Christ Church

In the Parish of Erith



Annual Report & Financial Statements

of the Parochial Church Council

for the year ending 31 December 2025

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AIMS AND PURPOSES

The Parochial Church Council (PCC) of Christ Church in the parish of Erith, has the responsibility of cooperating with the Priest in Charge, the Revd. Anthea Harris-Faulkner, in promoting the ecclesiastical parish and the whole mission of the Church, pastoral, evangelistic, social, and ecumenical.

The PCC is also responsible for the maintenance of the Church Hall which is adjacent to the Church.

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

Christ Church Erith PCC's primary responsibility is the promotion of the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to the doctrines and practices of the Church of England.

In planning the activities of the church, the clergy and the PCC have considered the Charities Commission's guidance on Public Benefit, and particularly the specific guidance for charities for the advancement of religion. These activities include:

- Provision of public worship which is open to all and seeks to provide variation in styles to make it accessible to communities in the parish.
- Pastoral Care which includes visiting the sick and bereaved at home or in hospital.
- Teaching the Christian faith through sermon and Bible study.
- Messy Church and Toddler Church for families who do not wish to attend the regular Sunday Service.
- Leading collective worship in school.
- Offering Communion to residents in the local care home and to those in their own home.

MISSION STATEMENT

We exist for Christ and are committed to the mission and teachings of Christ.

ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

Christ Church is part of the Diocese of Rochester within the Church of England and is situated in Erith.

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STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Appointment to the PCC is in accordance with the guidelines set out in the Church Representation Rules 2025. All those who attend church services are encouraged to register on the electoral role and stand for election to the PCC.

PCC members including ex-officio who have served from 1st January 2025 to the date the minute is approved:

Priest in Charge – Revd. Anthea Harris-Faulkner

Assistant Curate – Rev Amy Brown (from 29th June)

Licensed Lay Minister & Licensed Anna Chaplain

Mrs. Funmi Makanju

Wardens

Natalie Slator

Benjamin Milton-Cole

Representatives to Deanery Synod

Mr. Godwin Temisa

Mrs. Miranda Strasser-Williams

Elected Members

Miss Ernesta Redwood-Sawyerr (PCC secretary)	2023 - 2026
Mrs. Velma Gage -Tobun (Safeguarding Officer)	2023 - 2026
Mr. Chris Wakeman	2023 - 2026
Mstr. Mayowa Adenekan	2024 - 2027

Mrs. Doreen Ives (RIP)	2025 - August 2025
Mrs. Claire Perkins	2025 - 2028
Mrs. Patricia Iwaugwu	2022 - 2028
Mr. Okey Iwaugwu	2025 - 2028
Mr. Ayodeji Akande	2025 - 2028
Mrs. Heather Taylor	2025 - 2028

SAFEGUARDING

The PCC has adopted the National Policy and Practice Guidance – and the Diocesan Safeguarding Statement.
As a church, we take our safeguarding responsibilities very seriously and we are committed to ensuring our church and hall buildings are safe places for all.

PCC members have completed their DBS checks. Those with responsibilities to the parish have completed the various levels of safeguarding training required by the Church of England and Rochester Diocese.

RISK MANAGEMENT

Appliances are PAT tested as required.

There are three first aiders for Christ Church and they have completed the first aiders training with Rochester Diocese.

Risk assessments are carried out prior to public activities such as Easter egg hunt and summer fair.

Our finances continue to be a challenge, but that is being managed and monitored.

ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE

Electoral Roll – Davison Simbanegavi, Electoral Roll Officer

Last year, 2025, a renewal of the electoral poll register was undertaken before the APCM. Names, both new and old, were removed and congregants were asked to reapply to be in the poll register as per Church of England guidelines. A total number of 78 congregants applied to be on the register. However, three congregants were removed off the register - two of them due to death and one due to moving out of the area. Therefore, the number of people on the register as of 30 March 2026 is 75.

Safeguarding Report – Velma Gage-Tobun, Safeguarding Officer

I am pleased to say that we have not had any safeguarding concerns in the past year.

We have successfully had our summer fair, Christmas tree festival and other community occasions and they have all gone through safely. The PCC members are all up to date with their safeguarding and domestic violence training. Our dashboard board is almost up to date with few updates to complete.

Church Wardens Report

The year of 2025 started off with many of the problems we were facing concerning the dampness in the south wall and falls of plaster from the south aisle ceiling in 2024 still unresolved. We have removed one of the murals from the south wall and it is currently in storage with ARTE Conservation awaiting the permission from the PCC that funds are now available for its repair. Phase 1 of the repair to the guttering and roof was completed and we are starting on phase 2 in April 2026.

We found a small outbreak of woodworm in the Chancel which has been attended to, and no further spread has been seen.

The smart meter change has not yet progressed beyond the installation of one in the tower which runs the church clock and tower lights. The meter in the church is a 3-phase meter and though several attempts have been made to change it we are not quite there yet.

Ben has collected names and organised a welcomers list and rota which is proving very useful. Everyone has their own named badge, making it easy to know who they are and address them by name.

The Men's group have been a stalwart part of the Christ Church workforce, not only tending the grounds, raising money amongst themselves for extra equipment but also assisting whenever a strong arm is needed.

We look forward to 2026 with enthusiasm that with our combined efforts we can bring our beautiful church forward in the community which we serve.

Deanery Synod Representatives Report

Benjamin Milton-Cole and Okechukwu Iwuagwu were Deanery Synod Reps till May 2025. After the APCM, Miranda Strasser-Williams and Godwin Temisa were appointed the Synod Reps.

There were three meetings held during the year in February, June and October. The first synod meeting of the year was held on 4 February 2025 at St Paul's, Northumberland Heath. Rev Clive Beazley-Long led the meeting in a time of prayer and worship. There was a talk by Bishop Jonathan on our Vision and Strategy in relation to the Diocese's three key words Change, Serve Grow.

The second meeting was a social held on 23rd June 2025 at Rev Jim Bennet's residence with refreshments served. Miranda Strasser-Williams and Godwin Temisa were welcomed as new representatives of the Erith Synod replacing two previous members. Members reported on events happening at their various parishes and shared ideas.

The last meeting of the year was held on Tues 14th October 2025 at St Peter's Bexleyheath. Rev Jim Charles gave a brief talk on St Peter's followed by a talk by Liz Mullins on generosity and giving. Deanery Finance reported that their largest expense is the deanery website which holds limited information about churches in the parish and Erith Deanery Youth Trust. Deanery Finance sought volunteers to maintain the website.
Rev Jim Bennett advised that he would be retiring on 31st January 2026.
Rev Trevor Wyatt thanked Rev Jim for his valued service.
Volunteers were being sought for election into lay membership of the Standing Committee.

Other Areas of Achievements and Performances

In June this year we were pleased to welcome Rev Amy Brown as assistant curate licensed to both Christ Church and St John's. Amy's arrival has already enriched the life of the worshipping communities, and we are benefiting from her enthusiasm and gifts.

We are grateful for the opportunity to support Amy in her training and ministry, and we look forward to sharing in her journey of ministry and formation.

The Parochial Church Council (PCC) met on at least six occasions during the year, in addition to a joint PCC away day held with St John's. This day was facilitated by Rev Martyn Saunders and provided a valuable opportunity for reflection, planning, and strengthening our shared vision.

Collaborative ministry with St John's continues to be encouraging. While there is still work to be done, this partnership is already enhancing the mission of both churches and strengthening our presence within the Erith community. I would like to express my sincere thanks to both congregations for their willingness to share in ministry for the greater good of God's people in Erith.

The church has continued to deepen its relationship with Christ Church CofE School. The school held its Easter, end-of-year, and Christmas services in the church, as well as a Creation-themed talk and service. I regularly lead collective worship at the school and attend faith group meetings, helping to nurture this important connection.

The after-school Bible Club, held every Tuesday during term time, continues to run well and remains a valuable part of our outreach to children and families.

Pastoral care remains a key priority. Visits to residents at Myer House, as well as to those who are housebound, unwell at home, or in hospital, have continued throughout the year.

As part of our wider community engagement, Christ Church remains actively involved in the Erith Town Partnership, with Amy and me attending meetings. The church also continues to support the annual Erith Made Festival, hosting the closing music concert.

Christ Church is growing both spiritually and numerically, to the glory of God. The Sunday congregation is increasing, and lay leaders are being developed and strengthened.

The key priorities this year have been to strengthen our New Worshipping Communities (NWC) and build bridges between worshipping communities. Also to create stronger connections between regular Sunday worship families and those engaged in Toddler Church, Messy Church, and the Afterschool Bible Club. We have taken steps to encourage cross-participation by:

- Inviting NWC families to special Sunday services and seasonal celebrations.
- Encouraging church members to volunteer at NWC events, fostering relationships.
- Sharing testimonies from NWC participants in Sunday services to raise awareness and engagement.
- Introducing joint social gatherings to bring families together in a non-formal setting like our easter egg hunt and summer holiday club.

These efforts have started to build a sense of unity across our different worshipping communities, though there is still work to be done in making these connections more natural and long-lasting.

Over the past year, our New Worshipping Communities (NWC), Toddler and Messy Church have continued to evolve, strengthening their impact on families, children, and the wider community. Each initiative has provided opportunities for faith engagement and social connection.

Families have reported that they appreciate the relaxed and interactive approach to church, particularly those who do not attend traditional Sunday services.

A Messy Church style family club was held in the summer holidays which saw those who attend Messy Church, Toddler Church, and Junior Disciples Club (JDC meet on Sunday morning), and some new families come together. This was over four Tuesdays and an average of 120 attended each session.

Afterschool Bible Club hosted within the affiliated school, Christ Church School Erith, has provided a unique opportunity for children to explore Bible stories in a familiar and comfortable environment. The combination of storytelling, activities, and discussion has sparked curiosity and meaningful faith conversations among children. Teachers and parents have reported that children frequently share what they have learned, indicating the club's wider influence.

The Elevated Youth Group aimed at children between the ages of 13-18 years meet twice a month outside of the Sunday Services. Over the year, the youths have become more comfortable in each other's company and there is a much-improved interaction. They are beginning to have conversations about Jesus and their Christian faith. The monthly games night initiative aimed at those who are at work during the day has intentionally evolved into an intergenerational games night with the youth group actively involved. The youths are also very much involved in the Sunday service being welcomers, doing Bible readings, altar servers.

The Church is growing leaders; this has had a positive impact and is evident in the fruitfulness of the parishes' mission and ministry.

Funmi Ogunbayo, the children and family's worker and Patricia Iwuagwu who is one of the youth leaders, completed the catalyst training which is aimed at equipping children and youth workers for their roles.

Godwin Temisa and Benjamin Milton-Cole completed the hearing and speaking God's word training and are on the preaching Rota. Godwin is currently doing the bishop's certificate training and Ben is doing the leading worship training.

Miranda Strasser-Williams and Desmond Syl-Wilkinson are currently doing the hearing and speaking God's word training.

Resourcing growing mission work is not without its challenges. The growing work and mission potential presents the challenge of having the capacity to continue to deliver and grow this work.

- Converting successful early initiatives into clear discipleship pathways for both adults and young people need capacity to sustain and grow.
- There is an acute problem locally of getting weekday volunteers.
- There are financial constraints.

The key priorities for 2026 are:

- To build on the hard-won growth that is taking place both spiritually and numerically and to develop clear discipleship pathways.
- To work with the youth leaders to develop strategies to attract young people from outside our existing worshipping communities.

I would like to extend my heartfelt thanks to everyone who has contributed to the life and work of our church over the past year. Your dedication, generosity, and faithful service, whether seen or unseen, have been a true blessing to the community of Erith and the wider Bexley community. From those who lead and organize, to those who support quietly behind the scenes, each of you plays a vital role in our shared mission. I am deeply grateful for your commitment, and I look forward with hope and gratitude to all that we will continue to do together.

Revd Anthea

OTHER CHURCH RELATED ACTIVITIES

Junior Disciples – Marlene Busayo Elegunde, Lead

The Junior Disciples club (JDC) are eternally grateful for God's grace upon all its members. Year 2025 has been a fun-filled year for the club as it continues to engage, entertain, encourage positive behaviour and impact the children with God's word and its application in their day to day lives. This is achieved through gospel reading, songs, games, art & craft and discussion.

The club continues to provide a safe space for children aged 4 -11 years old with a few over 12s still attending the club. The club has consistently met every Sundays except for the 1st Sunday and 5th Sundays at 10am and present the learning from every session to the church congregation during the notices. The club was closed for the Summer in July to give an opportunity to the leaders to rejuvenate and return refreshed in September for the new academic year. The club is consistently covered by an average of 3 facilitators per session.

For the year 2025, the club had an average attendance of 15 children. The club participated in various events such as the Easter egg hunt and games (March 2025), sang at the Nine Carol service, a well-executed performance at the crib service which had about 40 children in attendance and the year was wrapped up with a JDC Christmas party where the children had lots of fun, participated in various games, had lots to eat and each child went home with a party pack.

The children attended series of rehearsals towards the Nine carol service and Crib service. We are grateful to the committed parents who continue to encourage their children to attend the club and most appreciative to the children who continue to engage in conversations.

A big thank you to the facilitators (Bridget, Claire, Miranda, Jebalin and Prettie) who have consistently dedicated their time to making sure that every session is exciting, engaging and most importantly safe for the children to grow and thrive. Massive gratitude to all parents of JDC members, without your engagement and commitment, we won't be JDC.

God continue to bless us all!

Elevated Youth – Patricia Akunna Iwuagwu and Jordan Fayemi

2025 marked the first full year of the Elevated Youth Group. The group is led by Akunna and Jordan, with valued support from Bola, who also volunteers regularly.

The core values of the Elevated Youth Group are centred on friendship, faith, fun, and community, which have guided all activities and sessions throughout the year. We had a total of 11 young people involved in 2025 - 9 from Christ Church and 2 from St John's the Baptist Erith, ranging in age from 14 to 18 years old. On average, 8 youths attended each session, demonstrating strong and consistent engagement.

The group initially met monthly on the third Friday at 7:00pm. Due to growing interest, this was expanded to include the fourth Friday of each month, which focused on intergenerational games night, a particularly successful addition.

Key Activities in 2025

February 2025 – “Measure Your Worth” Event (Crayford Community Centre) The youth attended an inspiring event where they engaged with young people of faith from diverse backgrounds, including a semi-professional footballer, a business owner, and a Cambridge graduate.

April 2025 – Exam Stress & Wellbeing Session In response to demand, a teacher delivered a session on exam stress and coping strategies. This session attracted around 15 youths from the wider community and was especially beneficial for those preparing for GCSEs, A-Levels, and IB exams. The session concluded with prayers led by Rev Anthea.

June & July 2025 – Youth Services Youth-led services were held at Christ Church (22 June) and St John’s Erith (6 July). During these services, the young people showcased their work, performed a song, and officially launched the name Elevated Youth Group. The name was chosen during a youth brainstorming session in March, and a youth-designed poster was also unveiled.

July 2025 – Bowling Social A bowling evening was organised, which was thoroughly enjoyed by all participants.

December 2025 – Christmas Party A well-attended and joyful celebration to close the year.

Ongoing Engagement - The group paused over the summer and resumed in September 2025, with sessions focused on discussions around faith and empowerment. In addition to regular meetings, the youth actively contributed to the wider community by volunteering at:

- Easter Egg Hunt

- Summer Fayre

- Christmas Tree Festival

They also served as welcomers, sacristans, and readers, showing commitment and growth in responsibility.

Transitions and Growth - We said farewell to two youths who moved on to university, while also welcoming two new members. It was particularly encouraging to see one of the departing youths return for the Christmas celebration.

Looking Ahead - 2025 has been a successful and foundational year for the Elevated Youth Group. We look forward to continuing to grow and develop young leaders in the year ahead. A sincere thank you to Jordan and Bola for their dedication and support, and to all the youths for their enthusiasm, commitment, and consistency.

Bellringers – Natalie Slator, Tower Captain

During the year of 2025, our small band of ringers has remained at 4. We have been able to ring at weddings as well as funerals, if required, as we are supported by the ringers in Lewisham District. The county is divided into several areas: our area extends over Southeast London to the West, Dartford in the East, The River Thames to the North and close to the M25 in the South.

During 2026, we are hoping to host an open day to encourage new ringers from our congregation and the general public to attend practice sessions where you can learn how to handle a bell and join in with other ringers to make different music. We call it change ringing.

There are several churches in our area who only have a few people who ring regularly, so we join on different days of the week to ring at the different churches. Christ Church and St. John's are Monday: some of us join Dartford on a Thursday and some of their ringers also join us on a Monday. All the churches in the area welcome ringers at their practice evenings.

Everyone is welcome to see if it is something they would like to try. If you are, you could contact me on 07973 877110 or speak to me in church on a Sunday.

Choir – Desmond Syl-Wilkinson, Choir leader

It's been a fantastic year for the choir! We've seen significant growth and improvement in our singing, thanks to the tireless efforts of our music team-kudos to them!

Sadly, we lost a dear and valued member, in the person of Elizabeth Peters who passed away in December 2025. Our thoughts and prayers are with her loved ones.

We also had Rosina Lugg moved to a care home. We miss her, but at the same time wish her all the best.

On a positive note, we're thrilled to welcome back Anastasia Ezeugwa, who's return to our fold and new members who've joined our ranks. We're still on the lookout for new voices, especially male ones and we are in the process of enquiring to find people that are interested to join us.

The choir enjoyed singing at various events this year, including Erith Made and the Christmas concert to name a few. We're grateful for the opportunity to share our music with the community.

We are also delighted to continue our fellowship with St John's Choir, singing together as one choir. It's a joy to unite with our sister Church and make music together.

A huge thank goes to our music team, and all who contribute to making our choir such a special group.

Looking ahead, we are excited to:

- Improve our library, with new resources
- Get robes to boost our performance vibe
- Employ a voice coach to help us soar to new heights
- Continue our preparations for our upcoming Easter, Erith Made and Christmas performances.

We are also looking at ways of raising funds to enable us to meet our demands in improving the choir.

Thanks to every member for their passion and dedication.

Church Hall – Ayodeji Akande, Hall Manager

The hall at Christ Church remains a valued asset, and we give thanks to God for its provision. Income from hall hire continues to be an important source of support for the mission and ministry of Christ Church Erith.

The congregation regularly uses the hall for refreshments after Sunday services. It is also increasingly used for church-led activities under the leadership of Reverend Anthea and our Church worker,

Funmilayo, including Toddler Church, Messy Church, games evenings, and youth events coordinated by Patricia. The hall also accommodates a range of church and community events throughout the year.

The wider Erith community continues to hire the hall for private functions. There are currently eight regular hirers with the expectation of further growth.

Saturday hire fees, approved by the PCC, are as follows (effective 2026)

- 11:00am – 11:00pm - £1100
- 2:00pm – 11:00pm - £950
- 12:00pm – 7:00pm - £700
- 8:00am – 2:00pm - £550

Fees for regular hirers are under review.

We have also engaged a cleaning contractor for the hall.

Ten tables were gifted to the church by Mr Abi Oladipo. Thanks for your contribution. The Church has now ordered an additional 5 tables to bring the total number of round tables to 20.

The hall booking website redesign has been signed off and work will commence shortly.

On behalf of the PCC, I express my sincere gratitude to Chris Wakeman and the Men's group, for their continued dedication and support in maintaining the hall.

Those willing to assist with hall maintenance or join the hall committee are encouraged to contact a committee member.

Christmas Tree Festival (CTF) – Claire Perkins

The Erith Christmas Tree Festival took place during the weekend of 12th to 14th December 2025.

The number of trees remained at 50 and were well supported by the community. The trees looked fantastic and were, as usual, provided by Bexley Garden Centre and we remain grateful to Daryl and Danielle for their continued support. Thanks as always go to David Fitch for providing and installing all the electrical equipment required to make the festival happen.

The weekend was very well attended, and we received lots of compliments for the way the trees and the Church looked. The Charity Fair took place on the Saturday in the hall with a variety of stalls including a Christ Church cake stall and a Men in Sheds stall which proved very popular.

We had an amazing Saturday evening concert where we welcomed back Theatre Box, the Rock Choir and the Leoa Academic Male Voice Choir which made for a fantastic concert which was a full house.

The Mayor, our local MP and Councillors joined us for our Sunday evening Carol Concert of Nine Lessons wrapping up what was a wonderful weekend.

Thanks to all those who offered their time and gifts as volunteers, but as always the committee

needs new volunteers and a new Chair with fresh enthusiasm and ideas to take the festival forwards. Please do consider if you are able to help this year.

Friends of Christ Church Erith (FOCCE) – Chris Wakeman, Treasurer

FOCCE came into being to capture the support of the parish community who value the church building. Its architectural presence in the centre of Erith is where membership needs to be encouraged and not necessarily those who worship, but for the maintenance and upkeep of the church. Membership now stands at 17.

Friends of Christchurch has been inactive for some time for one reason and another. The committee has greatly reduced over the years and is now down to three committee members. Patrica Iwuagwu, committee member, Hugh Neal, signatory and myself as treasurer. Doreen Ives, who was our former chairperson and second signatory, sadly passed away in August last year.

FOCCE requires a minimum of two signatories. Being the treasurer, I cannot be a signatory. Claire Perkins has joined the committee and is willing to be a second signatory along with Patrica being our third signatory.

FOCCE bank balance as to date is £1542.80

It is hoped that those who attend the Toddler Group, Messy Church, Summer Fayre and the Christmas Tree Festival could be encouraged to become members.

Social Committee – Serah Shim Lambert

We eased quietly into the new 2025 year and the first function the committee organised was the confirmation, which Christ Church hosted this year, held at 4 pm on 29th June 2025. The team set up the hall immediately after the morning service and received food/drink donations from church members as well as served food during the reception after the confirmation service. The event went smoothly and feedback from a parent of a candidate was '*I want to express my sincere gratitude to you and the social committee for putting together a lovely spread and for hosting the guests. On behalf of my family and friends, we want to say a big thank you. God bless you all'*.

Summer Fayre and Barbeque – 19th July 2025

This event has become a staple of Christ Church but unfortunately this year, the weather had a huge impact on the numbers attending. The committee oversaw running the café in the hall, but sales did not pick up until close to midday and finished at 2pm. Sales of the barbeque items was also slow due to the weather as this was held outside. As a result, there was a lot of seasoned chicken and other food items left over despite our attempts to buy as little as possible to avoid wastage. Feedback from the group was that the barbeque should have started much earlier so that the small number of people who attended could have made some purchases from the grill as well. Nevertheless, profit totalled £221 (cafe - £85; BBQ - £141) with approximately £100 paid via the donor machine.

Erith Made Festival – 13th September 2025

This community event was a one-day event this year and Christ Church hosted the musical evening for the 3rd year running. The committee worked hard to ensure that all the guest who attended were served light refreshments during the interval.

Harvest Festival lunch – 12th October 2025

The annual Harvest Festival service was well attended this year, and an appeal went out to the wider church congregation to support the event with food and drink donations. There was a good response which meant the committee was only responsible for setting up the hall the day before and serving the lunch on the day. There was also a total of £210 cash donations paid into the church account by members who could not bring in a dish or unable to attend. All those who attended had an enjoyable time.

Christmas Tree Festival – 12th – 14th December 2025

The final event of the year was the Christmas Tree Festival, which continues to be a major crowd-puller. The Social Committee was responsible for preparing and serving breakfast throughout the morning in the hall and recorded approximately £200 in total takings, including both cash and card machine payments. The committee also supported the event by serving refreshments during the Saturday concert and the Sunday Carol Service.

Although there were fewer volunteers than expected this year, events were still delivered successfully. More volunteers are always welcome, but despite the lower level of response from members, there have consistently been enough people to ensure that all events run smoothly and effectively.

Men in Sheds – Emily Willey

There were 251 sessions delivered at Men in Sheds with a total of 1988 attendances (around 40 people).

Session highlights from 2025:

- Multiple offsite outings were delivered including a Christmas meal, a day trip to the Bank of England Museum and a coach trip to Brighton. The shed also hosted a summer barbeque in July for all members and volunteers to attend. Members also took part in a Christmas collection with Father Christmas for the Rotary Club of Erith in December.
- The shed ran 5 market stalls at local events across 2025. This gave members the opportunity to fundraise for their project and have the joy and pride of showing their makes to the local community.
- In May, the shed stopped normal activities for one week to complete some maintenance on our building and to make some improvements to the workshop. This included finishing installing new dust extraction to some of the tools in our shed, to make the workshop safer. The shed also installed new storage and had a major clear out to make more seating space in our social area.
- Due to the popularity of the project, Men in Sheds continues to have a closed waiting list for new members.

In October 2025, Age UK Bexley ran an impact survey with current Shed Members. Key findings:

- 100% of members surveyed agreed or strongly agreed with the statement “I have formed new friendships since joining the shed”

- 90% of members surveyed agreed or strongly agreed with the statement “I am more active as a result of being involved in the shed”
- 95% of members surveyed agreed or strongly agreed with the statement “I feel my general wellbeing has improved as a result of being involved in the shed”
- 95% of members surveyed agreed or strongly agreed with the statement “I have learned new skills since being involved in the shed”



Members at the Christ Church Erith Fair



Members loading the clearance van during maintenance week

Men in Sheds delivered 7 Outreach projects for the local community in 2025

- Jan- March 25- Lime Wood Primary School

The members returned to Lime Wood Primary School at the request of the headteacher to complete a bespoke commission. The members made a large golden tree which was to be used to display the names of students who had won the Headteacher’s Award.

- March 25- Smerdon Day Centre

Members returned to the Day Centre in the spring to assemble a wheelchair accessible planter and bird boxes with the centre’s gardening team.

- May 25- Adelaide Care Home

The members made kit form bird boxes for the residents to assemble and decorate. These bird boxes will go up in the care home garden for the residents to enjoy.

- May 25- The Exchange Erith

The members also ran a session at the Exchange in Erith as part of the “The Herds” (www.theherds.org/) wider art programme. The Shed members assisted local residents to assemble flat pack hedgehog houses. These hedgehog homes will be placed across public spaces in North Bexley, creating safe havens for local wildlife.

- July 25- Age UK Bexley Rosemary Cafes

Age UK Bexley’s Rosemary Cafe are sessions for the carers and cared for (living with dementia). The shed ran sessions with both the Sidcup and Belvedere groups, making kit form bird boxes. Each pair took their own bird box home, free of charge.

- June - September 25- Shenstone School/Apex Contractors

The Shed's biggest project this year was the project for the new secondary education site of Shenstone School (severe or complex learning difficulties) in Belvedere, which opened in September 25. The construction company leading the build, donated leftover timber from the building site to the Shed. Members then turned these materials into a wheelchair accessible picnic bench, planters, a bug hotel and a garden seat. Members also had the opportunity to have a site visit to the new school in June 2025. As a result of this work the Shed was donated £500 by Apex, for the following reason: "We have just completed a project for Shenstone School, a new SEN school working alongside Bexley Council, and had the pleasure of collaborating with the Men in Sheds team.



We were able to donate timber to them, and in return they kindly created benches and accessible planters for the school. Despite their hard work, they declined any payment for their time, so we felt it was only right to make this donation in recognition of their valuable contribution" (Apex Social Value Lead).

- October 25- Ageing Well Event at the Civic Offices

The delivered a drop-in session at the brough wide Ageing Well Event hosted by Bexley Council and Age UK Bexley. In the session participants could build their own mini planter and planted a herb to take home with them.



Shed Members supporting Rosemary Cafe clients to make their own bird box



The site visit to the new Shenstone School site



Lime Wood Primary School Golden Tree



Members working with Smerdon Day Centre clients to make a wheelchair accessible planter

13th Erith (Christ Church) Scout Group – Eves Ives

Over the past year the Scout Group continued to provide active Scouting for children in the area. The Group is, sadly, not thriving as it once was. We have fewer Beavers and Cubs than last year, but we have managed to reopen the Scout Troop.

Each Section runs a programme of badges and awards to enable the young people to learn and grow to take a constructive place in society. There are also fun activities and, of course, the usual hikes and camps.

Over the past year all Sections have had the chance to participate in joint activities, as well as individual Section activities and all have been well attended and enjoyed by the members.

The leaders are all trained in Safeguarding, First Aid, Safety and GDPR, and all but two are fully qualified as trained leaders in the Scout Association. We have a small Board of Trustees

but unfortunately struggle to get parents to help and support us with the fund raising for the upkeep of the Scout Hut as we get no funding from any outside source. We are also desperately short of leaders, and we are especially looking for younger volunteers.

Next year, 2027, is the centenary of the beginning of Scouting at Christ Church, which we will be celebrating but, unless we can get more help, it may be our last year. Whilst we can, we will offer exciting and challenging activities to the children but there is a limit as to what we can do with such an aged leadership. Being a leader in the Scout Movement can be a very rewarding experience and I will ask all members of Christ Church to consider if they know of anyone who would like to join our leadership team and volunteer to work with the children.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

Total income for the year was **£91,845**, a slight decrease from the 2024 figure of **£92,891**. Total expenditure amounted to **£93,317**, representing an increase on the 2024 total of **£91,730**.
At year-end, the PCC held **£85,875** across its various bank accounts (2024: **£48,417**). This significant increase is primarily due to the PCC receiving approval from the Charity Commission to release part of the capital from the Rant Bequest, with **£40,000** held in our bank account at the end of 2025.

It is important to note that the funds released from the Rant Bequest are **restricted** and cannot be used to support our general running costs. This money has been designated specifically for essential guttering and roof-related works, and to support the employment of a part-time administrator. While this is a significant and welcome resource, it is not available to meet day-to-day expenditure and therefore does not ease our ongoing financial pressures.

Further details on specific income and expenditure items are provided in the sections below, and the full statutory financial statements follow on the subsequent pages.
Our financial position remains challenging and continues to be a matter of concern for the PCC. As is the case across the wider community, rising living costs have had a direct impact on the church. As in previous years, fuel costs represent a substantial proportion of our expenditure, exceeding **£17,500** in 2025. Our large, historic church is both beautiful and costly to heat, and this is reflected in our gas and electricity charges. In 2025 we also incurred additional costs, including the purchase of a second-hand printer/multifunction device for **£1,500**, and urgent repairs to guttering and external pipework totalling more than **£8,000**.

Our primary source of income continues to be donations from the congregation. The Parish Giving Scheme, which we joined in late 2023, is steadily growing and provides a reliable and regular income stream that greatly assists our budgeting and forward planning. The Dona machine also remains a popular and convenient method for giving, used during Sunday services, Toddler and Messy Church sessions, and at additional services throughout the year.

We are deeply grateful for the generosity of our congregation, and we continue to rely on your prayerful giving to sustain the life and ministry of our church. Your support enables us to keep our buildings warm, welcoming, and open to all who come through our doors. We would encourage everyone to review what they are able to give—every contribution, no matter the size, truly makes a difference.

We also remain heavily dependent on income generated from hall lettings, both from regular hirers and from weekend event bookings.
The Christmas Tree Festival continues to attract generous donations; however, these were largely offset by the increased utility costs associated with heating and lighting the church during the event.

As in previous years, the PCC contributed towards our Parish Share in 2025, based on what we felt we could reasonably afford. We were, however, unable to meet the full requested amount (**£6,180 given vs £45,301 requested)**

All restricted funds within the main account remain fully protected, with sufficient balances to cover all associated monthly commitments.

RESERVE POLICY

Our aim is to maintain free reserves equivalent to approximately two months of unrestricted expenditure—around **£20,000**. The current level of free reserves has fallen to **£16,161** (2024: **£21,036**) due to the use of savings to fund essential guttering repairs. The PCC continues to monitor this position closely.

ACCOUNTS

ERITH CHRIST CHURCH

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2025

	Note	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Endowment Funds £	Total Funds 2025 £	*Total Funds 2024 £*
Income and endowments						
Voluntary income	2	34,221	5,994	-	40,215	*39,245*
Activities for generating funds	3	45,619	-		45,619	*47,380*
Investment income	4	858	-	5,153	6,011	*6,266*
Total income		**80,698**	**5,994**	**5,153**	**91,845**	***92,891***
Expenditure						
Charitable activities	5	83,239	4,925	5,153	93,317	*91,730*
Total expenditure		**83,239**	**4,925**	**5,153**	**93,317**	***91,730***
Net income/(expenditure) before Investment Gains/(Losses)		**(2,541)**	**1,069**	**-**	**(1,472)**	***1,161***
Net Gain/(Losses) on Investments		-	-	(7,497)	(7,497)	*4,150*
Net Income/(Expenditure)		**(2,541)**	**1,069**	**(7,497)**	**(8,969)**	***5,311***
Transfers between funds		-	40,000	(40,000)	-	-
Net movement in funds		**(2,541)**	**41,069**	**(47,497)**	**(8,969)**	***5,311***
Reconciliation of funds:						
Total funds brought forward	10	37,288	8,073	188,941	234,302	*228,991*
Total funds carried forward	10	**34,747**	**49,142**	**141,444**	**225,333**	***234,302***

The statement of financial activities includes all gains and losses recognised in the year.

All income and expenditure derive from continuing operations.

The notes on the pages following form part of these accounts.

ERITH CHRIST CHURCH

BALANCE SHEET

AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2025

	Note	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Endowment Funds £	Total Funds 2025 £	*Total Funds 2024 £*
Fixed assets						
Tangible assets	7	1,200	-	-	1,200	-
Fixed Asset Investments						
Investment Assets				141,444	141,444	*188,941*
Current Assets						
Debtors	8	2,985	-	-	2,985	*2,902*
Cash at bank and in hand		36,354	49,521	-	85,875	*48,417*
		39,339	49,521	-	88,860	*51,319*
Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year	9	(5,647)	(524)	-	(6,171)	*(5,958)*
Net current assets / (liabilities)		33,692	48,997	-	82,689	*45,361*
CREDITORS: Amounts falling due after more than one year	9	-	-	-	-	-
Net assets / (liabilities)		33,692	48,997	141,444	224,133	*45,361*
Net assets		**34,892**	**48,997**	**141,444**	**225,333**	***234,302***
Funds						
Unrestricted Funds						
General funds	10	16,161	-		16,161	*17,003*
Designated funds	10	18,586	-	-	18,586	*18,772*
		34,747	-	-	34,747	*35,775*
Restricted Funds	10	-	49,142		49,142	*8,449*
Endowment Funds	10			141,444	141,444	*188,941*
Total funds		**34,747**	**49,142**	**141,444**	**225,333**	***233,165***

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20 April 2025

Independent Examiner's report to the Member/Trustees of Christ Church Erith
Charity Registration Number 1133966

I report on the accounts for the year ended 31 December 2025 which are set out on the pages following.

Respective responsibilities of the Trustees and Independent Examiner

The church's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. 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 trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair view' and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

Independent Examiner's statement

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

(1) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements
- to keep accounting records in accordance with section 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.

Yours sincerely



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ERITH CHRIST CHURCH

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2025

2	**Voluntary income**	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Total 2025	*Total 2024*
		£	£	£	£	*£*
	Planned giving	30,013			30,013	*27,989*
	Collections and other giving	1,751	275		2,026	-
	Collections for charitable purposes	135	-		135	-
	Gift Aid recoverable	- 325			- 325	- *476*
	Grants	2,597	5,394		7,991	*1,194*
	Other Donations	50	250		300	*156*
	Friends of Christ Church Erith (FOCCE)	-	75		75	*674*
	Insurance Claim & Sundry Income	-	-		-	*6,218*
	Additions to Endowments			-	-	*3,490*
		34,221	**5,994**	**-**	**40,215**	***39,245***

3	**Activities for generating funds**	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Total 2025	*Total 2024*
		£	£	£	£	*£*
	Sundry Income	-	-		-	*3,780*
	Hall Income	37,935	-		37,935	*31,289*
	Fundraising	212	-		212	*1,855*
	Christmas Tree Festival	4,058	-		4,058	*5,038*
	Income from magazine	226	-		226	*345*
	Clergy Fees	3,188	-		3,188	*5,073*
	Other income	-	-		-	-
		45,619	**-**	**-**	**45,619**	***47,380***

4	**Investment income**	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Total 2025	*Total 2024*
		£	£	£	£	*£*
	Income from interest on bank and investments	858	-		858	*1,233*
	Income from Rant Bequest		-	5,153	5,153	*5,033*
					-	
		858	**-**	**5,153**	**6,011**	***6,266***

5	**Charitable activities**	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Total 2025	*Total 2024*
		£	£	£	£	*£*
	Charitable giving	-	-	-	-	*100*
	Diocesan Share (Parish Offer)	6,180	-	5,153	11,333	*12,033*
	Church Running Expenses	17,090	-		17,090	*21,121*
	Church Repairs	10,183	1,068		11,251	*5,719*
	Organ, organist & bellringers cost	7,463	-		7,463	*6,840*
	Organ repairs	-	-		-	*542*
	Clergy expenses and stipend	3,773	-		3,773	*6,994*
	Accountancy & Independent Examination	1,190	-		1,190	*1,490*
	Memberships and Subscriptions	104	-		104	*489*
	DBF Fees	794			794	*1,554*
	Depreciation	300	-		300	-
	Christmas trees	1,817	-		1,817	*1,486*
	Admin & Sundry	5,270	-		5,270	*2,896*
	Fundraising	-	-		-	*200*
	SDF Expenditure	-	2,990		2,990	*2,590*
	Sanctuary fund	-	-		-	*395*
	School bibles	-	267		267	-
	CYP	-	600		600	-
	150 Celebrations	-	-		-	*696*
	Men's Group	-	-		-	*175*
	Hall Running costs & Management	28,570	-		28,570	*25,645*
	Hall repairs	505	-		505	*765*
	Total expenditure	**83,239**	**4,925**	**5,153**	**93,317**	***91,730***

6 Analysis of staff costs, the cost of key management personnel and remuneration of members of the PCC

There were no personnel directly employed during the year or the prior year. Other than the clergy attached to the charity, who may receive stipend or housing benefits from the Diocese of Rochester, all of the charity's activities are carried out by volunteers.

For related party transactions see Note 11

7	**Tangible Fixed Assets**	Fixtures, fittings and equipment	Total 2025	*Total 2024*
		£	£	*£*
	Cost			
	At 1 January 2025	8,537	8,537	*8,537*
	Additions	1,500	1,500	-
	Gains / (losses) on revaluation	-	-	-
	Disposals	(3,839)	(3,839)	-
	At 31 December 2025	6,198	6,198	*8,537*
	Accumulated depreciation			
	At 1 January 2025	8,537	8,537	*8,537*
	Charge for the year	300	300	-
	Disposals	(3,839)	(3,839)	
	At 31 December 2025	4,998	4,998	*8,537*
	Net book value			
	At 31 December 2025	**1,200**	**1,200**	**-**
	At 31 December 2024	-	-	-

8	**Investments**	2025	*2024*
		£	*£*
	Market value as at 1 January 2025	188,941	*181,301*
	Disposal	(40,000)	*-*
	Additions at cost	-	*3,490.00*
	Net gains/(loss)	(7,497)	*4,150*
	Market value as at 31 December 2025	**141,444**	***188,941***

There are several investments; the largest is the Rank Bequest which is held with the CCLA Investment Fund, number 1310014065 and the Rochester Diocesan Board of Finance act as custodian trustees

As at 31 December 2025 there were 6,222.11 shares held at a mid market value of 2,219.83 pence (2024: 8,020.29 shares mid market value 2,312.27 pence).

The investment was originally made following a bequest, date unknown.

The bequest states that dividends generated would be used to augment the stipend of the vicar/rector of the parish, but current practice is to pass these dividends to the diocese as part of the PCC's contribution towards the Diocesan Offer/Parish Share. Following legal advice the holding was divided into 2 equal parts in 2025 with 50% being declared permanent endowment and 50% unrestricted. A withdrawal of £40,000 was made in 2025 from the unrestricted portion to be used for urgent church repairs.

Dividends received in 2025 were £5,153 (2024: £4,956) - see Note 4.

Several additional endowments have been in existence for a number of years but only added to these accounts in 2025; these are held with CCLA in their COIF funds as Erith Parochial Charities under reference number GB0001877546

Across all 6 of these endowments as at 31 December 2025 there were 172.000 shares held at a mid market value of 1,932.19 pence (2024: 172.000 shares at 2,029.33 pence)

Research is being carried out as to the true purpose of these endowments to ensure the wishes of the funds are being properly met

8	**Debtors**	2025	*2024*
		£	*£*
	Gift Aid		*2,153*
	Other Debtors	2,985	*749*
	Prepayments		
	Total Debtors	**2,985**	***2,902***

9	**Creditors**	2025	*2024*
		£	*£*
	Creditors: liabilities falling due within one year		
	Accounting Fees & Independent Examiner	1,190	*1,190*
	Utility Creditors	2,463	*2,298*
	Miscellaneous Creditors	2,518	*1,240*
	Hall Hirers & Fees Paid in Advance		*1,230*
		6,171	***5,958***
	Creditors: liabilities falling due after one year	-	-
	Total All Creditors	**6,171**	***5,958***

10 Funds

During the year the movements in the charity's funds were as follows:

	Opening balance 2025	Incoming resources 2025	Outgoing resources 2025	Investment Gains/(Losses) 2025	Transfers in the year 2025	Closing balance 2025
	£	£	£	£	£	£
General Unrestricted Funds						
General Fund	21,036	85,617	(88,392)	-	(2,100)	**16,161**
Designated Funds						
Church Repair Fund	13,771	234	-	-	2,100	**16,105**
Hall Repair Fund	1,970	-	-	-		**1,970**
Charities	506	-	-	-		**506**
Men's Group	5	-	-	-		**5**
Total Unrestricted Funds	**37,288**	**85,851**	**(88,392)**	**-**	**-**	**34,747**
Restricted Funds						
Friends	1,458	75	-	-	-	**1,533**
Church Repairs	22	-	(798)	-	40,000	**39,224**
Mural Care	-	275	(270)	-	-	**5**
Legacy	400	-	-	-	-	**400**
School Bibles	696	-	(267)	-	-	**429**
Community lunch	334	250	-	-	-	**584**
SDF	224	5,217	(2,990)	-	-	**2,451**
CYP	872	177	(600)	-	-	**449**
Woollett	3,996	-	-	-	-	**3,996**
Choir and Robes	71	-	-	-	-	**71**
Total Restricted Funds	**8,073**	**5,994**	**(4,925)**	**-**	**40,000**	**49,142**
Endowment Funds						
Rant Bequest	185,451	-	-	(7,330)	(40,000)	**138,121**
Other endowments	3,490	-	-	(167)	-	**3,323**
Total Endowment Funds	**188,941**	**-**	**-**	**(7,497)**	**(40,000)**	**141,444**
Aggregate of Funds	**234,302**	**91,845**	**(93,317)**	**(7,497)**	**-**	**225,333**

In the previous year the movements in the charity's funds were as follows:

	Opening balance 2024	*Incoming resources 2024*	*Outgoing resources 2024*	*Investment Gains/(Losses) 2024*	*Transfers in the year 2024*	***Closing balance 2024***
	£	*£*	*£*	*£*	*£*	***£***
General Unrestricted Funds						
General Fund	*25,069*	*87,083*	*(87,988)*		*(3,128)*	***21,036***
Designated Funds						
Church Repair Fund	*11,251*	*420*	*-*		*2,100*	***13,771***
Hall Repair Fund	*1,970*	*-*	*-*			***1,970***
Charities	*606*	*-*	*(100)*		*-*	***506***
Men's Group	*150*	*30*	*(175)*	*-*	*-*	***5***
Total Unrestricted Funds	***39,046***	***87,533***	***(88,263)***	***-***	***(1,028)***	***37,288***

Restricted Funds						
Friends	*863*	*674*	*(79)*		*-*	***1,458***
Church Repairs	*820*	*-*	*(798)*	*-*	*-*	***22***
Legacy	*400*	*-*	*-*	*-*	*-*	***400***
School Bibles	*696*	*-*	*-*		*-*	***696***
Community lunch	*334*	*-*	*-*		*-*	***334***
SDF	*443*	*1,194*	*(2,590)*		*1,177*	***224***
CYP	*1,021*	*-*	*-*		*(149)*	***872***
Woollett	*3,996*	*-*	*-*		*-*	***3,996***
Choir and Robes	*71*	*-*	*-*		*-*	***71***
Total Restricted Funds	***8,644***	***1,868***	***(3,467)***	***-***	***1,028***	***8,073***
Endowment Funds						
Rant Bequest	*181,301*	*-*	*-*	*4,150*	*-*	***185,451***
Other endowments	*-*	*3,490*	*-*	*-*	*-*	***3,490***
Total Endowment Funds	***181,301***	***3,490***	***-***	***4,150***	***-***	***188,941***
Aggregate of Funds	***228,991***	***92,891***	***(91,730)***	***4,150***	***-***	***234,302***

Descriptions of Funds	
Designated Funds	
Church Repair Fund	Money set aside by the PCC for emergency repairs to church
Hall Repair Fund	Money set aside by the PCC for emergency repairs to hall
Charities	Money set aside by the PCC in previous years for transfer to various charities
Men's Group	Funds raised for maintenance of church and grounds
Restricted Funds	
Friends	Money raised by the Friends of Christ Church Erith to support the upkeep of the fabric of the church. These funds are included within the PCC accounts as any funds raised are for the benefit of the church and the PCC.
Church Repairs	Money given towards church repairs.
Legacy	
School Bibles	Money given to buy bibles for children in the local school
Community Lunch	The specific proceeds for the yearly community lunch to be carried over to future similar events.
SDF	Grants received for expenditure on strategic development/outreach work
CYP	Money given to be used for youth work outreach activities
Woollett	Proceeds of a legacy to support children and young families.
Choir and Robes	Money given as donations for new choir robes and resources
Endowment Funds	
Rant Bequest	Permanent Endowment given where the dividends and interest generated are for the augmentation of the parish priest's stipend (now paid to the diocese as part of the parish contribution to the Diocesan Offer/Parish Share)
Other Endowments	6 small endowments held as Erith Parochial Charities in the names of R Turnor, W Turnor, T Cooper, F Clare, Lord Eardley and J Street. Further research is being carried out as to the purpose of these funds

Analysis of net assets by fund

	Unrestricted Funds				
	General Funds	Designated Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	2025
	£	£	£	£	£
Fixed assets	1,200	-	-	-	1,200
Investment assets	-	-	-	141,444	141,444
Current assets	20,608	18,586	49,666	-	88,860
Liabilities:					
Amounts falling due within 1 year	(5,647)	-	(524)	-	(6,171)
Amounts falling due after 1 year					
	16,161	**18,586**	**49,142**	**141,444**	**225,333**

Analysis of net assets by fund at previous year end date

	Unrestricted Funds				
	General Funds	*Designated Funds*	*Restricted Funds*	*Endowment Funds*	*2024*
	£	*£*	*£*	*£*	*£*
Fixed assets	-	-	-	-	-
Investment assets	-	-	-	*188,941*	*188,941*
Current assets	*26,994*	*16,247*	*8,078*	-	*51,319*
Liabilities:					
Amounts falling due within 1 year	*(5,958)*	-	-	-	*(5,958)*
Amounts falling due after 1 year					
	21,036	***16,247***	***8,078***	***188,941***	***234,302***

11 Transactions with related parties

During the year the charity:

a) received donations totalling £4,406 (2024: £4,817) from related parties (which includes members of the PCC and anyone closely connected to them).

b) No expenses (2024: £nil) were paid to, or for, non-clergy members of the PCC (reimbursements for expenses incurred when acting as agent for the charity or incurred when undertaking employment duties not connected with serving as a PCC member are not included in this disclosure).

During the year the charity made no other payments to, or for, related parties