All Saints Mattishall
with
St Peter's Mattishall Burgh





Annual Report and Financial Statement
of the
Parochial Church Council
for the year ended
31 December 2025

All Saints Parish Church
Church Plain, Mattishall, Dereham, NR20 3QF

St Peter's Parish Church
Church Lane, Mattishall Burgh, Mattishall, NR20 3QZ

The PCC is a body corporate (PCC Powers Measure 1956, Church Representation Rules 2022) and a charity registered with the Charity Commission number 1135038.

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PCC members who have served at any time from April 2025 until the date this report was approved are:

Ex Officio members:

- Assistant Priest: Sally Thurgill (until August 2025)
- Susan Cossey (Churchwarden and Standing Committee)
- Alan Cossey (Churchwarden, Lay Chair, Electoral Roll Officer, and Standing Committee)
- Mel Stevenson (LLM, Deanery Synod, PCC Secretary, Standing Committee)

Elected members:

- Barbara Crawshaw (PCC, Treasurer front office and Standing Committee) (until September 2025)
- David Rudling (PCC) (until July 2025)
- Pauline Cox (PCC and Standing Committee)
- Jonathan Rootham (PCC)
- Elizabeth Loades (Lizzie) (PCC)
- Sheila Todd (PCC, Treasurer and Standing Committee)

Officers (non-members)

- Patricia Menaul (Independent Examiner)
- Leroy Burrell (Benefice Safeguarding Officer)
- Pauline Street ADP Accounting (Treasurer back office)

Report approved by the PCC on 15th April 2026

and signed on their behalf by Klong

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The Agenda for the Annual Meeting of 2026

Annual Meeting of Parishioners

1. Opening prayer, and short homily.
2. Minutes of the last AMP.
3. Nominations read.
4. Election of Churchwardens.
5. Any resolution to allow churchwardens to stand after six successive terms of office, or to disbar them from doing so.

Annual Parochial Church Meeting

1. Apologies for absence.
2. Minutes of the last APCM.
3. Matters arising from these minutes.
4. Acceptance of the reports for 2025, contained within the Annual Report document.
5. Elections to the PCC.
   a. Elections to Deanery Synod (if required)
   b. Elections to PCC
6. Resolutions concerning the procedures for elections, or the number of lay representatives on the PCC and other items allowed by the CRR. These resolutions take effect from the next APCM.
7. Any questions from the meeting to be considered by the PCC.
8. Closing prayers.

First PCC Meeting

1. Opening prayer.
2. Apologies for absence.
3. Minutes of the last PCC meeting.
4. Matters arising.
5. Appointment of officers: Lay Chair of PCC, Secretary, Treasurer, Electoral Roll Officer, Independent Examiner, Parish Safeguarding Officer, and Deanery Synod Representative(s).
6. Co-option of members to the PCC until the next APCM.
7. The Standing Committee is constituted in accordance with the CRR rules M31.
8. Statutory items: Safeguarding, Health and Safety and Data Protection.
9. Important and urgent AOB.
10. Date of next meeting.

ALL SAINTS' MATTISHALL & ST. PETER'S MATTISHALL BURGH
APCM 9th APRIL 2025

Annual Meeting of Parishioners (AMP)

Present: Revd Sally Thurgill, Barbara Crawshaw, Melanie Stevenson, Alan Cossey, Sue Cossey, Carolyn Plowman, Pauline Cox, Sheila Todd, Ian Todd, David Rudling.
Apologies: Marney Kuyateh, Jonathan Rootham, June Rootham, Elizabeth Loades, Rod Stevenson, Ken Crawshaw, Karen Knight.

1. The meeting opened in prayer.
2. Minutes of AMP 24th April 2024: agreed and signed without amendment.
3. Nominations for the office of churchwarden were received for Alan Cossey and Sue Cossey.
4. Both nominees for churchwarden were duly elected.
5. No resolution to disbar churchwardens to stand after six successive terms of office were proposed.

Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM)

1. Apologies: Marney Kuyateh, Jonathan Rootham, June Rootham, Elizabeth Loades, Rod Stevenson, Ken Crawshaw, Karen Knight.
2. Minutes of APCM 24th April 2024 were accepted and signed without amendment.
3. There were no matters arising.
4. The reports within the Annual Report document were accepted unanimously.
5. Elections to the PCC: There were several vacancies. Pauline Cox and Barbara Crawshaw had reached the end of their term. AEC reported nominations were received for Pauline Cox, Barbara Crawshaw and Sheila Todd, who were all duly elected. Mel Stevenson is the only Deanery Synod representative. No further nominations were received. The remainder (3 PCC and 1 Deanery Synod) will therefore become 'casual vacancies' which can be filled during the year, should further nominations emerge.
6. No resolutions were raised.
7. Sheila Todd asked where the vacancy for an incumbent would be advertised. AEC explained that the advertisement would appear on the Diocesan website and the national Church of England website. In addition, the churchwardens are going to be asked if they agree to it also being advertised in the Church Times. The Patrons will be approached to cover this cost.

AEC gave a short homily based on Philippians 2: 19-30, during which he thanked Revd Sally Thurgill for her 23 years' service as a Self-Supporting Minister (Priest) in the benefice. AEC thanked her especially for all she had done over the past year in the vacancy, following Mark leaving in May 2024. As the only priest, Sally has carried the burden of life events (baptisms, weddings and funerals), communion services and so much more. Sally was thanked by everyone present. AEC explained that following Sally's retirement in August 2025 there would be increased challenges for the Ministry Team and the Benefice Administrator, as well as our church and benefice. AEC encouraged the meeting to work together to continue our work to bring people to Christ as well as serving one another at ASM.

AEC also thanked Barbara Crawshaw for her 20+ years' service as Treasurer, looking after both Mattishall accounts and the Benefice accounts. This has involved lots of work over that time. Barbara will continue in an advisory role for the time being as Sheila Todd takes over as Treasurer.

The meeting closed in prayer.

First Meeting of PCC

Present: Barbara Crawshaw (BC), Mel Stevenson (MS), Alan Cossey (AEC), Sue Cossey (SEC), Pauline Cox (PC), Sheila Todd (SNT), Revd Sally Thurgill (SET). Minutes taken by Mel Stevenson (MS).
Apologies: Lizzie Loades (EL), Jonathan Rootham (JR).

Minutes of PCC meeting 26th March 2025 were agreed and signed. Actions will be reviewed at the May meeting - to be added to the agenda. (Action MS/AEC).

Appointment of Officers:
Lay Chair: AEC agreed to continue in this role. Agreed unanimously.
PCC Secretary: MS agreed to continue in this role. Agreed unanimously.
Treasurer: SNT agreed to take on this role.
Resolution: This PCC proposes Sheila Todd become Treasurer and Barbara Crawshaw continue in a role as consultant treasurer assisting and training ST. BC will then step down. Agreed unanimously.
Pauline Street (ADP Accounting) will continue to provide accountancy services.
Electoral Roll Officer: AEC agreed to continue. Agreed unanimously.
Independent Examiner: Patricia Menaul was appointed in her absence. This will need to be clarified. 6 votes for, one abstention.
Parish Safeguarding Officer: Leroy Burrell has been appointed and agreed to continue.
PCC vacancies (casual): No co-options were considered necessary. No action taken.
Standing Committee: It was agreed BC will remain on SC and SNT will join. The committee is constituted as follows: AEC, SEC, BC, PC, MS, SNT. AEC will update all distribution lists.

Safeguarding: nothing to report.
Health & Safety: Risk assessments distributed prior to this meeting will be discussed at next PCC meeting.
Action: All PCC to review risk assessments.
Data Protection: Nothing to report.

Urgent AOB:
BC requested that she relinquish the duties she has been undertaking with regard to Charity Commission reporting. She suggested this should be completed by the PCC Secretary. MS agreed to take on this work.
Action: BC and MS.
BC suggested the monies collected on 6th April plus the balance from the Mission Giving Disaster Emergency Fund should be donated to the Disasters Emergency Committee. Agreed unanimously.

Meeting closed in prayer.
NEXT MEETING: 14th May 2025 ASM, 7.30pm.
(meetings are typically on the 4th Wednesday of alternate months)

THE CHURCH OF ENGLAND
Diocese of Norwich

Independent Examiners Certificate

Report to the trustees/ members of:	ALL SAINTS MATTISHALL & ST PETERS MATTISHALL BURGH
On accounts for the year ended:	31.12.2025
Charity no (if any):	1135038

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

[The charity's gross income exceeded £250,000 and I am qualified to undertake the examination by being a qualified member of [ ]. ~~Delete~~ *[ ] if not applicable.*

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; or
- the accounts did not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair' view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

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: [signature] Date: 25.3.2026

Name: PATRICIA MARIE MENAUL

Relevant professional qualification(s) or body (if any)

RETD FINANCIAL DIRECTOR/COMPANY SECRETARY

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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

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Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 December 2025

Receipts and Payments Accounts

	Note	General Fund (Unrestricted)	Designated Funds	Other Funds (Restricted)	2025 TOTAL FUNDS	2024 TOTAL FUNDS
		£	£	£	£	£
Receipts						
Voluntary receipts:						
Planned Giving		38,189			38,189	42,406
Collections at services		1,885		680	2,566	1,426
All other giving/voluntary receipts	5a)	8,020	17,358	1,201	26,579	20,201
Gift Aid recovered		8,773	1,875		10,648	10,867
Activities for generating funds	5b)	91		40	131	74
Investment income	5c)	1,967		51	2,018	1,343
Church activities	5d)	5,428			5,428	4,693
Other receipts	5e)	36,226	3,000	654	39,880	2,775
		100,578	**22,233**	**2,627**	**125,439**	**83,784**
Payments						
Church activities:						
Parish Share		36,864			36,864	35,613
Benefice Office Costs		10,884			10,884	8,760
All Saints Running Expenses	6)	8,153			8,153	8,140
All Saints Repairs and Maintenance	7)	8,357	42,484	192	51,034	14,623
St Peter's Running Expenses	6)	1,021			1,021	1,047
St Peter's Repairs and Maintenance		968			968	1,408
Church Rooms Running Costs	6)	2,139			2,139	2,433
Church Rooms Repairs and Maintenance		78			78	429
Church Activities Costs	5g)	2,168		1,000	3,168	2,995
Mission giving and donations	5h)	276		5,306	5,583	5,736
Accounting & Misc Costs		428			428	419
Total Payments		**71,335**	**42,484**	**6,498**	**120,318**	**81,602**
Excess/(Deficit) in year		**29,244**	**(20,251)**	**(3,871)**	**5,121**	**2,181**
Transfers between Funds	8)	**(7,790)**		**7,790**		
Net Excess/Deficit in year		**21,454**	**(20,251)**	**3,918**		
Balances b/fwd at 1 January 2025		**13,851**	**33,405**	**3,789**		
Balances c/fwd at 31 December 2025		**35,305**	**13,154**	**7,708**	**56,167**	

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Statement of Assets and Liabilities

as at 31st December 2025

	Note	£	2025 £	2024 £
FUNDS - All Saints mattishall				
Unrestricted - General Fund			35,305	13,851
Designated Funds				
Special Project Fund		13,154		23,905
Heating Fund		0	13,154	9,500
Restricted Funds				
Mission Giving Fund		854		690
All Saints & St Peter's Conservation Fund		1		1
Vicar & Churchwardens Fund		2,651		2,311
Organ Fund		2,868		20
Bells Fund		779		767
Miscellaneous Collections		554	7,708	0
			56,167	**51,046**
FUNDS - Benefice Office				
Benefice Office Expenses	9)	5,375		4,576
Benefice Initiatives - Restricted Fund	10)	11,843		14,446
Life Events	11)	925	18,142	394
			74,309	**70,462**
REPRESENTED by:				
Petty Cash in Hand			8	38
Barclays Bank balances				
Current Account		5,549		4,338
Deposit Account - General Fund		10,345		5,178
Deposit Account - SP & Conservation Funds		10,785	26,679	14,569
CBF of the CE Deposit Account			30,731	29,035
Barclays Bank balances				
Current Account Benefice		4,587		4,556
Deposit Account Benfice		3,076	7,662	4,029
CBF of the CE Deposit Account Benefice			9,228	8,719
			74,309	**70,462**
OTHER ASSETS			£	£
Assets retained for church use	2)	7,500		7,500
Investment Fund shares at market value	3)	1,394		1,464
			8,894	**8,964**

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Notes to the Financial Statements
For the year ended 31 December 2025

1 The financial statements of the PCC have been prepared in accordance with the Charities Act 2011 5th edition using the Receipts and Payment basis

2 Fixed assets retained for church use are the Church Rooms, Dereham Road, Mattishall purchased in 1992. The proceeds from the sale of these premises may only be expended on a specific object. The DBF are the custodial trustees and the PCC are the managerial trustees.

3 The investment consists of 72.15 Units COIF Charities Investment Fund and is valued at market value at 31 December 2025. The investment was purchased from the sale of Charity Land and the income may only be credited to the Vicars and Churchwardens Fund.

4 The movement in reserved and restricted funds during the year were:

	Bal b/fwd 1.1.25 £	Receipts /Transfers £	Payments /Transfers £	Bal c/fwd 31.12.25 £	
Designated Funds					
Special Project Fund	23,905.41	3,000.00	(13,750.97)	13,154.44	
Heating Fund	9,500.00	19,233.40	(28,733.40)	0.00	
Restricted Funds					
Mission Giving Fund	690.12	4,789.60	(4,625.92)	853.80	
All Saints & St Peter's Conservation Fund	1.30	0.00	0.00	1.30	
Vicar & Churchwardens	2,310.59	705.42	(365.00)	2,651.01	
Organ	20.00	3,040.00	(192.00)	2,868.00	
Bell	767.38	12.00	0.00	779.38	
Miscellaneous Collections	0.00	1,869.32	(1,315.31)	554.01	7,707.50
	37,194.80	32,649.74	(48,982.60)	20,861.94	

5 **Further Analysis of Receipts and Payments Accounts**

Receipts	General Fund £	Designated Funds £	Restricted Funds £	**2025** TOTAL FUNDS £	**2024** TOTAL FUNDS £
a) All other giving/voluntary receipts					
Donations	8,019.62	17,358.40	1,200.96	26,578.98	7,344
Special Project Fund				0.00	4,357
Heating Fund				0.00	8,500
Organ Fund				0.00	0
ASM & SPMB Conservation Fund				0.00	0
Vicars & Churchwardens Fund				0.00	0
Little Angels				0.00	0
	8,019.62	17,358.40	1,200.96	26,578.98	20,201
b) Activities for generating funds					
Cards and Magazines sales	91.07		40.00	131.07	74
	91.07	0.00	0.00	131.07	74
c) Investment income					
Dividends on COIFinvestment			51.42	51.42	30
Interest from Deposit accounts	1,966.70		0.00	1,966.70	1,313
	1,966.70	0.00	51.42	2,018.12	1,343

	General Fund £	Designated Funds £	Restricted Funds £	**2025** TOTAL FUNDS £	**2024** TOTAL FUNDS £
d) Church activities					
Fees received	1,770.00			1,770.00	1,284
Church Room use	505.00			505.00	671
Special Events & Activities	0.00			0.00	0
Mission Activities receipts	3,099.15			3,099.15	2,738
Miscellaneous Collections	54.05			54.05	0
	5,428.20	0.00	0.00	5,428.20	4,693

NB Drop-In, Little Angels & Who Let the Dads Out are self funding activities that contribute to the cost of running All Saints Mattishall church. These are included in Mission activities receipts.

e) Other receipts

VAT Refunds (ASM & SPMB)	8,306.55			8,306.55	1,516
Grants/Legacies	27,919.03			27,919.03	450
Rent received from Tithe Land			654.00	654.00	804
Mattishall Charities				0.00	5
	36,225.58	0.00	654.00	36,879.58	2,775

The Grants/Legacies are as follows:

Mattishal Parish Council	250.00	towards the cost of maintenance of St Peter's churchyard
Iris Coe	27,669.03	Legacy
	27,919.03	

Payments

g) Church Activities Costs

Purchase of Cards and Magazines	152.78			152.78	36
Discipleship, Pastoral and Mission Costs	683.93		999.95	1,683.88	1,639
Worship and Church Services Costs	1,331.12			1,331.12	1,320
Special Events & Activities	0.00			0.00	0
	2,167.83	0.00	999.95	3,167.78	2,995

h) Mission Giving, Donations and Subscriptions

Open Doors UK			1,296.86	1,296.86	1,494
North Breckland Youth for Christ			1,296.86	1,296.86	1,494
Mission Aviation Fellowship			671.10	671.10	772
Mid Norfolk Food Bank			671.10	671.10	772
Disaster Emergency Fund (DEC)			690.00	690.00	697
Historic Churches	25.00			25.00	25
Evangelical Alliance				0.00	100
Norfolk Churches Trust	60.00			60.00	60
Norwich Bellringers	25.00			25.00	25
Mattishall Rainbows/Brownies				0.00	116
Childrens Society	166.40			166.40	180
Misc Collections -					
Bishops Lent Appeal			213.71	213.71	
Myanmar Appeal			222.60	222.60	
Mission Aviation Fellowship			155.00	155.00	
Mid Norfolk Food Bank			54.05	54.05	
Open Doors UK			35.00	35.00	
	276.40	0.00	5,306.28	5,582.68	5,736

6 **Analysis of Running Costs from General Fund**

	TOTAL £	Electricity £	Insurance £	Water £	Oil £	Misc
All Saints Church	8,152.84	2,349.11	2,781.94	192.00	2,414.04	415.75
St Peter's Church	1,020.50	103.83	916.67	0.00	0.00	0.00
Church Rooms	2,138.65	1,422.26	440.39	276.00	0.00	0.00
	11,311.99	3,875.20	4,139.00	468.00	2,414.04	415.75

7 **All Saints Repairs and Maintenance**

Includes the cost of installation of the new electric heaters and the repair to a buttress together with the cost of the annual service to the organ

8 **Transfers**

	General Fund	Designated Funds	Restricted Funds
Transfer from Legacy to Organ Fund	(3,000.00)		3,000.00
Mission Giving monthly provision	(4,789.60)		4,789.60
	(7,789.60)	0.00	7,789.60

BENEFICE FUNDS

These Funds are held and managed by Mattishall PCC on behalf of the other parishes in the Benefice

9 **Benefice Expenses Account - General Fund**

	2025	2024
Receipts		£
Interest received	646.68	554
Misc receipts	22.94	92
Transfer from Benefice Initiatives	0.00	3,500
Parish Contributions		
East Tuddenham	579.00	321
Hockering	1,506.00	1,068
Mattishall	10,884.00	8,760
North Tuddenham	1,735.00	804
Welborne	2,780.00	1,100
Yaxham	3,005.00	1,581
	21,158.62	17,780

	Payments		
	Benefice Staff Costs	14,946.24	11,218.95
	Ministerial Costs	0.00	831.89
	Church Office Overheads	3,302.20	3,512.53
	Church Office Repairs & Renewals	81.29	0.00
	Printing & Stationery	1,857.18	1,150.26
	Website & Misc Costs	45.19	243.32
	Accounting & Payroll Costs	127.70	279.00
		20,359.80	17,236
	Excess/(Deficit) in year	798.82	544
	Balance B/fwd at 1st January 2025	**4,575.79**	
	Balance C/fwd at 31 December 2025	**5,374.61**	
10	**Benefice Initiatives Fund - Restricted**		
	Receipts		
	Donations and Sponsorships	105.98	881.60
	Leaving gift donations	695.00	1,544.40
	Events Receipts	158.30	59.08
		959.28	2,485
	Payments		
	Transfer to Benefice Office account	0.00	3,500.00
	Resources & Miscellaneous Costs	2,867.83	1,336.33
	NCT Bike Ride	0.00	701.00
	Leaving Gifts and Expenses	695.00	1,544.40
	Event Costs	0.00	188.60
		3,562.83	7,270
	Excess/(Deficit) in year	(2,603.55)	(4,785)
	Balance B/fwd at 1st January 2025	**14,446.17**	
	Balance C/fwd at 31 December 2025	**11,842.62**	
11	**Life Events - Restricted**		
	Fees received	9,480.01	12,357
	Fees paid to the Diocese, Parishes, Organists & Vergers	(8,948.85)	(14,820)
	Excess/(Deficit) in year	531.16	(2,463)
	Balance B/fwd at 1st January 2025	**394.00**	
	Balance C/fwd at 31 December 2025	**925.16**	

ALL SAINTS & ST PETER'S MATTISHALL & MATV BENEFICE
ASM GENERAL FUND & BENEFICE EXPENSES ACCOUNT
BUDGET 2025 Comparison to Actual for Year & 2026 BUDGET

	2025 BUDGET	2025 Actual	2026 BUDGET
ASM GENERAL FUND			
Receipts	£	£	
Voluntary receipts:			
Planned Giving - Gift Aided	26000	28595	28748
Planned Giving - Other	20000	9594	15360
Collections at services	2120	1886	1900
All other giving/voluntary receipts	0	8020	1500
Gift Aid recovered	7530	8773	7187
Activities for generating funds	0	91	0
Investment income	900	1967	1300
Church activities - Fees	2000	1770	1600
- Church Rooms use	450	505	500
- Mission Activities	3500	3009	3000
Other receipts			
- Grants/Legacies		36226	
Total General Fund receipts	£64,500	£100,434	£61,095
Payments			
Church activities:			
Parish Share	35763	36864	40096
Benefice Office Contribution	10882	10884	11709
All Saints Running Expenses	7500	8153	7750
All Saints Repairs and Maintenance	2500	8357	2600
St Peter's Running Expenses	1000	1021	1040
St Peter's Repairs and Maintenance	1000	968	1000
Church Rooms Running Costs	1800	2139	1800
Church Rooms Repairs and Maintenance	750	78	500
Mission giving and donations	0	276	275
Missing Giving Provision	5200	4790	5400
Mission,Outreach and Pastoral Costs	1500	837	1000
Worship & Church Service costs	1500	1331	2000
Accounting costs	500	428	500
TOTAL EXPENDITURE	£69,895	£76,125	£75,670
SURPLUS/(DEFICIT) FOR THE YEAR	(5,395)	24,310	(14,575)

BENEFICE EXPENSES ACCOUNT

This is held as a Restricted Fund in the accounts of Mattishall PCC on behalf of the other parishes in the Benefice

	2025 ACTUAL	2025 BUDGET	2026 BUDGET
	£	£	£
Expenditure			
Benefice Staff Costs	14946	15,000	15450
Ministerial Costs	0	300	1000
Church Office Overheads	3302	3,500	3500
Church Office Repairs & Renewals	81	200	200
Printing & Stationery	1857	1,500	1500
Website & Misc Costs	45	250	250
Payroll & Accounting Costs	128	300	300
	20360	21,050	22200
Less Receipts			
Interest received	647	550	150
Misc receipts	22	0	0
		£20,500	£22,050
Parish Contributions			
East Tuddenham	579	579	617
Hockering	1506	1,506	1610
Mattishall	10804	10,837	£11,709
North Tuddenham	1735	1,737	1874
Welborne	2780	2,780	2999
Yaxham	3005	3,011	3241
	21158	£20,500	£22,050
SURPLUS/(DEFICIT) FOR THE YEAR	798		
Balance b/fwd at 1st January 2025	4576		
Balance c/fwd at 31st December 2025	5374		

BENEFICE INITIATIVES FUND

This is held as a Restricted Fund in the accounts of Mattishall PCC on behalf of the other parishes in the Benefice

Receipts	
Donations and Sponsorships	£105.98
Leaving gift donations	£695.00
Events Receipts	£158.30
	£959.28
Payments	
Transfer to Benefice Office account	£0.00
Resources & Miscellaneous Costs	£2,867.83
NCT Bike Ride	£0.00
Leaving Gifts and Expenses	£695.00
Event Costs	£0.00
	£3,562.83
Excess/(Deficit) in year	-£2,603.55
Balance B/fwd at 1st January 2025	£14,446.17
Balance C/fwd at 31 December 2025	£11,842.62

Life Events - Restricted Fund

This is held as a Restricted Fund in the accounts of Mattishall PCC on behalf of the other parishes in the Benefice

	£
Fees received	£9,480.01
Fees paid to the Diocese, Parishes Organists & Vergers	-£8,948.85
Excess/(Deficit) in year	£531.16
Balance B/fwd at 1st January 2025	£394.00
Balance C/fwd at 31 December 2025	£925.16

NOTES

The Benefice Initiatives & Resources account is funded by voluntary donations and is used for the cost of benefice resources & the printing of the Easter & Winter booklets

It has also been made available for each parish to cover any mission/outreach activity costs up to £500

Treasurer's Report

I became Treasurer for All Saints, Mattishall with St Peter's Mattishall Burgh at the 2025 APCM. This year I have worked alongside Barbara Crawshaw, who has been an invaluable source of help and advice and without her these Accounts would have proved impossible for me. My thanks also go to Pauline Street at ADP Accounting and Mandy Burnett and Ian Todd, who are wise and good listeners.

2025 continued to be another difficult year for ASM due to the deaths and departures of several generous church contributors. Despite this, the PCC and Ministry team have continued with outreach events, two weekly services and paid our Parish Share - £36,864 in full. We also made donations to our Mission Partners to the value of £4,790.

At the end of 2025 we had a surplus of £5,464, but it is vital to note that £36,000 was received in Legacies and Grants without which our church would be in deficit of at least £1,000 per month. Additionally, we spent funds on a new heating system and a church buttress received vital repairs, which was not expected. These were mainly funded from additional donations and grants.

Two presentations were made at both morning services explaining our financial situation and follow up thanks were given in October. In November a letter of thanks was sent to all known regular givers. Again, I wish to thank all who responded generously and to those who contribute through their effort and persistent prayer.

As you will see, our budget is for a £14,500 deficit in 2026. Please continue praying. Many thanks.

Sheila Todd

Ministry Team Report

2025 has been an interesting year! Six months before the start of it we said, "Goodbye" to Mark and Fiona McCaghrey and at the end of it we were still without an incumbent in place. More on that shortly, though. A good number of people have stepped up to help in significant ways. Towards the end of 2025, Marney Kuyateh was made an Authorised Pastoral Assistant (APA) within the benefice and has made a great start in helping with pastoral visits. Around the benefice, all congregations now hold a monthly Sunday Special service (aka DIY service), usually led by a churchwarden, with the 10.30 congregation at ASM starting to try out a café style service under this banner. These Sunday Specials have been a huge help; they really have and bode well for the future.

Other events have continued, e.g. Little Angels, Who Let The Dads Out?, Drop In, Oasis, Singing for Wellbeing and the Book Club at ASM; Hockering's Coffee Mornings; Welborne running services at Nightingale Care Home; occasional events at North Tuddenham and the start of a major project at Yaxham.

Contacts with external bodies have largely continued, e.g. schools and at Remembrance, though we have not been able to continue with regular collective worship in schools. Home groups have also continued.

We have held monthly Benefice Communion services around the benefice, led by Sally Thurgill until her last one in August, after which we have had external priests come in to help us. We are deeply grateful for all that Sally did in the benefice over the many years and miss her and her ministry a great deal.

The Ministry Team of Mel Stevenson, Jackie Crisp and Alan Cossey (all LLMs) and Anne Molyneux (AWA) have continued to lead services around the benefice as well as contributing to other areas.

Together with those leading the Sunday Specials, it has meant that, as well as the Benefice Communion services, three congregations have continued to have services every week, East Tuddenham once a month and the others at least two per month. Many benefices in our diocese have far fewer than this and it is a cause for joy that we have been able to manage this.

Mandy, in the benefice church office, has continued to work hard and has played a major part in keeping things running smoothly. We are immensely grateful for all she does.

We are also truly grateful for the work of our treasurers, fabric officers and all who have helped throughout the year. A lot of work goes on behind the scenes, and little gets seen publicly. Thank you for all you do.

Back to not having an incumbent. In December we were so pleased to learn that Revd Kirsty Long would be our next incumbent with her due to start in March 2026. It has been a long wait, particularly since our first two attempts at advertising were unfruitful. However, those of us who met Kirsty as part of her selection process are so pleased that she will be joining us. It has been worth the wait.

The Ministry Team (Mel, Jackie and Alan)

Authorised Worship Assistant

The Authorised Worship Assistant (AWA) role is a role permitted by the Bishop and the role is with a working agreement with the AWA and the incumbent. I have been in this role for 3 years and during that time I have had the privilege of leading services, preparing and delivering talks, creating and leading Quiet Mornings, starting and leading a growing and vibrant bible study group and tending to pastoral care for those in need. I also oversee Prayer Ministry and the Prayer Space at ASM. I help out with outreach events at Christmas and Easter and The Bright Party.

In 2026 I look forward to joining the ministry team under Revd Kirsty's leadership.

Anne Molyneux

Churchwardens and Fabric Report

This last year has been an extremely busy one for us as churchwardens and for us as a church family in Mattishall. As we had said goodbye to Mark and Fiona in May 2024 the church went into vacancy. In August of 2025 Revd Sally Thurgill retired from ministry and has been missed in all that she did. We have also lost Stephen Mudd who has been a stalwart at ASM since the beginning of time as he moved house closer to Norwich. Our wonderful treasurer Barbara Crawshw also retired (almost!) from her role but has been replaced with Sheila Todd who has graciously undertaken this massive role.

A great deal of work has been done behind the scenes advertising for a new incumbent, arranging services, with cover required for Communion services. Various issues that would have been carried out by an incumbent has been our responsibility along with Revd Paul Cubitt as our Rural Dean. One of the pluses has been we have all had to pull together to maintain things. This has meant that the 10.30am congregation now run a DIY café church service once a month in addition to the 9am congregation running their own "Sunday Special" service, which they have been doing for many years. As a new venture it has been seen as a success and something maybe we could 'grow' further.

Our church family has depleted in numbers over the last few years, but not in its enthusiasm!

Our maintenance team of John, Rod and Eddie have been hands on with trying to keep up with maintenance requirements. Jonathan and Jake have been amazing at leading sung worship week by week at the 10.30am service. Rob too plays a key role as organist for the 9am congregation. Our thanks to go to John and Eddie for their role as assistant wardens on a Sunday morning. The welcome team; the refreshment providers; the bible readers and prayer leaders all have played a vital part in serving Christ in his church here. We would also like to express our sincere thanks to Mandy our administrator for the whole benefice. She does such a sterling job, always with a gentle attitude and smile, despite some often difficult situations.

Various routine maintenance jobs have been required. This includes boiler servicing, roof alarm servicing and works, but by far the most expensive the installation of our infra-red heaters in March. For this we received a grant of £10K from the diocese but still had to find £17k ourselves. As our previous heaters had been condemned this was essential work, with a view to becoming more eco-friendly in the future. Another expensive job was repair of a buttress where the congregations contributed £8k towards the total cost of £11k.

There are many more essential repairs required, such as roof work to the chancel and side chapel, new rainwater goods and redecoration. These were originally to be incorporated into our R & R Project, which was started when Revd Mark was with us. This has been postponed during the vacancy as time and money has been in short supply. We do hope to pick this up again soon with some extra help maybe from some church family members.

Our love and thanks go to everyone who has participated in the church family life of ASM but most of all our thanks and praise go to our God, who is strong to save and works alongside us daily.

Alan and Sue Cossey

Electoral Roll

Total on the Electoral Roll 45

Alan Cossey

Safeguarding Report

The PCC's of the Mattishall and Tudd Valley Benefice have complied with its duty under section 5 of the Safeguarding and Clergy Discipline Measurer 2016 (duty to have regard to House of Bishops' guidance on safeguarding children and vulnerable adults).

This year we have made great progress in ensuring that all those in a role that require safeguarding training have completed it. This goes a long way in providing awareness of safeguarding, your role in safeguarding and how to report concerns. To ensure accessibility of the training, I have subscribed onto a development programme to allow me to deliver in-person safeguarding training where on-line training is not suitable. I believe that this will help remove any barrier on accessing training in a suitable format.

Our role as PCCs is to provide an environment where everyone feels safe and is safe. Demonstrating this is the focus of the safeguarding audit currently being carried out across the Church of England. 2026 gives us an opportunity to collect evidence of doing this ready in preparation for our Diocese being audited early the following year. This will be one of the areas which I will focus on in the upcoming year.

Leroy Burrell

Deanery Synod Report

Mel Stevenson has been the Deanery Synod representative for Mattishall this year but will end her 3 year term at the 2026 APCM. This report comprises of the summary by Clarke Willis MBE, Lay Chair of the Dereham in Mitford Deanery Synod. There were three meetings in March, July and October 2025.

At the March meeting the lay chair, Philip Richardson, presented a paper to highlight what he called "Rural Church in Crisis" to promote discussion at Parish, Benefice and Synodical levels. It set out the difficulties facing small rural churches, which will become more pressing in the very near future. The problems were illustrated with the use of data drawn from several sources.

At the meeting in July the main business was to commission Revd. Canon Paul Cubitt as the new Rural Dean. Paul is Team Rector in Dereham. A new lay chair was also appointed to the Dereham in Mitford Deanery Synod who was Clarke Willis (Churchwarden at Yaxham). Geoffrey Curran agreed to take the role of Deanery Synod Secretary. The new Rural Dean spoke about his ministry and hopes for the future of the Deanery. He suggested that working together as churches could be more beneficial and that we all needed to share good news. There was a need for every parish in the Deanery to elect and send a representative to the Synod.



At the October meeting the Revd. Tim Weatherstone, who retires in March 2026 as rector of Barnham Broom and Upper Yare Group, provided an update on the rural chaplaincy that he takes up in 2026. Tim is the first Rural Chaplain in Norfolk (and unlike other rural chaplains who are supported by the Diocese) this new post is a joint venture between the Diocese and the Royal Norfolk Agricultural Association (RNAA). Tim is also chaplain for the RNAA. Tim will have an office at the Norfolk Showground and work with the farming community but also with the Easton Further Education College, Young Farmers' Clubs and rural businesses.

Parish representatives gave a very useful report of activity and feedback from each of the Benefices within the Deanery. The Rural Dean gave a very interesting and practical presentation on creating a Parish Profile in a vacancy situation. The lay chair gave an update from the Lay Chairs Annual Meeting, in particular Canon Richard Lamey's report leading the Dioceses Norfolk Vision for Growth, and he will be presenting this at our March 2026 meeting.

Clarke Willis

Family Events at All Saints Mattishall Report

EASTER FUN DAY

Unfortunately, we were unable to do our usual Easter Fun Day in 2025 as work was being carried out in the church having new far infra-red heaters installed, but we have one planned for 2026.

BRIGHT PARTY – 31ST OCTOBER

This was hailed as a success despite lower numbers attending. We had around 50 adults and a similar number of children attending, and a great team of volunteers. It seems that our numbers were affected this year by the Mattishall Sports and Social Club deciding to do a Halloween Party at the same time as us, despite this being an event we have run for many years.

However, many families attending engaged in lots of craft activities on the theme of Jesus being the 'light' on this dark night. Children were given a goodie bag on arrival to which they added their craft items. A small Christian tract was included together with details of all our Christmas services. Hot dogs and crisps were served with drinks. One of the craft activities was decorating shortbread biscuits which were consumed along with jelly and ice-cream!

The evening concluded with a brief message on Jesus being the light to guide us, together with the action song 'Let your light shine' and a closing prayer.

CHRISTMAS ACTIVITIES AFTERNOON – SUNDAY 7TH DECEMBER

This too was a great success. Around 180 children and adults attended throughout the afternoon. This was a joint venture with the Parish Council who provided a Father Christmas and a brilliantly decorated grotto in the side chapel!

There were 10 craft tables of different Christmas crafts. Throughout the afternoon refreshments were served. At around 4pm Lizzie and her band played a selection of Christmas songs and mulled wine was served. This was followed by the switching on of the Christmas lights on the Village Green at 5pm.

CHRISTMAS WITH LITTLE FOOTSTEPS NURSERY

We held two separate morning sessions for younger and older children attending Little Footsteps Nursery in the village. Each session was age appropriate for those attending. The Christmas story was told as we walked around the church finishing at the front by the crib scene. Following this were some colouring and simple craft activities, with drinks and biscuits....and a well-earned coffee and biscuits for the teachers! Upon leaving the children were each given a Christmas board book.

The nursery has requested an Easter visit along the same lines for 2026 which we shall be accommodating. We praise God for the success of these events, but we are looking to engage more with our community. In 2026 we are planning a Pancake Party, the result of which will be printed in next year's report.

Sue Cossey

Solo Lunches Report

This year we introduced Solo Lunches for people living on their own and returning to an empty home after Church on a Sunday. We endeavour to do this once a term when we all meet up for a hearty roast lunch and fellowship at the local pub. We have a steady number of around 14 of us which includes a couple of people who currently don't go to church. We have received wonderful feedback from those who have been part of this outreach.

Anne Molyneux

Little Angels Toddler Group Report

Team: Carolyn, Pauline, Marney, June, Val, Karen, Nicola, Sue, Jackie, Alan (Julie - who helps Sue set out all the equipment)

Our Little Angels Toddler Group serves many families from Mattishall and the surrounding villages and into Dereham. The sessions are run every Wednesday in term time from 9am until 11.30am in All Saints, Mattishall. The mums/carers attending are greeted and welcomed, served coffee/tea etc throughout the morning and can enjoy a time of chatting with others as well as spending time with their children participating in the various activities and exploring the toys around, in a safe environment.

During the morning around 10am snacks are served for the children and quite often there is cake for the adults as well. Birthdays are celebrated at this point with a small gift, card and a happy birthday song.

Towards the end of the morning, we gather to join in with songs and nursery rhymes in an area at the front of the church. A short bible story is told which is the subject of the craft during the earlier part of the session. Songs and nursery rhymes are mixed, with children enjoying playing their instruments. We include a couple of Christian related songs each time with a short prayer.

Over the last year we have seen some changes. From January through to the end of the summer term, we had around 25–28 families attending each week (39 on the books). This consisted mainly of children in the older age bracket of 3 to 4 years. The result of this was that we had 14 children leave at the end of the summer to go up to school. We had our usual leavers session with a celebration atmosphere and a small gift for each child. In addition to this each child receives a Christmas and Easter gift, usually a Christian book relating to the season.

Our concern was how to attract more children as numbers had suddenly been depleted. However, it was our lack of trust in a God who always provides. Many new families have since joined us, mainly by people hearing about us from friends. We now have a thriving baby area again with tiny ones, as well as some older children joining.

A great team of volunteers faithfully serve week by week, providing friendship, support and refreshments. Each of us enjoy talking with the mums/carers and great rapport has built up. We always advertise our other activities which several of the families join in with.

As we go into the next year, we pray for more families to join us and that we may deepen our relationship with those we see each week. Most of all we continually pray for them to know Jesus as their Lord at some point in their lives. Our aim is to make Jesus known by our actions and words and it is a privilege to serve them.

Sue Cossey and the Little Angels Team

Drop In Report

Thursday mornings 10am until midday

2025 was another great year for Drop In with several new people coming along. We had 3 lunches with entertainment, lots of fun and at the Christmas lunch the opportunity to sing carols together. People seem to appreciate the chance to meet with others and often people become friends and meet up for other social activities.

We charge £2 a head which allows us to contribute to the cost of heating during winter months.

We often have visitors come into the Mattishall church to view the building while we are there and are able to offer them refreshments and have a chat.

Some still go for lunch together after Drop In but at the moment it is difficult as there are no cafes serving lunch within walking distance, hopefully that will be resolved soon, and we can resume lunches together.

We do have opportunities to speak about church and faith, several people attend other churches and conversations do take place.

Lizzie Loades

Quiet Mornings Report

This year we have hosted two Quiet Mornings which continue to draw in visitors from outside the Benefice as well as a regular number from our churches. In June, we looked at 'Meeting the Messiah' where we did a meditation on Mark 10 when Jesus asked, "What do you want Me to do for you?" and with our Lectio Divina (the ancient monastic practice of divine reading) we looked at the wonderful passage in Revelation 1 where John has a powerful vision of Jesus.

Our second Quiet Morning was in November titled 'Taste and See (that the LORD is good)' when we meditated on the miracle at the wedding of Cana, John 2:1-10, and the Lectio Divina was the encouraging scripture in 1 Kings 17:8-16 when God replenishes the widow's oil and flour following her obedience to God. This passage was particularly enlightening for some of those who attended.

Many people who attend are evidently touched by the Holy Spirit as they draw nearer to Jesus. The Mornings are an unintrusive way of drawing closer to God. The Mornings include meditations on bible scriptures, a thought provoking prayer path, creative and reflective spaces and the space to give yourself permission to rest in the presence of God.

If you have never been on retreat, this is a gentle way of introducing you to taking intentional time out with the LORD. We do hope you will come along and try one out. We endeavour to host one every term.

Anne Molyneux

Singing For Fun and Wellbeing Report

Second Wednesday at 1pm and Fourth Thursday at 7pm of each month

This activity continues to grow, one week we had 19 people singing along in the church! Although most songs are just well known popular ones we do have a few hymns and often reminisce about Sunday School or talk about meaningful issues. People do leave with a smile, and I have very positive feedback about how people enjoy being together and it cheers them up - mission accomplished.

The Mattishall Community Choir has evolved from this activity, and we sang at the Christmas Community Supper. Several people from this group are closely involved with the Community Suppers and have input into the evening. We discuss how we can include a brief meaningful message into the evening. We sadly had to cancel the planned Midsummer event due to my personal circumstances but the December one made up for that. We were even able to include some Christmas craft stalls which was a nice addition to the evening.

Lizzie Loades

Oasis Report

Team: Leroy, Grace, Alan, Sue, Carolyn, Marney, Caleb, Mel and Jackie

Our Oasis sessions run once a month on a Sunday afternoon (usually the second week) in All Saints, Mattishall, from 4pm to approximately 5.30pm. It is designed to reach families with young children and although it is a fun time our aim is to teach the children (and the adults!) something of who Jesus is and what God has done for us. The families see this as their 'church'. Although we have not grown numerically over the last year, we have a consistent band of people who come along on a regular basis.

Our overall attendance is around 10 adults and 14 children.

With limited resources we have found it hard to run anything alongside the morning service on a Sunday, partly due to the many demands that are made on families to get their children to various sporting activities. The idea of a Sunday afternoon seems to work better perhaps because of the timing.

Each session consists of greeting the families, drawing the children into a craft activity relating to the bible story being covered. Following this we draw the children to the front, seated to watch a short drama sketch of a bible story. They are encouraged as well to dress up and engage if they want to. Following a short recap of the story and some simple questions to engage interest we ask if the children have anything they want to pray for. This can vary from asking for healing for someone they know to some rather bizarre requests! Finally, with the Lord's Prayer, we move into an action song and close with a blessing. Food consisting of savoury and sweet snacks follows and a time to chat with everyone.

We have a faithful team of volunteers who just want to share God's love and help people to know him. Please pray for this work to develop with new people and for us to be open to God's leading into any new areas that would help this to grow further.

Thank you, Lord, for your constant provision.

Sue and Alan Cossey

Who Let The Dads Out? Report

Team: Alan, Leroy, Bryan, Grace, Elise, Mel and Sue

Over the last year we have continued with this group meeting once a month on the first Saturday of each month from 9am until 10.30am for children from 0 to school year 2. We charge £3.00 per family to cover costs.

We have around 10 dads/carers and up to 17 children attending at any one session. It is designed to be a fun time for dads to meet up, have bacon rolls and drinks and for children to have snacks. A good selection of toys is on offer to play with including soft play, role play, and some quieter activities such as craft. There is also a football table, ice hockey table, dart board, and some giant games. All are very popular. At the end of the morning, we gather for a few action songs, bubbles and sometimes a parachute game.

The children's birthdays are celebrated with a small gift. At Christmas and Easter each child receives an appropriate gift for the season. Although we have not grown significantly in numbers, most of the dads come on a regular basis and enjoy their time with us.

Although we have no specific Christian content our aim is, through conversations and building of relationships, to share the Christian message. Some of the dads have spouses/partners who come along to Little Angels. One or two also attend our Oasis sessions. Our general aim with all our family groups is to have something running in which we can connect regularly with families as they grow.

Praying regularly for this group is vital. We pray as a team at the beginning of each session and would encourage our church family to pray too. May God continue to direct and encourage us as we head into another year.

Alan Cossey

Book Club Report

Second Wednesday of the month at 2.30pm

We meet in All Saints Mattishall church after the Wednesday session of Singing For Fun and Wellbeing and we have some people who attend both the singing and book club as well as others who turn up just for the books.

It's another opportunity to talk with people and sometimes the book subjects can lead to quite meaningful discussions. We recently discussed the Bear Grylls book "The Greatest Story Ever Told", which is a great read.

Lizzie Loades