Trustees Report 2025

Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

Trustee Name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for the whole year	Name of person (or body entitled to appoint trustee (if any)
Mrs A Nearcou	Church Warden		Meeting of Parishioners
Mr P Williams	Church Warden		Meeting of Parishioners
Mrs M Tobin	Deanery Synod Rep		Church APCM
Mrs C Young	Deanery Synod Rep		Church APCM
Mr M Archer	Treasurer		PCC
Mrs M Paton			Church APCM
Mr T Sorensen			Church APCM
Mr P Banks	PCC Secretary		Church APCM
Mr F Preedy			Church APCM
Mr R Dellner			Church APCM
Mrs S Waddington		From May 11	Church APCM
Mrs E Fillingham		From June 26	PCC
Rev'd N Ngururi		From October 14	

Objectives

Promoting in the Ecclesiastical Parish the whole mission of the church.

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.

Objectives and Activities

St. Paul's PCC has the responsibility of co-operating with its Vicar in promoting in the ecclesiastical parish the whole mission of the Church, pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical. It also has maintenance responsibilities for the Church, Community Hall and premises at St. Paul's, Oriental Road, Woking.

Church attendance in 2025

The average weekly attendance for 2025 was 48 (2024:58) in person, of whom 7 (2024: 9) were under 16 years old. These figures do not include special services such as Christmas, Easter, Baptisms etc. There were 56 (2024: 65) Parishioners on the Electoral Roll in 2025, 35 of whom were resident in the Parish (2024: 42). Order Two Holy Communion service is at 9am on the 1 st and 3 rd Sundays of the month. The average attendance to this is 5.

Review of the PCC Year

During the year, the PCC met 6 times (2024:6), excluding the APCM. There was an average 95% (2024: 79%) attendance at PCC meetings.

The PCC decided in February 2025 to appoint an incumbent minister rather than an interim minister (i.e. to make an open-ended appointment rather than a three-year, fixed term appointment). In May a 'section 11'

meeting was held to approve the parish profile and to appoint representatives from PCC to the panel to recruit the new vicar at St Paul's. Rev. Naomi Ngururi was duly appointed as our vicar on 14th October 2025.

During the vacancy the PCC developed a Service and Growth plan to improve the numbers attending St Paul's and to increase regular giving. A sub-group of the PCC was formed for this purpose. Ideas for

growing the church were also developed by members of the wider church family in meetings held with the Archdeacon, Martin Breadmore, and with Jens Mankel, the Diocesan Mission Enabler for Revitalisation. The initial ideas put forward will be developed further by the PCC and by the church family into a plan of action.

The PCC welcomed the Rev. Naomi to her first PCC meeting in November 2025.

St Paul's Church, Woking

The church sadly lost Richard Hay, Honorary Assistant Minister, during the year. He had made a huge contribution to many aspects of church worship, pastoral care and community life.

The church has been without a Vicar during most of 2025, until the arrival of the Red Naomi Ngururi on October 14. During the vacancy the church was led by the Church Wardens.

The first few months of Naomi's stewardship have been spent getting to know the Parish, the church family and our ecumenical partners, as well as preparing and celebrating Christmas.

Throughout the year the church continued its regular worship, prayer, pastoral and community activities. Rev Richard Hay contributed mightily to both our Sunday services and our pastoral care. A team of visiting clergy presided at Sunday services. Sue Waddington led our children's and youth activities. Ros Banks co-ordinated the all the activities in the Community Halls. Margaret Staunton-Lambert stepped in as a voluntary church administrator. The church wardens stepped up in leadership. The whole church family rallied around to ensure continuity of activities.

Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves

The PCC has a policy of reserves to the value of three months running costs of the church.

Details of any funds materially in deficit

There are no funds in deficit.

Signed on behalf of the Trustees

Signature		
Name	Mr P Banks	Mr M Archer
Role	PCC Secretary	Treasurer
Date	October 27, 2026	October 27, 2026

CHARITY COMMISSION FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

The Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish Church of St Paul Woking	1139487

Receipts and payments accounts

CC16a

For the period from	01 January 2025	To	31 December 2025

Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
A1 Receipts					
Regular giving from the congregation	70,450		-	70,450	61,433
Legacies	48,678			48,678	-
Flat rental	3,490		-	3,490	11,550
Hall hire	17,082		-	17,082	17,990
Other donations	3,204	12,373	-	15,577	395
Other income	6,708		-	6,708	11,426
***Sub total** (Gross income for AR)*	149,612	12,373	-	161,985	102,794
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	149,612	12,373	-	161,985	102,794
A3 Payments					
Parish share	66,850			66,850	66,920
Staff costs	15,300			15,300	11,973
Mission donations	-	240		240	11,983
Building costs	10,912	11,860		22,772	9,183
Utility and insurance costs	14,941			14,941	15,972
Office and other costs	9,454	600		10,054	6,889
Sub total	117,457	12,700	-	130,157	122,920
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	117,457	12,700	-	130,157	122,920
Net of receipts/(payments)	32,155	- 328	-	31,828	- 20,127
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	25,590	7,944	-	33,534	53,661
Cash funds this year end	57,745	7,617	-	65,362	33,534

Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B1 Cash funds	Cash at bank and in hand	57,745	7,617	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
	Total cash funds	57,745	7,617	-

	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-

	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B3 Investment assets			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-

	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-

	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
B5 Liabilities			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	

Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees	Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
		P Banks	27-Oct-26
		M Archer	27-Oct-26

CHARITY COMMISSION FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Independent examiner's report on the accounts

Section A Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees	The Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish Church of St Paul Woking		
On accounts for the year ended	31 December 2025	**Charity no (if any)**	1139487
Set out on pages	1-2		

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

Responsibilities and basis of report

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

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

Independent examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination 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.

Signed:		**Date:**	30-Oct-26
Name:	PHILIP COURTNEY		
Relevant professional qualification(s) or body (if any):	Chartered Accountant		

Address:	

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.	