MINUTES AND ANNUAL REPORTS FOR THE YEAR 2025 FOR ST JOHN THE BAPTIST AND ST EDMUND THE MARTYR, FELIXSTOWE

10th MAY 2026

The Growing in God Prayer

O Lord, our God, giver of life and growth,

grow in us a longing for you,

that we might deepen our faith;

grow in us a compassion for your world,

that we might serve our neighbours;

grow in us a vision for your kingdom,

that we might proclaim your love.

By the power of your Spirit and in Jesus' name.

Amen

Minutes of the Annual Meeting of Parishioners Sunday 11th May, 2025 in St. John's Church.

Apologies for Absence
Gillian Berry, Tricia Skirrow Rob & Sandra Watson,

Minutes of the Annual Meeting of Parishioners held on Sunday 28th April 2024
These were proposed and adopted by unanimous consent..

Matters arising from the minutes.
None.

Election of churchwardens.
There being only two candidates for the two vacancies Diana Barnard and Barbara Bown were declared elected.

Minutes of the Annual Parochial Church Meeting Sunday 11th May, 2025 in St. John's Church

Apologies for Absence
Gillian Berry, Tricia Skirrow, Rob & Sandra Watson,

Minutes of the Annual Parochial Church meeting held on Sunday 28th April 2024
Proposed: Andrew New Seconded: June Heath

Matters arising from the Minutes
None

Reports to the PCC to the Annual Parochial Church Meeting were received.

Electoral Roll
It was reported that the number on the Electoral Roll stood at 99, 36 of whom were resident in the parish and 63 non-resident.

Financial Statement of the PCC for the year ending 31st December 2024.
The Chair thanked Andrew New for all his hard and often difficult work as Treasurer and for giving us confidence that we could go forward into another year in a better position than previously.

Secretary to the PCC
Tracey Lack had produced a report on behalf of the PCC which was presented along with the Fabric Report, Deanery Synod Report and numerous other Reports of Church Groups and activities and this was distributed to the congregation for them to read.

Elections
Deanery Synod Elections:
Our Parish may elect three members to Deanery Synod. Deanery Synod members are ex officio members of the PCC and our current member Gillian Berry has one more year left to serve.

PCC Elections

The PCC should have a minimum of 9 and a maximum of 12 ordinary members who serve for a period of 3 years. These are elected over a period of three years to preserve continuity.
The following were elected.
Jeremy Prentice
Liss Coates. Liss was formerly Co-opted to the PCC in 2024 as our Parish Administrator and has now been elected as a full member of the PCC.

Appointments

Sidesmen
The Sidesmen all agreed to be re-appointed and were therefore unanimously re-elected.

Independent Examiner
Andrew New proposed that Philip Keble continue as Independent Examiner. This was agreed by the whole meeting.

A.O.B.

None

Closing Prayer

The Growing in God prayer was said to close the meeting.

The Growing in God Prayer

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By the power of your Spirit and in Jesus' name.
Amen

VICARS REPORT

Thank you all for making feel very welcomed here. The welcome service was a delight and to meet you with shared food afterwards. I have felt called to be with you and to minister amongst you especially with the great team you have built here. Starting in September and through to December we have a busy season remembering Harvest, All Souls and All Saints, Remembrance Day, Advent and Christmas. It is a full time for everyone.

It was good to get settled into visiting people and getting to know you all. I was deeply impressed by your social justice activities and have been able to volunteer a few times at Pantry and Pitstop. I am very grateful for all our volunteers. Liss Coates as our Parish Administrator and Pitstop co-ordinator, with co-colleagues Kayleigh and Jules have been a great example of loving service. Parish Pantry moved to St Edmunds in October. This really helped those who around Langer Road who needed to access support well huge thanks to the Parish Pantry Team.

Huge thank you to all in the ministry team and the churchwardens who have helped me so much especially Revd Penny Brinkley as my Associate Priest. Each person in our ministry team has shared their time and talents with us. It has been a real privilege to work, rest and pray with them.

I would like to thank all the PCC, our choir, organist, sacristan, servers, prayer team, bible readers, pews note complier, welcomers, bell ringers, flower arrangers and those who provide refreshment for all they do and bring to our weekly worship on Sundays.

I would also like to say a thank you to Phyllis and Frank (posthumously) Atkinson for all the care they have of St Edmunds including the provisions of tea coffee and biscuits each week on Thursdays Communion.

We have had three baptisms 2 adults (1 at St Edmunds) and 1 baby from September to December 2025.

Thank you to all those who lead Bible Study Groups, help with Messy Church and our Social team too.

In 2025 we introduced a volunteers' agreement in line with the Diocesan social media Policy which we also adopted as PCC.

I wrote an Advent Letter with three main hopes Praying for children and families' work growing in numbers and depth. Growing on the great work in Messy Church, Pitstop, Parish pantry and our local school. Developing a Friends of St Johns and St Edmunds group which will help us to grow in influence across the town and beyond. Encouraging our growth in depth through our music encourages our understanding of God. Growing from our choral tradition which has a firm foundation. All these undergirded with pastoral care reconciliation and healing. Thank you for your feedback.

God blessings on all we do in 2026 into 2027

Revd Helen Rengert Vicar of St John the Baptist and St Edmunds April 2026

PCC REPORT

There have been 10 full PCC meetings for the year in 2025.
At every meeting of the PCC our Agenda is led by the four parts of the Growing in God principles which are at the heart of the Diocesan Strategy to ensure that parishes address all areas of life in their communities. The four areas are Growing Deeper, Growing in Influence, Growing in Number and Growing Younger. Each of

these portfolios is held by different members of the PCC who value the help of many others and who may be approached if there are any enquiries about the work that has been carried out or planned.
Some of the matters which have been discussed at meetings include:
The New lighting in St. John church this was completed in 2025.
Ongoing problems with the heating.
Safeguarding issues including needing a new named safeguarding officer see report.
Messy church and the growth in numbers. Pitstop success. Parish Pantry opening times, manning and venue.
Church Finances and Banking arrangements. Church maintenance in general which is ongoing
Care Home Communion visits. Marriage and Funeral fees. Monday Communion Services
Parish Profile, Strategy for Church Keys Health & Safety and Social Activities.
We had additional meeting attended by Chris Hood and Toby Young to discuss what we wanted in a new vicar and our advert for the position.
Thanks to all PCC members for their continued support throughout the year. Also thanks to lay chair for chairing our meetings in absence of a vicar. Rev Helen joined us in September and chaired all meetings thereafter.
A standing Committee was formed with the terms of reference being agreed at their first meeting in November. This will mean that fewer PCC meetings will be necessary.
We also had a PCC Away day in February 2026.
Some of the matters which have been discussed at standing committee meetings include:
Problems with the heating.
Appointment of Health & Safety Officer when Julia Dawson left in January 2026
Pitstop success and the formation of a CIC which has been approved by the PCC in 2026
Parish Pantry with a new venue and opening times. This is now at St. Edmunds church.
Church Finances and Banking arrangements. Church maintenance in general which is ongoing
Care Home Communion visits. Monday Communion Services
Work on St. Edmunds porch roof. Social Activities and how we can fundraise and the launch of Friends of St John's and St Edmunds.

Tracey Lack PCC Secretary

CHURCHWARDEN REPORT

2025/26 saw many changes for us because Revd. Helen joined us in September after a very busy interregnum. Diana and I did feel so supported during the interregnum not only by our wonderful Ministry Team but also by our lovely congregation who did all they could to help with the workload every church faces during a period without a Vicar. We are very grateful for the love and support we felt during this time and indeed for the appreciation we always receive from everyone throughout the year.

We were able to cover all of our regular services on Sundays and also during the week and these remained the same with Revd. Elizabeth coming out of 'retirement' and Rev. Philip taking on extra services to enable us to do this. Revd. Penny also took on extra duties and with everyone working as a team it all went very smoothly.

We cannot forget to mention our choir members who turn up week after week despite health issues and of course Jeremy who can always be relied upon with his loyalty and commitment to play such uplifting music for us. We must take this opportunity to say a huge thank you to all who make our church a very special place.

Our attendances can often fluctuate due to cold/bad weather but Revd. Helen and Revd. Philip have worked hard with Messy church children to encourage them into church and we now have a monthly Family Service with the children participating throughout. It is good to see young children and families among us again and we hope this can continue with numbers growing.

During the year we had weddings, baptisms and funerals. Sadly we have lost several friends from church this year but we will continue to remember them with fondness. However on a happier note we are delighted that many of those who were baptised have now become regular members of our church family and we can be proud that they have felt the need to continue in their worship with us.

It was felt that during the dark winter months the weekly Monday 7 p.m. Eucharist should be suspended but these have recently been reinstated albeit at the earlier time of 6.30 p.m.

In August Jeremy arranged for some of his friends to give us a splendid concert of music and verse and this was a great success raising over £1000 which helped towards the costs of repairing our organ. Again it was the generosity of our congregation who always greatly support our efforts to raise funds for the huge amount needed to upkeep our church.

Apart from the usual Christmas services our Carol service this year saw the church full of people who came to worship and celebrate the birth of Christ with us. The choir was enhanced by the voices of Revd. Helen and her family as well as others making the service special and joyful. We know that it was so very much enjoyed.

As always it was an extremely busy time during Easter week. We held services every day including the Agape meal on Wednesday, Washing of feet Thursday, a Quiet Reflective service on Good Friday led by Revd. Catherine helped by Revd. Jane and culminating in a 10 a.m. Easter Day service with Revd. Helen & Revd. Penny and with the children being involved too. There was also a Walk of Witness from St. John's church to the Triangle where the Churches Together service was held with Revd. Helen and Revd. Penny participating.

One of the major adjustments in church during the year has been the change of venue for the Parish Pantry. With PCC approval this was moved to St. Edmunds church in September. It was felt that the need for food was better served in Langer Road and the location close to the Parish Hall where Liss Coates runs Pitstop has proved to be a huge success. Making use of St. Edmunds church has also revitalised the little-used space. It has now become full of life and laughter as well as a place of worship when our usual Thursday weekly Communion services are still held. These services were also continued by our Ministry team during the interregnum.

It is unfortunate that we are without a Health & Safety Officer at the moment and of course we have yet to appoint a new Safeguarding Officer which Revd. Helen is working hard to try to do. It is always a challenge to find volunteers to help with various jobs that need to be done in church but we have been lucky to have people willing to make coffee each Sunday and act as Sidesmen. There are still vacancies for these roles which would take some of the workload off our 'regulars' so please think about what you might be able to do to help. We urgently need Altar servers too,

In conclusion both Diana and I look forward with hope and optimism that under the guidance of Revd. Helen and the continued help of our special Ministry team we will carry on doing what we do so well – Praising and praying to God and loving each other.

Barbara Bown. Churchwarden

SAFEGUARDING REPORT

SAFEGUARDING REPORT from September 2025-December 2025

4 People in their 20s had support from Sept to Dec 2025

One person was homeless and referred by Liss Coates to the local council and the church supported him in temporary accommodation for 2 nights. Also known to Katy Loft who is in contact with wider family members. He has our contact if future help is needed.

One person was experiencing domestic abuse online and there were threats in person. Her work moved her to a new location for safety and security. Sarah Doherty is in contact regularly and helped her with transport when needed. We supported her as a church with late night taxis and attend the police station with her and liaising on her behalf. She is now out of area.

One person needed some mental health support due to a bereavement also well known to the Salvation Army too. This was one contact only.

One person needed support for food and family needs and was referred to Compass for Advocacy.

3 people in their 40/50's

One person with addiction health needs being supported via AA and Katy Loft

One person with multiple including addiction health needs, homeless and mental health. Being supported by multiple agencies including AA, Local Council, church and organisations within Felixstowe.

One person who was temporarily homeless with her husband and found accommodation within our parish and used Pantry.

Pantry/Pitstop visitors all have vulnerabilities Liss and Katy are in liaison with me if any action is needed.

Vulnerable elderly with dementia seen regularly by the parish pastoral team (PPT) (PPT is to be more formalised in 2026). Care of Messy Church families is overseen by Revd Philip Young. He saw one family in need in 2025 offering help and advice.

Past conflict needs to be addressed in 2026. We are committed to finding a Safeguarding officer and thankful to Di and Revd Penny who are the named as first point of contact on our parish safeguarding posters.

Report written 12th April 2026 by Revd Helen Rengert Vicar St Johns and St Edmunds:

SAFEGUARDING IS ALL OUR RESPONSIBILITY AND ALL TRAINING IS MAINLY UP TO DATE SAFE RECRUITMENT POLICY NEEDS TO BE FOLLOWED

Safeguarding training needs to be completed every three years and can be accessed online and in person via St Edmundsbury and Ipswich Diocese or the National Safeguarding Portal.

Speak up for those who cannot speak for themselves,
for the rights of all who are destitute.
Speak up and judge fairly;
defend the rights of the poor and needy.
Proverbs 31 v8-9

TREASURER'S REPORT TO THE APCM
Parish of Felixstowe – Financial Year ending 31 December 2025

I present the financial statements for the year ended **31 December 2025**, comprising the Receipts and Payments account and the Balance Sheet. While the accounts show an overall **surplus for the year**, it is important that this is interpreted carefully, as it does **not reflect an improvement in the underlying financial health of the parish**, but arises primarily from a **significant underpayment of Parish Share during 2025**.

Income

Total income to the **General Fund** in 2025 was **£105,020**, compared with **£119,314 in 2024**, representing a **reduction of approximately £14,300 (around 12%)**.

Key areas of decline include:

- **Planned Giving**, which fell from **£15,390 to £10,741**
- **Parish Giving Scheme**, which fell slightly year-on-year
- **Rental income**, which reduced significantly from **£18,646 to £9,200**

These reductions indicate a continued **loss of high-value donors and income streams**, which has had a material impact on the parish's recurring income. While some areas such as one-off fundraising performed well in 2025, these are **not a reliable substitute for regular, planned giving**.

The drop in rental income reflects the decision taken by PCC to use the Parish Hall as a location for Pitstop and not to rent it out for commercial value.

This downward trend in core income is a matter of concern and will need to be addressed if the parish is to remain financially sustainable.

Expenditure

Total General Fund expenditure in 2025 was **£88,093**, significantly lower than **£134,593 in 2024**.

The single largest factor in this reduction was **Parish Share**:

- Parish Share paid in 2025: **£31,778**
- Parish Share paid in 2024: **£72,477**

This shortfall accounts for the majority of the apparent surplus reported for the year.

Other operating costs remained broadly stable or reduced slightly, with continued careful control of utilities, staffing, and maintenance costs.

Surplus and Its True Meaning

The General Fund shows a **surplus of £16,928 for the year**, resulting in a closing General Fund balance of **£21,596**, compared with a small deficit at the end of 2024.

However, **this surplus should not be interpreted as evidence of financial strength**. It arises almost entirely because **the full Parish Share was not paid during the year**. This represents a **timing and affordability issue**, not a long-term improvement in parish finances.

Had Parish Share been paid in full, the parish would have recorded a **substantial operating deficit**.

Balance Sheet Position

As at **31 December 2025**, the parish held total assets of **£374,458**, compared with **£353,381 in 2024**.
This includes:

- **Endowment funds** of **£283,391**, which are not available for day-to-day parish costs
- **Restricted funds** of **£69,470**, designated for specific ministries such as welfare and Pitstop
- **Unrestricted (General) funds** of **£21,596**

While cash balances appear healthy on paper, the **majority of funds are restricted or endowed**, limiting flexibility. The level of **freely available reserves remains modest** and would be quickly eroded if Parish Share obligations were fully met.

Restricted and Welfare Funds

The Welfare Fund continued to be heavily used in 2025, reflecting ongoing community need. Expenditure exceeded income, resulting in a **small year-end deficit on the fund**, offset only by previous balances.

This highlights both the **importance of this ministry** and the **financial pressure it places on parish resources**.

Key Concerns and Outlook

The following key issues should be noted

1. **The reported surplus is misleading** and largely reflects unpaid Parish Share.
2. **Core income is falling**, particularly from higher-value donors and regular giving.
3. **Financial resilience is weakening**, despite stable headline reserves.
4. Without action, the parish will struggle to meet its obligations sustainably in future years.

Conclusion

The parish remains solvent, but **not secure**. The 2025 accounts underline the need for:

- Rebuilding regular and planned giving
- Addressing the long-term affordability of Parish Share
- Continuing prudent cost control
- Being realistic about what the parish can sustain financially

I commend the accounts to the APCM and thank all those who give so generously of their time, skills, and financial resources in support of the mission and ministry of the Parish of Felixstowe.

Andrew New Parish Treasurer

FABRIC REPORT

St Edmunds

Major work at St Edmund's Porch roof entire roof (Timber Lead Etc) replaced. St Edmunds in need of some repointing and there is an ongoing rodent problem.

St John's

South Isle has roof leaks, a quote has been received for remedial repair lasting 5-10 years best option would be new lead, but this is many thousands of pounds. Investigating a change of heating to infra-red. Work on

Ringing chamber windows ongoing, Spire internal umbrella works complete, upper tower external door rebuilt, many floor blocks re fixed.

Annual Checks Completed

Fire Extinguishers
Gas Heaters & Boiler
Lighting Conductor

I would like to thank Alan & his team for all their hard work which is very appreciated.

Denis Heath

CHOIR REPORT

Another year has gone by and due to the faithful service of a very special group of people, St John's has continued to have sung services every Sunday, and on special days throughout the year including Ash Wednesday, Maundy Thursday, the Service of Hope and Remembrance, and the Song for St Edmund.
We have been encouraged by Helen, our new vicar, and thanks to her, the singing at the Carol Service was augmented by the Rengert Family of Singers,
We were also joined by our occasional singers, Anna, Philip, Susan, and Mary.
We need more singers to join our new members Wendy and Olivia. Don't worry if you can't read music – almost any hymn you can think of is available on YouTube!
It is a privilege to work with Jeremy, our organist, whose skill makes singing a joy and helps give meaning to our worship whether he is playing a quiet accompaniment or a rousing voluntary.
I take this opportunity to thank individually choir members who have all sung in St John's choir for at least fifteen years, who always tell me if they can't come on a particular Sunday, give generously of their time, and care for each other. Thank you Jenny, Nick, Penny, Sonia and Sylvia.
Liz Watson – April 2026

MESSY CHURCH REPORT

Messy Church continues to welcome families from all over the Felixstowe area, from tiny tots to teenagers. Some of the children have been attending since they were babes in arms; it's wonderful to watch them grow.

We now meet on the first Wednesday each month at 3.45pm and finish with a family dinner at 5pm. The families enjoy stories, crafts and games, with each month having a different biblical theme, led by Philip, Penny or Helen.

The family services are now held monthly with a regular group of our Messy Church families attending and participating, helping with readings and activities during the service.

Our next Messy Church will be on Wednesday 6th May and the next Family service is on Sunday 10th May at 10.00; everybody is welcome! Sharon Hume April 2026

PARISH PANTRY REPORT

The Parish pantry is a FREE food bank open to all.

In October of 2025 the Parish Pantry moved to its new home - St Edmunds church on Langer Road.
While we introduced new changes in this move, the system now appears to be working much better ☺
We currently collect food donations from both Lidl's (Felixstowe), Sainsburys, M&S (Martlesham), Saxon House, Breadbasket & SeaYou and we are seeing around 30-40 people on the average day, but in some cases, up to 60.
The future of the Parish Pantry is looking bright, and we continue to welcome donations.

Our current opening hours are Wednesdays & Fridays 9.45am and Sundays at 8.45am.
Any leftovers are then placed into our perishable 'Food hut' which is situated between the church and Pitstop and is accessible to all, 24/7. This is loaded daily with bread, fruit and veg and is visited regularly and at all hours.
(Liss Coates - April 2026)

PITSTOP REPORT

Pitstop is a volunteer run – donation-based service located in St Edmunds Hall, Langer Road, Felixstowe. Here you will find everything you need for babies and families, and all for FREE.

Since Pitstop moved into its new home (St Edmunds Hall) in September 2024 it has been positively thriving, and we have seen a huge influx of new faces & families during the past year.
We have once again hosted several successful events throughout the year – including our famous parties, cake sales and fundraisers… and we have welcomed lots of other local organisations to come and talk about the work that they do, at our venue. These organisations include Felixstowe Relief Charity, Compass, Edible Felixstowe, Mental Health, Stop smoking, CAB and many more.
Christmas saw over 400 children gifted including donations to Messy Church & Foggies, and at Easter we gifted over 300 Easter eggs – including some that went to local care homes.
Due to popular demand, and our ever-growing project, we anticipate that the rest of 2026 is set to be a busy, but fruitful year and for the 2nd time round, we have already been chosen as one of Felixstowe's mayors charities for 26/27 ☺

Our current opening hours are Mondays, Wednesdays & Fridays 9-12, every second Thursday 5-7 (Where we serve hot meals) and every second Sunday 10-2.
(Liss Coates - April 2026)

FLOWER REPORT

THE PARISH CHURCH OF St. JOHN THE BAPTIST WITH St. EDMUND, FELIXSTOWE
Registered Charity no. 1135596

St. John's Flower Team report for the 2026 A. P. C. M.

Judy Saberton and myself have maintained the tradition of flower arrangements in the church this year.

There were no contributions made into the flower fund nor expenses taken out.

Please contact me if you are interested in doing a window display or other arrangements in 2026 or if you have any suggestions or ideas.

Flower room (North porch) May I remind everyone please-

- That the North porch is a designated emergency exit and not to leave any old arrangements or other "bits and pieces" in there
- Take away any of your own finished displays out of the building and wherever possible to recycle the materials used and not to put non-recyclable items in the green bin.

Thank you

Jenny Holland
24th March 2026

THE PARISH CHURCH OF St. JOHN THE BAPTIST WITH St. EDMUND, FELIXSTOWE
Registered Charity no. 1135596

St. John's Flower Fund Accounts for the Year ended 31st December 2025

RECEIPTS			PAYMENTS		
Date	Details	Amount	Date	Details	Amount
		NIL			NIL
	Total	**NIL**		**Total**	**NIL**
	Excess payments over receipts	NIL		Excess receipts over payments	NIL

Represented in NatWest St John's Church Flower Fund Account by -

Opening balance 1/1/2025	*£503.83*
Excess payments over receipts (or vice-versa)	*NIL*
Closing balance 31/12/2025	***£503.83***

Examined - R. Holland

BELLRINGERS' REPORT

2025-26 has been a very good year for retention and training. I am happy to report that we have had practices almost every week, and we have recently had even more of our own learners able to do some Sunday ringing. Fortunately, unlike 2024-25, the progress of new ringers has meant that we actually had 7 bells ringing on one occasion: all our own Felixstowe ringers. We rang for 3 weddings, but have no more booked for this year yet. Our ringing band is now much bigger, with 6 (7 if you count the Vicar's husband) real Sunday ringers, 2 progressing learners and 2 learners who have had to miss a lot but will be returning

very soon. That's very nearly a full band for the 8 bells. Anyone who might be interested is welcome to email felixstowe@suffolkbells.org.uk to ask to join us on a Wednesday evening. The bells have had their annual inspection and are regularly checked and maintained by Dan.

Mrs Jacky Savage. Tower Captain, St John's, Felixstowe. 21 April 2026

BIBLE STUDY GROUPS REPORT

Lark rise Group: We meet fortnightly on a Monday afternoon at our home and there are 10 of us at the moment. Catherine and Jane lead the group. We have been studying the Gospel of Luke for most of this year and it has taught us a lot and we have had some very interesting discussions. Before then, we were using the Lifebuilder booklets and studied Jesus' Parables.

We are a mixed group of ages and support each other well, in prayer and action. Our prayer life has deepened as each person now prays for what is on their hearts. This enables us to provide good pastoral support to each other.

Revd Catherine Bond

Wolsey Court Home group report for 2025/6 APCM

A home group is more than a Bible study group, it is a place to relax, talk, and discuss those questions you never have the time to ask in church. This is our aim, and we hope that as a group we have achieved this while exploring our faith together.

In addition, we have looked at some of the Epistles in the New Testament, a few Old Testament prophets and heroines such as Ezekiel and Esther, meditated on some psalms, thought about Lent using the Gospel of Mark, and most recently pondered on the different accounts of the resurrection.

However, as an 'aside' in the flow of conversations, we have discussed Spirituality, prayer, growing as Christians, and many other topics that grew out of conversation together; and had some 'no agenda' socials just to relax together sometimes in our chalet near Cliff Café.

There are usually around 9/10 of us, so we have room for a few more. We meet in our home on the second and fourth Wednesday of each month. If you are interested talk to us.

Revd Ann & Revd Ivan Barley

Harvest House Home group: meets on a Tuesday evening at 7pm, although for part of 25 we meet at Upperfield drive due to our host Jan, being ill.

We spent part of the year watching season 5 of the Chosen and then discussing the events depicted, we also went as a group to watch Episodes 1 &2 at the cinema and afterwards stood in front of the big screen and said the Grace with others who were there. Afterwards we had a chance to speak to a young couple who hadn't really known what they were coming to see but wanted to know more.

We are currently studying the minor prophets and have found the Bible Project overviews available on YouTube very helpful

Revd Penny Brinkley

SOCIAL COMMITTEE REPORT

The social team have been busy in 2025, organising 16 fundraising and community events.

We have had lunches, quiz nights, coffee morning & stalls events, jumble sales, brunches, carnival refreshments, Dot & Doodah preloved clothing sale and our Christmas Fair.

The team also help with providing refreshments at concerts and church events too.

In all we have raised just over £13000 during the past year plus funds raised for Christian Aid and the RNIB.

We meet up approx. every 6 weeks to plan and execute the church social events, always with coffee/tea and cake!

Many hands make light work.. If you're interested in helping out in any way please have a chat with Diana, Barbara or Sharon.

The Social Committee Sharon Hume

SERVERS REPORT

We have a faithful and dedicated team of servers, mostly in their senior years. Our younger members, including Frazer, are a great blessing to us as they help to keep things running smoothly.

As we older servers enter the season of life that brings to us more life and health challenges, it is reassuring to know that we have young people amongst us who are there to take the Faith forward.

As servers, our role is to serve God by assisting the clergy in conducting services, enhancing the liturgy's flow and reverence.

Over a period spanning almost 70 years I have been proud to serve alongside many dedicated servers of all ages. Our role is to reverently take part in the ceremony, quietly and without being noticed.

May God give us the strength to continue to do this for as long as possible, and may we support each other in this blessed task.

John Cardy (Sacristan and server).

Parish of Felixstowe

Balance Sheet detailed

		As at 31/12/2025	As at 31/12/2024
Fixed assets			
	GHC: 6 Graham Court	250,000.00	250,000.00
	Total Fixed assets	**250,000.00**	**250,000.00**
Current assets			
	30775649: General bank account	24,414.53	811.23
	33648710: Push Chair Pitstop Current Account	4,174.91	-
	53766640: Welfare bank account	4,171.15	4,672.42
	57822181: SumUp business account	43.26	1,310.64
	73593479: Pitstop bank account	18,693.49	19,284.95
	CB01: Cash box	481.87	992.42
	CB3033812-001: St John PCC Reserve Account	29,835.01	33,453.95
	CB3033813: St John PCC Browse Bells	42,643.63	42,855.41
	Total Current assets	**124,457.85**	**103,381.02**
	Net Asset surplus (deficit)	**374,457.85**	**353,381.02**
Reserves			
	Excess/(deficit) to date	21,076.83	(13,227.72)
	Z01: Starting balances	353,381.02	366,608.74
	Total Reserves	**374,457.85**	**353,381.02**

Represented by Funds

General (Unrestricted)	21,596.49	(331.03)
Restricted	69,470.02	70,673.69
Endowment	283,391.34	283,038.36
Total	**374,457.85**	**353,381.02**

Parish of Felixstowe

Receipts and payments

Selected period: 01 January 2025 to 31 December 2025

Note		From To	01 January 2025 31 December 2025	01 January 2024 31 December 2024
INV - Investments (Endowment) Fund				
Income and endowments				
Investments				
Income from Investments			352.98	1,406.23
		Total Investments	352.98	1,406.23
Total Income and endowments			**352.98**	**1,406.23**
Excess of Income and endowments over Expenditure			352.98	1,406.23
Brought forward balance			283,038.36	286,632.13
Transfers to/(from)			-	(5,000.00)
Total carried forward balance			**283,391.34**	**283,038.36**
PC Pitstop - Push Chair Pitstop (Restricted) Fund				
Income and endowments				
Donations and legacies				
Donations Received			100.00	-
Donations received - Pitstop			9,421.28	24,674.20
Grants received - Pitstop			1,217.35	5,355.08
		Total Donations and legacies	10,738.63	30,029.28
Other trading activities				
Proceeds from fundraising activities			3,205.06	20.00
		Total Other trading activities	3,205.06	20.00
Other income				
Bank interest and loyalty scheme			271.68	187.52
		Total Other income	271.68	187.52
Total Income and endowments			**14,215.37**	**30,236.80**
Expenditure				
Expenditure on charitable activities				
Veune hire - Pitstop			-	260.50
Vestry expenses			-	2,224.97
Training			70.00	-
Consumables and stationery - Pitstop			79.36	954.97
Food purchased - Pitstop			68.10	692.51
IT equipment - Pitstop			-	117.60
		Total Expenditure on charitable activities	217.46	4,250.55
Other expenditure				
Storage			-	900.00
Honorarium			4,620.00	2,676.96
Rates and council services			-	150.00
Maintenance			-	120.66
Printing costs			71.42	-
IT and AV equipment purchase and maintenance			-	119.00
Broadband and mobile phones			225.00	-

Note		From To	01 January 2025 31 December 2025	01 January 2024 31 December 2024
	Moving costs		-	907.55
	Bank charges		103.83	-
		Total Other expenditure	5,020.25	4,874.17
	Total Expenditure		**5,237.71**	**9,124.72**
	Excess of Income and endowments over Expenditure		8,977.66	21,112.08
	Brought forward balance		21,258.36	3,146.28
	Transfers to/(from)		-	(3,000.00)
	Total carried forward balance		**30,236.02**	**21,258.36**
	Agency - Agency Fund Collection (Restricted) Fund			
	Income and endowments			
	Donations and legacies			
	Donations collected for other organisations / individuals		710.65	2,572.71
		Total Donations and legacies	710.65	2,572.71
	Total Income and endowments		**710.65**	**2,572.71**
	Expenditure			
	Raising funds			
	Payment of donations collected for others		1,923.83	2,512.00
		Total Raising funds	1,923.83	2,512.00
	Total Expenditure		**1,923.83**	**2,512.00**
	Excess of Income and endowments over Expenditure		(1,213.18)	60.71
	Brought forward balance		60.71	-
	Total carried forward balance		**(1,152.47)**	**60.71**
	INV - Investments (Restricted) Fund			
	Income and endowments			
	Investments			
	Income from Investments		522.99	1,726.46
		Total Investments	522.99	1,726.46
	Total Income and endowments		**522.99**	**1,726.46**
	Excess of Income and endowments over Expenditure		522.99	1,726.46
	Brought forward balance		44,892.20	43,165.74
	Transfers to/(from)		(5,000.00)	-
	Total carried forward balance		**40,415.19**	**44,892.20**
	Welfare - Welfare Account (Restricted) Fund			
	Income and endowments			
	Donations and legacies			
	Donations Received		245.50	-
	Donations - welfare		4,876.20	8,436.15
	Grants received - welfare		18,050.00	-
		Total Donations and legacies	23,171.70	8,436.15
	Total Income and endowments		**23,171.70**	**8,436.15**
	Expenditure			
	Expenditure on charitable activities			
	Salaries - welfare		-	750.00

Note		From To	01 January 2025 31 December 2025	01 January 2024 31 December 2024
	Vestry expenses		138.42	-
	Purchase of supermarket vouchers		23,809.27	23,272.00
	Food purchased - Welfare		2,431.80	5,720.39
	Food deliveries - welfare		-	577.30
	Purchase of clothing vouchers		500.00	-
		Total Expenditure on charitable activities	26,879.49	30,319.69
	Other expenditure			
	Storage		200.00	-
	Mileage and travel		436.10	-
	Consumables and stationery		17.15	-
	Consumables and stationery - Welfare		28.10	268.57
	Bank charges		25.50	-
	Bank charges - welfare		76.50	102.00
		Total Other expenditure	783.35	370.57
	Total Expenditure		**27,662.84**	**30,690.26**
	Excess of Income and endowments over Expenditure		(4,491.14)	(22,254.11)
	Brought forward balance		4,462.42	16,716.53
	Transfers to/(from)		-	10,000.00
	Total carried forward balance		**(28.72)**	**4,462.42**
	General - General Fund (Unrestricted) Fund			
	Income and endowments			
	Donations and legacies			
	Regular service collection		4,916.34	4,854.17
	Planned giving		10,741.30	15,390.00
	Parish Giving Scheme		23,579.56	24,848.59
	Donations Received		14,695.85	11,572.69
	Grants		1,671.52	-
	Donations and fundraising - direct appeals		100.00	10,876.28
	Garden maintenance appeal		261.00	-
		Total Donations and legacies	55,965.57	67,541.73
	Other trading activities			
	Special services fees		4,871.75	5,047.75
	Rental		9,199.56	18,645.72
	Proceeds from fundraising activities		13,166.16	5,501.44
	Proceeds from catering activities		3,728.48	3,403.41
	Room hires and masts		8,722.30	10,722.20
		Total Other trading activities	39,688.25	43,320.52
	Investments			
	Income from Investments		2,393.31	980.29
		Total Investments	2,393.31	980.29
	Other income			
	Special services collections		1,576.03	947.14
	Gift aid		5,397.04	6,454.23
	Bank interest and loyalty scheme		-	70.28
		Total Other income	6,973.07	7,471.65
	Total Income and endowments		**105,020.20**	**119,314.19**
	Expenditure			
	Raising funds			
	Payment of donations collected for others		-	235.97

Note		From To	01 January 2025 31 December 2025	01 January 2024 31 December 2024
	Catering costs		3,085.46	2,100.81
		Total Raising funds	3,085.46	2,336.78
	Expenditure on charitable activities			
	Parish share		31,778.40	72,477.08
	Vestry expenses		2,603.36	1,839.02
	Training		-	300.00
		Total Expenditure on charitable activities	34,381.76	74,616.10
	Other expenditure			
	Salaries		6,156.13	8,157.18
	Honorarium		3,010.00	-
	Mileage and travel		-	1,243.75
	Car insurance and road tax premium		-	593.23
	Music expenses		4,218.00	4,141.20
	Home / study group expenses		-	250.51
	Fabric		1,190.20	170.99
	Electricity and gas		8,126.49	13,509.26
	Water		1,050.14	1,098.22
	Rates and council services		129.68	148.22
	Maintenance		10,955.95	11,920.34
	Insurance		8,727.70	8,111.02
	Printing costs		2,733.26	1,865.92
	IT and AV equipment purchase and maintenance		1,461.65	1,461.41
	Consumables and stationery		886.97	2,614.01
	Broadband and mobile phones		225.00	999.68
	Agents fees		1,032.00	860.00
	Bank charges		280.17	495.46
	Cash short		442.12	-
		Total Other expenditure	50,625.46	57,640.40
	Total Expenditure		**88,092.68**	**134,593.28**
	Excess of Income and endowments over Expenditure		16,927.52	(15,279.09)
	Brought forward balance		(331.03)	16,948.06
	Transfers to/(from)		5,000.00	(2,000.00)
	Total carried forward balance		**21,596.49**	**(331.03)**

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INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES (MEMBERS OF THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL)

I report on the financial statements of the PCC for the year ended 31 December 2025.

Respective responsibilities of Trustees and the Examiner

The church's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements, they consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144 (2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

Examine the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 Act;

To follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners (under section 145 (5)(b) of the 2011 Act; and

To state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of Independent Examiner's report

My examination was carried out in accordance to be found in the Church Guidance, 2006 edition, issued by the Finance Division of the Archbishops Council. The examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the Charity and a comparison of the accounts with those records. It also includes considering any unusual items or disclosures in the financial statements and seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

Independent examiner's statement

In the course of my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

1. which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in, any material respect, the requirements

    a. to keep accounting records in accordance with the Act; and
    b. to prepare financial statements, which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the Act and the Regulations have not been met; or

2. to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Signed  Date 15th March 2026

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