ANNUAL REPORT OF THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL FOR THE YEAR 2025

Aim and purposes

The Parochial Church Council (PCC) of the Parish of Swaythling has the responsibility of cooperating with the incumbent, the Reverend Peter Dockree, in promoting in the ecclesiastical parish, the whole mission of the church, pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical.

Objectives and activities

The PCC is committed to enabling as many people as possible to worship at our church and to become part of our parish community. The PCC maintains an overview of worship and other activities, making suggestions about how they can involve the many groups that live within our parish, so that all that we do as a parish puts our faith into action.

PCC has summarised the values we felt define us as a Parish with the following statements:

We want to be *a growing vibrant worshipping community, living out Christ's example of love and acceptance of all people, providing a safe context in which to explore and question faith, as well as a home for those with strong and committed beliefs*

We want to learn to be *more flexible, while remaining true to ourselves, so that we can reach out into the community to find where God is at work, and help build the Kingdom.*

The PCC also ensures administrative and financial policies and procedures are current and compliant.

Achievements and performance

Parish Life

We wished Daniela a fond farewell in April 2025 when she took up the post as Associate Priest in Maybush. During her time as curate she made a huge impact both pastorally, in our mission and ministry and in our worshipping life. We were also very pleased to hear at the end of the year that she had been appointed Vicar of St Luke's and St Peter's, Southsea (taking up post in January 2026).

Generally parish life has been full and fun, with connections being strengthened between the different aspects of church life. At the end of the year Dominic and Peter began training in the "Being with" course (a course for all on the journey of faith) begun by Heartedge ministries, based out of St Martin's in the Fields, London. This is exciting and the course itself began in the parish in 2026.

We have taken forward plans for a new pastoral care system, with roll out planned for 2026.

Worship - We are continually seeking to be a diverse, vibrant, inclusive and open worshipping community, where those who come feel welcome, connected and met by God's grace, whether they have never been to church before or are lifelong church goer. In 2025 it has been wonderful to welcome new people to all our different forms of worship. People comment that we provide a space in which to be real and we are constantly seeking ways to build honest and authentic community. .

On a Sunday:
The 8am Book of Common Prayer service at St Mary's offers quiet traditional worship, and has seen a committed congregation meet throughout 2025.

The 10:15am at St Albans continues to be a growing and ever more diverse congregation. We have welcomed new people from the local community, some coming along after being part of our Thursdays Together community and others new to the area. We have continued to develop our musical worship, mixing traditional and contemporary hymns and songs and are particularly grateful to all those who have been part of making this happen. Last year we introduced a monthly non-communion service, ending with brunch. This gives space for discussion and reflection during the service, and then more time to catch up over brunch at the end.

We started a new monthly service on Sunday afternoon at St Mary's, which offers a range of ways of

worship, including Taize, Evensong, and Songs of Praise, this has been well received with attendance ranging from 9 to 19, and most staying on for refreshments and fellowship after the service.

Across all of our Sunday services, the average attendance has been 45 adults and 3 children. 15 adults joined but 8 left.

Over the year we came together for various services and worship activities to mark special or significant occasions and aimed at being both a comforting presence for those familiar with these services and a missional opportunity to reach those in the community who may be new to them. These included our annual All Souls Service and observance of Remembrance Sunday (with active involvement of the local Beavers, Cubs and Scouts).

During Holy Week the church was filled with interactive stations reflecting on the Easter story. There were then options over the weekend for worship and reflection including a Maundy Thursday communion, and a good Friday reflective service.

We celebrated Easter with an Easter breakfast, followed by lighting the Paschal candle outside St Alban's on the Easter fire and then moved, into the church where we continued the service. We had a total of 77 people attending from the two churches.

In Advent we offered two Carol services, at St Alban's with 59 people attending (4 children and 55 adults) , and St Mary's with 35 people attending (5 children and 30 adults). The services spoke to different demographics and were well received.

On Christmas Eve, the Christingle services were well attended, 15 children and 47 adults at St Mary's, and 27 children, 87 adults at St Alban's. 44 people attended the midnight communion service at St Mary's. Then on Christmas Day, 7 people attended 8 O'clock at St Mary's, and as has become tradition, it was a joy to celebrate at St Albans with the Baptist Church (6 children and 43 adults).

This year we introduced a service called Quiet Christmas. This was aimed at people who find Christmas hard for all sorts of reasons. It involved space, songs with a more reflective feel and a chance to light candles. It was well received, 13 people attended.

Home communion continued with those unable to get out, led by the clergy and Ann Lewin.

The members of our congregation with **Bishop's Commission for Mission** continued with in their various ministries within the Parish.
Ann Lewin holds a BCM (Worship), and leads the Ministry of the Word in the 10.15 service at St Alban's and devises and leads worship on other occasions. Ann also preaches at intervals.
Sarah Dockree and Mary Williams hold a BCM (Pioneering) and continue to be involved in various aspects of parish life, continually seeking to connect the church with the local community and ensure all we offer is reaching as many people as we can in relevant and effective ways.
Gwilym Stone also holds a the BCM (Pioneering) and has taken lead on the WoW services at St Mary's.

Gwilym Stone, Dominic Williams, and Sarah Dockree, have joined the preaching rota for the 10.15 as we have sought to diversify the voices we hear.
The Revd Lawrence Fellick has also preached and led some non-communion services

Prayer Corner: -

This space has been used for informal prayer every week, as well as prayers after the Sunday 10:15 service when requested. It has also been used as sensory, quiet, and baby areas at various of our outreach events and is being used for meetings too. The comfortable seating, candles and supply of tissues makes for a place where people can meet intimately with God. We need to seek permission to make this a permanent arrangement in 2026.

Schools work - The clergy have been invited into all our local schools (Mansbridge, Swaythling, Bassett Green, and Cantell). In the early part of the year, at Cantell, Peter ran a session around music

for young people not currently being taught in the mainstream setting. This was fun and may be repeated at some point in the future. We had the joy of bringing the Easter story to Basset Green and Mansbridge Primary, and welcomed Swaythling Primary to St Alban's. During autumn we welcomed Swaythling Primary for their harvest festival. We also had the privilege of sharing the Christmas story with all three primary schools and Peter gave the talk at the Cantell Christmas Concert.

We have also continued to work closely with our local schools in supporting local families.

Gwilym Stone continued to be a part of the governing body at Mansbridge.

Youthwork and "The Cave"
Over the past year, we have been able to hold monthly Youth events at St Albans. These are run on a Thurs evening from 6.30-8pm for secondary school aged children. This is where young people are invited to come and take advantage of a safe place where they can either take part in activities such as games (both indoor and outdoors), crafts, wii, karaoke or to simply chill out. They can also enjoy free food and drink including toasting marsh mellows on the fire pit. Despite us calling it a Youth drop in, we find that most young people come for the whole time.

The Youth events have proved popular and we have seen an increase in the numbers attending quite often being up to 40 with young people queuing at the gate from 30 minutes before it starts. The aim of these is to continue to build relationships with young people and the Team of volunteers feel encouraged that this has started to happen. We have been gently looking at ways of offering faith reflections for those keen to do so, and are continuing to explore the best way to do this. We are also encouraged that Cantell school have continued to be so positive about letting pupils know about these events.

We have also continued to have the occasional evening meal and get together for the Team. This is a great way of us relaxing, having fun as well as discussing the Youth events and having some training. Mary has done a great job in developing parent consent forms, registers and behavioural policies etc.

We have managed to recruit more volunteers to work as part of the Team, but as it continues to grow and as we see how great the desire and need is, we will need to keep doing this. We are praying that God would allow us to find the right people to join the Team.

We really know a sense of God blessing these events and the safety of all who attend. We also believe that the church and it's members can play a very important part by praying for these events. We will really appreciate your continued prayers for the young people on our estate and the volunteers who are trying to reach out and engage with them.

Messy Church continued from Jan-April 2025 but did not see much growth or changes in numbers despite good publicity and a committed team. After the April session, when no one turned up, it was decided to stop Messy Church for the foreseeable future as it was clearly not meeting the needs of our community at this time. Following this decision a meeting was held with those who had been on the Messy Church team where our whole approach to children and families ministry was discussed, including focusing on activities during holidays which are well received and continuing to consider how we can best meet the needs of children who attend on a Sunday morning.

Thursdays Together - We continued to welcome 50-70 people each week to St Alban's for Thursdays Together. Hot drinks, toast and conversation are always on offer as well as various items of food to support those finding it difficult to make ends meet. We saw an increasing number of people coming for the first time towards the end of the year. Food was sourced from local supermarkets via Neighbourly, Fareshare and Co-op schemes as well as from generous donations from individuals and the Herbert Collins Residents Association. We continued to work with local charity "The Big Difference" who distribute surplus food – collecting fresh fruit and vegetables from them weekly thanks to a donation received. Thursdays Together has a strong volunteer team who have also met during the year to share meals together and build relationships as well.

Frontline Debt Advice continue to have a presence each week to chat to people as needed, which has proved a vital service for many who come and we are very grateful to Dominic Williams for his

commitment to this. During 2025 we were also delighted to welcome Rachel Spacagna, a local Social Prescriber who attends most weeks, both referring clients to Thursdays Together and picking up new ones through conversations while she is here. Again this has proved to be a very valuable partnership. As the year ended further partnerships were being explored with the council's Employment Support Service and other NHS providers.

The opportunity to light candles and place prayers in a box to be prayed during the week has continued to be welcomed by many who come. Towards the end of the year, we changed the format at the beginning of Thursdays Together to welcome anyone who wanted to, to join the team around the candles in a short prayer and thought for the day and this has been warmly received. The year ended with a beautiful occasion attended by over 50 people who often attend on a Thursday, where a local restaurant owner put on a free meal with Christmas gifts and treats at his restaurant. One person who came said "I just can't stop thinking about that meal - it was wonderful" while another commented "it was like we were all part of their family for that evening".

Holiday Tuesdays – these were held again for 5 weeks of the summer holidays following a similar pattern to last year but without a full cooked meal. Instead food was offered "on the go" during the latter part of the morning which seemed to go down well. Families really appreciated the peaceful setting and the fact that everyone was welcome. Using less space made the mornings easier to run and manage and allowed for more conversations with those who came. As always the commitment and dedication of all those involved enabled these mornings to succeed. Just before Christmas a similar model was followed where families were invited to come and help construct the Christingles alongside other seasonal activities and crafts - this was very well received and resulted in some families then coming the Christingle services as well.

Cake, Craft and Chat These sessions continued fortnightly until September when it was decided to pause due to both lead volunteers being unable to commit to coming at that point. During that time, those involved reflected on what was being offered and how this had been received and the decision was made not to restart but to explore offering a different, less craft focused activity on a different day in the New Year.

The PCC are immensely grateful to all who give their time and energy to the activities and events which happen in the Parish – whether playing music at a service, keeping the kitchen stocked up, preparing crafts for family events or being at present activities and so many more roles besides – we couldn't have the impact we do as a Parish without the commitment of so many. Thank you.

Safeguarding

Safeguarding remains a central priority in the life and ministry of our parish, in line with the policies and guidance of the Church of England. We are committed to good safeguarding practice so that everyone experiences the church as a safe and respectful community where their wellbeing is taken seriously.

The PCC continues to promote a culture of vigilance, care, and transparency, ensuring that our church is a safe place for children, young people, and vulnerable adults. The PCC has complied with its duty under Section 5 of the Safeguarding and Clergy Discipline Measure 2016 (the duty to comply with the House of Bishops' safeguarding guidance).

During 2025, our DBS Administrator completed the safer recruitment processes for all existing volunteers. This included providing role descriptions, obtaining two references for each volunteer, carrying out DBS checks where required, and ensuring safeguarding training was completed and up to date. Safer recruitment procedures are also in place for all new volunteers serving in any role, helping to ensure that everyone is safely and appropriately appointed.

In May 2025, we invited the Diocese to run an in-person safeguarding course at St Alban's for those who had difficulty accessing the online training. This provided opportunities for learning, discussion, and reflection on our shared responsibility to create a safe and welcoming environment for all.

We continue to use the Safeguarding Dashboard to monitor and record progress, with a summary update report presented at each PCC meeting. Consideration of the five safeguarding standards, originally scheduled for 2025, has been deferred to 2026.

Our current progress on the Safeguarding Dashboard is:
- Mandatory requirements - 77%
- Safeguarding Standards:
- 1. Culture, Leadership and Capacity - 60%,
- 2. Prevention - 76%
- 3. Recognising, Assessing and Managing Risk - 84%
- 4. Victims and Survivors - 0%
- 5. Learning, Supervision and Support - 43%

We were not affected by the data breach relating to online DBS applications in August 2025. In line with Diocesan advice, we are currently using paper DBS forms.

We continue to recognise that safeguarding is everyone's responsibility and thank all who have supported and engaged with this over the past year.

Helen Parker has been Parish Safeguarding Officer since April 2023, and Rachel Wadhawan has been DBS Administrator since October 2019.

St Alban's Church

Report on the Fabric, Fixtures and Grounds

The Quinquennial Inspection due for 2023 was postponed to Feb 2024, with the report being received by the PCC in Jan 2025. The PCC still needs to develop an action plan to address the recommendation in the report. .

As well as the Parish activities the Church and Community Room are also well used by a range of other community groups, such as Frontline Debt advice, Heart and Voice Choir, Fitness Class, and as concert venue for Southampton University Music Group and others.

The heating system suffered recurring faults throughout the year (which were hopefully finally resolved in early 2026)

St Mary's Church

Report on the Fabric, Fixtures and Grounds

At the end of 2024 issues emerged with the heating system. It was decided that the system needed replacement and a specialist options appraisal survey was carried out in August 2025 but the report did not reach the PCC until two weeks before Christmas. In January 2026 the PCC agreed on a preferred option, but the time and process of Faculty permission, fundraising for the work etc, and the actual work mean it could be into 2027 before this is fully resolved.

The main work on the roof has been completed, work to renew the Tower Roof was deferred but will need to be addressed in the next couple of years. Once the heating system has been replaced, interior redecoration will be needed, as well as refurbishment of the Vestry.

Churchyard

A loyal band of helpers meet each week on a Tuesday morning to tend to the churchyard.

The DAC has granted a faculty to enable us to increase the size of the Garden of Remembrance, but work on this was deferred until all the scaffolding round the building was removed after the completion of work on the roof.

Parish Hall / Community Hall

The parish Hall is well used by our regular lets: Squirrels/Beavers/Cubs/Scouts/Explorers, Brownies, Westfield Drama, Pilates, and Hearing Dogs, plus we have had many one-off users running events ranging from classes for wreath making and cooking to celebration community events.

The roof on the Hall will require replacing soon, as well as other refurbishment such as the female toilets, therefore the PCC has continued exploring future funding options. The exploration remained ongoing into 2026.

Friends of St Mary's and Friends of St Alban's

There were no specific Friends of St Mary's events, as the focus had been on the Roof Appeal.

There were also no Friends of St Alban's activities during the year – reflection on how to relaunch and engage with the changing wider community around St Alban's is needed.

Deanery Synod

Last year Deanery Synod welcomed Bishop Rhiannon to explore the bid for central Church of England funding to enhance the reach and impact of our mission within Southampton, under the banner "Serving Southampton". It was great to have many non-Synod members also join those sessions and share the enthusiasm there already is across our Parishes to bring the light of God's love in to the lives of those we live alongside in the City.

The June meeting had a focus on finance, with the Diocesan team sharing what goes into the Diocesan budget and how our Common Mission Fund contributions are used to fund clergy in our Parishes. During the October meeting Archdeacon Richard shared the importance of looking after clergy wellbeing and some of the steps that are been taken to improve support to the clergy, as well as opening up a discussion about how PCCs can play a vital role in caring for their clergy so that their clergy are fit and well and able to lead.

The Deanery Standing Committee also spent time during the year looking at how as a Deanery we work more collaboratively together (whether the Serving Southampton bid is successful or not) and the Standing Committee agreed that we move Synod on from primarily being a place of information exchange to a gathering that is focused on empowering mission across the City. The Standing Committee hope that as APCMs across the City elect their Deanery Synod reps for the next period they will have in mind who would be the best voices from their Parish to play a part in shaping and delivering our shared mission in Southampton.

Financial review
The General Account shows a small in year deficit and the overall financial position of the Parish requires careful ongoing management.

The 2025 Common Mission Fund (CMF) request was met in full compare with only a minimal CMF payment during 2024.

The heating system at St Mary's needs to be completely replaced, due to the deterioration and significant leak in the very old underfloor pipework. This will require dedicated fundraising and grant applications as the cost will be around £100,000. The final phase of the St Mary's roof project (the tower roof) also remains outstanding. A generous legacy from Robin Kelly received during 2025 will hopefully assist in leveraging match-funding grants to enable these works during 2026 and 2027.

The hall once again showed only a small profit. As mentioned in previous reports, the income needs to increase significantly if the necessary refurbishment and repairs to both the interior and exterior of the building are to be undertaken – therefore exploration of alternatives options for the future sustainability of the Hall are being explored.

The hand over of the Treasurer role was completed, with Mrs Giang Nguyen fully take over the duties in Spring 2025.

Mr Tim Nutt was appointed as Independent Examiner of the Parish's 2025 accounts.

The PCC is grateful for the ongoing generosity of all those that are able to support financially.

Structure, governance and management

The Parish of Swaythling was created in 1992, combining the parishes of St Mary, South Stoneham and St Alban the Martyr, Burgess Road, Swaythling.

The Vicarage is 357 Burgess Road, Southampton, SO16 3BD.
This address also covers St Alban's Church where the Parish Office is situated.

St Mary's Church and the St Mary's Community Hall are situated in St Mary's Church Close, SO18 2ST.

The Parish Website is http://www.swaythlingparish.org.uk
The Parish Facebook page is https://www.facebook.com/#!/SwaythlingParish?fref=ts.

The Parish registered with the Charity Commission on 5 February 2010 with the title 'The Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish of Swaythling' (registered charity number 1134132).

Electoral Roll At the Annual Parochial Church Meeting (May 2025) 77 people were on the roll (92 in 2024). The drop in number is linked to the need to complete prepare a "new" roll and doesn't represent a reduction in engagement with the Parish,

The Parochial Church Council (PCC) manages the financial affairs of the parish and also, as required under the Parochial Church Councils (Powers) Measure 1956, co-operates with the Minister in promoting in the parish the whole mission of the Church, pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical.

The PCC met six times during the year. The PCC was also able to decide some formal business by correspondence. Some business was conducted through sub committees and groups.
Important elements of standard business considered by the PCC during the year included:

- regular reports on the Parish's financial situation.
- matters relating to the church buildings.
- Safeguarding.
- Details on these matters is reported in the relevant sections of this report.

The members of the PCC during the year 1 January to 31 December 2025 were as follows:

Ex Officio
Revd P Dockree, The Vicar (Chair), Revd D Eisentraeger (until April)

Churchwardens (St Alban)
Mr D Apeji (from May)

Churchwardens (St Mary, South Stoneham)
Miss A Lewin (until May) Mr G Stone
Mrs A Jones (from May)

Deanery Synod Representatives
Miss A Lewin Mr G Stone (Diocesan Synod) (Secretary)
Mrs M Williams (from May)

Elected Members
Mr J Saunders Helen Parker
Mrs J Hales Mrs M Mew
Mrs J Barry Miss L Frankel
Mr M Reddish (from May)

In attendance
S Pellington F Waters G Nguyen (Treasurer)

Membership note
vacancies until May for 2 Churchwardens, 1 Deanery Synod Rep, 1 Elected Members of PCC
vacancies from May for 1 Churchwarden, 1 Elected Member of PCC

Approved by the PCC and signed on their behalf: _____

General Account

	2025	2024	
Receipts			
Church collections	1,977.07	637.9	
Donations	5,317.78	6,036.1	
Gift Aided giving	28,729.36	24,673.92	
Non-gift aided giving	0	110	
One-off gift	5,603.8		
Tax refunds	6,270.85	4,701.68	
Refund of Parish Share overpay			
	47,898.86	36,159.6	
CCLA interest/dividends	1,213.42	139.13	*Note a*
Community Room	0	8,781.2	
Fees	5,825	1,978	
Fund raising	518	3.2	
Parish hall contribution	540	0	
Other income	130	0	
Gift Aid refund	2,427.88	2,126.07	
Rent of Office	0	1,440	
Staff gift collection	313	0	
Thursday Together	1,598.12	0	
Use of St. Mary's	0	615	
Use of St Alban's	4,764	0	
	17,329.42	15,082.6	
	65,228.28	**51,242.2**	
Less Payments			
Cleaning SA and SM	2,194.52	2,501.74	
Insurance	5,046.54	5,167.01	
Maintenance	6,574.91	7,259.7	
Light, Heat, Water	10,776.77	14,389.73	
Children's work and outreach	84.19	11.98	
Fees, licences etc	3,651.28	880.12	
Gifts - J Sweetnam	0	200	
Gifts - Tearfund	100	0	
Parish Share	24,845.96	1,935.82	
Staff gifts	313	0	
Stationery/telephone	1,719.89	1,489.82	
Thursday Together	550	0	
Upkeep of Services	1,102.41	547.98	
Clergy expenses	619.09	786.79	
HMRC tax	823.2	887.4	
Parish Office wages	11,230.92	8,377.12	
Xfer to photocopier	0	544.21	
	69,632.68	**44,979.42**	
Surplus income over expend	-4,404.4	6,262.78	

	2025	2024

1. Summary of Unrestricted Funds

General Fund				
Receipts	65,228.28		51,242.2	
Less Payments	69,632.68		44,979.42	
Surplus (Excess)		-4,404.4		6,262.78
Balance b/fwd		24,659.85		18397.07
Balance c/fwd		**20,255.45**		**24,659.85**
Parish Hall				
Receipts				
Receipts from users	15,032.5		13,110.25	
Donations			220	
		15,032.5		13,330.25
Less Payments				
Light, heat, water	4,403.52		8,970.53	
Maintenance	2,628		772.00	
Cleaning	1,667.9		1,261.64	
Insurance	1,290.86		1,411.24	
		9,990.28		12,415.41
Surplus (Excess)		5,042.22		914.84
Balance b/fwd		14,103.88		13,189.04
Balance c/fwd		**19,146.1**		**14,103.88**
Memorials				
Receipts	0		5320.00	
Payment	0			
Xfer to roof			2000.00	
Surplus (Excess)		0		3320.00
Balance b/fwd		5645.54		2325.54
Balance c/fwd		**5645.54**		**5645.54**

2. Summary of Restricted Funds

Fabric Fund				
Receipts	0			0
Grave prep				
Less payments	0			
Xfer to roof				7000

Surplus (Excess)		0		-7000
Balance b/fwd		777.85		7777.85
Balance c/fwd		**777.85**		**777.85**
Churchyard				
Receipts	0		0	
Payment for inscriptions				
Investments/divs				
Donation				
City Council grant				
Less Payments				
Inscriptions	915.96		150.00	
Maintenance			450.00	
Surplus (Excess)		-915.96		-300
Balance b/fwd		2,050.05		2350.05
Balance c/fwd		**1,134.09**		2050.05
Flower Fund	0 *Note b*			
Receipts			10	
Less Payments	0		431.14	
Surplus (Excess)		0		-421.14
Balance b/fwd		0		421.14
Balance c/fwd		**0**		**0**
Special Funds				
Less Payments				
St Albans Organ	138		0	
Surplus (Excess)		-138		0
Balance b/fwd		729.69		729.69
Balance c/fwd		**591.69**		**729.69**
St Mary's Organ	0		0	
Surplus (Excess)		0		0
Balance b/fwd		-105.84		-105.84
Balance c/fwd		**-105.84**		**-105.84**
Roof Fund				
Roof income	6,489.8		166424.74	
Roof expenditure	9,485.61		198042.03	

Surplus (Excess)		-2,995.81		-31617.29
Balance b/fwd		5,789.16		37406.45
Balance c/fwd		**2,793.35**		**5789.16**
Make Lunch/Messy Church				
Receipts	0		1820.62	
Less Payments	0		282.83	
Surplus (Excess)		0		1537.79
Balance b/fwd		3,082.4		1544.61
Balance c/fwd		**3,082.4**		**3082.40**
Missions and Charities				
Receipts				
Donations	199.8		0	
Less payments				
Expenses				
To Charities	223.79		0	
Surplus (Excess)		-23.99		0
Balance b/fwd		182.21		182.21
Balance c/fwd		**158.22**		**182.21**
Photocopier				
Receipts	0 *Note b*			
Printing service sheets			6.50	
Transfer from Police grant				
Transfer from General Fund			544.21	
Less payments	0			
Photocopier maint.			550.71	
Surplus (Excess)		0		0.00
Balance b/fwd		0		0
Balance c/fwd		**0**		**0**
Stevens South Stoneham Fund				
Receipts	0		0	
Deposit interest				
Payments	0			
Transfer to Roof			20000.00	
Surplus (Excess)		0		-20000
Balance b/fwd		3,052.87		23052.87
Balance c/fwd		**3,052.87**		**3052.87**

Friends of St. Mary's Fund				
Receipts			0	
Membership fees & events				
Donations	3,357.57			
Payments	0			
Xfer to roof			60000	
Concert				
Surplus (Excess)		3,357.57		-60000
Balance b/fwd		11,766.59		71766.59
Balance c/fwd		**15,124.16**		**11766.59**
Friends of St. Albans Fund				
Receipts			0	
Membership fees & events				
Donations	3,567			
Payments	0			
HG Electricals			984.00	
Surplus (Excess)		3,567		-984
Balance b/fwd		3,305.65		4289.65
Balance c/fwd		**6,872.65**		**3305.65**
Young Legacy				
Receipts			0	
Abel Solicitor	25.97			
Outgoings	0		0	
St Albans Building Project				
Surplus (Excess)		25.97		0
Balance b/fwd		10,000.7		10000.70
Balance c/fwd		**10,026.67**		**10000.70**
St. Albans Building Project				
Receipts	0		0	
Refund of VAT				
Payments	0		0	
Seymour & Bainbridge				
B&M Clark				
Xfer to Gen Fund				
Surplus (Excess)		0		0
Balance b/fwd		1,654.4		1,654.4
Balance c/fwd		**1,654.4**		**1654.4**

3rd Millenium Grant				
Income	0		1,435.00	
Payments			1,469.88	
Thursday Together cooking session	355.58			
Surplus (Excess)		-355.58		-34.88
Balance b/fwd		2,775.93		2810.81
Balance c/fwd		**2,420.35**		**2775.93**
The Cave				
Receipts	0		0	
Expenses	0			
Craft & refreshment			35.4	
Surplus (Excess)		0		-35.4
Balance b/fwd		2,325.19		2360.59
Balance c/fwd		**2,325.19**		**2325.19**
Youth Project				
Receipts				
Donations	250		0	
Expenditure	420.12			
Equip & refreshment			777.22	
		-170.12		-777.22
Surplus (Excess)		3,043.5		3820.72
Balance b/fwd		**2,873.38**		**3043.50**
Balance c/fwd				
Teachers' Lunch				
Receipts	0		0	
Expenditure	0		0	
Surplus (Excess)		0		0
Balance b/fwd		498.55		498.55
Balance c/fwd		**498.55**		**498.55**
Fairbairn Fund			3,000.00	
Expenses	414		399.99	
Surplus (Excess)		-414		2,600.01
Balance b/fwd		2,600.01		0
Balance c/fwd		**2,186.01**		**2,600.01**

Fisher Fund				
Donations	3,200		2,400.00	
Less Payments	0			
xfer to Gen Acct			700.00	
Gardening			39.45	
Surplus (Excess)		3,200		1,660.55
Balance b/fwd		1,660.55		0
Balance c/fwd		**4,860.55**		**1,660.55**
Williams Legacy				
Income	0		15,000	
Expenditure	0		0	
Surplus (Excess)		0		15,000
Balance b/fwd		15,000		0
Balance c/fwd		**15,000**		**15,000**
Wilson Fund				
Receipts				
Donations	2,500			
Surplus (Excess)		2,500		
Balance b/fwd		0		
Balance c/fwd		**2,500**		
Robin Kelley Fund				
Receipts				
Donations	60,000			
Surplus (Excess)		60,000		
Balance b/fwd		0		
Balance c/fwd		**60,000**		

3. Summary of Reserves

Balance brought forward	11,206.14	
CBF Interest	882.51	
Transfer from Gen. Fund	20,000	
	32,088.65	
Current Assets		
CBF Deposit Account	32,088.65	

NatWest General Account		142,470.67
NatWest Fees Account		4,451.47
NatWest Gift Aid Account		3,475
Parish Giving Scheme		387.84 *Note c*
Endownments		11,432.13 *Note d*
	Total	**194,305.76**

Net Assets
Represented by

1. Unrestricted Funds		45,047.09
2. Restricted Funds		137,826.54
3. Endownments		11,432.13
	Total	**194,305.76**

Notes

- *Note a*	This was interest payment in Dec 2024 and was missed from the 2024 end of
- *Note b*	Closed at the end of 2024
- *Note c*	Amount held by Parish Giving Scheme at End 2025, paid in Jan 2026
- *Note d*	3 CCLA Endowments held by WDBF (SWAYTHLING S.STONEHAM GRAVEYRD,

f year accounts (which has now been corrected)

SWAYTHLING MISS E M CLARK TRUST, & SWAYTHLING S.STONEHAM GRAVE FD)

CHARITY COMMISSION FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Independent examiner's report on the accounts

Section A Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees	THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH OF SWAYTHLING		
On accounts for the year ended	31/12/2025	Charity no (if any)	1134132
Set out on pages	1-2		

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31/12/2025

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity's trustees, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ("the Act").

I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination, I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

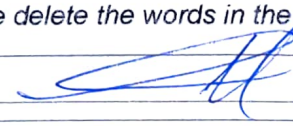
Independent examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination ~~(other than that disclosed below *)~~ which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; or
- the accounts did not accord with the accounting records

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

* *Please delete the words in the brackets if they do not apply.*

Signed:		Date:	13/04/2026
Name:	Tim Nutt		
Relevant professional qualification(s) or body (if any):			
Address:	56, Shanklin Road		

Section B	Disclosure
	Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight material matters of concern (see CC32, Independent examination of charity accounts: directions and guidance for examiners).
Give here brief details of any items that the examiner wishes to disclose.	Nothing to disclose.