Charity number
1134816

The Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish of St. Peter Selsey

Report and Accounts

31 December 2025

Trustees' Report

The Trustees present their report and accounts for the year ended 31 December 2025.

Governing Document

The Charity is governed by the approved governing document as issued by the Church of England. Its object is the provision of pastoral service to the ecclesiastical parish.

Principal activities

The activities of the Charity are regular public worship, open to all. The provision of a sacred space for personal prayer and contemplation; pastoral work, including visiting the sick and bereaved; teaching of Christianity through sermons, courses and small groups; taking religious assemblies in schools; the promotion of Christianity through the staging of events and meetings, and the distribution of literature; promoting the whole mission of the Church through the provision of activities for senior citizens, parents, children and other groups. Supporting other charities in the UK and overseas.

Trustees

The following persons served as Trustees during the year:

Rev Andrew Wilkes Incumbent (Ex-0fficio)
Sue Ripley Churchwarden
Michael Formby Churchwarden
Nigel Hoggarth Parish Secretary
Margaret Everest Treasurer
Brenda Barron Deanery Synod Representative
Nick Grange-Bennett Deanery Synod Representative
Janet Langford Deanery Synod Representative
David Mitchell Electoral Roll Officer (Co-opted)
Mike Leclere
Mary Davies
Richard Porter
Marcelle Turner
Rose Flower
Jason Walby
Barney Edgington

Review of the Year

Although 2025 saw a drop in the number of baptisms (9), confirmations (3), and weddings (7), the number of funerals (13) and interment of ashes (30) slightly increased on the previous year. Attendance at our regular services showed a marginal increase alongside good support for all the festivals around Easter and Christmas. The PCC continued to make steady progress with the closure of the churchyard at Church Norton.
A busy May began with the Rector leading the town's VE Day celebrations in East Beach car park. A group of pilgrims from Eastbourne visited the parish in connection with the 950th anniversary of the translation of the See of the Bishop of Selsey to Chichester and its new cathedral. Sadly, we also incurred significant damage to the church organ. The crime was reported to the Police and CCTV footage was sent to help with their investigations. A Stewardship campaign was held in May as we looked closely at the cost of running the parish church. The month closed with another splendid and well attended Spring Fair.

In June His Holiness the Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholemew of Constantinople visited Chichester cathedral and mentioned Selsey in his address at Evensong. Our St Peter's Day Festival was held at the end of the month with a full programme of activities.
A group of pilgrims from St Peter's visited the Shrine of Our Lady of Walsingham in July, while a new bathroom was fitted in the Rectory! The fence surrounding the ground around the church was replaced in September. The church was beautifully decorated by volunteers for our Harvest Festival which included the Blessing of the Animals. Fr Reji kindly led a guided tour of Chichester Cathedral in October for pilgrims from Selsey.
In November we were delighted to welcome Alison Gaunt as our Authorised Lay Minister in Preaching. A beautiful cascade of poppies was again displayed on Remembrance Day at the entrance to the church. Throughout the year the Rector attended various training sessions e.g. on the Nicene Creed, Leadership, and Safeguarding, as well as attending the Diocesan Clergy Conference held at Canterbury University.
The Rector is grateful for all who give their time to so many different aspects of the daily life of St Peter's Church. Volunteers are invaluable and your dedication and commitment is deeply appreciated by everyone.

Key Aims for 2026 and beyond

We will build a thriving congregation which is truly representative of our community.
We will increase our church family through the provision of Baptisms, Weddings and Funerals.
We will increase our Parish Share to the Diocese through increased giving and good stewardship.
We will develop disciples willing to help where needed including in lay and ordained ministries.

Reserves Policy

Good management of a church's finances require parishes to prioritise expenditure. Payments critical to activities directly relating to the work of the church, such as salaries or parish share, should not be missed in order to maintain a pre-defined level of reserves. The Church of England has recommended a reserve figure of 2-3 months of expenditure and accordingly the reserve figure has been set at £25,000.

Gift Aid declarations on regular giving and single donations and Gift Aid for small donations (GASD) are now claimed quarterly. Expenditure continues to be closely monitored and with continued spending cutbacks we have managed to maintain reserves. Some grant applications have been successful. Fundraising initiatives continue to be actively explored.

Small company provisions

This report has been prepared in accordance with the provisions in Part 15 of the Companies Act 2006 applicable to companies subject to the small companies regime.

This report was approved by the PCC on 26th March 2026 and signed on its behalf.

Chairman: Rev Andrew Wilkes

Treasurer: Mrs Margaret Everest

The Parochial Church Council of The Ecclesiastical Parish of St Peter, Selsey
Independent Examiner's Report

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of
The Parochial Church Council of The Ecclesiastical Parish of St Peter, Selsey

Respective responsibilities of the Trustees and the Examiner

The PCC members are responsible for the prepartion of the financial statements. The PCC members consider that and audit is not required under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is our responsibility to
- Examine the financial statements under section 145 of the 2011 Act
- To follow the procedures laid down in the General directions given by the Charity Commission (under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act), and
- To state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of the Independent Examiner's Report

Our examination was carried out in accordance with the general directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the Church and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusal items or disclosures in the accounts and seeking explanations from the Trustees concerning such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide evidence that would be required in an audit and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a true and fair view and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

Independent Examiner's Statement

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

1. Which gives us reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements
   - To keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the 2011 Act and
   - To prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the acounting requirements of the 2011 Act have not been met or

2. To which, in our opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the account to be reached.

The income, expenditure and balances carried forward for the groups are unexamined and unverified. We do not consider this to be material.

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Chartered Certified Accountants

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26 March 2026

The Parochial Church Council of The Ecclesiastical Parish of St Peter, Selsey
Statement of financial activities
for the year ended 31 December 2025

	2025 £	2024 £
Incoming resources		
Voluntary income	68,078	97,708
Other Voluntary Incoming Resources	600	245
Incoming resources from operating activities		
To further the PCC's objects	23,551	22,871
To generate funds	13,412	18,797
Income from investments	13,596	13,172
Total incoming resources	119,237	152,793
Resources Expended		
Cost of generating funds	15,095	16,286
Grants	89	329
Activities directly relating to the work of the Church	95,836	90,840
Church management and administration	1,430	2,193
Total resources expended	112,450	109,648
Net incoming/outgoing resources	6,787	43,145
Gains and losses on investments	(970)	2,039
Net movement in funds	5,817	45,184
Balance brought forward at 1 January	161,202	116,018
Balance carried forward at 31 December	167,019	161,202

The Parochial Church Council of The Ecclesiastical Parish of St Peter, Selsey
Charity number: 1134816
Balance Sheet
as at 31 December 2025

	Notes		2025		2024
			£		£
Fixed assets					
Tangible assets	2		27,731		27,914
Investment assets	3		34,786		35,756
			62,517		63,670
Current assets					
Debtors	4	1,779		3,546	
Deposit accounts	5	98,992		92,644	
Cash at bank and in hand	6	9,601		8,558	
		110,372		104,748	
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	7	(50)		(1,396)	
Net current assets			110,322		103,352
Net assets			172,839		167,022
Funded by					
Designated funds			2,282		2,282
Restricted funds	8		131,188		118,967
General funds			39,369		45,773
			172,839		167,022

Approved by the Parochial Church Council on 26th March 2026 and signed on its behalf by:

Chairman
Rev Andrew Wikes

Treasurer
Mrs Margaret Everest

The Parochial Church Council of The Ecclesiastical Parish of St Peter, Selsey
Statement of Changes in Funds
for the year ended 31 December 2025

	Designated funds	Restricted funds	General funds	Total
	£	£	£	£
At 1 January 2024	2,282	57,469	63,583	123,334
Movement in funds			43,688	43,688
Gain on revaluation of land and buildings		543	(543)	-
Roof Restoration funds		60,955	(60,955)	-
Total transfer from general funds for the financial year	-	61,498	(61,498)	-
Movement in funds	-	61,498	(17,810)	43,688
At 31 December 2024	2,282	118,967	45,773	167,022
At 1 January 2025	2,282	118,967	45,773	167,022
Movement in funds		-	5,817	5,817
Loss on revaluation of land and buildings		(969)	969	-
Roof restoration funds	-	13,190	(13,190)	-
Total transfer from general funds for the financial year	-	12,221	(12,221)	-
At 31 December 2025	2,282	131,188	39,369	172,839

1 Accounting policies

Funds

General funds represent the funds of the PCC that are not subjetc to any restrictions regarding their use and are available for application on the general purposes of the PCC. Funds designated for a particular purpose by the PCC are also unrestricted. Restricted funds are those funds which have been given to the PCC to use for specific purposes and are set out in the documentation which accompanied the funds. The accounts inclue all transactions, assets and liabilities for which the PCC is responsible for in law. They do not include the accounts of church groups that owe their affiliation to another body or those that are an informal gathering of church members.

Incoming Resources

Voluntary income

Collections are recognised when received by or on behalf of the PCC. Planned giving receivable under Gift Aid is recognised only when received. Income tax recoverable on Gift Aid donations is recognised when the income is recognised. Grants and legacies to the PCC are accounted for as soon as the PCC is notified of its legal entitlement, the amount due is quantifiable and its ultimate receipt by the PCC is reasonably certain. Funds raised by fairs, sales and magazine sales, etc. are acounted for gross.

Other income

Rental income from the Church hall and from the property in Glen Crescent is recognised when the rent is due.

Income from investments

Dividends are accounted for when due and payable. Interest entitlements are accounted for when due without accural

Resources expended

Actvities directly relating to the work of the Church

The Diocesan Parish share is accounted for when paid. The PCC has committed to pay 100% of its share although this does not create a legal liability.

Fixed assets

Consecrated property and moveable church furnishings

Consecrated and beneficed property of any kind is excluded from the accounts by Section 96(2)(a) of the Charities Act 1993. Moveable church furnishings held by the Rector and Church Wardens on Special Trust for the PCC, and which require a faculty for disposal, are accounted for as inalienable property unless consecrated. They are listed in the Church's inventory which can be inspected (at any reasonable time).

Investments

Investments, other than freehold investments, are valued at market value at 31 December each year and any gains or losses are recoded in the statement of financial activities for the year.

Current assets
Amounts owing to the PCC at 31 December are shown as debtors.

Restricted and designated funds
The PCC resolve to operate an "all one pot" system for the Church's funds. The effect is to use all funds not otherwise restricted or endowed as general funds with no distinction between the PCC's general and designated funds. All restricted amounts received are spent according to the terms of the grant.

2 Fixed assets

	Church hall £	Plant and machinery etc £	Total £
Cost			
At 1 January 2025	27,000	10,402	37,402
At 31 December 2025	27,000	10,402	37,402
Depreciation			
At 1 January 2025	-	9,488	9,488
Charge for the year	-	183	183
At 31 December 2025	-	9,671	9,671
Net book value			
At 31 December 2025	27,000	731	27,731
At 31 December 2024	27,000	914	27,914

3 Investments

	Glen Crescent £	Other investments £	Total £
Cost			
At 1 January 2025	11,500	24,256	35,756
Revaluation	-	(970)	(970)
At 31 December 2025	11,500	23,286	34,786

4 Debtors and prepayments

	2025 £	2024 £
Income tax recoverable	1,779	1,905
Other debtors	-	1,641

5 Cash held on deposit

	2025 £	2024 £
CCLA investment account	8,430	8,065
CAF Bank gold account	18,313	27,609
CAF Bank roof restoration account	72,249	56,970
	98,992	92,644

6 Cash at bank and in hand

	2025 £	2024 £
CAF Bank current account	3,244	2,457
Lloyds Bank current account	5,358	5,015
Cash in hand	42	42
Restoration account cash in hand	54	141
Cash and bank held by groups	903	903
	9,601	8,558

7 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2025 £	2024 £
Taxation and social security costs	50	50
Other creditors	-	1,346
	50	1,396

8 Restricted funds

	2025 £	2024 £
At 1 January 2025	118,967	57,469
(Loss)/gain on revaluation of land and buildings	(969)	543
Roof restoration appeal funds	13,190	60,955
At 31 December 2025	131,188	118,967

9 Incoming resources from donors

	2025 £	2024 £
Planned giving		
Gift aid donations	18,266	18,783
Income tax recoverable	8,217	6,820
Other		
Collections at services (open plate)	17,022	14,421
Parish giving scheme	11,383	8,462
Roof restoration appeal	13,190	49,222
	68,078	97,708

10 Other voluntary income resources

	2025 £	2024 £
Other collections and donations	600	-
Special collections	-	245
	600	245

11 Income from operating activities to further the PCC's objectives

	2025 £	2024 £
Church hall lettings	7,595	6,275
Fees	15,956	16,596
	23,551	22,871

12 Income from operating activities to generate funds

	2025	2024
	£	£
Fairs and social events income	13,412	10,802
Give as you live donations	-	7,995
	13,412	18,797

13 Income from investments

	2025	2024
	£	£
Interest receivable	1,536	1,812
Rental income (Glen Crescent)	12,060	11,360
	13,596	13,172

14 Costs of generating income

	2025	2024
	£	£
Fairs and social events expenses	12,469	14,306
Glen Crescent maintenance	2,626	1,980
	15,095	16,286

15 Grants

	2025	2024
	£	£
Special collections paid	89	329
	89	329

16 Activities directly relating to the work of the Church Ministry	2025 £	2024 £
Diocesan Parish contribution	58,580	55,921
Rectory costs	2,226	2,158
Church running expenses	11,167	9,818
Church maintenance costs	6,611	7,634
Church hall costs	9,764	9,707
Organists fees	2,820	4,365
Locum fees	2,649	430
Cost of services	1,999	807
Sundry expenses	20	-
	95,836	90,840

17 Church management and administration	2025 £	2024 £
Photocopier rental and charges	582	433
Telephone	545	564
Bank charges	60	49
Roof restoration expenses	60	918
Depreciation	183	229
	1,430	2,193