

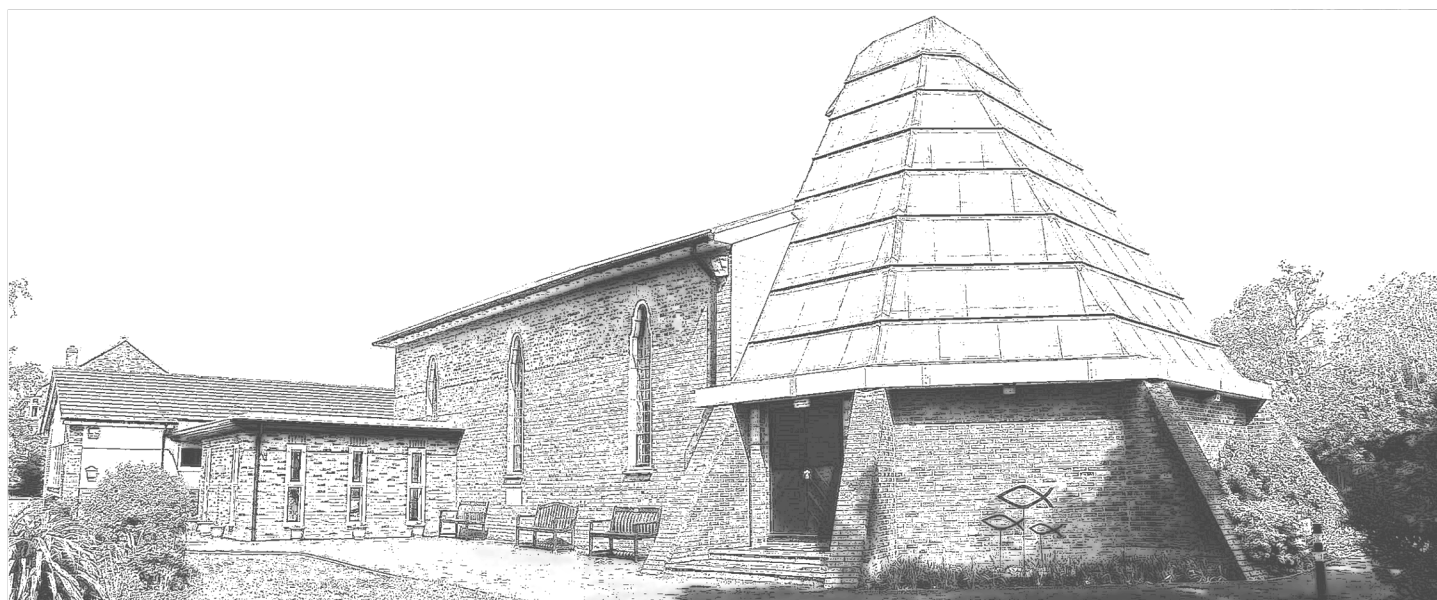
# **The Parish of Tilehurst St Catherine and Calcot St Birinus**

## **Annual Report and Financial Statements of the Parochial Church Council**

(Registered Charity 1155524)

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

**Vicar - Rev Jackie Fountain**



### **Bank**

Nat West Reading Oracle

Unit L11, The Oracle Shopping Centre, Reading, RG1 2AG

### **Independent Examiner**

Mr David Marett FCA CTA

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### **And minutes**

Of the meeting of Parishioners held on 28th April 2024

Of the Annual Parochial Church Meeting held on 28th April 2024

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# Parochial Church Council Tilehurst St Catherine and Calcot St Birinus

## ANNUAL REPORT 2024

### AIMS AND PURPOSE

Our parish purpose is 'To worship God and show Jesus' love makes a difference in reaching, serving and caring,

The PCC is responsible, together with the appointed vicar, for the vision and mission of our church. To do this we seek God's will, ensure we operate within a legal framework and take responsibility for the financial stability of the church, all under God's authority.

### BACKGROUND

The parish looked forward to 2024 in excitement as the first year with Jackie Fountain, our new vicar – and it has indeed proved exciting seeing God at work. As different areas have been reviewed, some have undergone a level of change, some have continued, and new activities have been initiated. We know there is more to come, and we look forward to 2025, discerning the direction God is taking us and balancing the work that is to be done without overstretching our resources.

Our finances have been ably managed during 2024 by Sean East. Sean took on the role of treasurer as Joanne Freeman stepped down, after many years of faithful service. The PCC is thankful for both Joanne's and Sean's hard work.

### WORSHIP

The PCC has long recognised that the service structure would benefit from review. During 2024 that review was conducted, taking into account the views of church members. As a result, the previous pattern has been replaced by one Sunday service. On two Sundays in the month the service includes Holy Communion. The Bishop's agreement to the reduction in the number of Sunday communion services was obtained. This provides the parish with increased missional opportunities and the style of the different leaders and preachers brings variation to the services.

The Sunday services have for the most part adopted themes, such as Exodus, Meals with Jesus and What is Church?

The Wednesday communion service has continued with some 12 regular attendees.

The Easter services included both a Good Friday family activity service which was attended by a number of families and a meditation service.

As in previous years, the July and August Sunday services were held outside, providing an opportunity to be more visible and accessible to the community and to allow worship to take place closer to nature. And the weather was kind to us in 2024!

Christmas was busy! The outdoor Carols under the Oak Tree continues to be popular with the local community- the starting time was brought forward to better suit family life. The services also included Nine Lessons and Carols, Christmas Day Communion service, Christingle and a Nativity Service held for the first time as a Christmas Eve afternoon service rather than as part of a Sunday morning service.

The Special services during the year included a Shoebox Appeal, a Leprosy Mission service, A Christian Aid service and a Harvest Festival, followed by a bring and share lunch and bread making competition.

The 2024 new ventures included an informal fun monthly St Cat's Lite service held on the first Saturday in the month for everyone, focussing on families. The first was held in October. Attendance has been encouraging, with families joining us who are unfamiliar with Sunday services. There has been the welcome addition of a worship service on the second Sunday evening in the month, providing the opportunity for more informal worship.

Friday Tots Praise came to a natural end in December as the numbers attending reduced with children

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moving on to nursery. It is recognised that there may be a time in the future that it is appropriate to resume.

All of these services were all possible thanks to the tremendous faithful support of the leadership team, the musicians and the Parish Administrator as well as those providing ancillary services such as welcoming, reading, leading intercessions, providing refreshments and manning the camera and AV desk. The PCC owes a big thank you to them all!

## **rites of passage**

Three funerals were held in church, including that of Phil French, a long term church member whose absence is felt every Sunday morning service when the chair he usually occupied is empty. Three further crematorium only services also took place, including that of David Scott who had been an active member of the church.

The November confirmation service at St Barnabus, Emmer Green was a joyful occasion with four St Catherine's confirmation candidates, including two from our youth group.

Two baptisms took place as part of the Sunday morning service, rather than as a separate stand-alone service which facilitated welcoming those being baptised to God's family

## **Lifegroups & Study Groups**

40-50 people have continued to meet regularly, either weekly or fortnightly, in Lifegroups which have provided valuable fellowship, mutual support and the opportunity to grow in faith. There are now 6 groups, following the closure of one group as the leader moved away from St Catherine's, and the members of the demised Lifegroup joining other groups. Each Lifegroup is assigned some non Lifegroup church members for pastoral care and it is intended to review ways of improving this operation going forward. During Lent, the Lifegroups' activities were further supplemented by a Lent course open to all.

A Youth Bible group has continued with a small faithful group, their studies including a Well Being and a Youth Alpha course.

## **Prayer**

Prayer continues to be key as we seek to discern and be obedient to God's direction. Prayer is a key component of meetings and church services, in addition to specific prayer activities.

The prayer ministry team are available to individuals after the Sunday service. Weekly community prayers takes place every Thursday. The monthly early Saturday morning prayer session have continued, focussing on two church activities, one of the four supported missions, and a UK/global item.

The monthly Calcot prayer walk and litter pick has continued with a small number of faithful church members. Whilst a limited number support this activity it is seen as important as we continue to seek God's direction for the church's activities in Calcot.

## **Reaching Further into the Community**

Outreach into our local schools has expanded during the year, with visits to Birch Copse Primary, Springfield and Little Heath School. Additionally Birch Copse has held Easter and Christmas services at St Catherine's and the Year 9s from Littleheath came in to explore what church is about. Working with Reach has been very helpful as we reach out and build relationships with the schools in our parish. We continue to welcome the local scouts group to their carol service with us.

The Holiday Club in August 2024 was a significant venture. Such an event had not been held at St Catherine's since 2019, and the church stepped out in faith to hold a 3 day event entitled 'Wonder Zone'. God proved faithful and there was amazement at the number of volunteers that stepped

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forward. 28 children attended, and had great fun exploring the wonderful world God has created in which we live. Activities included making rockets, understanding how the earth was created supported by the visual aid of exploding balloons, treasure hunts, games and much more besides.

## **THE CENTRE**

The centre, including the café and church hall, continues to thrive as a place to share God's love and hospitality, all made possible by our hard-working centre manager, cafe manager, bookings manager and volunteers. The hall is even busier on Tuesday and Thursday mornings with the welcome noise of children as the Tots 0-5 group moved its operation from the Cornwell Centre to the Church Hall providing greater proximity to church resources and encouraging people to feel they are welcome and can belong in our building.

The café, managed by a café manager newly appointed at the start of the year, is welcomed by its users as a safe, friendly place to meet. Staffing the café has been challenging and more volunteers are always welcome.

The church hall facilities were improved by the building of attractive and serviceable large cupboards to replace the old ones that had seen better days and provided limited storage. Construction was managed by a faithful church member – the efforts of all involved are much appreciated!

Church hall bookings continued at a steady pace throughout the year.

## **ACTIVITIES**

A wide range of activities, too many to be listed here, are organised which are appreciated by those that attend, whether regular church members or not. Tuesday Get Together and Friday Friends continues to be enjoyed by the older age group, whilst the popularity of Toddler 0-5s has continued and even increased, with the move from the Cornwell Centre to the church hall in the autumn. Other activities include the Book Club, Mothers Union, Bowls, Eco pursuits and Crafty Space. The hardworking maintenance and gardening teams have continued to provide us all with a much loved and cared for space to enjoy.

## **HAVING FUN**

Fun events open to the wider community took place during the year, also raising some funds. Great enjoyment was had at January's Ceilidh, irrespective of whether the dancers kept in step. The Spring and Christmas Fairs were as popular as ever.

## **INTO THE FUTURE**

2024 has been a year of encouragement as we have seen God at work both in supporting us in our ongoing activities and challenging us to embark on new initiatives.

The PCC took some time out in September to look forwards to the future, and identified three priority areas for the year ahead:

- Prayer and worship- connecting to God. Listening to God.
- Raising the profile of St Catherines- not being hidden
- Reaching out to younger people, children and younger families (whilst valuing and caring for the current congregation)

We therefore look forward in anticipation to 2025 and implementing ways to develop those priorities, whilst we grow together as a church, deepening our faith.

# Parochial Church Council Tilehurst St Catherine and Calcot St Birinus

## PCC Members

The names of the members of the Council who have served since the commencement of the 2024 financial year and until the date this report was approved are:

### Ex officio members

Incumbent	Rev Jackie Fountain
Curate	Rev Carol Atkins (from Feb 2025)
LLM's	Mr Tony Bartlett (also elected as PCC secretary) Mr Mike Heather
Deanery Synod rep.	Mr Richard Canning
Churchwardens	Ms Caroline Heron Mrs Lynn Stevens (also Deanery Synod rep)

### Elected Members

Mrs Heather Addison  
Mrs Jean Almond  
Mrs Ella Robles Canning (also Deanery Synod rep)  
Mrs Carol Charles (from APCM 2024, resigned June 2024)  
Mr Michael Charles (from APCM 2024, resigned June 2024)  
Mrs Emma Deacon (re-elected APCM 2024)  
Mrs Joanne Freeman (appointed as Treasurer by PCC until APCM 2024)  
Mrs Sonia Ludford (re-elected APCM 2024, also Centre Manager)  
Mr Stuart Poore (re-elected APCM 2024, also Parish Administrator)  
Mrs Stephanie Walklate

### Treasurer

Mr Sean East (appointed by PCC at APCM 2024)

### Minute taker to the PCC

Mr Tony Bartlett

### Bankers

Nat West Reading Oracle Branch, Unit L11, The Oracle Shopping Centre, Reading, RG1 2AG

### Signed on behalf of the PCC

Vicar  
Rev Jackie Fountain



Churchwarden  
Ms Caroline Heron

C. Heron

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## The Financial Report for 2024

### Receipts

In 2024 the planned giving was higher than 2023. Once again we received some generous donations through the plate and online. We did not have any special fundraising or stewardship campaigns but we did have the Summer Fete and Christmas Fair. More details on these are provided below.

Receipts church activities has increased by almost £4000 and this is thanks to the hard work of people getting more hall lettings and party bookings. Although we no longer have the pre-school we do have a number of regular hirers.

We would like to thank everyone for their generous giving throughout 2024. If however you feel you could give on a regular basis, if you don't already, our preferred method is via the Parish Giving Scheme. Please ask for details.

The fairs and fetes raised a total of £3530. This was over £500 more than last year, well done to all involved. We also had some other small sale of items or pop up events which added another £1040. I am still amazed at how many people give their time willingly to St. Catherine's. This is clearly a great help to the financial part of the church but is also good for the overall church community and for everyone involved.

### Payments

In 2024 many items increased. The Parish Share was higher and we did not receive a discount as we now have a vicar. We now have an employed café manager once again. We also contribute to her pension. The cost of gas and electricity, along with other maintenance costs are higher.

We also had some larger unbudgeted expenses in the shape of a new printer (£5340), new hall cupboards (£2500) and car park painting to name a few.

We did not undertake any major building projects during 2024.

### Missions Report

We paid £60 per month to each of our 4 nominated charities in 2024. These are Novi Most, CCA, The Children's Society and Leprosy Mission. In addition to this the PCC agrees to make up the payment to 6% of planned giving. Therefore an extra payment of £273 to each charity is due. This was paid in January 2025 but is noted in the liabilities for 2024 along with monies held for Ripple Effect and the collection from the Scouts carol service which again was sent to CCA in January 2025. The PCC has now agreed to increase the standing order to our four nominated charities to £70 per month from February 2025.

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### End of Year Thoughts

You may notice a slightly different layout to the accounts this year. This is due to using the information from our finance package, My Fund Accounting rather than a number of spreadsheets that Joanne used previously. As you know this is my first year as treasurer and it has been a steep learning curve. Many thanks for the continued support from you all but especially Joanne.

We had a surplus at the end of the year of £2642.

We have been reliant however on the generosity of some large irregular donations. The Centre Lettings have been a great source of income. We did not do any extra fundraising on top of the annual fetes. The Parish Share figure has increased again for 2025.

St. Catherine's continues to just about cover its costs and in 2024 we did not need to use our reserves. However with increased costs we need to be mindful. We would prayerfully ask everyone to consider their monthly contribution and ask anyone with any fundraising ideas and enthusiasm to implement those ideas to come forward.

Sean East  
Treasurer to the PCC

21st April 2025



# **Parochial Church Council Tilehurst St Catherine and Calcot St Birinus**

## **Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of Tilehurst St Catherine and Calcot St Birinus Church, Tilehurst, Parochial Church Council**

I report on the accounts for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> December 2024 which are set out on pages 9 to 13

### **Respective responsibilities of the Trustees and Independent Examiner**

The church's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011(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;
- follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act; and
- 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 management committee concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in a full audit, and consequently I do not express an audit opinion on the accounts.

### **Independent Examiner's Statement**

In connection with my examination, no matters have come to my attention

1. which give me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements
  - to keep accounting records in accordance with s. 130 of the 2011 Act; or
  - to prepare accounts which accord with these accounting records have 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



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28<sup>th</sup> April 2025

# Parochial Church Council Tilehurst St Catherine and Calcot St Birinus

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For the period from 01 January 2024 to 31 December 2024

	Unrestricted funds	Designated funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds	Total funds	Prior year total funds
<b>Receipts</b>						
Planned giving	47,441	-	-	-	47,441	39,766
Collections and other giving	7,525	-	-	-	7,525	4,179
Other voluntary receipts	5,357	-	1,520	-	6,877	9,299
Gift Aid recovered	11,237	-	-	-	11,237	9,551
Other receipts	5,519	-	-	-	5,519	7,443
Receipts from church activities	3,547	44,939	1,580	-	50,066	46,240
<b>Total income</b>	<b>80,626</b>	<b>44,939</b>	<b>3,100</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>128,665</b>	<b>116,478</b>
<b>Payments</b>						
Missionary and Charitable Giving	3,249	-	881	-	4,130	4,145
Parish Share	61,782	-	-	-	61,782	54,428
Clergy and Staffing costs	1,451	-	15	-	1,466	4,977
Church Running Expenses	29,293	2,166	1,971	-	33,430	21,337
Hall Running Costs	280	11,386	-	-	11,666	12,115
Cafe Running Costs	-	13,549	-	-	13,549	12,699
Church Repairs & Maintenance	-	-	-	-	-	-
Hall Repairs & Maintenance	-	-	-	-	-	-
New Building work	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Total expenditure</b>	<b>96,055</b>	<b>27,102</b>	<b>2,867</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>126,023</b>	<b>109,701</b>
<b>Net income/(expenditure) resources before transfer</b>	<b>-15,429</b>	<b>17,837</b>	<b>233</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>2,642</b>	<b>6,777</b>
<b>Transfers:</b>						
Gross transfers between funds - in	1,198	-	-	-	1,198	39,163
Gross transfers between funds - out	-	-	-1,198	-	-1,198	-39,163
Other recognised gains / losses						
Gains/losses on investment assets	-	-	-	-	-	-
Gains on revaluation, fixed assets, charity's own use	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Net movement in funds</b>	<b>-14,231</b>	<b>17,837</b>	<b>-964</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>2,642</b>	<b>6,777</b>
Reconciliation of funds						
<b>Total funds brought forward</b>	<b>11,025</b>	<b>13,042</b>	<b>5,027</b>	<b>2,075</b>	<b>31,170</b>	<b>24,393</b>
<b>Total funds carried forward</b>	<b>-3,206</b>	<b>30,879</b>	<b>4,062</b>	<b>2,075</b>	<b>33,811</b>	<b>31,170</b>

*There may be minor discrepancies in the totals if the pence are not being shown*

## Parochial Church Council Tilehurst St Catherine and Calcot St Birinus

Statements of Assets and Liabilities			
	2024		2023
	£		£
<b>Assets</b>			
Cash funds	33,811		31,170
<b>Other monetary assets</b>			
Parish Share rebate for previous year	1,730		1,515
Gift Aid recoverable for previous year	271		304
Centre rent due for previous year	4,715		3,523
	<b>6,716</b>		<b>5,342</b>
<b>Liabilities</b>			
Electricity and Gas	984		1,476
Select Waste Disposal	78		156
0 - 5 s rent	0		330
Missions giving due for previous year	1,092		304
Ripple Effect	675		414
Scouts Carol Service for CCA	90		0
	<b>2,919</b>		<b>2,680</b>

### Notes

The financial statements of the PCC have been prepared in accordance with the Church Accounting Regulations 2006 using the Receipts and Payments basis.

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

### Receipts

Planned giving		General	Designated	Restricted	Endowment	Total This year	Total Last year
	0101012 - Parish Giving Scheme Gift Aided	-	-	-	-	-	31,182
	0101013 - Parish Giving Scheme Non Gift Aided	-	-	-	-	-	3,855
	0101014 - S/O Gift Aided	-	-	-	-	-	2,880
	0101015 - S/O Non Gift Aided	-	-	-	-	-	1,850
	0101018 - Parish Giving Scheme	42,761	-	-	-	42,761	-
	0101019 - Standing Orders	4,680	-	-	-	4,680	-
<b>Planned giving Totals</b>		<b>47,441</b>	-	-	-	<b>47,441</b>	<b>39,766</b>
<b>Collections and other giving</b>							
	0104002 - Plate	7,525	-	-	-	7,525	4,179
	0105B11 - Tots Praise	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Collections and other giving Totals</b>		<b>7,525</b>	-	-	-	<b>7,525</b>	<b>4,179</b>
<b>Other voluntary receipts</b>							
	0105B015 - Donations - just giving	-	-	-	-	-	5
	0105B016 - Donations - Sumup	49	-	-	-	49	251
	0105B12 - Donations	3,227	-	-	-	3,227	1,871
	0105B13 - Donations Gift Aided	1,380	-	-	-	1,380	2,173
	0105B17 - Donations - Amazon Europe	-	-	-	-	-	25
	0203B01 - Coffee Money	564	-	-	-	564	484
	0203B04 - Donations towards Charities	-	-	1,220	-	1,220	787
	0203B20 - Donations to Audio Visual System	-	-	-	-	-	-
	0203B24 - Donations towards Articles in Church	-	-	-	-	-	-
	0203B39 - Donations towards Maintenance Reserves	-	-	300	-	300	300
	0203B43 - Donations to Bishops Outreach Fund	-	-	-	-	-	-
	0203B44 - donations towards garden furniture	-	-	-	-	-	-
	0203B46 - Legacy received	-	-	-	-	-	-
	0203B47 - Donation towards Tots Praise kids corner	-	-	-	-	-	-
	0203B51 - cafe donation box	137	-	-	-	137	278
	0203B56 - Lent Appeal for St Catherines	-	-	-	-	-	3,126
<b>Other voluntary receipts Totals</b>		<b>5,357</b>	-	<b>1,520</b>	-	<b>6,877</b>	<b>9,299</b>
<b>Gift Aid recovered</b>							
	0102002 - Tax recovered PGS	9,895	-	-	-	9,895	7,795
	0102003 - Tax recovered Non PGS	1,342	-	-	-	1,342	1,756
<b>Gift Aid recovered Totals</b>		<b>11,237</b>	-	-	-	<b>11,237</b>	<b>9,551</b>
<b>Other receipts</b>							
	0203A02 - Fetes and Fairs	3,530	-	-	-	3,530	3,200
	0203A03 - Special Events - quiz / raffles	1,017	-	-	-	1,017	1,669
	0203A04 - Special Events - Pop up Shops	27	-	-	-	27	-
	0203B45 - Donation towards Cornwell 0-5s group	-	-	-	-	-	-
	0301001 - Bank & Building Soc Interest	576	-	-	-	576	26
	0403A06 - credit re photocopying magazine	71	-	-	-	71	-
	0403A10 - Magazine Advertising Income	290	-	-	-	290	310
	0403A11 - charges re outside use of photocopier	8	-	-	-	8	8
	0601008 - Refunds for locums from ODBF	-	-	-	-	-	2,230
<b>Other receipts Totals</b>		<b>5,519</b>	-	-	-	<b>5,519</b>	<b>7,443</b>
<b>Receipts from church activities</b>							
	0105B10 - Parish Share Deanery rebate	-	1,515	-	-	1,515	-
	0402A00 - Centre lettings	-	23,660	-	-	23,660	20,408
	0403A05 - Magazine Sales	438	-	-	-	438	620
	0404000 - Fees for Weddings and Funerals	454	-	1,580	-	2,034	864
	0404002 - Holiday Club	217	-	-	-	217	-
	0404006 - Youth Group	-	-	-	-	-	-
	0404010 - Friday Friends	1,410	-	-	-	1,410	1,140
	0404012 - St. Catherine 0 - 5 s	-	3,559	-	-	3,559	3,376
	040413 - Tuesday Get Together	1,028	-	-	-	1,028	740
	0405001 - Cafe sales	-	16,205	-	-	16,205	16,297
	0601000 - Insurance Claims	-	-	-	-	-	1,018
	0601006 - Refunds Miscellaneous	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Receipts from church activities Totals</b>		<b>3,547</b>	<b>44,939</b>	<b>1,580</b>	-	<b>50,066</b>	<b>46,240</b>
<b>Receipts Grand Totals</b>		<b>80,626</b>	<b>44,939</b>	<b>3,100</b>	-	<b>128,665</b>	<b>116,478</b>

# Parochial Church Council Tilehurst St Catherine and Calcot St Birinus

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

### Payments

Missionary and Charitable Giving	General	Designated	Restricted	Endowment	Total this year	Total last year
1001002 - Giving to Overseas Mission Societies	1,592	-	-	-	1,592	1,500
1002002 - Giving to Relief & Dev Agencies	-	-	667	-	667	1,076
1003002 - Giving to Home Missions	1,657	-	214	-	1,871	1,569
1004002 - Giving to Secular Charities	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Missionary and Charitable Giving Totals</b>	<b>3,249</b>	-	<b>881</b>	-	<b>4,130</b>	<b>4,145</b>
<b>Parish Share</b>						
2001012 - Ministry Parish Share etc	61,782	-	-	-	61,782	54,428
<b>Parish Share Totals</b>	<b>61,782</b>	-	-	-	<b>61,782</b>	<b>54,428</b>
<b>Clergy and Staffing costs</b>						
2002000 - Working Expenses of the Incumbent	166	-	-	-	166	324
2002003 - LLM's Expenses	-	-	-	-	-	-
2002008 - Non Stip Minister	-	-	-	-	-	-
2002009 - Visiting Clergy	47	-	-	-	47	2,549
2002010 - Vergers fees	-	-	15	-	15	-
2002011 - Honorarium	1,200	-	-	-	1,200	1,200
2002012 - Costs of recruitment of new vicar	38	-	-	-	38	905
<b>Clergy and Staffing costs Totals</b>	<b>1,451</b>	-	<b>15</b>	-	<b>1,466</b>	<b>4,977</b>
<b>Church Running Expenses</b>						
2005005 - Church Running Expenses Electricity	4,286	-	-	-	4,286	3,691
2005006 - Church Running Expenses Gas	6,129	-	-	-	6,129	3,459
2005007 - Church Running Expense Waste Disposal	928	-	-	-	928	858
2005008 - Church Running Expenses - wifi / zoom	500	-	-	-	500	516
2005015 - Church Running Expenses Insurance	2,141	-	-	-	2,141	1,849
2005034 - Stationery	1,297	-	-	-	1,297	1,242
2005042 - Hospitality	88	-	-	-	88	24
2005052 - Equipment	5,738	-	-	-	5,738	65
2006000 - Church maintenance	4,301	-	-	-	4,301	2,821
2006006 - Music Licence's	-	-	-	-	-	537
2007002 - Upkeep of services	1,538	-	398	-	1,936	763
2007003 - Church Flowers	50	-	-	-	50	50
2007005 - Fees to ODBF	-	-	1,354	-	1,354	49
2008001 - Upkeep of Church Grounds	-	-	219	-	219	-
2009000 - Magazine Expenses	681	-	-	-	681	1,351
2017000 - Parish Training and Outreach	51	-	-	-	51	526
2017002 - Adult Education	-	-	-	-	-	-
2017004 - Youth Club Expenses	-	-	-	-	-	13
2017006 - Holiday Club	6	-	-	-	6	-
2017007 - CRB Checks	24	-	-	-	24	36
2017010 - Cornwell 0 - 5 s	-	2,166	-	-	2,166	2,631
2017011 - All Tots Praise	-	-	-	-	-	-
3000004 - Cost of Fetes and other events	114	-	-	-	114	377
3000005 - Bank Current A/C Charges	239	-	-	-	239	-
4000002 - Independant Examiner	120	-	-	-	120	120
4000003 - Administration	1,062	-	-	-	1,062	359
<b>Church Running Expenses Totals</b>	<b>29,293</b>	<b>2,166</b>	<b>1,971</b>	-	<b>33,430</b>	<b>21,337</b>
<b>Hall Running Costs</b>						
2010015 - Hall Running Cost - Equipment	-	-	-	-	-	4
2010020 - Hall Running Cost Maintenance, Repairs i	280	3,379	-	-	3,659	4,524
2010025 - Hall Rent Refund	-	562	-	-	562	630
2010030 - Hall Cleaner	-	6,225	-	-	6,225	5,660
2010035 - Hall Cleaning Materials	-	1,040	-	-	1,040	1,116
2010040 - Hall Booking Clerk	-	180	-	-	180	180
<b>Hall Running Costs Totals</b>	<b>280</b>	<b>11,386</b>	-	-	<b>11,666</b>	<b>12,115</b>
<b>Cafe Running Costs</b>						
2011001 - Cafe cost of food	-	3,317	-	-	3,317	3,637
2011002 - Cafe cost of drinks	-	353	-	-	353	322
2011003 - Cafe cost of other consumables	-	16	-	-	16	39
2011004 - Cafe Equipment costs	-	594	-	-	594	722
2011005 - Cafe Cleaner	-	135	-	-	135	525
2011010 - Cafe Manager Wages	-	8,932	-	-	8,932	7,166
2011011 - Repayment of Bakers/Soup makers	-	202	-	-	202	234
4000008 - incorrect use of business card	-	-	-	-	-	54
<b>Cafe Running Costs Totals</b>	-	<b>13,549</b>	-	-	<b>13,549</b>	<b>12,699</b>
<b>Church Repairs &amp; Maintenance</b>						
2012005 - Major Repairs Installations	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Church Repairs &amp; Maintenance Totals</b>	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Hall Repairs &amp; Maintenance</b>						
2013001 - Major Repairs to Hall	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Hall Repairs &amp; Maintenance Totals</b>	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>New Building work</b>						
<b>New Building work Totals</b>	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Payments Grand Totals</b>	<b>96,055</b>	<b>27,102</b>	<b>2,867</b>	-	<b>126,023</b>	<b>109,701</b>

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ACTUALS FOR 2024 AND BUDGETS FOR 2024 & 2025				
	Actual	Variance	Budget	Budget
Income	2024	2024	2024	2025
Cafe Sales	16,205	-795	17,000	18,000
Centre Lettings	23,660	3,660	20,000	20,000
Donations - Cafe box	137	-263	400	500
Donations - Coffee Money	564	64	500	500
Donations - general	4,607	3,107	1500	3,000
Donations - Sum Up	49	49	0	500
Interest from business savings accounts	576	576	0	130
Magazine Advertising income	298	-102	400	0
magazine credits	71	71	0	0
Non Vol Fetes and Fairs	3,530	530	3,000	3,500
Non Vol Friday Friends	1,410	410	1,000	1,250
Non Vol Holiday Club	217	217	0	250
Non Vol Magazine Sales	438	-362	800	0
Non Vol Net Fees	454	354	100	100
Non Vol Special Events	1,044	-956	2,000	3,000
Non Vol Toddlers	3,559	359	3,200	3,500
Non Vol Tuesday Get Together	1,028	328	700	1,000
Parish Share Rebate	1,515	1,515	0	500
Planned Giving Parish Giving Scheme	42,761	5,561	37,200	40,000
Planned Giving Standing Orders	4,680	-320	5000	4,600
Planned Giving Tax Rebate non PGS	1,342	-158	1,500	1,500
Planned Giving Tax Rebate PGS	9,895	1,495	8,400	9,500
Plate	7,525	5,025	2,500	3,500
Stewardship Campaign	0	-3,000	3,000	4,000
<b>Income - totals</b>	<b>125,565</b>	<b>17,365</b>	<b>108,200</b>	<b>118,830</b>

## Notes to income

Non Vol Toddlers is St Catherine 0-5 now

There was not a Stewardship campaign in 2024 hence nil figure

Café sales slightly lower than budgeted but now a price increase

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ACTUALS FOR 2024 AND BUDGETS FOR 2024 & 2025				
	Actual	Variance	Budget	Budget
Expenditure	2024	2024	2024	2025
Bank Charges	239	-239	0	700
Cafe Running Costs	13,549	1451	15,000	14,000
Church Administration	1,062	-662	400	500
Church Cost of Fund Raising	114	86	200	200
Church Equipment	5,738	-5,638	100	400
Church Flowers	50	0	50	100
Church Hospitality	88	12	100	120
Church Independent Examiner	120	0	120	120
Church Maintenance	4,301	-2,301	2,000	4,000
Church Stationery	1,297	203	1,500	1,000
Church Upkeep of Grounds	0	100	100	0
Church Upkeep of Services	1,538	-638	900	1,400
Hall Running Costs	11,570	-3,570	8,000	8,000
Honoraria	1,200	0	1,200	1,200
LLM expenses	0	150	150	0
Minister - recruitment costs of new vicar		38	-38	0
Minister - Visiting Clergy	47	-47	0	0
Minister Expenses	166	434	600	600
Missions - Home	1,657	-27	1,630	1,630
Missions - Missionary	1,592	8	1,600	1,600
Other - DBS checks	24	26	50	50
Other - Holiday Club	6	-6	0	200
Other - Magazine expenses	681	819	1,500	0
Other - Youth Group	0	50	50	300
Parish Share	61,782	218	62,000	66,200
St Catherine's 0-5	2166	334	2,500	1000
Training and Outreach	51	49	100	100
Utility - Electricity	4,286	1,714	6,000	5,700
Utility - Gas	6,129	-129	6,000	6,000
Utility - Insurance	2,141	-91	2,050	2,050
Utility - Waste Disposal	928	-128	800	800
Utility - Wifi and Zoom	500	-100	400	360
Vicars Discretionary	0	0	0	500
Expenditure - totals	123,061	-7,961	115,100	118,830
Overall - totals	2,505	9,405	-6,900	0

*IMPORTANT - Only Transactions against budgets are included.*

Thus the totals may not represent the overall income / expenditure

## Notes to expenditure

Church equipment - a new printer/copier purchased but not budgeted for

Hall running cost - this includes the new hall storage cupboards, again not budgeted for.

## Parochial Church Council Tilehurst St Catherine and Calcot St Birinus

### Minutes of Meeting of Parishioners – 28th April 2024

The meeting was held in St Catherine's Church at 11.30am

Present 30 parishioners

1. Rev Jackie Fountain welcomed everyone, explained that the meeting would be recorded for the benefit of those who were unable to attend and opening the meeting in prayer.
2. **Apologies for absence** had been received from: Chris Addison, Heather Addison, Joan Burbidge, Sheila Drew, Alan Holbeche, Bill Martin, Maureen Norman, Helen O'Sullivan, Nicola O'Sullivan, June Page, Hilary Smee.
3. **The minutes of the Parish Meeting** on 23rd April 2023 were approved, proposed Emma Deacon, seconded Pauline Lane. There were no matters arising.
4. **Election of Churchwardens.** Lynn Stevens and Caroline Heron had been nominated and seconded, there were no other nominations and were elected, all in favour.
5. **There was no other business** The meeting concluded and we moved on to the Annual Parochial Church meeting

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## Parochial Church Council Tilehurst St Catherine and Calcot St Birinus

### Minutes of the Annual Parochial Church Meeting – 28th April 2024

The meeting was held in St Catherine's Church immediately after the meeting for Parishioners

Present 30 Parishioners

1. **Caroline Heron opened the meeting in Prayer**
2. **Apologies for absence had been received from**

Chris Addison, Heather Addison, Joan Burbidge, Sheila Drew, Alan Holbeche, Bill Martin, Maureen Norman, Helen O'Sullivan, Nicola O'Sullivan, June Page, Hilary Smee..

3. **Minutes of the APCM held on 23rd April 2023**

Were approved, proposed Sue Burston, seconded Rebecca .

4. **Matters arising**

None.

5. **Churchwardens' report**

2023 was a year mostly without Jackie, what a year! God has been faithful throughout last year and we've seen him working through all the help that we have received from neighbouring clergy who helped us not only with the services.

Quite an achievement really that they managed to so order themselves that there wasn't one Sunday service in 2023 that we didn't have a clergy to take our Communion. We had tremendous support, in addition to that they did answer a lot of our questions about how to do things and we were really grateful for their patience in that.

Also, all the support that we've got from everybody in the church working together and I think all of us have grown in our faith and in our unity as a result of last year. Throughout the year we were involved in the recruitment of Jackie, so if you remember we started back having a listening exercise trying to discern amongst ourselves where God was leading us and what he wanted in terms of a new vicar.



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We also went out into the community to get their views, so we pulled that all together into the church profile.

Then got through all the approval processes, then into the recruitment process, and it was really encouraging the way people got involved in that recruitment process. In the activities, and particularly involvement of Birch Copse school in that process so we were very fortunate with that.

We were thrilled to have Jackie appointed as our vicar and be able to welcome Jackie and Paul into the parish. So that was an amazing year for all of us, pulling together and growing together through last year. A lot of last year was maintaining things as they were, we kept the service formats as they were. We knew that change was probably needed but we left that until we had a vicar in place and could work together in that.

A huge range of activities which are reported in the book, masses of activities that people get involved in either to encourage one another or to serve our community. So we now look forward with excitement to what God has in store for us as we go into 2024 with Jackie at the helm, and we look forward although we don't know what God has in store we look forward to everything that he will guide us through.

Caroline Heron & Lynn Stevens

### **7. Vicar's address,**

As Caroline said I wasn't here for most of 2023, but am looking forward to 2024. What Caroline said was a good reminder of God's faithfulness over the last year and as I got to know many of you here at St Catherine's it striking to hear of God's faithfulness over many years at this church and outreach here at this church and at Cornwell and at St Birinus.

There's a real desire to reach out to the community and serve people showing people god's love and care through the different times and seasons and ways that God has been at work. I've heard people talk about looking back with fondness times when there were 70 children in the Sunday school here, when a congregation was meeting at Cornwell and reaching out to that community.

At St Catherine's when there was a powerful experience of the holy spirit among people here at St Catherine's and many people coming to know God and there've also been some disappointments looking back on those times and missing what we were experiencing then. Can I encourage us rather to be asking God what time and season are we in now, how is God at work and where does he want to be leading us as we move forward.

We know that God has not finished, he has plans and purposes for us at St Catherine's and we need to make sure that the disappointments from the past don't stop us from trying new things or maybe re-visiting things we've tried in the past but in a different way as God leads us.

I've mentioned before, I think, that when Paul and I were preparing to come here we felt the God was saying to us that he will be at work and as a church congregation we need to be positioning ourselves to be ready for what God is going to do. What exactly does that look like and involve?

One example of positioning ourselves is that we set up the crafts and the children's table at the back of church on Sundays. Many Sundays at moment we don't have any children in church, but nonetheless we can be positioning ourselves so that when God does bring children and people of all ages, that they will feel welcomed and feel like they belong in this place.

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We probably need think about cleaning up the outdoor children play area so that when children do come along, they've got somewhere to go and play and enjoy and have fun being at church while the adults have refreshments. Along the way there will be changes as God does a new thing among us.

Change is not always easy, but we need to make room for God to work and to act among us. One thing which we do know is really important as we move forwards is unity.

We see time and time again in the Bible how important unity is to God. Jesus prayed for unity for the church that they might be one as he and the father are one so that the world might know that God sent Jesus. It's not just about us here for the sake of us, we also think about how that reaches out to other people in our community.

The Bible presents the picture of the church as a body with Christ as our head bringing our different gifts personalities and talents as we come together and use all of those together, and we see God's kingdom growing, and we see God being made known to people around us. Unity as we know isn't easy, and sometimes it takes a lot of work. Unity doesn't mean that we'll always agree with each other about everything, but we can still keep working on how together we can seek God's way forward in spite of our disagreements. We want to be united in Christ, especially as we seek God's way forward for us and that means looking beyond sometimes what I want as an individual.

So, what is it going to look like? I don't know, but what's important is that it's together that we're seeking God's vision, and we need each other. God has brought us together and we don't know exactly what it will look like, but maybe a few clues along the way.

Everybody I've spoken to here recognizes that we need to be reaching out to people of all ages including children and younger families. We have some wonderful mature and experienced Christians here with much wisdom and faithful service of God, but we also need to be inviting and welcoming young families, young people and children. We want Saint Catherine's to be a welcoming place to people of all ages, ethnicities and abilities, where everyone can know that they are loved and valued by God.

One of the ways that we're going to be doing that you might have heard mentioned, is by moving the 0-5s groups from meeting at the Cornwell centre to meeting at Saint Catherine's. This ministry has touched many lives over many years, and we see some real advantages in moving it to Catherine's building at this point. If people get used to coming in the building and can feel comfortable here and like they belong they're much more likely to come along to events that we run. To build relationships with people from here in the congregation also people who run the toddler group, I'm sure they won't mind me saying, are not as young as they used to be and we're hoping that running the groups here will also make it easier for more people to come along and help out and get involved with that ministry in different kind of roles.

Another example is that we have only as we know a few young people here at St Catherine's and we love having them here and are very grateful for the ways they join in and serve us here in our services. It's really important that we provide teaching for them and a place where they can get to know each other better, explore their faith and have a chance to experience God in their lives as well as invite their friends along to find out more about God. That's why we've been running Alpha this term and the young people have been enjoying it and learning a lot through it. They would like to carry on meeting together which is great.

At the moment that might not look like lot, maybe like 5 loaves and 2 fishes but look at what Jesus did with that. I've been praying about the way forward and that God will be bringing in more young

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people. in August we're going to run a three-day holiday club. I know you've run lots of holiday clubs in the past, but really Emma felt God saying we should be doing this again this summer, so we're praying that God will be using that and be work in it and through it as we build links with local children.

These new things don't mean that we don't value and recognise all the ways that God is already a work through the outreach which already exists and has been faithfully carried on over the years, we certainly do. A bit later in the year I would love for us as a church family to spend some time praying listening and talking about God's way forward as Caroline said I know you did some of during in the vacancy, but it would be good for us to continue to seek together God's way forward for all of us.

Jackie

### **5. Reports booklet**

There were no questions

### **5. Treasurer's report**

Joanne expressed thanks to Sean East who was taking over the treasurer role and Tony Bartlett who'd put the reports booklet together. She asked that we all support Sean as he takes over from her although she will be on hand to help.

The forecast deficit did not happen and in fact there was a surplus due to Lent appeal and people's generosity. Absence of vicar gave us a discount on the Parish Share, in 2025 we will pay the full amount.

### **8. Electoral roll**

Stuart reported that the number had increase by 4 to 123, there wer 6 additions and two church members had died.

### **9. Election of PCC members.**

The PCC had recommended, and the meeting needed to agree, that members who'd served their 3 years could stand again.

Purposed Sue Burston, Seconded Sean East—all in favour.

Michael Charles, Carol Charles, Emma Deacon (re-standing) Sonia Ludford (re-standing). All proposed & seconded, there were no other nominations so all were elected. Members of the PCC were asked to stand so that everyone could see who they were. Thanks were expressed to them and to Joanne Freeman who is stepping down.

### **10. Election of Deanery Synod members.**

Currently serving a 3-year term are Richard Canning, Ella Canning & Lynn Stevens

### **11. Appointment of Independent examiner**

David Marett is willing to continue; Proposed that he be appointed ,all in favour.

### **12. Any other business.**

None

Lynn Stevens closed the meeting in prayer.

