Old Schoolroom sub-committee are included in this annual report pages 44-45). The Old Schoolroom accounts can also be seen within the main PCC accounts as OSRMC is a sub-committee of the PCC.

The Financial Accounts of the Old Schoolroom sub-committee of Rayne PCC

Rayne All Saints

Statement of Assets and Liabilities (by fund) As at: 31 December 2024

			Balance	Previous balance
Cash At Bank And In Hand				
6501: HSBC current account				
Old Schoolroom	Designated		£2,380.47	£1,035.08
			£2,380.47	£1,035.08
6505: HSBC Money Manager deposit account				
Old Schoolroom	Designated		-	£7,216.29
			-	£7,216.29
6515: OLD SCHOOL ROOM ACCOUNT				
Old Schoolroom	Designated		£5,807.24	-
			£5,807.24	-
		Cash At Bank And In Hand	£8,187.71	£8,251.37
		Grand Total	£8,187.71	£8,251.37

Rayne All Saints

Monthly Income / Expenditure totals - Details

As at: 31 December 2024

for funds OSR Des

Nominal code	Jan_24	Feb_24	Mar_24	Apr_24	May_24	Jun_24	Jul_24	Aug_24	Sep_24	Oct_24	Nov_24	Dec_24	Code total
Income													
0101: Gift Aid	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	£10.00	£10.00	£20.00
0550: Donations appeals etc	£100.00	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	£9.83	-	-	-	£109.83
08A1: Non-recurring one-off grants	£2,484.00	-	£4,000.00	-	£416.00	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	£6,900.00
1230: Church hall fund raising	-	-	£492.00	-	£72.00	£1,531.80	-	-	£285.18	-	£504.67	£129.00	£3,014.65
1240: OSR HALL HIRERS	£1,447.25	£732.00	£433.00	£434.75	£701.50	£379.50	£498.00	£349.60	£263.00	£766.20	£1,170.50	£77.50	£7,252.80
Income totals	£4,031.25	£732.00	£4,925.00	£434.75	£1,189.50	£1,911.30	£498.00	£349.60	£558.01	£766.20	£1,685.17	£216.50	£17,297.28
Expenditure													
1730: EVENT COSTS	-	-	£229.00	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	£30.37	£259.37
2360: Administration	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	£4.99	-	£4.99
2530: Hall running - electricity	-	-	-	£90.92	-	-	£205.58	-	-	£171.53	-	£99.40	£567.43
2540: Hall running - gas	-	-	£191.37	£82.81	-	-	£94.32	-	£51.65	£74.61	-	-	£494.76
2550: Hall running - insurance	£163.75	£163.75	£163.75	£163.75	£163.75	£163.75	£163.75	£167.55	-	£167.55	£167.55	£167.55	£1,816.45
2560: Hall running - maintenance	£99.83	£510.00	£225.59	£5,820.89	£150.95	-	-	£67.51	£196.68	£75.15	£189.60	£946.44	£8,282.64
2565: Hall Cleaning	-	£135.31	£115.40	£130.80	£96.58	£114.40	£130.38	£114.40	£137.28	£154.73	£137.28	£351.73	£1,618.29
2567: Hall - Return of deposit	-	-	-	£225.00	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	£225.00
2570: Hall running - BROADBAND /telephone	£33.60	£33.60	£33.60	£33.60	£33.60	£33.60	£33.60	£33.60	£33.60	£33.60	£33.60	£33.60	£403.20
2580: Hall running - water	-	-	£84.03	-	-	£81.32	-	-	£90.87	-	-	£94.32	£350.54
2591: Hall Affiliation Fees	-	-	-	£80.40	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	£80.40
2601: Governance costs BANK CHARGES/SUMJP CHAR	-	£5.00	£12.00	-	£8.43	£5.00	£9.84	£5.00	£5.88	£5.00	£6.54	£8.86	£71.55
2801: Old School Room - Alterations and Extens	£357.00	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	£357.00
2820: Hall + major repairs - installation	-	-	-	-	£2,140.60	£412.00	-	£138.11	£6.60	-	-	-	£2,697.31
2830: Hall + interior and exterior decorating	-	£132.01	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	£132.01
Expenditure totals	£654.18	£979.67	£1,054.74	£6,628.17	£2,593.91	£810.07	£637.47	£526.17	£522.56	£682.17	£539.56	£1,732.27	£17,360.94
													Balance (income - expenditure)
													(£63.66)

The Financial Accounts of the Old Schoolroom sub-committee of Rayne PCC

Rayne All Saints Income / expenditure comparative figures 01 January 2023 to 31 December 2024

Description	01/01/2023-31/12/2023	01/01/2024-31/12/2024	Fund	Fund type
Income				
08A1 - Non-recurring one-off grants	£300.00	£6,900.00	Old Schoolroom	Designated
0101 - Gift Aid	-	£20.00	Old Schoolroom	Designated
0550 - Donations appeals etc	£323.00	£109.83	Old Schoolroom	Designated
0901 - Other funds generated	-	-	Old Schoolroom	Designated
0910 - EVENTS - FUNDRAISING	-	-	Old Schoolroom	Designated
1020 - Bank and building society interest	-	-	Old Schoolroom	Designated
1230 - Church hall fund raising	£3,798.50	£3,014.65	Old Schoolroom	Designated
1240 - OSR HALL HIRERS	£2,214.25	£7,252.80	Old Schoolroom	Designated
1241 - Church hall - gas refund	-	-	Old Schoolroom	Designated
1242 - Church Hall - electricity refund	-	-	Old Schoolroom	Designated
Total	£6,635.75	£17,297.28		
Expenditure				
1730 - EVENT COSTS	-	£259.37	Old Schoolroom	Designated
2340 - Upkeep of services	-	-	Old Schoolroom	Designated
2360 - Administration	-	£4.99	Old Schoolroom	Designated
2530 - Hall running - electricity	£417.71	£567.43	Old Schoolroom	Designated
2540 - Hall running - gas	£609.97	£494.76	Old Schoolroom	Designated
2550 - Hall running - insurance	£1,897.63	£1,816.45	Old Schoolroom	Designated
2560 - Hall running - maintenance	£4,830.02	£8,282.64	Old Schoolroom	Designated
2565 - Hall Cleaning	£1,035.05	£1,618.29	Old Schoolroom	Designated
2566 - Hall Petty Cash	-	-	Old Schoolroom	Designated
2567 - Hall - Return of deposit	-	£225.00	Old Schoolroom	Designated
2570 - Hall running - BROADBAND /telephone	£375.01	£403.20	Old Schoolroom	Designated
2580 - Hall running - water	£142.85	£350.54	Old Schoolroom	Designated
2591 - Hall Affiliation Fees	£72.00	£80.40	Old Schoolroom	Designated
2601 - Governance costs BANK CHARGES/SUMUP CHAR	-	£71.55	Old Schoolroom	Designated
2610 - Gifts	-	-	Old Schoolroom	Designated
2801 - Old School Room - Alterations and Extens	-	£357.00	Old Schoolroom	Designated
2820 - Hall + major repairs - installation	-	£2,697.31	Old Schoolroom	Designated
2830 - Hall + interior and exterior decorating	-	£132.01	Old Schoolroom	Designated
Total	£9,380.24	£17,360.94		

Independent examiner's report to the members of the PCC Rayne All Saints

I report to the members of the PCC on my examination of the accounts of Rayne All Saints (the Church) for the year ended 31 December 2024

Responsibilities and basis of report

As members of the PCC you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the Act').

I report in respect of my examination of the Church's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the Church as required by section 130 of the Act.
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Signed:

Name: Sarah Prior ACA

Address: Pearcroft Aldecar Lane

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Date:

Comments on my review

The books and records of the Church are well kept and comprehensive. There is a monthly bank reconciliation prepared and the accounts are well maintained and easy to examine. Improvements continue to be made in the accounts presentation. Notably rationalisation of lines of narrative and good reporting of church groups.

I also note the actions taken to address the deficit on the restricted Magazine Fund. These actions support the position that there is a “realistic expectation that future income will be received to cover the shortfall” and as such the current deficit is temporary but subject to review.

Whilst the Church had a small deficit of £663 in the year the unrestricted and designated funds had a surplus of £2,100 and £2,000 respectively. The 2025 budget for the unrestricted activities is showing an excess of expenses over income of £11,000. It is important to note that budgeting is inherently uncertain, however, given that unrestricted reserves stand at £31,000 a deficit of the amount budgeted would be of concern in the longer term. As such I recommend that the Treasurer’s updates to the PCC keep track of actual income and expenditure compared to budget so that there is a real-time ability to respond to unforeseen costs and focus on fundraising, which is an area where the Church has a strong track record.

Sarah Prior
March 2025

Rector's Report

It has been a fantastic year in the life of All Saints'. Last year we introduced a Mission Action Plan with some particular goals to guide our prayers and priorities, and it has been wonderful to see all that God has done amongst us. We set about:

1. To increase numbers of baptisms and confirmations. There has been a remarkable amount of children and adult baptisms in 2024, and it has been a joy to welcome new members of the congregation in this way. It has also been made much easier for the vertically-challenged clergy since the font was lowered! We were also delighted to present John Haigh for confirmation at our sister church in Black Notley in May.

2. To increase lay participation in All Age worship services. It has been a joy to see how the All Age services have grown, and wonderful to see youngsters growing in confidence as they share leading parts of these services. I would like to particularly thank Rev Nikki and the team of Colin, Michele and Kate for their energy and enthusiasm in developing this ministry.

3. To grow in discipleship, love and forgiveness. As a church, we have grown in our relationships with and respect for one another as we seek to work together effectively to see God's kingdom in Rayne. There have been various opportunities to deepen our discipleship such as through our Lent course, which this year was about studying the Psalms. Another particular joy has been the popularity of our Autumn Alpha Course, which has helped attendees grow in faith.

4. To develop a choir and improve our sung worship. We were delighted when Gloria Anstis volunteered to be our church organist once a month and to lead a choir. It has been enjoyable to hear the organ played once more and to see the chancel with choristers! We are very grateful to both Gloria and Paul for their ministry here.

5. To work towards becoming a Bronze Eco Church in 2024, and Silver in 2025. It was fantastic to celebrate gaining a Bronze Eco Church award at the end of 2024. Well done to all members of the Eco Team for this achievement and

thanks to Rev'd Roman for leading this initiative.

It has been an exciting year with many heartening answers to prayer and reminders of God's provision. I am so glad for the vibrancy and creativity of All Saints' and the way in which it is a blessing to the village of Rayne in so many ways.

In particular I would like to say thank you to all who share in leadership here, to my wonderful ordained colleagues Roman and Nikki, to our fabulous administrator Lisa Gregson, and the whole PCC for their dedicated service. Thanks to our fantastic fundraisers who do so much to keep us afloat and make it possible for us to focus on ministry and mission.

2025 is a year of change as both Colin and Graham step back from being churchwardens. We are hugely grateful for their immense contributions as wardens in the life of our Church. Thank you for all the time, dedication, expertise and love you have poured into being wardens. I am glad to say they will be continuing to serve in other capacities – Graham as Sacristan, and Colin continuing in his role as Associate Preacher and assistant churchwarden.

As we look ahead, we can be confident in God, who is so very faithful. Emboldened by the blessing of last year, the PCC have adopted the following priorities to guide our prayers and our energy for 2025:

- 1) Increase numbers of baptisms and confirmations
- 2) Involve children all areas of church life e.g. stewarding and refreshments
- 3) Develop a discipleship pathway
- 4) Expand sung liturgy in worship
- 5) Work towards becoming a Silver Eco Church in 2025

Thank you to you too for all your contributions to our shared life together and we continue to ask for your prayers and your support. And, of course, thanks be to God, whose love reaches to the heavens and whose faithfulness to the skies. In a spirit of thankfulness, we press on, committing to keep in step with the Holy Spirit, following the teachings of Jesus, so that we may bring glory to God the Father.

Statement of Acceptance

Rev'd Rachel Prior (Rector)

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