The Diocese of Peterborough

UPPINGHAM
St Peter & St Paul



Annual reports for the year ending 31st December 2025

Parish Church of St Peter & St Paul Uppingham

Annual Parochial Church Meeting

Parish Church of St Peter & St Paul, Uppingham, Rutland

Annual report of the Parochial Church Council

Introduction

Welcome to our annual report for 2025, and thank you for taking the time to read it.

It illustrates the efforts of so many as this has been a busy year for Uppingham Parish Church with a full diary of services complimented by many social and fundraising activities which are invaluable for the wellbeing of our congregation and our community engagement, mission and outreach.

Thank you to everyone who has supported the church throughout the year, in whatever capacity, to ensure that we remain a vibrant and welcoming church for the town and surrounding area.

Uppingham is blessed to have such hardworking retired clergy and lay people to maintain our worship but we have also been fortunate to have had many clergy from across the Diocese join us and bring their own styles of ministry to the parish church, which is vital during a vacancy.

These are challenging times for the Church generally in funding its activities and Uppingham too has been forced to take tough decisions to enable us to meet our day-to-day finances; this issue will not go away.

The PCC continues to work diligently together to manage the affairs of the church, much of it essential, and the team has made great progress in reviewing and updating our policies and procedures to ensure that we follow best practice, appropriate guidance and legislation.

We are a church that is open and welcoming to everyone in our town and we look forward with confidence to the future led by our new Rector, the Revd Allison Twigg.

(Front Cover - Rutland's Lord Lieutenant Dr Sarah Furness opens our Eco Crib Exhibition in December 2025.)

Administrative Information

The Church of St Peter & St Paul, Uppingham, is located in the Market Place LE15 9QH. It is part of the Diocese of Peterborough within the Church of England.

Currently we are in interregnum. Any queries/ correspondence to our Church Warden Richard Cole or Parish Administrator, Jenny Harris (uppinghamchurchoffice@gmail.com).

The Parochial Church Council (PCC) is a charity currently registered with the Charities Commission.

Parochial Church Council

Members of the PCC who served from 1st January 2025 until the date of the approval of this report are shown in the Appendix (page 12).

Structure, governance and management

The method of appointment of PCC members is set out in the Church Representation Rules. All church attendees are encouraged to register on the Electoral Roll and stand for election to the PCC.

Vision statement

Serving God through love in action in Uppingham.

Electoral Roll

There are currently 66 members on our Church Electoral Roll.

Sadly, we have lost a number of loyal and dedicated members over the last year and some of our congregation have moved away to be nearer to family.

If you are not on the Electoral Roll and would like to be, please take a form from the back of the church and either pop the completed form in the Wall Safe or please give it to me.

Anna Wilkinson
Electoral Roll Officer.

Safeguarding

Our church has again adopted the diocesan safeguarding policy, 'Promoting a Safer Church'. This is updated annually by the diocese and was reviewed and agreed by the PCC in April. A copy of our policy is kept at the back of the church, along with contact numbers for those with safeguarding roles and a list of useful contact numbers for a variety of agencies / support groups. This information will also be kept on the new parish website.

Those on the PCC and in a position of leadership have completed an enhanced DBS check. The rest of the PCC have a current DBS or are currently renewing them. The PCC and other group leaders are either in date or aware of the need to update the relevant safeguarding training related to their position.

Safeguarding is a standing agenda item at every PCC meeting.

We have undertaken a safeguarding audit and are currently reviewing all policies, DBS and training requirements.

I am pleased to report there has only been one (vulnerable adult) safeguarding incident this year, which has been resolved positively.

There is a diocesan safeguarding officer who can be contacted via the following email address: safeguarding@peterborough-diocese.org.uk

If you have any safeguarding concerns about a child or adult, do not hesitate to contact our churchwarden or myself.

Liz Sargeant
Benefice Safeguarding Officer
uppinghamsafeguarding@gmail.com
07798 925976

Stewardship and Giving

There are various methods for parishioners and visitors to make donations to the running of our church. They are listed below. I am very grateful to everyone who makes a regular donation to fund the work of our church. It costs approximately £250 a day to keep the church open (£89,000 per year). Sadly,we are still some way off that figure in terms of our giving.

PARISH GIVING SCHEME (£33,706 compared to £39,536 in 2024)

Thank you to all those who use the scheme and make regular contributions. Can I encourage anyone on the scheme who has not indicated that they are happy to see their donation increase in line with inflation (it's an option on the website) to consider whether you are able to do so. Alternatively, if you haven't increased the amount you donate for a year or two, please consider whether you are able to increase now. Richard and I would be happy to assist anyone in increasing their regular donation.

CASH COLLECTIONS SCHEME (£10,180 compared to £6,347 in 2024)

These are cash donations made at services and left by visitors in the wall safe. They increased in 2025 as we again put an emphasis on having a collection during our main services.

WHITE ENVELOPE & ONE-OFF DONATIONS (£17,279 compared to £18,562 in 2024)

The use of the white envelopes has fallen off sharply, possibly because it is now easier to claim Gift Aid on cash collections. Again, we are grateful for a very substantial one-off donation made to the Church in March 2025.

DONA DONATIONS (£4,510 compared £1,266.50 in 2024)

The donation terminal offers a handy way to make additional donations to the church. It was operational for a much greater part of 2025 and we have seen its benefit. However, only 40 percent of the 400 donations using the terminal were Gift Aided. It is a simple, one-time operation to make your donation tax efficient. Again, anyone needing assistance to ensure we can collect Gift Aid on your donation please speak to either Richard or myself.

Despite the generosity of our regular givers, the finances of the parish are still under considerable pressure. The rise in the cost of living has impacted the church's regular bills. We worked hard in the autumn and winter

to increase our levels of giving. With the arrival of a new Rector, it would be good to continue to close the gap between what it costs to run our church and our levels of giving to support its work.

Nick Clarke
Stewardship Secretary

NOTE THAT ALL AMOUNTS HAVE BEEN ROUNDED AND ARE APPROXIMATE
Most giving is for the General Fund which helps the church allocate funds to the greatest need, but some donors allocate their money to specific funds such as Fabric or Organ Fund.

Social Outreach & Fundraising

We have held a number of successful events over the past year.

We welcomed the Corby Gilbert and Sullivan Singers sharing the profits from the concert and raising over £300 for our Church funds.

Richard, John and Geoff with their sponsored slim have to date raised £889. A huge result in pounds £'s but have they lost the pounds!?

The Eco Nativity Exhibition in November, involving the whole community raised over £350. It was well supported and all who came appreciated the wide range of nativity sets and materials used to make them.

The Lumos Candlelight Musical Experience raised £450 for our Church. The company was delighted with the welcome they received and have booked another three concerts with us in April, July and October this year.

Philip and Jeannette Warner raised an outstanding £1500 for a recital evening held at their home. Our thanks to all the work involved in this project.

We are setting up a monthly coffee and cake gathering in different homes, so do look out for news of these over the coming year.

Our Spring Sale, organised by Nicky and Stewart and the coffee and cake team, raised over £700, a superb result.

Every year we take part in the Uppingham Feast week and Christmas in Uppingham. This is our church in action in the town.

Church Bookings during the year continue to raise additional funds.

Your PCC is working hard to set up social and fundraising opportunities but we still desperately need other church members who are willing to take an idea and lead it, with the support of a willing team of helpers. Small events are just as important as the larger events.

We must generate more income, and fundraising is an excellent way of achieving this.

We are currently running at a £10,000 a year deficit.

We look forward to hearing from you.

Jenny Harris and Pat Cole

Fabric

Introduction

The Church Property Register is a requirement of Section 4 of the Care of Churches and Ecclesiastical Jurisdiction Measure 1991and relates principally to the fabric of the church, church buildings, the churchyard, furnishings and property (including plate etc.).

This report incorporates the inventory, the terrier of all lands appertaining to the church and the logbook of all alterations, repairs and additions to the church, its lands and property. It is required annually and relates to any events occurring during the reporting period which the churchwardens consider likely to assist the Parochial Church Council (PCC) in discharging its functions in relation to the church and its articles.

A log-book noting all alterations, additions and repairs to the church and the location of documents relating to such works is held and maintained by the wardens.

The reporting period is 1st Jan 2025 – 31st Dec 2026.

Structural undertakings

None were undertaken during the reporting period.

Extraordinary surveys

Quinquennial Inspections of the church fabric are required to be carried out every 5 years, our previous one was completed in May 2019.

The scheduled Quinquennial Inspection was carried out on 11th June 2024 by Hestia Architects Ltd., Oxford (who were recommended by our previous architect, John Barker, on his retirement).

Their report (reference No 23-070 901 dated 22nd August 2025) has been received and a follow-up meeting held with Hestia to review their recommendations and agree priorities.

It has been noted by the PCC that a requirement highlighted is to plan for the replacement of our gas boiler with an alternative environmentally-friendly energy source; such a plan should also take into account

funding which is likely to be considerable. Please also see "Future" paragraph below.

The fabric of the church continues to be in relatively good condition for a building the age of ours but now that we have a new quinquennial inspection report in hand a work schedule will be developed with SC Builders Ltd and, subject to funding availability and appropriate faculty approval work it is planned that we will begin work starting with the category A items.

Repair is also required to damage to some of our stained-glass and leaded windows.

The PCC needs to consider the future of the wooden gates at the foot of the steps to the upper churchyard, one of which has been removed due to rot.

It has been reported previously that due to the restrictions during Covid few recommendations of the previous inspection were implemented and, on review by the PCC (at that time) of potential costs and funds available it was agreed to hold this on file pending the 2024 inspection report.

Health & Safety Audit

An annual health and safety audit is normally carried out prior to each annual meeting when it is presented having been adopted by the PCC.

The PCC agreed at their meeting on 8th April 2026 that it would be timely to commission a professional fire safety audit which is in hand.

In compliance with the Regulatory Reform (Fire Safety) Order 2005, which was effective from 1st October 2006, risk assessments were carried out at that time by the buildings committee using the procedure laid out in Guide 6 (small and medium places of assembly) and visitor and user safety guides developed accordingly.

Our PCC adopted a new Health & Safety Policy at their meeting on 8th April 2026 and all visitor & user safety guides were updated accordingly (church, hall and bell tower) – these are reviewed at least annually by the church warden and others.

An annual access audit is also carried out at the same time; light levels are an issue within the church building and new lighting plan has been proposed by churches lighting consultant Benedict Cadbury who has provided a quotation to the PCC. It was felt prudent to hold this on file pending the appointment of a new Rector. Please also see "Future" paragraph below.

Routine Surveys

The church warden and others carry out audits of the church, church hall and their environs, making recommendations to the PCC and update visitor and user safety guides as necessary.

Our insurers also carry out their own periodic inspections assisted by the wardens; none was carried out during this reporting period.

Rutland County Council has responsibility for the maintenance of the churchyard and its boundary walls including for the inspection and maintenance of trees – we are grateful to the County Council and their contractors for their work.

The north wall of the lower churchyard has been damaged and RCC have responsibility for its repair in hand.

Future

Upgrading our lighting, accompanied by repainting the church walls and other improvements to the church building must be addressed soon to secure the long-term future of the building and enhance its suitability for hosting a wider range of community events as the largest public venue in the town.

The PCC have considered the significant projects that will require funding and agreed that these must be started sooner rather than later in the face of continuing cost increases and that a major consolidated fund-raising project will be required.

Guidance

All legal requirements and appropriate guidance will be followed to ensure that we comply and continue to improve access to our church.

Terrier of church lands

Peter Lane carried out a thorough audit of parish lands; his report dated 6th May 2003 remains an accurate record and our primary reference document. For information, Scott Murray continue to act on our behalf managing land rentals from local farmers.

Inventory

The church has a fine collection of silver, brass, art works and furniture which is maintained in good condition by all those who so kindly give their time to their cleaning.

The inventory is reported separately.

New acquisitions and disposals during the reporting period

Disposals

Our "old" set of Stations of the Cross were transferred to St Katharine's church in Irchester with agreement from the DAC and Archdeacon and with appropriate resolutions from both PCC's, and our respective inventories have been amended accordingly.

Acquisitions None

Richard Cole, Churchwarden

Uppingham Church of England Primary School

Uppingham Church of England Primary School continues to play an important role in the life of the town and the wider parish community. The school remains committed to providing a high-quality education within a strong Christian ethos, where pupils are encouraged to grow academically, socially and spiritually.

The school has continued to make good progress during the past year. Governors have been pleased to see strong outcomes across a number of key areas. Attainment is above national averages in the Early Years Foundation Stage and in the Year 1 Phonics screening, and outcomes at Key Stage 2 are particularly encouraging, with all pupils achieving the expected standard in mathematics. These are excellent results and reflect the commitment and professionalism of the staff team.

Writing remains a focus for further development across the school, in line with national priorities, and work is ongoing to strengthen this area and support pupils in reaching greater depth in their work.

As with many small rural schools, we face some ongoing challenges. Pupil numbers have continued to decline and are currently around 95, which inevitably places pressure on school funding and long-term planning. Alongside this, the school is supporting a relatively high proportion of pupils with special educational needs and additional needs in relation to its size. The staff team works tirelessly to ensure that every child receives the support they need to thrive, but this does require considerable time, expertise and resources.

There have also been some changes within the governing body during the year. We are very grateful to Lesley McCole who has taken on the role of Chair of Governors. We have also welcomed several new governors, including Annie Harvey who joins me as a Foundation Governor representing the Church. We are also delighted that the new Rector, Allison Twigg, has been appointed, and we look forward to her joining the governing body in due course, further strengthening the links between the school and the church.

The governing body continues to work closely with the headteacher and staff to ensure the school remains financially sustainable and educationally strong in the years ahead. Safeguarding, pastoral care and pupil wellbeing remain central to everything the school does, and the Christian values of the school continue to underpin its work.

The school is also continuing to improve its communication with parents and the wider community, including an increasingly active presence on social media. I would encourage anyone interested in the life of the school to follow its Facebook page, where many of the pupils' activities and achievements are regularly shared:
https://www.facebook.com/uppinghamcofe

One particularly encouraging moment this year was the school's Carol Service last December. It was wonderful to see the church nearly full and, most importantly, to see every child encouraged to take part. Events like this are a reminder of the strong and valued relationship between the school and the parish church.

Looking ahead, the school is preparing for its next SIAMS (Statutory Inspection of Anglican and Methodist Schools) inspection, which is expected to take place within the next twelve months. Governors and staff are working together to ensure that the school's Christian vision and ethos remain clearly embedded in all aspects of school life.

We remain very grateful for the continued support of the church and the wider community, and we look forward to strengthening these links further in the year ahead.

Philip Warner
Foundation Governor

Little Fishes

Average number – 15 children 10 parents/childminders/ grandparents

Led by – Olivia Linnell with volunteer support from Liz Clarke, Christabel Price, Elaine Woodhead, Anna Wilkinson, Janet Thompson

Every Monday 9.30-10.30

We are getting regulars as well as new people most weeks with very little marketing.

Little Fishes continue to be grateful for all of the voluntary support. This year Nick Clarke donated brand new printed T-shirts for the team.

We ask for a donation for tea and coffee, and anything taken goes towards providing refreshments.

We are seeing more children join in some of our other activities such as Come Rejoice and Good Friday events.

Children are finding enjoyment in church and parents are using the children's play area at other times during the week.





Mothers' Union

Welcome to the start of this MU year – 2026 a year of new challenges and adventures.

I started my short report last year 2025 with a question/ challenge for each one of us – where is your faith journey taking you?

I'm sure everyone has an answer and at this time of reflection everyone has a story to tell - everyone's experiences are different yet equally exciting and spiritual.

Now a quick resume of our year together and that challenge of 2025 – where has your faith journey taken you?

Last year we especially welcomed our new members from the Ketton MU who have supported us and continue to support us at our meetings and celebrations. We are indebted to them for their catering skills and friendships. Also members from our other sister branch, Oakham, who have shared several meetings and parties with us, and food!

This is to say not forgetting our new Uppingham members – Pam Garbutt, Jean & Ken Miller, & Chrissy, who joined in March but sadly said goodbye in November when she & her husband moved "south".

It has been wonderful to meet at different venues every month and enjoy fellowship together, as well as welcoming our guest speakers. We have learnt so much on a wide range of subjects,

From John and his amazing knowledge of hymns, from Olive and her journey of the past eleven years – and Hallelujah her 5-year plus residency here in the U.K. We look forward to another update on her journey of faith.

Later we had a super morning with the Lead Chaplain from Kettering Hospital – not to be missed! A bag of "tricks" too!

We had our usual prayer times with the World Day of Prayer in March and the Wave of Prayer in September, as well as our Quiet morning and lunch at Ketton with Phil Jones of the Methodist Church leading on "Do not be afraid". Again thank you to Honor and her amazing team for a lovely morning and delicious lunch.

There was also the visit to Buttercup Farm for coffee, a coffee morning at Val's, both events happening again this year! Various fund-raising events, Forum and Deanery meetings. Such wonderful fellowship everywhere. And this year promises to be even better with the celebrations for the 150 years of Mothers' Union. More information to come…

We also appreciate better the association which our President Helen Lynett has encouraged us, in our mission to local prisons, i.e. in sending cards for Easter and Christmas and also giving gifts/chocolates/biscuits to prisoners. I am sure this awareness has benefitted us as well as the contact with inmates. In mentioning Helen we give thanks for all her work and that of the Trustees – for Forum meetings, quiet mornings, her visits around the Deanery and so much more.

Our other fund-raising and raising awareness – Global Day and violence/abuse in families, AFIA when away-days and holidays have been made possible, projects and organisations of various kinds here and overseas. Thank you for your generous support.

I would also like to thank and congratulate all those members on our committee who on behalf of us all work enthusiastically and are an encouragement to us all. Sue for our finances and fund-raising, Val, for cakes and hospitality and that beautiful smile! And all the extra jobs they are asked to do! i.e. the market stall, collection of goodies for others, plus plus plus.

Particularly I would like to thank HILARY who is in and behind all the work we do. She is a tireless, wonderful ambassador for MU and our Lord. Thank you Hilary – we couldn't do anything without you. I am sure this is echoed around this room today from us all.

And last but not least Jill, our Past President, fellow traveller and golfing captain, who encourages and supports us all. Thank you, Jill.

To close I would just like to say THANK YOU to everyone for all that you do – and remind you again about the power of prayer – in March the World Day of Prayer – in September the Wave of Prayer –both now timed as part of the regular church prayer meetings on a Friday morning at 9.30 a.m. Do come and join us. And of course Mary Sumner Day.

Moyra Collins

Eco Church

We continue to try and get the congregation involved in our attempts to help restore the balance of God's creation by regularly looking at our lifestyle and the church yard.

Following our planting of native plants and bulbs, spring put on a glorious display in the church yard. This in turn led to us being invited to be part of the applications for both Uppingham in Bloom and Britain in Bloom competitions during July and August.

In July a group of us cleared and planted thyme in the area between the church and the church hall. These plants are now well established. The shed roof has also been repaired, and a rainwater collection point has been set up. The remaining two areas at the side of the church will be next, clearing and sowing wildflower seeds.

During July we ran the count on how much single use plastic is part of our daily lives. Approximately 32% of the congregation took part, the results varying from 27 items to 126 in one week.

In August we had our annual Come Rejoice outdoor service, with young people bringing their new school bags to be blessed. We are still hoping to build an Eco team in our church school.

In September we were invited to share in the Methodist Church harvest festival, in which we highlighted the work of the Fair-Trade movement.

November's Eco Nativity Exhibition and competition was good in encouraging the community to get involved. Dr Sarah Furness opened the event and judged the entries. On the Sunday we had an Eco celebration service led by Archdeacon Alison, who also presented the prizes that were funded by Eco Church.

Christobel Price

Choir

One outstanding highlight of our activity in 2025 was the opportunity for the choir to lead the weekend services at Ripon Cathedral, at the end of August. Peter and Oliver Clements were our organists.

We have continued to sustain our strong musical tradition, during the current months of interregnum, enabling a rich tapestry of worship week-by-week to support the priests, particularly Fr Peter and Canon John, celebrating the Sunday Eucharists. We are also grateful to Jill Cannings and Richard Cole for leading our monthly Choral Evensongs.

At the end of June, we were invited by St Peter's, Brooke, to sing a celebratory Evensong marking their Patronal Festival, followed by their customary splendid strawberry tea.

Our Advent, Christmas and Epiphany candlelit services have also been well received, as well as our monthly Choral Evensongs. The demands of Holy Week 2025 were also managed with considerable success, particularly the Robert White setting at Tenebrae. Special thanks are due to our loyal troupe of visiting singers who boost our numbers and enjoy the excitement of these special services.

Recruitment to the choir, of male singers at least, had been steady during 2025, but we were so very sorry to lose the loyal support of John Woodhead, who fell seriously ill during November 2025 and died in December 2025. The soprano line has for some time been in need of rather greater strength of numbers. We have been running a publicity campaign, with some success so far in garnering new adult interest, and we are praying we might gain even more new singers – who do not necessarily need to join reading music fluently – during the coming year.

The choir will be leading the Eucharist at the Old Royal Naval College Chapel in Greenwich on Sunday 19 July this year – our second visit there, by coach (leaving at 7am!), this time without the scaffolding around the building we encountered during their renovation work in 2022.

Looking further forward, I have made known my intention to step back from my role as Director of Music in two years' time, on my 80th birthday – though I hope I may continue to play the organ and help with accompanying services, health and strength permitting. Our new Rector and the PCC will have the opportunity, meanwhile, to consider and plan for the musical sustenance of the church in future years.

John Wardle
Director of Music & Organist

Bell Ringers

Our 'home' team of ringers has been boosted in numbers and we now have 8 ringers who are resident in Uppingham. Alison is a new ringer and is progressing well, having started in our Saturday morning teaching sessions. Matthew, Sally, Ruth and her son Seb all moved into the town from other areas and are warmly welcomed. Supported by other ringers from the surrounding villages, we are now able to ring on almost every Sunday morning prior to the service, calling people to come and worship. It was a great pleasure that, for the first time in several years, we had sufficient numbers to be able to ring on Christmas morning.

In January we again hosted a course run by the Association of Ringing Teachers. Six ringers from Rutland participated in the Module 1 course to become 'Ringing Teachers'.

The bells of St Peter & St Paul rang out many times during the year on significant occasions, either in celebration or in commemoration: St George's Day April 23rd; VE Day 80 on May 8th and VJ Day 80 on August 15th. Muffled ringing was the order for Remembrance Sunday and the Tenor bell was tolled on November 11th. On December 4th we had 14 ringers who all came to enjoy the atmosphere and ring bells for the start of the late-night shopping event in the town. We were requested to ring for only one wedding in 2025 and for 2 funeral/ thanksgiving services.

A Quarter Peal was rung in April, as a compliment to Richard Cole as he completed his year as High Sheriff of Rutland.

In August Taylor's of Loughborough visited for a maintenance and safety check on all the bells. I am pleased to be able to report that no issues were identified.

In the ringing room we have a "bell simulator", which facilitates learning with the bells silenced, the sound heard only inside the ringing room via digital technology. This makes Uppingham a very suitable environment for teaching bell handling. In 2025 we held teaching sessions on 40 Saturday mornings, for new ringers from across the County. Quite an achievement for all concerned.

Our annual cake and plant stall on Uppingham Market Place was held in May, raising funds for the Uppingham Church Bell Fund.

Practice nights are Thursdays 7.30pm-9.00pm.

Sue Webster
Tower Captain

Church Hall

It is hoped that the users of the hall find that it is a pleasant and airy facility without being too costly to hire. Although the hall is not large, it seems to meet the regular needs of several organisations. The current hourly rate for the hall is £10 per hour. A new lock was installed on the door in January 2025, so new keys had to be cut and distributed. Thank you to Robert Cliff Ltd for servicing the water boiler and heating system each year, and to Lidbetter and Hicks who deal with the electricity. After many years of inactivity and some investigation, I managed to establish who was responsible for the streetlight at the bottom of the path, on the left as you come out of the church hall. At present, it appears to be the responsibility of the church, so it is coming under the church hall, to look after it, and I am grateful to Stuart of Lidbetter and Hicks for getting it working again, as it lights up a very dark area down the path. Some stronger bulbs have also been installed outside the hall, and down the path where the hanging lantern hangs from the wall. With several organisations using the hall in the evenings, it is important to have good lighting, particularly during the winter months.

Thank you to those who continue to take an interest in the hall, who check that it is locked, observe any problems, and generally walk along the path at different times to see that things are in order, it is much appreciated. There are always things that can be improved and so we shall keep trying.

The following groups used the hall regularly in 2025

- Alcoholics Anonymous
- The Labour Party
- Women's Singing Circle
- Mellors and Kirk, Nottingham – Valuations
- Uppingham Mothers' Union
- Uppingham WI
- Uppingham Matters
- The Parish Church – events throughout the year, including a Lent Lunch, making of posies for Mothering Sunday, an ECo church meeting, an open Parish Profile meeting.
- Parsnips Youth Theatre
- Uppingham Community College – training young people in catering for examinations since September 2024 – a particularly successful project and partnership.

Other groups and organisations used the hall or its equipment at other times:

- Uppingham and District Twinning Association
- Uppingham Bellringers – Area events
- Veterans' Coffee Morning (from Autumn 2025)
- National Gardens Scheme (WI hosting of

refreshments) -Summer 2025
- Private children's parties and family parties,
- Private musical rehearsals
- Private theatre rehearsals
- Private meeting – residents
- E Dorman – occasional wakes
- Various musical events and choirs, for rehearsals, and use of chairs and toilets.

The income from these lettings and donations can be seen in the church accounts.

Hilary Dawe
Church Hall Bookings

Deanery Synod

Meetings are attended by clergy in the Deanery and lay representatives. Coordinated by the Rural Dean, the Revd. Canon Jane Baxter, meetings provide the opportunity to find out what is happening in the diocese and deanery and to share views. Meetings are 3 monthly. Following COVID we have continued the pattern of Zoom meetings in the winter and face to face in the summer. Each time there is an interesting speaker and opportunity to find out what is going on in the deanery. This is particularly important as several benefices are in interregnum. I have enjoyed meeting and worshipping with people across our Rutland churches. There was minor disruption to meetings following the Rural Dean's serious fall. I attended the installation of new incumbents for Ketton benefice and the Rutland Water Benefice. Bishop Debbie presided and preached at both services. Another representative on Deanery Synod would be welcome. It is an interesting role.

Churches Together

Churches together continue to meet every 6 weeks. Representatives from all the churches attend the meetings.

Topics such as Lent and Easter activities and services are regularly reviewed.

The Covenant service and Harvest festival are the main services we work together to show unity.

There is a sub-committee for children and families work with Olivia, Sue and Rich (Oakham Baptist church)

A recent pancake day welcomed 26 children to church. A wonderful occasion and we were also included on Rutland & Stamford Sound!

Olivia Gilmore



Remembrance 2025



Between Rectors 2025



VE/VJ Day 2025

Appendix

PCC Members 2025 to present time

Clergy	**Currently in Interregnum**		
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St Peter and St Paul Uppingham
The Parish of Uppingham-with-Ayston

Accounts for the year end 31 December 2025

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Treasurer
Jonathan Gibbs

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Bank
HSBC, Oakham

Independent Examiner
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7th April 2026.

Financial Statements for the year ended 31st December 2025

Receipts and Payments Account

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Designated Funds	Endowment Funds	Total 2025	Total 2024
Receipts						
Voluntary Receipts						
Planned Giving	56,732	-	-	-	56,732	49,813
Collections at Services	9,190	-	-	-	9,190	5,061
Other Voluntary Income	9,717	-	-	-	9,717	31,736
Gift Aid Recovered	7,009	-	-	-	7,009	14,811
	82,647	-	-	-	**82,647**	**101,421**
Activities for Generating Funds	2,078	-	286	-	2,364	6,855
Income from Investments	211	10,809	-	1,327	12,347	11,424
Church Activities	10,569	4,455	656	-	15,680	11,665
Total Receipts	**95,506**	**15,264**	**942**	**1,327**	**113,039**	**131,365**
Payments						
Parish Share and Clergy Expenses	64,953	-	-	-	64,953	65,842
Worship	6,519	-	480	-	6,999	6,169
Faith Development & Outreach	859	-	-	-	859	9,487
Church Running Costs & Maintenance	18,248	8,980	903	-	28,131	26,752
Administration	15,536	19	-	-	15,555	8,251
Bank charges	123	126	-	-	248	281
Fundraising	-	-	101	-	101	1,064
Total Payments	**106,237**	**9,125**	**1,484**	-	**116,846**	**117,565**
Excess of receipts over payments	(10,731)	6,139	(541)	1,327	(3,807)	13,800
Transfers between funds	521	(521)	-	-	0	-
	(10,210)	**5,618**	**(541)**	**1,327**	**(3,807)**	**13,800**
Cash at bank at 31 December 2024	18,595	132,069	5,779	29,325	185,769	172,087
Cash at bank a 31st December 2025	**8,385**	**137,687**	**5,238**	**30,652**	**181,962**	**185,887**

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Designated Funds	Endowment Funds	Total 2025	Total 2024
a) Investment Funds						
Uppingham Church Lands [Charity of Richard Pateman]	0	0	0	13,994	13,994	14,373
Uppingham Parish Lands and Stock Charity	0	0	0	544	544	559
J Pretty Charity	0	0	0	1,454	1,454	1,487
C E Thorpe Charity	0	0	0	20,133	20,133	20,678
Mrs M B Fowler for a Poor Woman	0	0	0	2,145	2,145	2,203
Uppingham SS Peter Paul PCC [Charity of Richard Pakeman]	0	0	0	48,259	48,259	49,144
Uppingham Church Rooms	0	0	0	46,994	46,994	47,855
	0	**0**	**0**	**133,523**	**133,523**	**136,298**
b) Land Holdings						
16 Acres at Hallaton	0	0	0	64,000	64,000	64,000
15.196 Acres	0	0	0	60,000	60,000	60,000
Landfill Site	0	0	0	80,000	80,000	80,000
	0	**0**	**0**	**204,000**	**204,000**	**204,000**
c) All other giving / voluntary receipts						
Donations	5,465	0	0	0	5,465	20,197
Wall Safe	2,002	0	0	0	2,002	2,940
Grants	2,250	0	0	0	2,250	925
	9,717	**0**	**0**	**0**	**9,717**	**24,063**
d) Activities for Generating Funds						
Church Fund Raising Events	0	0	286	0	286	4,305
Concerts	2,078	0	0	0	2,078	1,003
	2,078	**0**	**286**	**0**	**2,364**	**5,308**
e) Investment Income						
Dividends on Investment Funds	0	3,880	0	0	3,880	3,730
Deposit Account Interest	211	4,313	0	1,327	5,851	3,899
Land Rental	0	2,615	0	0	2,615	1,840
	211	**10,809**	**0**	**1,327**	**12,347**	**9,469**
f) Income from Church Activities						
Fees (includes organ, choir)	10,302	0	656	0	10,958	8,625
Charity Fund Raising Events	268	0	0	0	268	1,451
Church Hall Lettings	0	4,455	0	0	4,455	2,381
	10,569	**4,455**	**656**	**0**	**15,680**	**12,458**
g) Donations (included in Faith Development and Outreach)						
Xmas lunches	0	0	0	0	0	1,259
St Luke's Hospital	0	0	0	0	0	20
Christian Aid Appeal	0	0	0	0	0	172
Remembrance Sunday	556	0	0	0	556	503
Tear Fund	0	0	0	0	0	480
Local Charities and Causes	0	0	0	0	0	2,250
	556	**0**	**0**	**0**	**556**	**4,684**
h) Church Running Expenses						
Utilities	11,690	199	0	0	11,890	11,121
Insurance	4,589	639	0	0	5,228	5,083
Maintenance	1,969	6,731	903	0	9,603	8,800
Organ repairs	0	0	0	0	0	309
Cleaning	0	1,410	0	0	1,410	1,440
	18,248	**8,980**	**903**	**0**	**28,131**	**26,753**

REGISTERED CHARITY NUMBER: 1138063

The Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish of St Peter & St Paul, Uppingham

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31st December 2025

INDEPENDENT EXAMINERS REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF The Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish of St Peter & St Paul, Uppingham

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the charity for the year ended 31st December 2025, which are set out on the following pages.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

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

It is my responsibility to:

- Examine the accounts under section 145 (5)(b) of the Act;
- Follow the procedures laid down in the general directions given by the Charity Commission; and
- State whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent examiner's statement

My 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 charity and a comparison of the accounts and seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the 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 my examination, no matters have come to my attention:

1. which gives me reasonable cause to believe that, in any material respect, the requirements:
   - to keep accounting records in accordance with the Act; and
   - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the Act have not been met, or

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

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