## The Church Financial Year 2024 – Guidance for PCCs

January	February	March	April
<ul> <li>□ Prepare 31 December accounts</li> <li>□ Plan Trustees Annual Report with other PCC members</li> <li>□ Set up the process to give Common Fund contributions (if not giving by direct debit)</li> <li>□ Complete Parish Returns – Statistics for Mission by 31<sup>st</sup> January</li> <li>□ Complete final quarter 2023 Diocesan Fees Return*</li> <li>□ Claim gift aid from HMRC (to end Dec 23)</li> </ul>	☐ Finish accounts and annual report ☐ Present draft accounts to PCC for approval	<ul> <li>□ If running a payroll – run year end and send-out employee P60s</li> <li>□ Arrange for draft annual report and accounts to be independently examined/audited</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>□ Present examined/audited accounts to PCC for final approval</li> <li>□ Prepare 1st quarter management accounts and present to PCC</li> <li>□ Complete first quarter Diocesan Fees Return*</li> <li>□ Claim gift aid from HMRC (to 5<sup>th</sup> April)</li> </ul>
May	June	July	August
<ul> <li>□ Present annual report and accounts to APCM by 31 May</li> <li>□ Attend Common Fund meeting</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>□ Complete Church of England Parish Finance Return online by 28th June</li> <li>□ If a registered charity, file annual return and accounts with Charities Commission (31st October is the final deadline)</li> <li>□ Attend Common Fund meeting (if not done in May)</li> <li>□ PCC agrees Common Fund offer for 2025</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>□ Prepare 2nd quarter management accounts and present to PCC</li> <li>□ Complete second quarter Diocesan Fees Return*</li> <li>□ PCC agrees Common Fund offer (if not done in June)</li> <li>□ Common Fund offer deadline 31<sup>st</sup> July</li> <li>□ Claim gift aid from HMRC (to end of June)</li> </ul>	
September	October	November	December
☐ Begin 2025 budget process	<ul> <li>□ Prepare 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter management accounts and present to PCC</li> <li>□ Complete third quarter Diocesan Fees Return*</li> <li>□ If a registered charity, file annual return and accounts with Charities Commission (31<sup>st</sup> October is the final deadline)</li> <li>□ Claim gift aid from HMRC (to end Sept)</li> </ul>	□ Complete budget process with PCC approval of 2025 budget	☐ Start preparation of 2024 accounts ☐ Ensure insurance is in place for 2025 and review to ensure cover is appropriate

Items to check annually:

1. Ensure CCLI Licence is in place

2. Annual Finance Risk Review

3. Annual Finance Policies Review

