

St Mary Redcliffe

Trustees Annual Report
and
Financial Statements

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St Mary Redcliffe

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Introduction and Notes from the Churchwardens

The interregnum in 2025 caused by the retirement of our well-regarded vicar, Dan, and the departure on maternity leave of our equally well-regarded associate vicar, Laura, meant a hefty intake of breath for the two churchwardens, Richard and Liz, who effectively became the decision-makers during the vacancy for all matters at SMR. Huge thanks to Canon Stephen Spencer and Chris Whitwell who both stepped up to meet weekly with the churchwardens to keep the church together and going forward during that time. The interview process for the new vicar went smoothly, supported by the Archdeacon, the Bishop and by the Lord Lieutenant and we selected a great candidate in the Reverend Dr. Brutus Green, who started as incumbent at SMR in February 2026. The congregation in SMR has continued to grow and we are delighted to welcome the new vicar and to anticipate great things going forward.

Objectives and Activities

The objective of the PCC is provided for in legislation: namely, "to cooperate with the incumbent in promoting in the ecclesiastical parish the whole mission of the church, pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical".

The PCC encapsulates this work with a vision statement and four key themes: Singing the song of faith and justice

- as a thriving, inclusive Christian community
- as a church that makes a difference in the parish and beyond
- as a recognised, welcoming heritage destination
- all animated by a progressive and sustainable organisation.

Achievements and performance

Thriving, inclusive Christian community

Liturgy

The retirement of Dan Tyndall and Laura Verrall-Kelly's maternity leave meant that the liturgy needed to be simplified from July onwards. The 8am Holy Communion service was suspended and some of the big Christmas services also had to be suspended, such as the Christingle services. The service booklets were standardised so that they could be used on every Sunday, supplemented with a Hymns and Readings sheet for each Sunday. The choreography within the liturgy was also simplified so that visiting clergy could lead worship without special coaching. A small group of lay officiants were trained to take the lead at Choral Mattins and Evensong. Meditations on the psalm of the day were provided by Rev Peter Dill for the officiant to read out at Evensong in place of a sermon. As far as the congregation was concerned there was minimal disruption to the pattern of worship, apart from the loss of the 8am Holy Communion service, and the usual round of Christmas carol services took place with full houses at many of them (which was remarkable given how cold the church became over the Christmas period). It could be said that despite many challenges behind the scenes 'the show was kept on the road'. Thanks to all the readers, servers, intercessors, choir, vergers, lay officiants and clergy for this. The new year began with the heating being repaired and eager anticipation about the arrival of the new vicar and a new chapter in the life of St Mary Redcliffe.

This period also saw the launch of one day pilgrimages at the church, the first at the beginning of Advent and the second in the season of Epiphany. These were supported by a small and enthusiastic band of pilgrims and the development of the pilgrimage initiative will continue with two more pilgrimages later in 2026, the second of which will beat the bounds of the parish. Our Meditation group continues to meet weekly both in person and online and membership has grown to over 20 regular attenders.

Pastoral

The pastoral team worked hard this year provide continuity of pastoral care following the departure of our two full-time clergy, and our thanks must go to them for their work and care. Stephen took on more oversight following Laura's going on maternity leave, but the sudden and unexpected death of Denise Reynolds towards the end of the year left a huge hole in the organisation of pastoral care at SMR.

The timing of this report allows a look to the future as well as a review of the past. Before the arrival of our new vicar, the churchwardens and clergy had met, with others of the team, to plan how pastoral care might look going forward. There is now a new pastoral team, coordinated by Rob Tyley until Laura's return, and a dedicated email address for notifying pastoral concerns; we have also set up a small team dedicated to the pastoral care of our choir and all connected with the music here; and, of course, the arrival of our new Vicar means that there is now a full-time clergy person again.

Theology Book Club

The theology book club has continued to meet more or less monthly, thanks to the continued hospitality of John Steeds. We usually spend more than one session on each book, and we always have interesting and fruitful discussions – sometimes, even about the book we have read! Since the last APCM, we have looked at "The Universal Christ" by Richard Rohr, "Love's Endeavour, Love's Expense" by W H Vanstone, "Silence and Honey Cakes – The Wisdom of the Desert" by Rowan Williams and "Types of Christian Mission – an Introduction" by none other than our own Stephen Spencer.

Children's Church

Children's Church has continued but in a somewhat diminished form due to the interregnum. Achievements/successes in 2025 have included integrating with schools and the Mercure Hotel, which currently houses migrants. We expect significant growth in 2026 with the arrival of the new vicar and the return of our associate vicar from maternity leave.

Music

2025 was a year of considerable achievement and challenge for the choir and music team. One of the most significant highlights was the BBC One Easter Day Broadcast to the nation, which brought together over 80 singers, including members of SingStart, our very junior choir. For this service, a new piece by Esther Bersweden was commissioned and warmly received by listeners both locally and further afield. The occasion was made even more special when Neil Cox, composer of the Mass performed during the broadcast, wrote to the choristers to express his gratitude for their performance on the BBC.

Throughout the year, the choir maintained healthy numbers across all groups, with 10 boys, approximately 20 girls, around 16 adult singers, and about 12 SingStart members, though with staff absences during the year there was less opportunity for growth than might otherwise had been the case. The strong participation, especially in the first part of the year, supported a busy and varied programme of services and events.

On Ascension Day, the choir hosted a deanery "Come and Sing," welcoming singers from St Martin's Knowle to join in worship. Rush Sunday featured guest conductor Graham Alsop, with Nigel Nash accompanying on the

organ, providing a memorable musical experience. The lunchtime recital series also proved a success, notably with a concert by world-renowned organist Wayne Marshall, who spoke very positively about both the instrument and the church. The free recital attracted a large audience and was widely appreciated.

During the summer term, SingStart benefited from sessions with Kirsten Cunningham, whose work in Bristol schools and with Bristol Beacon complemented Claire Alsop's educational initiatives. The SingStart children gained greatly from her enthusiasm and expertise. The choir also benefited from the generous support of volunteers who assisted as second adults, vocal coaches, and rehearsal leaders, with scholars and back-row singers playing a particularly active role.

Several weddings within the church family provided further opportunities for choir involvement, notably those of the Goodman and Tyley families, both of whom included former choristers. Another musical highlight was the Purcell Evensong, which invited university singers and friends to join the choir for an extended service featuring music by Henry Purcell, including "Jehovah, Quam Multi Sunt." Combined with tea and cakes afterwards, this event was especially enjoyed by the back-row choir and widely considered a highlight of the term.

Another deeply meaningful musical moment came with the liturgical performance of Fauré's Requiem during Evensong for All Souls' Day. The service included the reading of names of those who had died and the lighting of candles, creating a reflective and moving experience that resonated strongly with many members of the choir.

The Advent Carol Service offered a beautiful "darkness to light" journey, with the choir rising to the challenge of demanding repertoire and achieving a particularly high standard of singing. This strong start led into a busy and successful Christmas season, with consistently full congregations and committed participation throughout December. The Nine Lessons and Carols service was a significant highlight, conducted by Graham Alsop and accompanied by former Musical Director Andrew Kirk. Lunchtime Carols took on a community feel, with choir members leading readings and conducting, while the Blue Christmas service in the South Transept followed a reflective Compline pattern, featuring plainsong and candle-lighting.

The Crib Service was led by SingStart and younger choristers, with Archdeacon Becky Waring presiding, providing a joyful and inclusive celebration. Meanwhile, the back-row choir undertook a special project to record many of Dan's hymns, producing a bespoke vinyl LP as a leaving gift for the retiring vicar.

The absence of the Director of Music for a significant part of the year temporarily restricted some of the ambitions of the choir and music team and we are grateful to the Alsops and especially Claire for stepping into and up to a demanding and challenging role.

Life Events

In terms of special event services, 2025 has included a steady stream of 12 weddings and over 20 baptisms. We have also taken care over providing funerals for those in our congregation who have sadly passed away, as well as supporting services for those whose local parish churches are not large enough to support the number of mourners. There has been great cohesion between the vergers, musicians and clergy to bring all of these events together.

Church that makes a difference in the Parish and beyond

Community

St Mary Redcliffe Church (SMR) is committed to being a 'church that makes a difference in the Parish', with a rich history of reaching out to connect with and support residents living nearby. We seek to be a good neighbour to the people in this Parish regardless of their age, gender, race, and religion.

2025 has been a pivotal year for Redcliffe. Our work has focused on strengthening cohesion between long-standing residents, people seeking asylum living in temporary hotel accommodation, and the wider neighbourhood. In a context of high poverty, political tension, and visible protest activity, we have prioritised inclusion, safety, and shared leadership.

At the heart of our community are up to 500 asylum seekers living in a local hotel with limited freedoms and resources. Alongside this, Redcliffe South ranks within the top 1% nationally for child poverty (IMD 2019). Many families face complex pressures linked to insecure housing, low-paid work, language barriers and structural inequality.

Against this backdrop, our work has focused on building trusted relationships, reducing isolation, creating shared spaces, and developing long-term resident leadership.

Community Context & Inclusion

Our leadership reflects the diversity of Redcliffe, with Somali, Sudanese and White British community leaders working together. Volunteers from a wide range of nationalities help navigate language and cultural barriers. We partner with culturally specialist organisations to ensure support is sensitive and appropriate.

We run drop-in sessions at The Hub and inside the hotel for residents unable to access community spaces. Weekly cooking sessions enable asylum-seeking residents to prepare food from their cultures providing rare opportunities for independence, dignity and self-expression. Food has become one of the most powerful tools for connection across communities.

Often, individuals first approach us for practical help with forms, phone calls or benefits. They are welcomed by residents with lived experience of similar challenges, creating immediate trust. From this foundation, deeper relationships and wider participation develop.

Youth & Family Engagement

During 2025:

- 145 children and young people (ages 8–18) engaged in regular youth provision.
- 79 families actively participated through our community networks.
- 75–100 refugee and asylum-seeking young people accessed activities.
- 50–75% of families engaged experience additional vulnerabilities (SEND, EAL, FSM, kinship care, trauma or overcrowding).
- We delivered a comprehensive holiday programme across all school holidays during the year.
    - Over 1000 free holiday places for children during key school holidays (Easter, Summer, Christmas).
    - More than 500 children engaged in sports, trips, forest school, craft, and theatre.
    - Nearly 100 additional half-term places, supporting 45 children and their families.

Provision included youth groups, detached youth work, football sessions, tutoring and GCSE support, toddler groups, community meals, sports days, cultural events and family trips. These activities provided safe, positive environments where children and adults from different backgrounds could interact naturally and build trust.

Building Cohesion Through Shared Experience

From the beginning of the year, we intentionally created shared experiences:

- Joint trip to the SS Great Britain.
- Weekly Hotel Cook-Off sessions.
- Twice-weekly recovery partnership sessions.
- Monthly Men's Breakfast and Film Clubs.
- Community sports days, water play events, tabletop sales and farm trips.
- Twice-weekly recovery partnership sessions at the Hub, delivered in partnership with a lived-experience addiction recovery organisation, providing peer-led support and strengthening pathways into sustained recovery.
- Seasonal celebrations including inclusive Christmas and New Year gatherings with The Hub open on Christmas Day for a Christmas meal for those with nowhere else to go.

Major events strengthened neighbourhood pride:

- Spring Cultural Celebration: 200 residents sharing global food and music.
- Good Friday: 70 families of all faiths gathered to share food and take part in activities at Faithspace
- Rush Weekend (and the opening of Bristol Refugee Festival): Over 300 people attending music, dance and family activities.

Residents increasingly take leadership roles—door knocking, cooking, volunteering and organising meetings. Participation is shifting to ownership.

Responding to Tension & Division

An unexpected challenge in 2025 has been ongoing hostile rhetoric and protest activity targeting the hotel. This created anxiety, particularly for those who have experienced trauma or persecution.

Our response prioritised safety and calm, visible solidarity:

- Hosting an eight-hour Stay & Play session during a right-wing protest.
- Modelling inclusive language and behaviour.
- Strengthening trusted cross-cultural relationships.
- Creating consistent spaces for dialogue and connection.

Rather than escalating division, we built resilience through relationship. Participants from minoritised backgrounds report feeling safer due to visible community unity.

Breaking Down Barriers

At the beginning of the year, community meetings reflected visible divides - Somali residents sitting on one side, White British residents on the other - with limited interaction.

Today, these same groups sit side by side, listening, sharing experiences, and contributing confidently. The transformation reflects growing trust and mutual respect. While more work remains, particularly engaging younger residents and parts of the White British population, the cultural shift is significant.

Residents consistently report feeling more positive about Redcliffe. The main barriers to engagement remain communication gaps, confidence, time pressures, and fear of exclusion. We are now developing a blended communications approach - online, paper-based and verbal - to ensure no one is left out.

Organisational Growth and Legacy

Alongside programme delivery, 2025 has been a year of significant organisational development. Systems and structures have been strengthened to ensure that growth in community activity is matched by sustainable governance and operational capacity.

During the year, improvements have been made to financial processes, volunteer management, leadership development pathways and partnership working. Relationships with community police, schools, faith groups, cultural organisations and specialist agencies have deepened, increasing the organisation's ability to respond early to emerging needs and tensions.

A major area of progress has been the development of resident leadership. In early 2025, we began exploring with residents the creation of a new community-led organisation for Redcliffe. A representative group was formed based on attendance, community contribution and demographic representation. Since May, they have met thirteen times to:

- Clarify shared motivations.
- Develop a five-year vision for Redcliffe.
- Create a theory of change.
- Visit three established community anchor organisations.
- Learn about governance, leadership and sustainability.

This experiential learning has built confidence and belief that Redcliffe can develop a sustainable, independent, resident-led structure. The emerging leadership group is diverse across culture, gender and generation. Somali, Sudanese and White British residents now work collaboratively toward shared goals. This development marks a critical step toward long-term sustainability.

This work marks an important step toward establishing a sustainable, independent, resident-led community anchor organisation. The foundations are now in place for governance, accountability and decision-making to increasingly sit within the community itself.

The long-term legacy of this period of work includes:

- Reduced isolation and improved wellbeing through participation.
- Stronger cross-cultural relationships and increased community pride.
- Residents taking visible leadership roles and influencing local priorities.
- Improved organisational systems to support sustainable growth.
- More resilient neighbourhood networks able to respond constructively to external pressures.

Redcliffe now benefits from stronger social infrastructure, increased resident confidence, and growing local leadership capacity. The organisation is well positioned to support the continued development of a connected, inclusive and community-led neighbourhood.

Recognised, welcoming heritage destination

The main heritage project this year has been the installation of interpretative signage at key points inside the building, helping to improve the experience of visitors to the church. The interpretative signage project – which is built on the British Museum's system for organising and presenting information - links with last year's launch of digital interpretation at SMR through the Bloomberg Connects app. This app can be downloaded for free and used by visitors as they walk around the church. The new signage interacts with the information on the app through QR codes and lookup numbers. If a visitor is interested in a particular aspect of the church that they see on an interpretation panel, they can access more detailed digital material by inserting a lookup number into the app.

Physically, the system is similar to that used by Salisbury Cathedral, in which removable interpretation and informational panels slot into wooden frames. The system is beneficial because it allows for flexibility - panels can be easily moved around – and future proofs the church's investment - the relatively inexpensive panels can be replaced, when necessary, while the more expensive wooden panels will remain in use in the longer term. This means that any future informational changes or shifts in aesthetic approach will not necessitate the replacement of the entire system. We are grateful to the Canynges society for their generosity in funding this important project.

We have continued to work with Dan Talkes of Welsh School of Architecture on the project Opening-Up St Mary Redcliffe: Chatterton, Heritage, and Decolonisation. This partnership project will form the basis for the 2026 summer exhibition on Chatterton and will also see new signage and interpretation in the Chatterton Room.

This year's exhibition focused on the church's 1200+ medieval roof bosses, and was produced in partnership with Bryony Wilde, a doctoral student from The University of Warwick whose thesis analyses the roof bosses at Redcliffe and Tewkesbury Abbey. The exhibition features hi-resolution photos of a selection of the bosses presented in the form of a taxonomy: bosses were classified and presented alongside other bosses that fall into the same classification. A self-guided walking tour, in the form of a fold-out app, and a family trail were produced to accompany the exhibition. Feedback – which we've collected via comment cards - has been good and demonstrates the value in presenting the history and heritage of the church in new ways:

- Really interesting and informative. Nice to get a closer look at something very hard to see, with a good amount of background information.
- Loved it! Great insight into otherwise easy to overlook architectural detail.
- It was an incredible experience. Thank you!!!
- A new way to look at the church! Very interesting.
- Thank you for providing this exhibition which gives an opportunity to focus on the details in many bosses which are often overlooked.
- Fascinating and engaging. Draws our attention to the bosses which are easy to overlook. Well explained and easy to follow. Thank you.

We hosted two major talks this year, one by Bryony Wilde on the subject of medieval roof bosses and another by Professor Helen Fulton, Chair in Medieval Literature at the University of Bristol. Professor Fulton's talk focused on the production of a map of Bristol as it was in 1480 by the Historic Towns Trust, of which she is a contributing member. The map, which is now on sale in the church shop, is pertinent to St Mary Redcliffe because it shows the late medieval context of the church and includes vanished institutions such as the Chapel of the Holy Spirit that once stood in the South Churchyard – supporting knowledge and understanding of the church's past. Both talks were popular with around 50 tickets being sold for each.

Historical research, which is always ongoing, is hugely important because - as well as broadening and deepening knowledge of the church and its history - it acts as foundation for the production of public facing exhibitions, interpretation and other improvements to the visitor experience. Research also helps inform faculty applications for restoration work to the fabric and monuments of the church. For a number of years, SMR has been building a digital archive of information and images, facilitated by a huge expansion of digitised historical sources available online, for example the British Newspaper Archive, and this is proving to be an invaluable resource.

A major discovery this year is that there was a Vicar's tomb beneath the east chancel in which generations of Vicars of the church through the C18th to the first half of the C19th were buried – Reverend M. R. Whish being the last in 1853. This finding relates to the curtailed medieval staircase beneath the floor of the Lady Chapel. Evidence that current research is helping to transform knowledge of the church, its history and usage.

In summer 2025, the church was contacted by representatives of the British Institute of Zoology and Bristol University regarding a proposed partnership project to test the whalebone in St John's Chapel for age and species. In early autumn, a small sample was extracted from the bone for scientific analysis in Bristol (for age) and Vancouver (for species). The bone was identified as belonging to a Right Whale that lived between 1290 and 1470 – significantly predating John Cabot's 1497 voyage of discovery with which the bone has – at least in modern times - been associated. This fascinating finding opens up the possibility of the bone being centuries older than had previously been thought and perhaps associated with the early medieval history of the church. A programme of public engagement around the findings will take place in 2026.

One significant piece of research undertaken this year related to the Nathaniel Bridges Monument, located in the east aisle of the North Transept, which was restored as part of the 2025 fabric programme. Similar to the 2024 Statement of Significance on the West Window, this study was produced in the form of an academic essay that would inform the faculty for repairs to the monument in question and, in the longer run, form part of a gradually building archive of detailed analyses of key elements of the church building, including its fabric and monuments. This data will be useful in informing key pieces of work, such as the renewal of the church's Conservation Plan that will need to take place during the coming years.

Planning for a series of significant fabric projects moved forward during 2025, including the restoration of the West Window, which is now in train. A huge amount of work has been carried out by Inspecting Architect Marcus Chantrey on producing information for studies to inform the renewal of heating in the church and the facilitation of power generation. This includes the installation of Photovoltaic Cells on the roof of the Nave - which has now received planning permission - to help generate green electricity and preparatory work for a major initiative to overhaul the heating of the church.

We continue to build SMR's collection of historical items associated with the church, including books, church guides, commemorative brochures, service sheets, programmes, postcards, stereoscopes, church guides, prints, medals and other artefacts helping to expand our knowledge of the church. These will form part of our programme of exhibitions, interpretation and storytelling in the coming years.

Overall, the public view of St Mary Redcliffe as a heritage destination is almost universally positive.

- If you happen to come to Bristol, don't hesitate to pay a visit to this beautiful church. The staff, the clergy, and the congregation are all warmly welcoming.
- Went on tour of "The fairest, goodliest and most famous parish church in England" (Elizabeth I). Very interesting looking around a building I'd passed almost every day for 20 years yet had never been inside. A great tour. Learnt new things. Host was very knowledgeable and communicated this well. They seemed very engaged with the buildings history.
- Great informative visit, beautiful church with friendly staff.
- Very enriching visit. A lot of history and interesting facts to understand. It's impressive as a building.
- The Church is beautiful. The boss work is really interesting and the exhibition helped to learn more about the different patterns. The lady with a purse art in Chapel is beautiful work. It is very peaceful and someone was playing a beautiful piano piece. All in all a definitely must visit place.
- Visited Latino Street Bites cafe in St Mary Redcliffe Church today, the food was amazing: freshly cooked, delicious and affordable and the service was really friendly and the venue was really interesting. Would recommend.

Progressive and sustainable organisation

There is no doubt that the team at St Mary Redcliffe continued to go through a significant period of change in 2025. As well as saying goodbye to James Rodliff (Head of Operations), Ellie Bowes (Visitor Services & Commercial Manager) and Janine John (Finance Administration Assistant) in January, our Parish Administrator, Alison Watson also moved on to a new role. Helena Whitwell (Life Events Coordinator) left her role but rejoined us in December as temporary Parish Administrator to help through the busy Christmas period.

The whole church and staff team were shocked and saddened by the loss of Judith Reading (Verger) who passed away in February. This had a huge impact and our thoughts continue to be with her family.

We also welcomed a number of new staff into the team in 2025, namely, Amir Farahanirad (Custodian) who helped us to keep the church open during a difficult time, Beth Herbert (Life Events Coordinator) who has been looking after all of our occasional offices, Bertie Cradock (Verger) who moved from Portsmouth Cathedral to be with us, Lucy Marshall (Visitor Services Coordinator) who stepped up into a new role with us helping to support the work of our Visitor Services Department, and Rebecca Horry (Commercial Manager) who joined us in October to oversee and develop the commercial activities of the church.

Through this challenging time of change, the team has worked incredibly hard to continue developing the life of the church and we continue to work to support the wellbeing and thriving of the team as we head into 2026

In 2025, St Mary Redcliffe demonstrated resilience and momentum during a year of transition. The church successfully welcomed two filming crews, generating over £20,000 in income and highlighting the site's appeal as a unique and versatile venue. Retail activity also performed strongly, with shop sales reaching £18,000, driven by peak trading periods in August and December. A new partnership with Latino Bites brought fresh energy and diversity into the Undercroft, enhancing the visitor offer.

This progress was achieved against a backdrop of significant staff changes, with the organisation relying heavily on the dedication and adaptability of its volunteer community. Their continued commitment ensured operational continuity and a high-quality visitor experience throughout the year. Additionally, participation in the Bristol Light Festival in January helped sustain visitor numbers during the quieter winter months, increasing footfall and visibility within the city.

P450: SMR Development Project

Project 450 is St Mary Redcliffe's major facilities development project. Named to commemorate 450 years since Queen Elizabeth I's visit to Bristol in 1574, its emphasis is on the future of St Mary Redcliffe: broadening access to the church, improving the visitor welcome, achieving long-term sustainability, and securing one of England's finest churches for future generations.

As part of an ongoing iterative consultation between SMR and Bristol Planning Department to inform decision making relating to P450, the church was asked to look at archaeological conditions in the church and churchyard. This work indicated the possible existence of subterranean voids in the churchyard that might offer the potential for embedding new facilities in the landscape around the church, thus mitigating the impact of their height against the elevations of the historical building.

The desk-based findings were presented in an Assessment of Archaeological Potential. This report was received well by stakeholders, who requested further investigative work in the form of ground penetrating radar scans, the findings of which supported the earlier research. In light of these findings, Bristol Planning Department suggested that a series of low impact archaeological investigations of key areas should be commissioned to provide another layer of evidence before the production of sketch drawings to indicative proposed usage of the areas under investigation.

Further during 2025, following desk-based research on potential subterranean voids, the church approached three archaeological practices to invite proposals for investigative works in the church and churchyard. After assessment of the various proposals, Wessex Archaeology was chosen as the preferred consultant.

The proposed works are exploratory investigations to determine whether there are hidden spaces, structural voids, or archaeological remains in several areas of the church and churchyard. The results will help inform future development planning, assess risks, and identify any heritage constraints before major works are considered.

Summary of the Proposed Investigations

The eastern boundary of the South Churchyard to determine whether an underground room - indicated on Victorian plans - or its remnant still exists. This is a potentially large volume that could accommodate facilities below ground, thus mitigating the impact of development on views of the church.

The area immediately to the south of the Lady Chapel – the site of a former coalhouse - to look at potentially usable volumes.

The crypt beneath the Lady Chapel to Identify voids behind modern fabric to assess potential usable space. During the Victorian era, the medieval Lady Chapel crypt seems to have been repurposed for heating apparatus. Later, in the 1930s, the modern strong room was built into this space. The overall volume is large and potentially significant in development terms if usable.

The spaces between the Inner North Porch and St John's Chapel Wall to investigate evidence of a former staircase, and the tower junction wall in the Chatterton Room. These investigations are geared towards enhancements of the visitor experience through the facilitation of an enhanced, raised tour route around the church. Enhanced uses of the historical building are desirable in their own right but are also likely to be significant in terms of attracting funding for the wider project.

West Door Exterior Paving to check for voids relating to possible steps beneath paving. This investigation relates to a possible location for the provision of level access to the Nave.

The archaeologists will also be asked to carry out investigations to the north of the church to investigate ground conditions and archaeology, building on work that took place a number of years ago. This work will inform the major project to install new heating system for the church by investigating potential sites for ground level equipment associated with new heating technologies.

Safeguarding

Commendation from the Diocese of Bristol regarding our Safeguarding pages on our website. As part of our audit in August 2025, The Diocese looked at key safeguarding elements such as:

- Whether safeguarding information is clearly visible and easy to access
- Inclusion of contact details for both the Parish and Diocesan Safeguarding Officers
- Presence of safeguarding policies and helpful links
- Clarity and accessibility of safeguarding statements on your ACNY page
- The Diocese was pleased to let us know that your website not only met but exceeded the minimum requirements. Our commitment to safeguarding is clearly reflected in the quality and clarity of the information we have provided.

Financial Review

St Mary Redcliffe's financial performance in 2025 reflected a period of continued delivery of core activities despite a decrease in total income compared to the previous year. Total income for the year was £1,204,343, a reduction from £1,352,689 in 2024. Total expenditure also decreased to £1,146,776 from £1,277,039 in 2024. The year concluded with a surplus of £54,315, with a restricted surplus of £94,287 (2024: £57,170) offset by a deficit of £37,035 (2024: £27,179 surplus) arising from core mission.

Analysis of Income

Total income was comprised of several key streams:

- **Donations and Legacies:** This remains the largest source of funding, totalling £1,077,066 (2024: £1,202,460). This included significant grants from St Mary Redcliffe specific charities amounting to £578,740.
- **Charitable Activities:** Income from activities such as wedding and funeral fees increased to £29,660 from £22,154 in 2024.
- **Other Trading Activities:** These activities, including shop sales and fundraising events, contributed £85,222 (2024: £83,633).
- **Investment Income:** Bank interest and investment dividends remained steady at £10,401 (2024: £10,934).

Analysis of Expenditure

St Mary Redcliffe's total expenditure of £1,146,776 was primarily directed toward its core mission:

- **Charitable Activities:** £1,087,257 was spent on church and PCC activities, including staff costs (£454,851), church running costs (£116,172) and parish share (£100,105).
- **Raising Funds:** Expenditure on fundraising and publicity was £10,885, while the costs of fundraising trading and retail were £48,634.

Financial Position and Reserves

As of 31 December 2025, St Mary Redcliffe's net assets stood at £1,455,235 (2024: £1,400,920). The funds are structured as follows:

- **Unrestricted Funds:** Totalling £163,772 of general funds. The PCC reviewed its requirements and determined that the designations held were no longer necessary for strategic purposes, and therefore closed the funds and transferred back the balances into general funds.
- **Restricted Funds:** Totalling £512,943, held for specific purposes such as Redcliffe Community Outreach and Fabric Projects.
- **Endowment Funds:** Totalling £778,520, including a permanent endowment and an expendable endowment related to the church organ.

Reserves Policy

This policy was reviewed and updated in line with best practices in 2024. It is the policy of the PCC to hold in free reserves enough liquidity to cover staff payroll costs for a minimum of three months and a maximum of six months.

Reserve Calculation	Amount (£)
Annual salaries (including on-costs)	470,162
Quarterly amount (annual/4)	117,541
Minimum reserves (3 months)	117,541
Maximum reserves (6 months)	235,081
Actual free reserves as at 31 December 2025	113,259

As the current free reserves do not meet the policy target range, the PCC has approved the budget plan for 2026 to replenish them.

Administration and Future Planning

St Mary Redcliffe's financial oversight remained strong, with quarterly reviews by the Treasurer and Standing & Finance Committee. 2026 priorities include paying the Parish Share, continuing building conservation, enhancing outreach, and expanding stewardship initiatives.

Capital Expenditure and Investments

- **Fixed Assets:** St Mary Redcliffe invested £19,574 in new fixtures and fittings during the year. The net book value of tangible fixed assets was £758,509, including the organ valued at £707,996.
- **Investments:** Investment assets held with the Central Board of Finance had a market value of £78,071 at year-end, following an unrealised loss of £3,252 during the period.

Cash Flow and Liquidity

St Mary Redcliffe maintained a strong liquidity position, with cash and cash equivalents increasing by £186,023 during the year to reach £592,070. This was primarily driven by net cash provided by operating activities of £195,196.

PCC Giving Policy

This policy was reviewed and updated in 2024 and defines how St Mary Redcliffe allocates a portion of its income to charitable giving, supporting both local and wider mission initiatives.

Giving Commitments

- The PCC commits to donating a minimum of 5% of all gifts received through planned and parish giving, regular collections, and Gift Aid to external charities.
- This amount will be calculated annually from October 1st to September 30th and disbursed by December 31st.
- The PCC also aims to raise matching funds for selected charities through targeted fundraising efforts.

Adjustments in Exceptional Circumstances

- If meeting the 5% giving commitment would cause budget forecasts for the following year to fall below the minimum reserves threshold, the PCC reserves the right to adjust this commitment accordingly.

Process for Allocating Funds

- Beneficiaries will be reviewed annually and approved by the PCC.
- Funds may be distributed through direct donations, grants, or project-based support.

Review and Accountability

- A summary of PCC giving will be included in the annual financial statements.
- The policy will be reviewed every 3 years to ensure alignment with the church's mission and financial position.

As the current free reserves do not meet the policy target range, no payments were made under the PCC Giving Policy. However, the PCC still made charitable contributions of £7,610 in 2025 from dedicated collections for charities and the lent appeal.

Going Concern

The PCC has reviewed St Mary Redcliffe's financial projections and current assets and concludes that there is no material uncertainty about its ability to continue as a going concern. Budget forecasts for 2026 (including the agreed Parish Share payment) show that with the current level of giving and continued cost management, the PCC can meet its obligations for at least the next twelve months. The unrestricted reserves comfortably cover anticipated expenses, and restricted grants are in place for major projects. Major funding partners remain supportive.

Accordingly, the accounts have been prepared on the going concern basis. The PCC has considered risks such as inflation or reduced giving but judge that these are mitigated by the PCC's developing stewardship agenda, strong cash balance and diversified income streams. No external factors (such as ongoing restrictions or major funding cuts) are currently expected to threaten the church's continuity. The PCC will continue to review the situation, but as at the date of these accounts they have a reasonable expectation that St Mary Redcliffe has adequate resources to continue operating for the foreseeable future.

Plans for future periods

A Note from the new Vicar, the Reverend Dr Brutus Green

I was licensed as vicar of the parish on 3rd February 2026. This report is primarily concerned with 2025 but given that the APCM now occurs in May it may be worth including some brief notes on this turning point in the life of the parish. It is perhaps worth saying immediately that the previous year has involved change and instability with the retirement of the Vicar, maternity leave for the Associate Vicar, a period of time without a Director of Music and other staff and volunteer changes. It is perhaps inevitable that my first priority coming in to post is to provide a centre for the staff and volunteer team and try to return stability and confidence.

Improving the financial situation of the PCC had emerged as vital at this stage. I have now rebegun collections at all services and will bring in contactless handheld devices suitable for the offertory. We have liaised with the diocesan staff and are arranging a fundraising workshop for the summer, followed by a stewardship campaign in the Autumn. Further parish fundraising activities will be planned both as a means of fellowship and to strengthen the financial position. With further missional activities, a second key aim will be to establish growth within the congregation.

A related key priority is a restructuring and rebuilding of our Children's Church. This has struggled recently and it is hoped that by switching from a paid leadership to a volunteer leadership we may be able to regalvanise interest and commitment to this key element of mission and ministry. In parallel, I am working with the music team to grow the choir and especially the chorister programme.

Through Lent we have had an encouraging interest in small group discussion with a successful online weekly meeting and a lunch group of 16-25 meeting to discuss the Gospel Passions. There is a clear call and aspiration now to continue this form of discipleship and discussion on a regular or semi-regular basis. The church has greatly benefitted from the learned Canon Stephen Spencer, and we are grateful to his continued ministry running until the Associate Vicar's expected return in the Autumn.

I have enjoyed beginning initial relationships with our schools and see a key role developing with SMR primary, as it goes through significant changes and challenges. I have begun working with our music team there and leading assemblies alongside the part-time chaplain, and am beginning governorship roles at both schools. The community hub continues to do challenging and outstanding work and it is always a pleasure to join their events.

There are considerable challenges emerging from this opening period. It is vital to restore confidence in the team after a difficult year in 2025, and to build momentum and growth in the congregation in this new phase of life. There is a continuing desire to build further resources that position our parish for the next generation and give appropriate facilities to this wonderful place of worship and heritage. We are blessed with a warm community, a phenomenal and well resourced inheritance and an ambition to make a difference. It is my honour and privilege to begin as vicar and I am confident that as we join in with God's mission here in Redcliffe we will see amazing things happen!

Thriving, inclusive Christian community

Looking ahead, there is a clear sense of growth and purpose across several areas of church life. In music, the focus will be on strengthening the treble line and continuing to broaden the choir's repertoire. This includes preparing first performances of new works by female composers, notably the premiere of Charlotte Baskerville's Mass for The Creator of Heaven and Earth. Alongside this, the choir remains committed to its mission as an inclusive church, reflected in the ongoing purchase of new resources that highlight music by composers with protected characteristics, ensuring that the music programme reflects a diverse and representative range of voices.

Children's Church is also an area of encouraging development, with growth anticipated across multiple aspects of its work, supporting deeper engagement for younger members of the church community and their families.

In terms of life events, there is a desire to build stronger relationships with local funeral directors, strengthening pastoral connections within the wider community. Baptisms will increasingly take place during the main Sunday service, allowing them to become moments of shared celebration and ensuring a warm welcome into the congregation.

Across all these areas, there is a shared hope to expand and strengthen the congregation, continuing to sing the song of faith and justice together. Through music, worship, and community life, the church seeks to grow in inclusivity, welcome, and outreach, building a vibrant and faithful future.

Recognised, welcoming heritage destination

During 2026, we will continue to work on new signage for the church, focusing more on informational and wayfinding information to sit alongside the interpretative signage that was been installed last year. This year's exhibition will focus on Thomas Chatterton, including information that has come to light during the Welsh School of Architecture's research project Opening-Up St Mary Redcliffe: Chatterton, Heritage, and Decolonisation. A further outcome will be the representation of the Chatterton Room which will be furnished with new signage and interpretation similar in form to that in the main body of the church.

Our programme of talks will include a presentation by retired academic Dr Eric Albone MBE, co-founder and Director of the Clifton Scientific Trust, on the Chaotic Pendulum, which is such a popular feature within the church building. We will also be involved in a public programme of engagement around the whalebone project in partnership with the British Institute of Zoology and The University of Bristol.

Collections Management is a key focus this year. While items in the church's collection are all recorded, the church currently lacks a centralised system that brings together information about everything in the church. This year we intend to use recognised collections management software to record everything in one place, facilitating process such as conservation and restoration, while bringing our data management to the Spectrum standard – Spectrum being the UK museum collections management standard that is also used around the world. In the fullness of time, as well as ensuring that our collections management is sound, we hope that this will facilitate loans of items pertinent to the history of the church from third party museum collections.

The team has already started to recruit new volunteer Welcomers and Guides to work alongside our existing skilled and highly valued volunteer team. These new recruits will facilitate an expansion of our guided tours and an enhanced event programme, helping to make the visitor experience even better and raise income from commercial activities.

Regarding fabric, major projects relating to energy and heat will begin: the installation of photovoltaic cells on the roof of the church facilitating the harnessing and use of green energy; and the installation of a new heating system in church using air source heat pump technology. The restoration of the West Window will be completed during the early part of the year, with an external layer of glazing protecting the restored historical glass.

Progressive and sustainable organisation

Looking ahead to 2026, a key part of the focus will be on building a sustainable and integrated commercial offer that generates vital income to support the church's long-term future. Central to this ambition is the development of a cohesive programme that brings together all aspects of St Mary Redcliffe's activities, connecting with new audiences and reinforcing its role at the heart of the Bristol community.

Priority will be given to strengthening the organisation's commercial foundations, ensuring that activity delivers not only increased sales but improved profitability. This will include the development of robust business plans across four key areas: venue hire, retail, donations, and tours. Revenue growth will be driven through strategic pricing, improved processes, and a focus on high-yield activities, alongside efforts to increase conversion rates.

Expanding and diversifying audiences will also be a key objective. Through engaging programming and stronger networks across Bristol, St Mary Redcliffe aims to increase its visibility and attract more visitors, while also encouraging higher spend per head. At the same time, work will continue to strengthen the church's brand and cause messaging, embedding a compelling narrative throughout the visitor journey to deepen engagement and inspire greater levels of giving.

Operational sustainability will underpin all of these efforts. Building resilience within systems and structures will help mitigate financial and delivery risks, while supporting sustainable growth. This includes expanding the volunteer base and developing partnerships to enhance event delivery. Finally, there will be a renewed focus on enriching the volunteer experience, including greater collaboration and networking with other heritage sites, ensuring that volunteers remain at the heart of St Mary Redcliffe's success.

P450: SMR Development Project

In 2026, Project 450 will focus on archaeological investigations around the church building that have been requested by Bristol Planning Department and Historic England as part of an iterative consultation on the church's development plans.

Safeguarding

To expand our Safeguarding Team with a Safeguarding Officer who will take on the more administrative tasks associated with the Safeguarding role.

Structure, Governance and Management

The underlying structure and governance of the PCC is provided by legislation, namely the Parochial Church Council Measures and the Church Representation Rules. As well as lay representatives elected from members of the Electoral Roll at the Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM), PCC membership is drawn from all licensed clergy, both elected Wardens and lay representatives from this parish elected to either the deanery synod of South Bristol or Bristol diocesan synod.

Every year at the APCM one third of the lay representatives on the PCC are elected to serve for three years. At the first meeting of the new PCC, by way of an induction, all members are reminded of their responsibility, authority and accountability to the church, for our staff and our partnership with our major funding partners St Mary Redcliffe Church Lands Charity (211109), Canynges Society (242231) and Temple Ecclesiastical Charity (229907). We take great care to discuss how to handle conflicts of interest and make it a requirement for all trustees to be DBS checked and to sign a 'Fit and Proper person' form.

Reference and Administration

Charity full name The Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish of St Mary Redcliffe with Temple Bristol and St John the Baptist Bedminster

Charity number 1134120
Charity address The Parish Office, 12 Colston Parade, Redcliffe, Bristol BS1 6RA

Charity Trustees on the date the report was approved:

Clergy (ex officio)	Vicar / PCC Chair	The Revd Dr Brutus Green
	Associate Vicar	The Revd Laura Verrall-Kelly
	Associate Vicar	The Revd Canon Dr Stephen Spencer
	Assistant Minister	The Revd Simon Goodman
Wardens (ex officio)	Church Warden / Vice Chair	Mr Richard Dyton
	Church Warden	Ms Liz Hewitt
Diocesan Synod Members (ex officio) to 31 August 2027		Ms Auriol Britton
		Mrs Eleanor Vousden
Deanery Synod Members (ex officio) to APCM 2026		Mrs Eleanor Vousden
		vacancy
		vacancy
Elected Lay Representatives		
elected on 15 May 2022 to serve until 18 May 2025		Ms Roma Widger
		Mrs Alex Notay
		Mr Paul Bassett
		Vacancy
		Vacancy
elected on 22 May 2023 to serve until APCM 2026		Ms Liz Hewitt
		Mrs Esther Keller
		Mr Adam Lloyd
		Vacancy
		Vacancy
elected on 20 May 2024 to serve until APCM 2027		Mr Samuel Williams
		Mr Joel Podolski
		Ms Holly Cook (stood down 8 August 2025)
		Ms Jane Shepard
		Vacancy
elected on 18 May 2025 to serve until APCM 2028		Mr Christopher Duncan
		Dr Helena Hoyle King
		Mr William Liew
		Vacancy
		Vacancy

Names of any other person who served as a charity trustee in the financial year in question
none

Names and addresses of officers and advisers

Head of Operations	Mr Chris Whitwell
Finance Manager	Mrs Maria Holcombe
Honorary Clergy	The Revd Peter Dill
Secretary to the PCC	Mr Samuel Love Governance & Administration Officer
Treasurer to the PCC	Mr William Liew
Bankers	National Westminster Bank plc Ashton Branch Bristol
Independent Auditor	Joshua Kingston FCA (Senior Statutory Auditor) Burton Sweet Limited The Clock Tower 5 Farleigh Court Old Weston Road Flax Bourton BS48 1UR
Architect	Mr Marcus Chantrey Chantrey Conservation Architects Ltd St Omer The Street Draycott Somerset BS27 3TH

Related Parties

Whilst the formal responsibility for the work of the PCC falls to a highly committed group of trustees, "promoting in the ecclesiastical parish the whole mission of the church" requires far more people to ensure that the mission of the church moves forward.

Members of the PCC gladly record their thanks to all those who give of their time, energy and money to build the Kingdom of God in this part of the city of Bristol: whether volunteers or staff, trustees of sister charities or members of one of our groups of supporters.

In particular we would pay tribute to the trustees of our related parties:

- Canynges Society (Charity No 242231), whose funds enables significant financial donations to be made towards the upkeep and improvement of the church;
- Temple Ecclesiastical Charity (Charity No 229907), which offers us financial support every year;
- St Mary Redcliffe Church Lands Charity (Charity No 211109), whose careful stewardship of historic financial assets enables the fabric of the building to be maintained to a very high standard and for a wide range of staff to be employed to further the work of the church.

Statement of Trustees' Responsibilities

The trustees and members of the PCC are responsible for preparing the Trustees' Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards including Financial Reporting Standard 102: The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

The law applicable to charities in England & Wales requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity and of the income and expenditure of the charity for that period. In preparing these financial statements, the trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP;
- make judgments and accounting estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable UK Accounting Standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements; and
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in business.

The trustees are responsible for keeping sufficient accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011, the Charity (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 and the provisions of the trust deed/constitution. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

By order of the Trustees

Signed

Brutus Green

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Rev Dr Brutus Green
Vicar

Date: 16 October 2026

Signed

Elizabeth Hewitt

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Elizabeth Hewitt
Church Warden

Date: 16 October 2026

Independent auditor's report to the members of St Mary Redcliffe PCC

Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of St Mary PCC (the "Charity") for the year ended 31 December 2025 which comprise the Statement of Financial Activities, the Balance Sheet, the Cash Flow Statement and notes to the financial statements, including a summary of significant accounting policies. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards, including Financial Reporting Standard 102: The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

In our opinion, the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the state of the Charity's affairs at 31 December 2025 and of its income and expenditure for the year then ended;
- have been properly prepared in accordance with the United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice;
- have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011.

Basis of opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (UK) (ISAs (UK)) and applicable law. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements section of our report. We are independent of the Charity in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements in the UK, including the FRC's Ethical Standard, and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

Conclusions relating to going concern

In auditing the financial statements, we have concluded that the trustees' use of the going concern basis of accounting in the preparation of the financial statements is appropriate.

Based on the work we have performed, we have not identified any material uncertainties relating to events or conditions that, individually or collectively, may cast significant doubt on the charity's ability to continue as a going concern for a period of at least twelve months from when the financial statements are authorised for issue.

Our responsibilities and the responsibilities of the trustees with respect to going concern are described in the relevant sections of this report.

Other information

The trustees are responsible for the other information. The other information comprises the information included in the annual report other than the financial statements and our auditor's report thereon. Our opinion on the financial statements does not cover the other information and, except to the extent otherwise explicitly stated in our report, we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon.

In connection with our audit of the financial statements, our responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial statements or our knowledge obtained in the audit or otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If we identify such material inconsistencies or apparent material misstatements, we are required to determine whether there is a material misstatement of the other information. If, based on the work we have performed, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, we are required to report that fact.

We have nothing to report in this regard.

Matters on which we are required to report by exception

We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters in relation to which the Charities Act 2011 requires us to report to you if, in our opinion:

- sufficient accounting records have not been kept;
- the financial statements are not in agreement with the accounting records and returns; or
- we have not obtained all the information and explanations necessary for the purposes or our audit.

Responsibilities to the trustees

As explained more fully in the trustees' responsibilities statement, the trustees are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements and for being satisfied that they give a true and fair view, and for such internal control as they determine is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, the trustees are responsible for assessing the Charity's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the trustees either intend to liquidate the Charity or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with ISAs (UK) will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these financial statements.

Our approach to identifying and assessing the risks of material misstatement in respect of irregularities, including fraud and non-compliance with laws and regulations, was as follows:

- we identified the laws and regulations applicable to the charity through discussions with those charged with governance and other management, and from our knowledge and experience of the sector;
- we focused on specific laws and regulations which we considered may have a direct material effect on the financial statements of the operations of the company, including the Charities Act 2011, taxation legislation and data protection, anti-bribery, employment, pensions, environmental and health and safety legislation; and
- we assessed the extent of compliance with the laws and regulations identified above through making enquiries of management, inspecting legal correspondence and remaining alert during the audit for any indications of non-compliance.

Our audit procedures in relation to fraud included but were not limited to:

- making enquiries of those charged with governance and other management as to where they considered there was susceptibility to fraud, their knowledge of actual, suspected and alleged fraud;
- discussing amongst the engagement team the risks of fraud;
- gaining an understanding of the internal controls in place to mitigate risks of fraud and non-compliance with laws and regulations;
- testing journal entries to identify unusual transactions;
- assessing whether judgements and assumptions made in determining the accounting estimates set out in the accounting policies were indicative of potential bias; and
- investigating the rationale behind significant or unusual transactions.

There are inherent limitations in our audit procedures described above. The more removed that laws and regulations are from financial transactions, the less likely it is that we would become aware of non-compliance. Auditing standards also limit the audit procedures required to identify non-compliance with laws and regulations to enquiry of the directors and other management and the inspection of regulatory and legal correspondence, if any. Material misstatements that arise due to fraud can be harder to detect than those that arise from error as they may involve deliberate concealment or collusion.

A further description of our responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements is located on the Financial Reporting Council's website at www.frc.org.uk/auditors/audit-assurance-ethics/auditors-responsibilities-for-the-audit. This description forms part of our auditor's report.

Use of our report
This report is made solely to the Charity's trustees, as a body, in accordance with section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 and the regulations made under section 154 of the Act. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the Charity's trustees those matters we are required to state to them in an auditor's report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the charity's trustees as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.

Joshua Kingston

Joshua Kingston FCA (Senior Statutory Auditor)

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Date: Oct 22 2026

THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL

PARISH OF ST MARY REDCLIFFE

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2025

	Note	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Endowment Funds £	Total Funds 2025 £	Total Funds 2024 £
Income from:						
Donations and legacies	**2**	246,234	830,832	-	1,077,066	1,202,460
Charitable activities	**3**	29,050	610	-	29,660	22,154
Other trading activities	**4**	85,171	51	-	85,222	83,663
Investment income	**5**	10,163	238	-	10,401	10,934
Other income		1,994	-	-	1,994	33,478
Total income		372,612	831,731	-	1,204,343	1,352,689
Expenditure on:						
Raising funds						
Fundraising and publicity	**6**	4,138	6,747	-	10,885	12,471
Fundraising trading: costs of goods sold and other costs	**7**	48,442	192	-	48,634	49,800
Charitable activities	**8**	376,456	710,801	-	1,087,257	1,214,768
Total expenditure		429,036	717,740	-	1,146,776	1,277,039
(Losses)/Gains on investments						
Unrealised	**12**	(315)	-	(2,937)	(3,252)	1,820
Net income/(expenditure)		(56,739)	113,991	(2,937)	54,315	77,470
Transfers between funds	**17**	19,704	(19,704)	-	-	-
Total movement in funds		(37,035)	94,287	(2,937)	54,315	77,470
Reconciliation of funds:						
Total funds at the start of the year	**17**	200,807	418,656	781,457	1,400,920	1,323,450
Total funds carried forward	**17**	163,772	512,943	778,520	1,455,235	1,400,920

The charity has no recognised gains or losses other than the results for the year as set out above.
All of the activities of the charity are classed as continuing.
Prior year comparatives can be found in note 10.

The notes on pages 28 to 44 form part of these financial statements

THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL

PARISH OF ST MARY REDCLIFFE

BALANCE SHEET

AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2025

	Note	2025 £	2024 £
Fixed assets			
Tangible assets	**11**	758,509	750,560
Central Board of Finance investments	**12**	78,071	81,323
		836,580	831,883
Current assets			
Merchandise & Event Stock		9,584	8,093
Debtors	**13**	217,202	317,121
Short term deposits		173,717	68,499
Cash at bank and in hand		418,353	337,548
		818,856	731,261
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	**14**	(155,601)	(133,224)
Net current assets		663,255	598,037
Creditors: amounts falling due after one year	**15**	(44,600)	(29,000)
Net assets		**1,455,235**	**1,400,920**
Funds			
Unrestricted –General funds	**18**	163,772	189,315
Unrestricted - Designated funds	**18**	-	11,492
		163,772	200,807
Restricted Funds	**18**	512,943	418,656
Endowment Funds	**18**	778,520	781,457
		1,455,235	**1,400,920**

These financial statements were approved by the Parochial Church Council on 16 October 2026 and are signed on its behalf by:

Brutus Green

Rev Dr Brutus Green
Vicar

Elizabeth Hewitt

Elizabeth Hewitt
Church Warden

The notes on pages 28 to 44 form part of these financial statements

THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL

PARISH OF ST MARY REDCLIFFE

STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS

YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2025

	2025	2024
	£	£
Net cash provided by operating activities	195,196	761
Cash flows from investing activities		
Purchase of fixed assets	(19,574)	(39,437)
Income from Investments	10,401	10,934
Net cash (used in) / provided by investing activities	9,173	(28,503)
Change in cash and cash equivalents in the year	186,023	(27,742)
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the year	406,047	433,789
Cash and cash equivalents carried forward	592,070	406,047

Reconciliation of net (expenditure) / income in funds to cash flow from operating activities	**2025**	2024
	£	£
Net (expenditure) / income	54,315	77,470
Depreciation of fixed assets	11,097	3,935
Losses /(Gains) on investments	3,252	(1,820)
Loss on disposals of fixed assets	528	-
(Increase)/Decrease in stock	(1,491)	475
Decrease/(Increase) in debtors	99,919	(130,272)
Increase in creditors	37,977	61,907
Income from investments	(10,401)	(10,934)
Net cash provided by operating activities	195,196	761

Analysis of changes in net funds:	**At 1 January 2025**	**Cash flows**	**At 31 December 2025**
Current year	**£**	**£**	**£**
Short term deposits	68,499	105,218	173,717
Cash at bank and in hand	337,548	80,805	418,353
	406,047	186,023	592,070

	At 1 January 2024	**Cash flows**	**At 31 December 2024**
Prior year	**£**	**£**	**£**
Short term deposits	63,394	5,105	68,499
Cash at bank and in hand	370,395	(32,847)	337,548
	433,789	(27,742)	406,047

The notes on pages 28 to 44 form part of these financial statement

1. Accounting policies

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the historical cost convention (except where otherwise stated in the accounting policy note) and in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) issued in October 2019, and the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102), and the Charities Act 2011.

The accounts (financial statements) have been prepared to give a 'true and fair' view and have departed from the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 only to the extent required to provide a 'true and fair view'. This departure has involved following Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) issued in October 2019 rather than the Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice effective from 1 April 2005 which has since been withdrawn.

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention except for investment assets, which are shown at market value.

The charity is a public benefit entity.

Basis of preparation of the accounts - going concern
As outlined in the "Going concern status" disclosure in the Trustees' Annual Report, the Trustees consider that there are no material uncertainties about the Church's ability to continue as a going concern in light of the current cost of living crisis due to continued support from our major funding partners.

Funds
Unrestricted funds represent the funds of the PCC that are not subject to any restrictions regarding their use and are available for application on the general purposes of the PCC. These include funds designated for a particular purpose by the PCC.

Restricted funds are accounted for in accordance with the particular terms of trust arising from the express or implied wishes of donors in so far as these are intended to be legally binding on the Trustees. The purpose of any restricted funds is described in note 17.

Endowment funds are where the capital value must be maintained, but the income generated by these funds can be utilised according to the restrictions, if any, associated with each endowment. Grant funding for fixed assets for the PCC's continuing use is accounted for as an expendable endowment.

The accounts include transactions, assets and liabilities for which the PCC can be held responsible. They do not include the accounts of church groups that owe an affiliation to another body nor those that are informal gatherings of church members.

Income recognition

Voluntary income and capital sources
- Collections are recognised when made.
- Income tax recoverable on covenanted or gift aid donations is recognised when due.
- Grants and legacies to the PCC are accounted for as soon as the PCC is notified of its entitlement and the likely amount due.
- Funds raised by events are accounted for gross.

Accounting policies *(continued)*

Other ordinary income

· Rental income from the letting of church premises is accounted for when earned.
· Parochial fees due to the PCC for weddings, funerals etc are accounted for on an event by event basis.

Income from investments

· Dividends and interest are accounted for when due. Tax recoverable on such income is accrued for on the same basis.

Investments gains and losses

· Realised gains or losses are recognised when investments are sold.
· Unrealised gains or losses are accounted for on revaluation of investments at 31 December.

Gifts in Kind

· Gifts in kind are recognised at fair value and are accounted for in the year received.

Expenditure recognition

Grants and donations

Grants payable are accounted for when payable. The payment of restricted collections on behalf of other charities are accounted for in the same period the gifts are collected on the basis that there is a genuine expectation in the mind of the recipient that the payment will be received.

Fixed Assets

Consecrated land and buildings and moveable church furnishings

Consecrated and beneficed property is excluded from the accounts by s10(2)(a) of the Charities Act 2011.

No value is placed on moveable church furnishings held by the church wardens on special trust for the PCC and which require a faculty for disposal since the PCC considers this to be inalienable property. All expenditure incurred during the year on consecrated or beneficed buildings and moveable church furnishings, whether maintenance or improvement, is written off.

Organ

The costs of the organ restoration have been capitalised at cost. As permitted by the Charities SORP, the organ is not being depreciated on the grounds that the depreciation charge and the accumulated depreciation are not material because the asset has a very long useful life. An annual impairment review is carried out.

Other fixtures, fittings and office equipment

Equipment used within the church's premises is depreciated on a straight-line basis over 5 years.

Items of equipment are capitalised where the purchase price exceeds £1,000.

Investments

Investments are valued at market value at 31 December.

Merchandise & Events Stock

Stocks are stated at the lower of cost and net realisable value. Stock is reviewed for impairment, annually and If stock is impaired, the carrying amount is reduced to its selling price. The impairment loss is recognised immediately in statement of financial activities.

Accounting policies *(continued)*

Debtors
Amounts owing to the PCC at 31 December in respect of fees, rents or other income are shown as debtors less any provision for amounts that may prove uncollectable.

Short Term Deposits
Short-term deposits include cash held on deposit either with the Central Board of Finance or at the bank.

Cash at bank and In hand
Cash at bank and in hand includes cash and cash held on deposit at the bank with a short maturity.

Creditors
Creditors and provisions are recognised where the charity has a present obligation resulting from a past event that will probably result in the transfer of funds to a third party and the amount due to settle the obligation can be measured or estimated reliably.

2. Donations and legacies

Current year	**Unrestricted Funds £**	**Restricted Funds £**	**Total Funds 2025 £**
Donations received	142,038	19,379	161,417
Gifts in kind	52,381	-	52,381
Legacies	-	5,000	5,000
Grants from St Mary Redcliffe specific charities	-	578,740	578,740
Grants other	51,011	227,383	278,394
Fundraising events and activities	804	330	1,134
	246,234	830,832	1,077,066

Prior year	**Unrestricted Funds £**	**Restricted Funds £**	**Total Funds 2024 £**
Donations received	147,042	29,788	176,830
Gifts in kind	55,883	-	55,883
Legacies	12,910	55,504	68,414
Grants from St Mary Redcliffe specific charities	-	629,546	629,546
Grants other	81,947	180,103	262,050
Fundraising events and activities	3,083	6,654	9,737
	300,865	901,595	1,202,460

Gifts in kind relate to use and rental of office space and accommodation free of charge.

3. **Charitable Activities**	**Unrestricted Funds £**	**Restricted Funds £**	**Total Funds 2025 £**	Total Funds 2024 £
Fees for weddings, baptisms and funerals	27,818	-	27,818	19,849
Community events	1,232	610	1,842	2,305
	29,050	610	29,660	22,154

In the prior year, all funds were unrestricted funds.

4. **Other trading activities**	**Unrestricted Funds £**	**Restricted Funds £**	**Total Funds 2025 £**	Total Funds 2024 £
Shop sales	16,941	-	16,941	17,421
Special fund-raising events	58,754	51	58,805	58,105
Undercroft lettings and catering	3,000	-	3,000	1,880
Tours and search fees	2,076	-	2,076	1,857
Vodafone mast licence	4,400	-	4,400	4,400
	85,171	51	85,222	83,663

In the prior year, all funds were unrestricted funds.

5. **Investment income**	**Unrestricted Funds £**	**Restricted Funds £**	**Total Funds 2025 £**
Current year			
Bank interest	5,044	52	5,096
Income on CBF investments / deposits	5,119	186	5,305
	10,163	238	10,401

	Unrestricted Funds £	**Restricted Funds £**	**Total Funds 2024 £**
Prior year			
Bank interest	4,467	67	4,534
Income on CBF investments / deposits	6,218	182	6,400
	10,685	249	10,934

6. Fundraising & publicity

Current year	**Unrestricted Funds £**	**Restricted Funds £**	**Total Funds 2025 £**
Fundraising and publicity	3,479	5,105	8,584
Website and app management	659	1,642	2,301
	4,138	6,747	10,885

Prior year	**Unrestricted Funds £**	**Restricted Funds £**	**Total Funds 2024 £**
Fundraising and publicity	2,163	9,123	11,286
Website management	1,185	-	1,185
	3,348	9,123	12,471

7. Fundraising trading: costs of goods sold and other costs

Current year	**Note**	**Unrestricted Funds £**	**Restricted Funds £**	**Total Funds 2025 £**
Staff costs	**9**	18,571	-	18,571
Events & hire of the premises		20,356	192	20,548
Retail costs		8,926	-	8,926
Tour costs		589	-	589
		48,442	192	48,634

Prior year		**Unrestricted Funds £**	**Restricted Funds £**	**Total Funds 2024 £**
Staff costs	**9**	27,130	-	27,130
Events & hire of the premises		11,625	-	11,625
Retail costs		10,297	-	10,297
Tour costs		748	-	748
		49,800	-	49,800

8. Charitable activities

Current year	Note	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2025 £
Church & PCC activities:				
Staff costs	9	81,007	373,844	454,851
Church fabric costs		-	85,249	85,249
Church running costs		8,972	107,200	116,172
Parish share		100,105	-	100,105
Church services		12,995	9,769	22,764
Music		1,726	16,372	18,098
Charity contributions, collections		-	7,610	7,610
Community activities		-	38,959	38,959
Hub running costs		-	11,982	11,982
Support costs:				
Parish office running costs		36,154	9,726	45,880
IT & communication		30,802	6,284	37,086
Printing, postage & stationery		13,312	433	13,745
Legal & professional Fees		35,834	33,948	69,782
Training, recruitment & travel		3,370	6,889	10,259
Depreciation		11,097	-	11,097
Loss on Fixed asset disposal		528	-	528
Stewardship costs & finance charges		5,917	-	5,917
Other property rent		16,516	-	16,516
Other		18,121	2,536	20,657
		376,456	710,801	1,087,257

Legal & professional fees include audit & accountancy fees of £13,494 which represents the Charity's governance costs.

8. Charitable activities (continued)

Prior year	Note	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2024 £
Church & PCC activities:				
Staff costs	9	121,677	354,217	475,894
Church fabric costs		17,477	162,439	179,916
Church running costs		18,739	133,439	152,178
Parish share		83,946	-	83,946
Church services		10,262	9,440	19,702
Music		2,023	19,456	21,479
Charity contributions, collections		-	8,718	8,718
Ecclesiastical robes		291	14,462	14,753
Community activities		825	33,313	34,138
Hub running costs		-	9,387	9,387
Support costs:				
Parish office running costs		51,848	10,000	61,848
IT & communication		27,907	635	28,542
Printing, postage & stationery		8,745	3,240	11,985
Legal & professional Fees		35,121	41,581	76,702
Training, recruitment & travel		3,172	2,492	5,664
Depreciation		3,935	-	3,935
Stewardship costs & bank charges		3,512	-	3,512
Other property rent		16,033	-	16,033
Other		4,549	1,887	6,436
		410,062	804,706	1,214,768

Legal & professional fees include audit fees of £11,940 which represents the Charity's governance costs.

9. Staff costs, key management personnel & transactions with Trustees

Current year	**Unrestricted Funds £**	**Restricted Funds £**	**Total Funds 2025 £**
Gross wages and salaries	86,055	323,878	409,933
Social security costs	5184	26,659	31,843
Pension contributions	6,068	22,318	28,386
Other staff costs	2,271	989	3,260
	99,578	373,844	473,422

Prior year	**Unrestricted Funds £**	**Restricted Funds £**	**Total Funds 2024 £**
Gross wages and salaries	96,945	308,149	405,094
Social security costs	3,748	23,397	27,145
Pension contributions	6,949	22,671	29,620
Ex-gratia payments	40,000	-	40,000
Other staff costs	1,165	-	1,165
	148,807	354,217	503,024

The 2024 ex-gratia payment was made to reduce the risk to the charity after taking due professional advice.

Key management personnel comprise of the PCC Trustees and the following positions within the organisation:

- Vicar
- Associate Vicar
- Head of Operations

During the year key management personnel and their related parties received total benefits of £53,971 (2024: £44,925). The vicar and associate vicar are supported by the diocese.

No employee received emoluments of more than £60,000 (2024: no employee) during the year.

No remuneration or expenses were paid to the members of the PCC (known as the charity Trustees) during the year (2024 - Nil). No significant expenses were waived.

The average annual headcount of persons employed by the PCC is below:

	2025 Number	**2024 Number**
Vergers	3	3
Clerical and support staff	19	20
	22	23

10. Prior year fund comparatives

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Endowment Funds £	Total Funds 2024 £
Income from:				
Donations and legacies	300,865	901,595	-	1,202,460
Charitable activities	22,154	-	-	22,154
Other trading activities	83,663	-	-	83,663
Investment income	10,685	249	-	10,934
Other income	33,478	-	-	33,478
Total income	450,845	901,844	-	1,352,689
Expenditure on:				
Raising funds				
Fundraising and publicity	3,348	9,123	-	12,471
Fundraising Trading: costs of goods sold and other costs	49,800	-	-	49,800
Charitable activities	410,062	804,706	-	1,214,768
Total expenditure	463,210	813,829	-	1,277,039
Gains on investments				
Unrealised	176	-	1,644	1,820
Net income/(expenditure)	(12,189)	88,015	1,644	77,470
Transfers between funds	39,368	(30,845)	(8,523)	-
Total movement in funds	27,179	57,170	(6,879)	77,470

11. Tangible fixed assets

	Organ	Office Equipment	Other Fixtures & Fittings	Total
	£	£	£	£
Cost				
At 1 January 2025	707,996	51,790	46,984	806,770
Additions	-	-	19,574	19,574
Disposals	-	(28,826)	-	(28,826)
As 31 December 2025	707,996	22,964	66,558	797,518
Depreciation				
At 1 January 2025	-	37,884	18,326	56,210
Charge for the year	-	3,284	7,813	11,097
Disposals	-	(28,298)	-	(28,298)
At 31 December 2025	-	12,870	26,139	39,009
Net Book Value				
At 31 December 2025	707,996	10,094	40,419	758,509
At 31 December 2024	707,996	13,906	28,658	750,560

12. Investments with Central Board of Finance

	2025	2024
	£	£
3,177 shares in Church Funds Investment Fund (CFIF)		
340 units in Charities Investment fund		
Cost brought forward and carried forward	13,393	13,393
Market Value as at 1 January	81,323	79,503
Unrealised (loss) / gain on revaluation	(3,252)	1,820
Market value as at 31 December	78,071	81,323

13. Debtors

	2025	2024
	£	£
Trade debtors	26,617	16,060
Prepayments and accrued income	185,060	300,373
Other debtors	5,525	688
	217,202	317,121

14. Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2025	2024
	£	£
Trade creditors	33,967	31,076
Accruals and deferred income	98,505	89,947
Taxation and social security	9,723	7,246
Other creditors	13,406	4,955
	155,601	133,224

Deferred income falling due within one year relates to income for future events, rental of space for the mobile phone mast and performance related grants.
Note 16 shows the deferred income reconciliation.

15. Creditors: amounts falling due after one year

	2025	2024
	£	£
Accruals and deferred income	44,600	29,000

Deferred income falling due after one year relates to income received for rental of space for the mobile phone mast.
Note 16 shows the deferred income reconciliation.

16. Deferred Income Reconciliation

	2025	2024
	£	£
Deferred income balance as at 1 Jan	40,103	27,947
Amounts released to income earned	(6,313)	(14,447)
Amounts deferred in the period	24,251	26,603
Deferred income balance as at 31 December	58,041	40,103

The deferred income reconciliation includes current and non-current deferred income, included in Notes 14 and 15.

17. Movement in funds

Current year	At 1 January 2025 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers £	Gains / (losses) on Investments £	At 31 December 2025 £
Unrestricted funds						
- General	189,315	372,612	(429,036)	31,196	(315)	163,772
- Designated – Churchwardens subscription	6,582	-	-	(6,582)	-	-
- Designated – Staff Accommodation	3,000	-	-	(3,000)	-	-
- Designated - Music	1,910	-	-	(1,910)	-	-
	200,807	372,612	(429,036)	19,704	(315)	163,772
Restricted funds						
- Redcliffe Community Outreach	93,594	121,336	(74,732)	(3,509)	-	136,689
- National Lottery Community Fund – RC South West Region	58,282	10,085	(49,983)	-	-	18,384
- Guild of Servers fund	156	-	-	-	-	156
- Williams Bequest – Sunday school	1,952	-	(373)	-	-	1,579
- Flowers & Altar Supplies	145	5,856	(3,869)	-	-	2,132
- Choir & Music	13,362	28,986	(28,215)	-	-	14,133
- Choir trip account	3,877	-	-	-	-	3,877
- Special appeals and collections for other organisations and charities	21,603	7,543	(7,661)	(272)	-	21,213
- Night shelter	241	-	-	-	-	241
- Youth work	37,941	66,449	(43,546)	2,079	-	62,923
- Faithspace	11,185	-	-	-	-	11,185
- Chatterton Anniversary Project	27	-	(27)	-	-	-
- Fabric Projects	127,009	166,875	(98,486)	(4,720)	-	190,678
- Building Fund	39,226	-	-	-	-	39,226
- Salaries	-	260,644	(260,644)	-	-	-
- Church Operations	-	139,147	(139,147)	-	-	-
- Churches Against Poverty	10,000	-	-	-	-	10,000
- Sustainability: net zero	-	10,915	(10,915)	-	-	-
- Visitor Experience	-	8,895	-	(8,895)	-	-
- Equipment	36	5,000	(142)	(4,387)	-	507
- Children's Church	20	-	-	-	-	20
	418,656	831,731	(717,740)	(19,704)	-	512,943
Endowment funds						
- Permanent endowment	73,461		-	-	(2,937)	70,524
- Expendable endowment	707,996	-	-	-	-	707,996
	781,457	-	-	-	(2,937)	778,520
Total funds	1,400,920	1,204,343	(1,146,776)	-	(3,252)	1,455,235

17. Movement in funds

Prior year	At 1 January 2024 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers £	Gains / (losses) on Investments £	At 31 December 2024 £
Unrestricted funds						
- General	139,097	450,845	(446,882)	46,079	176	189,315
- Designated – Churchwardens subscription	22,910	-	(16,328)	-	-	6,582
- Designated – Staff Accommodation	3,000	-	-	-	-	3,000
- Designated - Music	8,621	-	-	(6,711)	-	1,910
	173,628	450,845	(463,210)	39,368	176	200,807
Restricted funds						
- Redcliffe Community Outreach	76,611	89,949	(61,075)	(11,891)	-	93,594
- National Lottery Community Fund - RC South West Region	99,121	-	(40,839)	-	-	58,282
- Guild of Servers fund	156	-	-	-	-	156
- Williams Bequest – Sunday school	2,524	-	(572)	-	-	1,952
- Flowers & Candles	-	896	(751)	-	-	145
- Choir & Music	6,630	44,654	(37,922)	-	-	13,362
- Choir trip account	3,877	-	-	-	-	3,877
- Special appeals and collections for other organisations and charities	21,250	13,634	(9,965)	(3,316)	-	21,603
- Night shelter	1,641	-	(1,400)	-	-	241
- Youth work	5,991	67,124	(35,174)	-	-	37,941
- Faithspace	11,185	-	-	-	-	11,185
- Chatterton Anniversary Project	1,535	-	(1,508)	-	-	27
- Fabric Projects	130,965	165,135	(165,893)	(3,198)	-	127,009
- Building Fund	-	54,004	(14,778)	-	-	39,226
- Salaries	-	261,362	(261,362)	-	-	-
- Church Operations	-	154,858	(154,858)	-	-	-
- Churches Against Poverty	-	10,000	-	-	-	10,000
- Sustainability: net zero	-	8,295	(8,295)	-	-	-
- Archaeological Study	-	7,868	(7,868)	-	-	-
- Visitor Experience	-	7,543	(3,818)	(3,725)	-	-
- Audience Development	-	5,000	(5,000)	-	-	-
- Equipment	-	5,825	(589)	(5,200)	-	36
- Educational Organ	-	3,515	-	(3,515)	-	-
- Children's Church	-	1,182	(1,162)	-	-	20
- Staff Training	-	1,000	(1,000)	-	-	-
	361,486	901,844	(813,829)	(30,845)	-	418,656
Endowment funds						
- Permanent endowment	80,340	-	-	(8,523)	1,644	73,461
- Expendable endowment	707,996	-	-	-	-	707,996
	788,336	-	-	(8,523)	1,644	781,457
Total funds	1,323,450	1,352,689	(1,277,039)	-	1,820	1,400,920

Designated funds

Churchwardens Subscription
Funds collected from general cash donations to the two static collection boxes in the Church building and held as designated funds to be spent at the discretion of the Vicar and the Churchwardens.

Staff Accommodation
Designated fund to cover expenditure on repair and decoration at properties leased to the PCC by the CLC and occupied by staff for the purpose of their employment.

Music
Grants towards the provision of choral and other music (including, without limitation, the continuing development of the singers and musicians) in the Church. The PCC sought permission from the donor to de-restrict the restricted funds previously held and hold as designated funds for which permission was granted.
The 2024 transfer of funds relate to fixed assets purchased with designated funds, where the restriction has been fully met.

No amounts were spent from designated funds during 2025. The PCC reviewed its requirements and determined that these specific designations for the Churchwardens Subscription, Staff Accommodation and Music funds were no longer necessary for strategic purposes. Therefore, these Funds have been closed and the remaining balances have been transferred back into General Unrestricted Funds.

Restricted funds

Redcliffe Community Outreach
Grants and donations received to fund the PCC's outreach programme, providing welfare and social activities in the parish.

Transferred funds in 2025 are made up of donated funds from services to Redcliffe Community (£142), Community expenditure reallocation from Youth Group fund (£2,079) and fixed assets purchased with restricted funds where the restriction has been met (£1,572).
In 2024 transferred funds were made up of 50% of funds generated from Treefest event (£3,316) and fixed assets purchased with restricted funds where the restriction has been met (£15,207)

National Lottery Community Fund – RC South West Region
Grants received from the National Lottery Community Fund to assist the Redcliffe community to create an environment where they believe they can shape the environment around them.

Guild of Servers fund
This fund represents money raised by the Servers and is used to donate to charity and fund the servers dinner.

Williams Bequest - Sunday school
Income from the sale of investments previously held in the name of the Williams Bequest, to be used to defray the expenses of the Sunday School.

Flowers & Altar supplies
Grants and donations provided to the PCC for floral arrangements.

Choir & Music
Grants and donations provided to the PCC for expenditure on the choir, and music scholarships.

Choir trip account
Choir Trip Account - Payments made to the PCC to fund choir trip and tours.

Restricted funds (continued)

Special appeals and collections for other organisations and charities
During the year collections are made on behalf of other organisations and charities at concerts, Christmas carol concerts, lent appeal, organ recitals and other occasional services. These are then paid out to these organisations and charities plus gift aid where appropriate.

Transferred funds in 2025 relate to a reallocation of income to donated funds from services transferred to Redcliffe Community (£142) and expenditure for Refugee Sunday reallocated against donations (£130).
In 2024 transferred funds relate to 50% of funds generated from the Treefest event restricted to the Redcliffe Community.

Night shelter
The PCC is taking part in the Bristol Churches Winter Night Shelter project which is a partnership of churches providing shelter to an agreed number of homeless people per night. Income was raised to provide for the costs of providing food and shelter.

Youth Work
Grants and donations paid in support of youth work carried out by the PCC in the parish.

Transferred funds relate to Redcliffe community expenditure reallocation (£2,079)

Faithspace
This is the name given to the Anglican/Methodist Church Centre on Prewett Street. It provides a Christian presence at the heart of the community of South Redcliffe and a building that houses community and faith-based activities.

Chatterton Anniversary project
Grants received from Bristol Cultural Development Partnership to fund the Chatterton Anniversary project across the next 5 years (originally planned for 2020 but postponed due to the pandemic).

Fabric Projects
Grants and a legacy received specifically awarded to maintain the fabric of the church.

Transferred funds relate to fixed assets purchased with the designated funds, where the restriction has been fully met.

Building Fund
Legacy received for the purpose to keep the church in good order and repair.

Salaries
Grants received from St Mary Redcliffe Churchlands Charity to fund specific salaries within the PCC.

Church Operations
Grants received from St Mary Redcliffe Churchlands Charity to fund activities relating to the day to day running of the church.

Churches Against Poverty
Grants received to fund the set up and initial running costs of the Churches Against Poverty group.

Sustainability: Net Zero
Grants received from Bristol Diocese to move the church heating project forward and align with the Diocesan aim of reaching net zero by 2030.

Archaeological Study
Grant received from Canynges Society for assessing the potential of sub terrain spaces on the church site, which contributes to the furtherance of P450 project.

Restricted funds (continued)

Visitor Experience
Grant received from Canynges Society to transform the visitor experience at St Mary Redcliffe through new interpretative and informational signage

Transferred funds relate to fixed assets purchased with the designated funds, where the restriction has been fully met.

Audience Development
Grant received from Canynges Society to appoint an audience consultant to help interpret existing data and design a programme of work that will support the gathering, collation and interpretation of audience data in the future

Equipment
Funds received to replace aging equipment within the church.

Transferred funds relate to fixed assets purchased with the designated funds, where the restriction has been fully met.

Educational Organ
Funds received to purchase a flat pack organ as part of our educational outreach.

Transferred funds relate to fixed assets purchased with the designated funds, where the restriction has been fully met.

Children's Church
Grants and donations received to enhance our offer for families and children within the church.

Staff Training
Donation received to contribute to staff training.

Endowment funds

Permanent endowment
This fund represents investments in CBF Church of England Investment Fund which arose from the following trusts; the Horace Gummer Trust, the Jenkins Fund and St Mary Redcliffe with Temple and St Johns Bedminster. There are 3,086 units which are administered by the Diocese of Bristol and 91 units by the PCC itself. The income is to be used for general church purposes, choir expenses and helping the poor and sick of the local area originally covered by the parishes of St Mary Redcliffe, Temple and St Johns Bedminster.

In 2024 Fund transfer is a correction to Permanent endowment valuation.

Expendable endowment
This fund represents the carrying value of the church organ which was restored following the receipt of capital gifts.

18. Analysis of net assets between funds

Current year	Fixed Assets £	Investments £	Current assets £	Current liabilities £	Non-current liabilities £	Total 2025 £
Unrestricted funds - general	50,513	7,547	237,596	(87,284)	(44,600)	163,772
Restricted funds	-	-	581,260	(68,317)	-	512,943
Endowment funds	707,996	70,524	-	-	-	778,520
	758,509	78,071	818,856	(155,601)	(44,600)	1,455,235

Prior year	Fixed Assets £	Investments £	Current assets £	Current liabilities £	Non-current liabilities £	Total 2024 £
Unrestricted funds - general	42,564	7,862	219,663	(51,774)	(29,000)	189,315
Unrestricted funds - designated	-	-	11,492	-	-	11,492
Restricted funds	-	-	500,106	(81,450)	-	418,656
Endowment funds	707,996	73,461	-	-	-	781,457
	750,560	81,323	731,261	(133,224)	(29,000)	1,400,920

19. Operating lease commitments

The charity had commitments at the year-end under operating leases as follows:

Amounts payable:	2025 £	2024 £
Within one year	5,845	7,449
Within two and five years	1,200	7,045
	7,045	14,494

Leases are for rent of the community space (The Hub) and the rent of the photocopier.

20. Commitments

At the year end, the charity had entered into a contractual commitment to pay the remaining £61,934 in respect of the West window restoration work. The work is due to be completed during the 2026 financial year.
The expenditure had not been provided for in the financial statements as at the reporting date, as the work had not been carried out and will be met from restricted funds held.

21. Related Party Transactions

There were no related party transactions in the year apart from those already disclosed in the accounts.