



Agenda and Annual Reports 2024

May 11th, 2025

**Annual General Meeting of the
Association of the Anglican Church of St Paul, at Monte Carlo**

Sunday, 11th May 2025, in Church, after the Sung Eucharist

AGENDA

1. Apologies for Absence
2. Approval of Minutes of the last AGM (28.04.24)
3. Chaplain's Review
4. Annual Reports
5. Treasurer's Report
6. Appointment of the Independent auditor
7. Ratification of:
 - a) Appointment of Helen Haslett to the committee (03.06.24)
 - b) Appointment of Louise Morelli to the committee (17.02.25)
8. Other Matters of General Church Business
9. Motion to Offer the Minutes of this Meeting also as those of Chaplaincy Council
10. Closing Prayer

Patricia M. Cerrone
Secretary

**Annual General Meeting of the Association of the
Anglican Church of St Paul, at Monte Carlo**

Sunday, 28th April 2024, at 11.55 pm in St Paul's Church.

MINUTES

Present: Alison Bearn, Patricia M. Cerrone, Peter Coleridge, Russell Crump, Patricia Groom, Vanessa Ilsley, Arthur Reynolds, Hope Swales, and members of the Association.

Chair: Fr Hugh Bearn

The Chaplain opened the meeting by reciting the Prayer of St Richard of Chichester.

1. Apologies for Absence

Stuart Bradley, Sandra Coleridge, Jane Roffe, Samantha and Chris Stirling, Jeremy Swales and Chris Thacker.

2. Approval of Minutes of the last AGM (18th June 2023)

The President proposed that the minutes of last year's Annual General Meeting should be approved; Patricia Groom seconded the proposal and all were in favour.

3. Chaplain's Review

Fr Hugh referred to his report in the Annual Reports for 2023. He said that he had the clear intention of continuing in same vein as last year. He would establish sound governance around safeguarding, Episcopal oversight, fiscal probity and collegiate decision-making. His aim was to build a Christian community within the Anglican tradition which is outward-looking and inclusive, engaging with the Principality.

Services at St Paul's would continue in the same pattern, providing acts of worship which are more reflective and spiritual alongside major celebrations. The Chaplain noted that he was happy to assist other parishes along the Riviera when possible.

Ecumenical relations were being consolidated with other Trinitarian churches recognised by the Church of England and there was a significant fraternal understanding with the Roman Catholic church in Monaco - the Archbishop will be re-dedicating our Lady Chapel in June this year. We shall continue to welcome guest preachers to St Paul's to enrich our worship.

Fr Hugh then said that he particularly wished to thank Stuart Bradley and Chris Thacker, who were standing down as Church council members. Stuart has been a very able Churchwarden over the past year and is now returning to the UK. Chris has proved extremely helpful in serving as Churchwarden and as Parish Assistant in the office; in addition, he gave much of his time welcoming locum priests during the interregnum. Happily, Chris has agreed to continue to liaise with the Chaplain in producing the weekly pew sheet and the parish magazine, the Clarion.

Fr Hugh reminded the assembly that God does not expect us to be successful, simply to be faithful.

4. Annual Reports

The Chaplain thanked those who had submitted reports for the year 2023. There were no comments or queries from the floor.

5. Treasurer's Report

Fr Hugh said that the Treasurer had done an outstanding job in producing his financial reports and he thanked Peter Coleridge for his meticulous work throughout the year. There were no questions and the assembly broke into a round of applause.

6. Appointment of the Independent Auditor

The Treasurer noted that he was happy with our present auditors, KPMG, and proposed that we should continue to use their services. Arthur Reynolds seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously.

7. Ratification of: a) Appointment of two Archdeaconry Synod representatives (04.12.23) and b) Appointment of two new Committee members (05.02.24)

a) On 4th December 2023, Alison Bearn and Arthur Reynolds had been appointed by the committee as the two Archdeaconry Synod representatives. Patricia Groom proposed that this decision should now be ratified; Frank Megginson seconded it and all were in favour. The Chaplain thanked Dani Carew warmly for all her years of work as a devoted Synod representative.

b) On 5th February 2024, Alison Bearn and Vanessa Ilsley had been co-opted onto the committee by a unanimous vote; Russell Crump now proposed that these appointments should be ratified. Rachel Hughes seconded the motion and everyone was in agreement.

Fr Hugh noted that, due to Chris Thacker's standing down from the committee, there would need to be a further appointment. He mentioned the name of David Grose as a possible candidate. This suggestion will be discussed at the next committee meeting.

8. Other Matters of General Church Business

Frank Megginson referred to the fact that the Annual Report had been circulated online this year. He said that some Members of the Association do not have computers; he therefore asked if hard copies of this document could be sent out next year. The Chaplain agreed that this would be done.

Alison Bearn noted that some email addresses had proved to be incorrect and she is working to update the list. Members will then be asked to indicate how they would like to receive their copies.

Dani Carew told the meeting that, during recent Synod meetings, Bishop Robert had expressed the wish that all parishes in Europe should obtain and display a badge indicating their affiliation as an Eco-Church. Arthur Reynolds, as the Environment Officer will contact A Rocha regarding this matter.

9. Motion to Offer the Minutes of this Meeting also as those of Chaplaincy Council

The President proposed this motion, Simon Groom seconded it and all were in favour.

To conclude the meeting, the Chaplain said that he wished to extend a big thank you to everyone who worked hard for St Paul's - it was a marvellous collaborative effort.

10. Closing Prayer

Everyone stood to say the Grace.

There being no further business, the meeting finished at 12.15 pm

Hope Swales, President

Patricia M. Cerrone, Secretary

Chaplain's Report – Fr Hugh Bearn

At the consecration of St Paul's Church in 1925 Bishop Greig reminded those present that the purpose of a Church is to create a holy space sacred to the worship of God in which men and women can "*offer their very best to God in a special place set apart for the highest uses of thought, feeling, and devotion.*" He also emphasised the plain, Christian fact that the consecration of a building was worth little, unless the lives of those who used it were consecrated to the service of God. This objective is what we continue to move towards, under God, building on a distinctive traditional Anglican liturgy, that is outward looking and offers our very best to God. The Sacraments are celebrated regularly at 0800 am and 10.30 am on Sundays, whilst mid-week services take place on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday. The Sacrament of Holy Baptism has been administered along with the blessing of weddings, commemoration services for the departed and funerals. Sung Evensong, according to the Book of Common Prayer, now figures regularly in our monthly calendar that is augmented by the traditional Advent service of Nine Lessons and Carols in December. Rachael Hughes received the Bishop's Licence to administer the chalice at Holy Communion and adults and children have taken on the role of Crucifer at various services during the year. In all cases they were robed. Once again, we have hosted Handel's Messiah, that in its words and intention is an act of worship. Church worship is not a form of entertainment, and we are blessed with musicians who understand that very clearly. Holy Week was kept in full and began with the involvement of the chaplain blessing the Palm Crosses at St Charles' Roman Catholic. This was followed by our own services on the same day, Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, Holy Saturday. On Easter Day a Dawn Service and celebrations of Holy Communion took place. In recent weeks the chaplain has reopened the Church on a daily basis from 0800- 1800 for private prayer and a steady stream of visitors with whom the chaplain has fruitfully engaged on matters of prayer, belief and the Christian faith on many occasions. Pastoral care visiting, counselling and engagement remains a priority for the chaplain with visits made to homes and hospitals where the Sacrament has been administered. The ministry of presence and identity is essential in the mission of the Church and the chaplain maintains a high profile in this respect. St Paul's is developing a reputation for openness and kindness.

St Paul's continues to receive the very active support of the Princely family. The Chaplain has been granted audiences with His Serene Highness during the year in which he has been able to share with him the aims of the Church and how it seeks to serve the Principality. He has also been able to assure him of the continuing prayerful support of St Paul's. His Serene Highness attended the Laying Up of the Royal British Legion Standard and Nine Lessons and Carols along with Her Serene Highness, Princess Charlene. HSH also graced us with his presence at the centenary celebration held at the Metropole Hotel in the autumn. Prayerful thanks must be expressed to Simon Groom for his extensive generosity in funding the entire evening. The Chaplain was invited to attend the funeral of the Minister of State and the Fête nationale à Monaco. These occasions served to further cement the positive and healthy relations between the Church of England and the Principality. Relationships with the Roman Catholic Archbishop continue to be strengthened, and the presence of the Dominican Fathers at St Charles has reinforced the fraternal bonds between our two communities. The chaplain attended a Byzantine Mass celebrating the Council of Nicaea that met 1700 years ago. The Dominican Fathers have also attended services at St Paul's. The chaplain also took part in the ecumenical service at the 47th International Circus in Monaco.

The Church was privileged with a visit made by His Royal Highness, the Prince Edward. He was given a tour of the church by the chaplain followed by lunch in the Chaplaincy house with members of the Church Council; this was the first time any member of the British Royal family had been entertained in such a way. Again, prayerful thanks must go to Mrs Patricia Groom who funded the occasion along with Vanessa Ilsley and others involved with the complexity and sensitivity of the visit. Marking the 150th birthday of Sir Winston Churchill involved the dedication of a stone plaque at the west end at

which members of his family were present. Events for them were held in the Hotel de Paris with the generous support of M. Stefan Valerie and the SBM. A reception at the Chaplaincy house and a wonderful Sunday morning service of Mattins, followed by wreath laying at the bust of the great man on the avenue de Grande Bretagne made the entire weekend a very memorable occasion.

We have welcomed visiting choirs who have contributed to our worship during the year. These include the Exeter College Alumni choir from Oxford and the Danish Boys' choir. The Swedish Lutheran Church continue to celebrate the Feast of St Lucia at St Paul's in December. Our guest preachers have included Lord Chartres, who confirmed 16 candidates, the Reverend David Coulter CB, Fr Fergus Butler Gallie, Bradley Smith the Chairman of the Prayer Book Society and the Slovakian Lutheran Archbishop, Ivan Elko. Significant growth has been seen around Remembrance in November, with St Paul's being represented at war grave services in Italy and France. St Paul's is at the very heart of the Nice-Monaco Royal British Legion and numbers have risen from the initial mid twenties 18 months ago to a current figure of 127 that is larger than any other in France. Freddie Bearn designed and had produced the new RBL Branch tie; it is the first to have been emblazoned with The King's Crown. This was approved by His Serene Highness, Prince Albert. A pilgrimage to Ypres for the Last Post ceremony and battlefields tour is being organised for this October. This represents positive and wholesome engagement.

The links forged with the British School of Monaco continue to be strengthened through their Harvest and Christmas services held at St Paul's. The new headmaster Alan Stevens, and his wife Heather, are regular attendees at St Paul's and are on the reading rota at the 10.30 service. Contact has also been made with the International School in Monaco with whom good relations exist.

Building upon existing friendship, a Union Flag was presented to the Maison de France in March by the chaplain on behalf of St Paul's as an expression of entente cordiale. St Paul's continues to be represented at various events at the Maison de France in May and on other national dates.

In March the Church archive was transferred to the State for permanent care. They will catalogue, maintain and indices the entire collection going back over 100 years. This will ensure its safety for future generations. Within certain constraints the collection will be accessible for research purposes.

A good rapport exists with fellow Anglican chaplaincies along the Riviera and the Lent course was well supported between them.

We continue to be blessed with benefactors who have made possible all sorts of works and occasions. These include the support of Church music, numerous restoration works, providing brand new soft furnishings throughout the building and various social occasions already mentioned. In this respect, special prayerful thanks are offered to Nick Birnie, Harriett Groote, Catherine Powell, Andreas and Vanessa Evans, Anne and Duncan Heath, Nicolas Papadimitriou, John and Dawn Heffernan, Phil Gannon, Rachael Hughes and Nicholas Edmiston. Mention must also be made of the Stelios Foundation that contributed 25,000 euros to the east window restoration programme. A benefactor's book has been produced into which the names of benefactors from the foundation of St Paul's will be entered. A report from the Centenary Committee is included elsewhere, but I must draw attention to the Centenary postage stamp. The Bishop of Gibraltar in Europe wrote to thank me commenting that it was the first occasion in his 10 years as the Ordinary that such an achievement had been successfully made anywhere in Europe. I would also like to thank those, too many to name, who contribute financially to the ongoing ministry of this Church through planned giving throughout the year.

The Orthodox and French Protestant Church guest congregations are compliant with the requirements made on them, but there remain areas of concern over noise on a Sunday.

The Church Council has exhibited cohesiveness and common purpose, expressed in a collegial willingness to support each another and accommodate differences of opinion in a spirit of courtesy,

good manners and humour. Special thanks must be expressed to Patricia Cerrone our retiring Secretary who has worked so hard and with such diligence in that role.

The mission of the Church starts from the altar, deepening the Faith, understanding the Faith, and sharing the Faith in word and deed, signalling to the community a church that is Christ centred and faithful to the Gospel through individual lives that are kind, compassionate and forgiving. In that respect there will always be more to do.

Finally a recognition of the other members of Team Bearn, Freddie and Alison without whom the effective ministry of the chaplaincy would be all the poorer.

We bat on!

President's Report – Hope Swales

It is hard to believe how fast the time has flown since Father Hugh, Alison and Freddie arrived; and how so much has changed; positively, carefully and in the spirit of the Word Father Hugh is preaching.

There are many new dedicated parishioners, even young university students. Many Sundays bring people in off the street (hearing the music) and visitors from the world over. Alison's Sunday School is ever growing, from infants to confirmation age. Errol is continuing his stellar music program every Sunday, Evensongs and special holidays; often with sponsorship from various music lovers. Felicity Murphy is now an integral part in the life of St Paul's, her voice further reminds us of why we are gathered together. For the same reason, we are also lucky to have Gideon and Olivia Livingstone often join the choir of angels; not forgetting Gideon's other talents as he is restoring silver pieces, creating wooden plaques and helping Father Hugh tidy up and beautify the church. Coffee hour is growing and permitting attendees to form relationships outside of St Paul's, a great example of the church working on many levels.

HSH Prince Albert continues to lend his support to our mission, attending Nine Lessons and Carols and other events when permitted.

The church council was extremely honoured by a special visit and lunch with Prince Edward, brother of the Supreme Temporal Head of the Church of England. The privilege of receiving a member of the Royal Family at St Paul's was especially poignant. The Prince's kindness and grace put us all at ease, making for a memorable visit.

St Paul's is still very active in the Kermesse, this year we procured a new coffee machine in order to serve the multitudes who come to our stand. We continue to support 3 local charities with the revenue.

We celebrated our 100 years in September with a cocktail at The Metropole, site of our initial worship in The Principality. Prince Albert's attendance, as well as that of Honorary Consul Eric Blair, Archdeacon Peter Hooper and Dean Emeritus Robert added to what was a memorable evening.

HOUSE COMMITTEE

The restoration of the 3 stained glass windows over the altar was our largest undertaking of the year. Done by Terre de Verre in Castillon, these beautiful windows will shine down to the congregation for at least another 100 years.

We are also undertaking normal maintenance as clearing gutters, down pipes, new wifi connections and other normal day to day necessities.

Secretary's report – Patricia Cerrone

Every six years all parishes of the Diocese in Europe are obliged to bring their chaplaincy electoral rolls up-to-date. As you might remember, this was done at the beginning of 2019, when everyone had to fill in new application forms. Another six years have elapsed since then and the process has had to be repeated to conform to Diocesan requirements. This year much of the work has been carried out by Helen Haslett, who has kindly taken over as the Electoral Roll Officer. Helen was co-opted onto the committee on 3rd June 2024, i.e. after the last AGM; this means that her appointment needs to be ratified during the general meeting, by the whole assembly. In addition, Louise Morelli, has just come back onto the committee and is taking over from me, as Secretary. Louise was co-opted on 17th February 2025, and her appointment will also need to be ratified at this AGM. It has been a pleasure to work with my fellow committee members over the past five years - often a busy time for all of us, very interesting and sometimes quite a challenge - but I'm most grateful that we now have such a wonderful chaplain to steer St Paul's safely into the future.

Churchwardens' Report – Russell Crump & Patricia Groom

We are pleased to share the remarkable progress our Church has made leading up to and during this landmark Centenary year. Our Chaplain, who joined us two years ago, has been a driving force behind positive changes now warmly embraced by our growing congregation.

Since his arrival, our average weekly attendance has soared to over 50, with even greater numbers attending special services, reflecting a thriving church community. Our parishioners are coming together more closely, a development that brings us great joy, and our outreach initiatives are more effectively addressing the spiritual needs of the wider community.

As we celebrate our centenary in 2025, we are thrilled by our church's achievements and have embarked on a range of restoration projects to restore the church to its former glory. In this centenary year, we've maintained our momentum with the following accomplishments:

1. Relocation and repositioning of memorials to the Amitie family, the maquette of Ste Devote, and the bust of Baroness Orczy
2. Installation of the Memorial celebrating the 150th birthday of Sir Winston Churchill and the Memorial to mark the 80th anniversary of the Normandy Landings
3. Completion of the restoration of the East windows
4. Installation of a renovated notice board
5. Relocation of hymn book storage
6. Acquisition of solid silver flagons for Holy Communion
7. Applications for faculty to install the Centenary plaque and the Damascus Road window
8. Redevelopment of the terrace into a "Peace Garden"
9. Installation of four historic plaques
10. Crafting of a processional cross from olive wood
11. Planning for a Centenary Bible
12. Restoration of the lectern, pulpit, and High Altar
13. Creation of a Benefactor's Book, in which to record the generosity of our donors and patrons.

We extend our deepest gratitude to our generous donors. Your contributions have been invaluable, making our restoration projects possible and ensuring the continued growth of our church. There is much yet to do concerning the repair and refurbishment of our Church, and we hope, with your help, to continue the restoration throughout the coming year.

We are committed to fostering a vibrant community spirit through social activities such as the very successful Trafalgar Night and potluck lunches, and are considering organizing a Battle of Britain fun night and Church outings to les Îles de Lérins, Ypres, and Verona.

Thank you for your ongoing support and dedication during this special centenary year.

Russell Crump and Patricia Groom Wardens of St Paul's Church, Monaco

Sunday School Report – Alison Bearn

Build it and they will come...

Prayers and thanks, fun moments, bible stories, more fun, lots of creativity, lots of children, even more fun...

Sunday School has grown and grown since last year and now we have two groups, infant and junior meeting most weeks in the Library below the Church. It continues to be a great blessing to our whole community.

Our ethos has been, and remains, that all are welcome, whether they attend every week or sporadically as their busy family lives allow. We aim to share how much we value our faith, how precious it is to our lives and that all the children are loved by God and belong to this Church family.

Every week we discover something more about Jesus' life, how to walk in His footsteps and how God relates to our everyday lives. Each session starts with sharing our news and learning from the Bible, listening to stories that teach us how to live as Christian people. We also learn to listen to each other, ask questions, share and help each other with the activities we do and the games we play.

Particular highlights this year include the second spontaneous delivery of a Christingle Nativity play with much enthusiasm and another wonderful haul of presents for needy families – thanks to the many who supported this and great to see so many people there.

We have built houses of rock and sand, launched paper paracletes from the fans, baked bread, decorated cakes, fished for whales and men, made clouds and rainbows. Best of all we have built a joyful group who burst into church on Sunday, and embrace the music, prayers and blessings they receive.

Special thanks again to our fabulous parents who choose church over the many other options on a Sunday morning; to St Paul's Maman et Bébé group, the parents of the British School of Monaco and others for their generosity with presents at Christmas. Thank you from me also to the faithful helpers who have supported – Maria, Julia, special guest Nina – and to our congregation who have encouraged us and made the children feel at home.

Website & Technical Report – Catherine Powell & Rory McEwan

During the past year, St Paul's has been focussing on using its website and newsletter to engage with wider audiences in the Principality and beyond. Since the previous AGM, the website has become an excellent showcase of the activities held at St Paul's and a great advert for our traditional Anglican worship which has drawn many to our church. Since visitor tracking started, we see an average of 610 visitors per month to our website and the newsletter currently has 197 subscribers, growing at a rate of around one or two per week.

One of the key driving forces behind our online presence is our newsletter which is being used to advertise events being held at St Paul's. In the past year, we have taken out a paid subscription to MailChimp, which has allowed us to understand our newsletter audience in more detail as well as coordinate church initiatives much more easily. This information helps the church remain relevant in the digital space. Such initiatives include our Prayer Bear campaign and a planned excursion to Verona.

The analytics provided by MailChimp show we have great engagement with our recipients. On average, 71 per cent of recipients open our emails versus a market average of 35 per cent. In addition, following the introduction of MailChimp, The Clarion has become a completely digital publication. For each publication of The Clarion, around a quarter of recipients click links in the emails to access the website, versus a market average of around 5 per cent.

About 20 per cent of the website's traffic comes from the recipients of our emails clicking links to the website to read about news, events and other notices. The rest comes from organic searches (i.e. people searching 'St Paul's Monaco', for example, in Google).

As well as serving as an online advertisement for St Paul's, the website has helped to share news of our Centenary celebrations. Other than word of mouth, the website is the main way that people request Prayer Bears. In addition, all our public Centenary events have been announced on the website and have received an outstanding turnout. This is also the case for special services such as at Christmas and when St Paul's welcomes guest preachers.

During the year, we have experienced problems with Ontinuity, our website hosting provider. There was a period when our website was unavailable due to the servers being hacked. The website had to be rebuilt from scratch following this. We also found out that the domain name of stpaulsmonaco.com was not transferred to Ontinuity from an old provider as Ontinuity had promised. The website team feel that moving to a new provider could be an appropriate course of action, but this should be done with caution to avoid accidental downtime. In addition, it has recently become apparent that we are not being billed by Ontinuity for the services they are supposed to provide us.

The website is managed by Catherine Powel and Rory McEwan, who has joined the web team during the past year, with support from Jean-Paul Goodwin of Design Centre Monaco. Thanks to these three individuals, the entirety of St Paul's online presence is provided with no labour costs whatsoever. The team looks forward to continuing its work during this special Centenary year and beyond.

Safeguarding Report – Vanessa Ilsley

The Safeguarding aspect of St Paul's Anglican Church has gone from strength to strength with individuals of various church groups undertaking to do the Basic Foundation courses. All members of the Church Council have done their training courses, with leaders taking the relevant advanced courses in line with their positions.

We have now covered Mother & Baby group and Sunday School and all the guest congregations have willingly undertaken to comply with the safeguarding requirements imposed by the Diocese of Europe.

There have been no noticeable issues with any members connected with the Church.

Music Report – Errol Girdlestone

Music is a gift from God, and whether we compose, listen, or perform, we are acknowledging His generosity through our offering of gratitude. As Martin Luther said "Music is one of the most magnificent and delightful presents God has given us."

At St. Paul's we are doing our best to promote this notion by including two regular Communion Service settings for congregational participation, as well as Masses and Motets by composers such as Byrd,

Tallis, Bach, Fauré, Darke, Stanford, Britten, Howells, Ireland, Batten, Mozart, Haydn, Pergolesi and Schubert, performed by our singers, who are joined from time to time by musicians from the Nice and Monte Carlo Philharmonic orchestras.

Thanks to the initiative of Fr. Hugh and the generosity of several loyal members of our congregation, we have been able to celebrate Choral Evensong on numerous occasions throughout the year, most notably the Centenary Evensong on 19 February. With the relative disappearance of sung Matins and Evensong beyond university college chapels, cathedrals and churches in the larger cities, this has been an opportunity not only to restore the balance, but, importantly, to fulfil the duty referred to in the above opening paragraph.

There are times when music reaches areas where words cannot reach, to which end our musicians will play Samuel Barber's moving Adagio during Good Friday Devotions, and the following evening during the Easter Vigil, violinist Vera Novakova will play Arvo Pärt's deeply reflective Spiegel im Spiegel (Mirror(s) in the Mirror).

We are grateful to Fr. Hugh, our Church Council, and generous sponsors for enabling music, not as an adornment, but a vital and necessary element in our worship.

Electoral Roll Report – Helen Haslett

The Electoral Roll number shown in the Annual Report for 2023 remained unchanged at the end of 2024 at 68. This year we are required to produce a new Electoral Roll and the number as of 30 March 2025 was 48. This includes 8 new people who have declared they have habitually attended public worship at the parish for the preceding six months.

In April, it was noted that 3 people no longer attended and had moved away. 1 new person enrolled. In May and June, 4 new people enrolled. In September, 1 new person enrolled, 1 lady sadly died, and 2 family members moved back to Australia.

The plan to introduce an alternative group called: 'Friends of St. Paul's Monaco' did not come to fruition in 2024.

Centenary Committee Report – Catherine Powell

The Centenary programme was officially launched in October 2023 with Lord Chartres and the activities and initiatives since then have included restoration of key sacred spaces and items, plus many opportunities to touch lives in our community and beyond, while raising the profile of St Paul's within the Principality of Monaco.

Here is a brief summary:

1. The restoration of the **Lady Chapel** has been completed and the sacred space re-dedicated in September 2024
2. A prestigious **formal launch** event was held at the Metropole hotel on September 30th, and used as an opportunity to explore the past present and future of the church
3. Donations have been received for the restoration of the **East windows** and this work nears completion.
4. A **Benefactors' Book** has been commissioned and delivered to enable St Paul's to record and recognise all contributions towards the restoration and maintenance of the church. Hand-written entries will consist of a single line featuring only the name of a benefactor (or the person in whose memory a gift is made?), with 4 or 5 to a page.
5. Sponsorship has been secured for the **Children's Centenary Bibles** and a date for their distribution will be set and publicised in due course.

6. The **Prayer Bear** campaign is a significant and heart-warming campaign that has achieved wonderful results at many levels, including:
 - Raising funds for good causes
 - Bringing joy to those receiving sponsored bears as a gift
 - Demonstrating love through bear gifts to those in need

The bears made their first appearance at the Kermesse in December 2024.

This outreach and fundraising campaign continues to touch lives across the Principality and the wider world. Here are some highlights:

- 50 bears are travelling to a children's home in Burkino Faso, run by Mission en France
 - The Irish Library in Monaco is offering the bears to raise funds for sick children in the Principality
 - 2,000 Euros has been donated to the Society of St Vincent de Paul for its work with the homeless in the region
 - Others have been given to those who need a prayerful hug and a reminder that someone cares
7. On February 19th the St Paul's Centenary stamp became available as a souvenir first day cover from the Museum of Stamps and coins, plus post offices.
 8. A special Evensong service featuring a special composition by Errol Girdlestone based on scripture, and a special order of service. Representatives from the diverse communities within the Principality were present to mark this special occasion, including the Lutherans and Dominicans.

The Centenary Committee continues to work on further fundraising initiatives for the repair and restoration of the church building and its ancillary spaces. A full list of all the requirements and quotations to quantify the scale of the task is in progress. A proposal for engaging and inclusive fundraising has been presented to the Church Council for consideration.

Mother and Baby Group – Vicky O'Shea

The St Paul's Mother and Baby Group is thriving, and we've had another hugely successful year, welcoming many new members into our warm and supportive community. We are here for pre-school children and their care-givers, be they parents, grandparents or nannies.

Our mornings (Mondays and Thursdays 9.15 to 11.45am) in the St Paul's Library, are fun, happy, and sometimes high volume!—a perfect place to connect, make friends, exchange experiences, and share local information, while the children can play in a safe space. We ask for €3 to cover for tea and coffee, with any surplus going to charities and to support local mothers.

Last December we held a very successful Christmas party, with Peter Coleridge playing Santa Claus to perfection, thank you Peter.

We are of course indebted to Sandra Coleridge, who founded this incredible group 35 years ago, and we continue to benefit from the invaluable support of the St Paul's Chaplaincy family. Heartfelt thanks to our ten dedicated volunteers who keep everything running smoothly, ensuring we have toys and equipment for all, and endless supplies of coffee!

Finally, a huge thank you to David Gross for his generous donation, providing a security gate by the lift, to keep our little explorers safe.

Please spread the word about our group if you know anyone who might like to come. Our Facebook group is <https://www.facebook.com/share/1BdvX7k23M/?mibextid=wwXIfr>

Here's to another fantastic year!

Bookworm Report – Lydia Porter

BAM Bookworms Book Club meets in St Paul's Anglican Church Library every 3rd Thursday of the month between 6pm and 8pm, with a break in July, August, and December. It was founded by the British Association of Monaco and has been operating since the mid-2000s.

There are currently eight regular members and four or five invitees. Membership is generally limited to ten so that everyone who attends the meetings has a chance to speak. New members are introduced informally or through notices in the British Association newsletter.

Club organisation is carried out voluntarily by one member who is responsible for opening the library on club evenings, maintaining the membership list, collecting fees from those attending meetings, collating the reading list of book choices, and acting as point of contact.

Each member is asked to submit a book choice, and in the evening we discuss it to provide refreshments for attendees. We generally read fiction, often (but not limited to) crime or mystery. Since our members are not all native English speakers, we also read foreign language translated texts. In 2024-25 we have so far read *And Then There Were None* (1939) by Agatha Christie, *The Maid* (2022) by Nita Prose, *The Invoice* (2011) by Jonas Karlsson, *Final Appeal* (2015) by Remigiusz Mróz, *The Man in the Red Coat* (2019) by Julian Barnes, and *To Kill a Mockingbird* (1960) by Harper Lee. Our next readings are *The Auctioneer* (1976) by Joan Samson, *The Startup Wife* (2021) by Tahmima Anam, and *The Midnight Library* (2020) by Matt Haig.

Art Group Report – Jennifer Fletcher

The Monte Carlo Art Group continues to meet on Tuesday mornings, usually in the Library. We have recently had sessions with two different Tutors, and have a third Tutor booked for next term. With them we practise different techniques: pastel, charcoal, watercolour, Chinese ink, and always encourage members to develop their individual style. We have also had a model to pose for us. We are very grateful to be allowed to show some of the members' paintings in the Library shortly, as part of our efforts to continue to attract new members. Any inquiries may be sent to mcartgroup@gmail.com.

Archdeaconry Synod Report – Arthur Reynolds & Alison Bearn

13, 20, 22 March 2025 ONLINE MEETINGS: All other Synods in Europe are held in person. There was no opportunity to visit with colleagues from the past. Discussions on Zoom took place about Missions, Growing our Churches, Church Planting, Diocesan Strategy, Young People's Ministry, Alpha Course. I consider our Church, at the present time, to be well ahead on all the above matters. I am fortunate to have worshipped for fifty years in the French Synod Area and made many friends. We are campaigning to get our Synod back next year, so we can meet again in person.

The minutes from the recent meeting of the The Anglican Archdeaconry Of France Synod can be found in the following link: <https://anglicanfrance.fr/wp-content/uploads/250313-THE-ANGLICAN-ARCHDEACONRY-OF-FRANCE-SYNOD-1.pdf>

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ASSOCIATION DE L'EGLISE ANGLICANE

Rapport du Réviseur

Exercice clos le
31 décembre 2024



RAPPORT DU REVISEUR

Mesdames, Messieurs les membres du Conseil d'Administration de l'Association de l'Eglise Anglicane, Conformément à nos accords en date du 17 mars 2020, nous avons effectué une mission de « Procédure Convenue » (norme 26 des normes professionnelles monégasques) qui ne relève ni d'une mission de Commissariat aux Comptes ni d'un examen limité. Notre rapport est émis à destination des membres du Conseil d'Administration et consultable par les membres de l'association.

Nous avons revu les états financiers arrêtés au 31 décembre 2024 et le compte de résultat de l'exercice clos au 31 décembre 2024.

Les états financiers annuels ont été arrêtés par votre Conseil d'Administration. Vous avez présenté une ventilation détaillée des recettes et des dépenses de l'exercice 2024. Le total des fonds de l'association s'établit à 1.460.729 euros et l'exercice a enregistré une perte sur les activités principales de 12.334 euros. Le résultat net de l'exercice s'établit à 61.812 euros (déficit), du fait des variations de valorisation sur les portefeuilles financiers.

Nous avons effectué nos travaux selon les normes professionnelles monégasques ; ces normes requièrent la mise en œuvre de diligences permettant d'obtenir l'assurance raisonnable que les états financiers ne comportent pas d'anomalies significatives. Notre mission consiste à examiner, par sondages, les éléments probants justifiant les données contenues dans ces comptes.

Nous rappelons que le suivi des dépenses et recettes, ainsi que le suivi des soldes bancaires est assuré uniquement à l'aide de tableurs Excel, limitant notre capacité à appuyer nos travaux sur des procédures comptables « standards ».

Les éléments présentés dans les états financiers sont :

- Les soldes bancaires au 31 décembre 2024 (en valeur de marché pour le portefeuille), qui ont pu être confirmés par les établissements bancaires concernés. Le Conseil d'Administration a, par ailleurs, pris la décision de remettre en banque périodiquement les sommes collectées en espèce et de ne plus tenir une « caisse » ;
- Les principaux frais engagés pendant l'exercice, ont été testés par échantillonnage, en contrôlant les factures, le bon à payer et le paiement ;
- Les rémunérations et charges associées du personnel, ont fait l'objet d'un échantillonnage, en rapprochant les bulletins de salaires, les déclarations sociales et les paiements associés ;
- Les principaux flux d'encaissements ont été testés par échantillonnage, en contrôlant les états de caisse, les confirmations de dons ou les virements intra comptes. Les revenus du Trust « Pratt Barlow » sont inscrits dans les comptes sur la base des informations déclarées par le diocèse.

A notre avis, les Etats Financiers tels qu'annexés au présent rapport reflètent d'une manière sincère le résultat des opérations de l'exercice écoulé ainsi que de la situation financière et du patrimoine de l'Association de l'Eglise Anglicane, au 31 décembre 2024.

Monaco, le 7 avril 2025.

Stéphane GARINO

TREASURER

Income generated by increasing Sunday attendances helped to boost the cash received in the collection purses. More of our congregation, especially those who travel often opted for planned giving/stewardship, either monthly or yearly. There is now a third alternative available on the table at the back of the church. All you need is a debit or credit card, simply enter an amount, then 'tap and go'. Income is essential for the church to thrive. Especially, as we approach the centenary year in 2025. Thankfully, we received a generous donation of €25K from 'Stelios Philanthropic Foundation' which covered around 50% of the costs for the complete restoration of the three large East windows behind the altar.

The local portfolio capital managed by CFM produced a better gross profit than in 2023. However, the investment income gross profit from the Pratt Barlow Trust in the UK, was slightly less than the previous year.

However, all the above mentioned increases in income generated were not enough to cover the expenditure for all the usual annual costs, plus the many restoration projects that were undertaken throughout the year. As a result, it was necessary to drawdown the total amount of €130K from combined portfolio capital and gross income during 2024.

The annual profit-share from 'Kermesse Oecumenique' (€6300) held on 05/12/2024 was the same as 2022 and 2023.

Expenditure included the release in full of the above 'Kermesse Oecumenique' profit-share to local charities: 'Oeuvre du Fourneau Economique' (€2100), 'Soupe de Nuit' (€2100), and 'Petits Soeurs de Pauvre' in Nice (€1575). Finally, a small amount was again donated to the locally-managed charity, 'Chances for Children' (€525).

The Harvest Festival Service produced a substantial amount of food kindly donated by our Congregants. This, plus a large volume collected and transferred to St.Paul's from 'British School of Monaco', was once again kindly delivered by Catherine Powell to 'Paroisse Sainte Famille', for distribution at their food bank for the poor and homeless in Nice.

The collections taken at the Remembrance Sunday Service and the Armistice Day Choral Evensong (€1524) were combined, converted and rounded up to GBP 1,250, and transferred to the 'Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal' in London.

For the third year running, a budgeted amount of around €20K was set aside for music on Sundays at 10h30, including the provision of professional singers on a regular basis, except during the month of August.

In addition, there were a number of 'Choral Evensong Services' in 2024, plus the '9 Lessons & Carol Service'. Those extra music costs were well covered by generous choral evensong donations from various members of our congregation.

The largest restoration project was the careful removal and wonderful restoring of the 3 large East windows by the 4 expert ateliers based at 'Terre & Verre' in Castillon. In addition, the electrics in the whole of the Church building on 4 floors were thoroughly checked and updated, as strongly recommended by 'Apave', the Principality surveyors in late 2023.

Last, but certainly not least, a large number of precious items and relics in the church have been taken away, and faithfully restored to their original glory at very favourable costs by our regular tenor and in-house atelier, Gideon Levingston.

PETER COLERIDGE

TREASURER

St Paul's Monaco - Annual Accounts as at 31 December 2024

Income	2024	2023
Collections	29 867	22 131
Stewardship (General & Restoration)	53 128	9 750
Stewardship (Choral Evensong Music)	17 080	1 600
Private donations	4 000	3 790
Church fees & Library rentals	13 189	18 270
Kermesse & Appeals	11 555	12 600
Portfolio	130,000	73 544
Diocese (PBT Fund)	56 434	73 255
Other	816	-857
	316 069	214 083
Expenditure		
Chaplain & Locums stipends	49 849	37 899
Chaplain & Locums travel costs etc	3 365	10 239
Chaplain (Hardship Fund))	6 365	(removals) 14 661
Chaplaincy car	4 775	30 232
Personnel	15 471	17 645
CCSS/CAR	25 239	9 579
AG2R	5 016	3 382
CEGEMA (mutuelle) & GAN (personnel liability)	3 203	698
Music	20 190	22 420
All Personnel costs	133 473	146 755
Repairs, Renewala & Maintenance	98 640	8 620
Furniture & Fittings		3 098
Utilities	26 002	31 298
Diocese	17 741	15 845
Donations	16 595	21 135
Printing & Publicity	9,611	
Receptions & Events	7 168	
Choral Evensong	12 240	
Other	6 933	15 264
	328 403	242 015
Surplus/Loss	-12 334	-27 932
Loss in value of Portfolio		
Value end 2023	1 398 617	1 401 928
Value end 2024	1 349 139	1 398 617
	-49 478	-3 311
Nett result for the year	-61 812	-31 243

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St Paul's Monaco - Balance Sheet as at 31 December 2024

	2024	2023
Assets		
Investment Portfolio Monaco	1 349 139	1 398 617
Bank & Cash Accounts	8 352	27 932
TOTAL Nett Assets	1 357 491	1 426 549
 General Church Funds		
Balance at beginning of year	1 522 541	1 553 784
Increase/Decrease in year	-61 812	-31 243
TOTAL Church Funds	1 460 729	1 522 541
 Bank and Cash year end 2024		
<i>CFM EUR Account</i>	8 334	25 800
<i>CFM GBP Account</i>	15	
<i>converted at year-end value 1.20</i>	18	105
 <i>Diocese PBT Liquid Funds - GBP</i>	0	1 797
<i>converted at year-end value 1.20</i>	0	2 027
	8 352	27 932

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St Paul's Monaco - Charitable Donations in 2024

	Date	Amount
Doddie Weir Foundation (GBP 1 258)	11/03/2024	1 500
Groupeement Funéraire Facia (Funeral Fr Tony Ingham RIP)	23/05/2024	5 445
Doddie Weir Foundation (GBP 425) 100% via Slammers	11/09/2024	505
Chances for Children-Monaco (via card collection)	15/11/2024	320
Royal British Legion-Poppy Appeal (Remembrance Sunday & Armistice Evensong=GBP 1250)	19/11/2024	1 525
Sightsavers UK (50% Centenary Book sales via Dani Carew, (matched by 50% via our Association)	03/12/2024	1 000
Fourneau Economique-Nice (Kermesse Dec 2024 shared)	31/12/2024	2 100
Soupe de Nuit-Monaco (Kermesse Dec 2024 shared)	31/12/2024	2 100
Petits Soeurs de Pauvre-Nice (Kermesse-Dec 2024 shared)	31/12/2024	1 575
Chances for Children-Monaco (Kermesse Dec 2024 shared)	31/12/2024	525
		16 595

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