St John's Church Belmont

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Annual Report and Financial Statements 2025

ST JOHN'S CHURCH, BELMONT

ANNUAL REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS OF THE ECUMENICAL CHURCH COUNCIL FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31 DECEMBER 2025

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Title page photograph: Sunday before Christmas in church, 21 December 2025

Objectives and activities for the public benefit

Our Mission Statement is: "**St John's Church exists to share our faith in Christ and the love of God, by loving and helping our neighbours in the local community. We will work to: make our church a vibrant place of worship; support each other; reach out with courage to people of all ages in Belmont and make them feel welcome to come to St John's in good times and in bad for support, fellowship and spiritual growth".**

We achieve this by the primary objective of St John's Church which is the promotion of the Good News of our Lord Jesus Christ according to the doctrines and practices of the Church of England and the Methodist Church.

The Ecumenical Church Council (ECC) has the responsibility of co-operating with the incumbent in promoting the whole mission of the Church, pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical within both the ecclesiastical parish of Belmont and the Sutton Methodist Circuit. It also has the maintenance responsibilities for the parish church buildings in Belmont.

2025 in review

An early event of significance in the year was the retirement of our Associate Priest the Rev Anne Doerr. Since rejoining us in 2019 her experience, guidance and advice had brought invaluable



support to St John's. She helped see us through our interregnum and Covid, and as Associate Priest since Beth's appointment had continued to share her faithful and inspiring ministry with church members and the wider local community. For all of this we were very grateful. We knew we would miss her greatly and we have been glad that she has returned to us for occasional services.



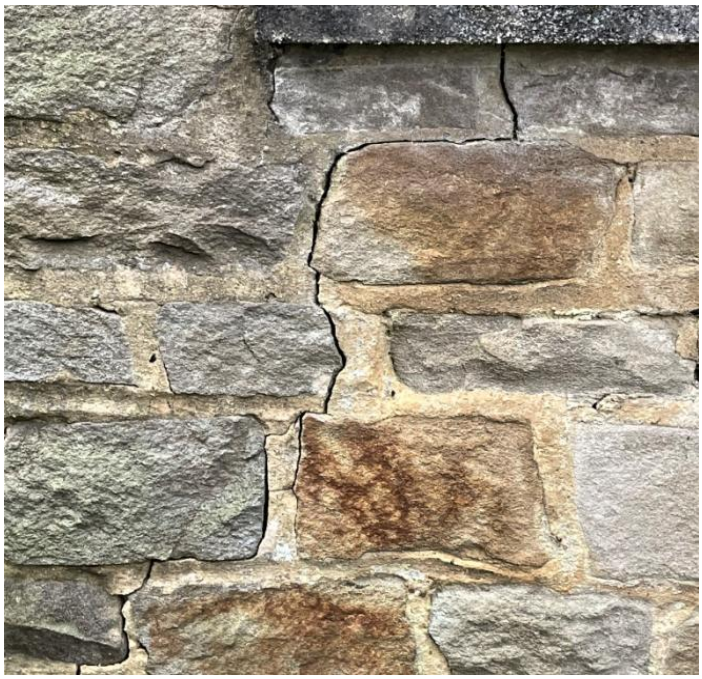
Our presentations and thanks to Anne took place within our annual Christingle service, as usual a well attended and moving event especially when church members formed a continuous chain of lighted candles around the nave.

Our Lent and Advent discussion group took the Church's creeds as its subject, and the Women of the Nativity.

In April St John's were pleased to host a Thanksgiving Service for the centenary of the formation of the Belmont Branch of the British Legion in April 1925. This celebratory service was conducted by the Vicar, and dignitaries attending included the Mayor and Deputy Mayor, Luke Taylor M.P. and representatives from the Royal British Legion. Later, in September, the Vicar in her role as the Belmont Branch's honorary chaplain gave a prayer of dedication for a new centenary plaque at a ceremony in the War Memorial Garden opposite the church. The Mayor of Sutton unveiled the plaque attended by the Deputy Lieutenant of Surrey.



Our improvement and renovation of our buildings continued through the year. Following our major 2024 schemes for renewing the lighting, sound and electrical systems our next major task was to tackle the refurbishment of the Meeting Room. Substantial work was needed following the departure of the Belmont Pre-School so that we could use the room ourselves and hire it out to help restore our lost lettings income. Our 2022 Quinquennial Inspection had already identified work needed on the outside of the Meeting Room as cracks were appearing, and had strongly recommended removing all the trees and large shrubs planted against the walls of the church, Meeting Room and Community Hall to prevent structural







damage and to reveal any problems of damp.

Our new Architect was consulted and drew up plans for the work including dealing with the external cracks in the masonry and the renewal of the roofs over the Meeting Room and the hall corridor, with the attendant rooms and facilities. Funding was a problem – we needed to avoid a further approach to church members after their tremendous efforts in fund-raising for our electrical and sound system renewal in 2024, and we therefore agreed to an economical scheme that would nevertheless make the Meeting Room sound, attractive and useful. This is now progressing together with further work found necessary to make the flat roofs watertight. In the coming year we also plan to review the renewal of our boilers and heating system, the use of the west end of the church, and to consider strengthening our finances in the light of these heavy calls on our reserves.

We took part in the Communal Garden Competition run by Sutton Council submitting a scheme for much-needed improvement to the area outside the Vicarage gate and by the path through the churchyard to the Belmont Rest Garden, and have now been glad to be awarded £5,000 this year for the work.

As a new venture, in early July we held a successful Open Garden afternoon in the church grounds and community hall, for the Belmont community as well as church members, with cream teas, displays, stalls and children's activities.

We welcomed our new office and hall manager in June, Katharine Mackie, who has worked hard to raise awareness of the hall and its facilities and has achieved success with new hirers. In addition she has taken



over the administration of our website and publicity and signage which has also helped our funding.

We welcomed local residents for coffee after the Remembrance Day service at the War Memorial. This service continues to grow in attendance, and is a moving experience for all those taking part.

The young people of our Sunday Club have led several Sunday morning services with great success.

We held a second Christmas Tree Festival in church, continuing to the New Year. It filled the aisles with Christmas trees each decorated by a local organisation or business or by a church group, all with great flair and some with inspired imagination. It was a feat to have the trees in the church as well as 168 people at the Crib Service on Christmas Eve and then 100 at the Midnight Service. We had more trees and more people viewing the trees this year than last and it is now a successful feature of our church year. As a further seasonal highlight St John's was packed as usual for the annual Maggie's Christmas Carol Concert held in support of the Royal Marsden's Maggie's Centres

Our choir has continued in strength through the year and led well-attended pre-Christmas musical events, but we were saddened and shocked by the death of Rosemary Pedrick, our organist, and a leading member of our choir for many years, responsible for much of its organisation and activity. Our sympathy went to her family and the church was filled for her service.

The ECC continued to hold its bimonthly meetings on Zoom during the winter months, although during the summer it met in person, as did the Standing Committee.

Last year we have had several weddings (two marriages and two blessings), funerals (two in church and five at crematoria) and baptisms (two babies, one child, and one adult). Additionally we buried the ashes of two former church members. Our clergy have led assemblies and celebrations for our local primary schools.

There were 55 members on the Church Electoral Roll as at December 2025 (97 in 2024, though it is acknowledged that many people who consider themselves a member of St John’s were not able to complete the renewal form on time), 60% of whom live outside the parish. There were six members on the Methodist Electoral Roll as at December 2025.

Since last year the number of attendees at our services has increased with the "usual" Sunday service attendance now being 70 (increased from 64), with sometimes two children except when Sunday Club is held, when eight or more young people attend. We hold two services weekly on a Sunday morning, plus a monthly Choral Evensong, which is now our largest service on those Sundays.

Additionally, we conduct home Communions for those who are housebound, and services for the community for major occasions.

Fundraising

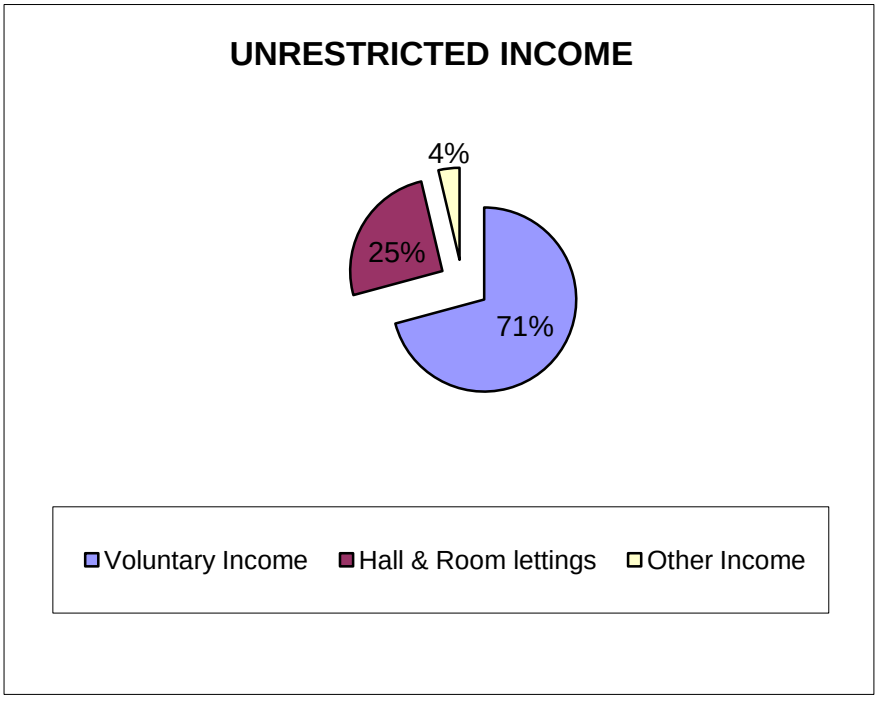
During the year we benefited from the Government scheme to recover the VAT we had paid for some of our listed building costs.

Grant Awarding Body	Purpose of Grant	Grant awarded in the year to 31 December 2025
Listed Places of Worship Grant Scheme	Recovery of VAT costs on certain spend related to the listed church building and attached hall	£2,926

Financial Review

The surplus on Unrestricted Funds was £4,172 for the year (deficit £27,437 in 2024). Before depreciation, the surplus on Unrestricted Funds was £14,261 (deficit £17,237 in 2024).

Receipts on Unrestricted Funds decreased by 8% (£11,560) compared with 2024, to £125,878. This decrease was primarily a consequence of a decrease in receipts from grants and legacies of 85% (£14,386) and 53% (£8,000) respectively. This increase was partly offset by an increase in hall and room lettings of 13% (£3,695) compared with 2024, to £32,109 in 2025. Hall costs (before building depreciation and major repairs) increased by 6%. Active marketing has continued to increase our other hall income, and the hall remains a net positive to the church's finances, generating a surplus (prior to building depreciation and major repairs) of £8,122 (2024 surplus £5,736).



We continue to be grateful for and heavily reliant on voluntary giving, as can be seen in the graph showing our sources of income. Income from hall and room lettings as

a proportion of unrestricted income has increased from 21% in 2024 to 25% in 2025.

Of the 71% voluntary income (73% in 2024), about 57% (52% in 2024) came from planned giving (including recoverable tax), i.e. those giving by bank standing order or envelopes. This is a particularly useful method as it allows us to plan our cash-flow much more easily (particularly receiving payments by standing order). The total amount received from legacies in the year was £7,000 (£15,000 in 2024). We currently have 42 individuals who give on a regular basis signed up for Gift Aid and a further 12 regular givers not on Gift Aid (45 and 10 respectively in 2024).

The vast majority of our expenditure is on charitable activities, a significant part of which is the Diocesan Parish Share which, together with the Methodist Circuit payment, accounts for 36% (2024 25%) of the charitable activity expenditure and 36% (2024 25%) of our total unrestricted expenditure. We are very mindful of our level of expenditure and continue to look at ways to reduce it as far as is practicably possible.

Reserves Policy

"Reserves" are those parts of the ECC's funds which are freely available. This definition therefore excludes the following funds held by St. John's:

- Restricted Funds
- Unrestricted Funds which can only be realised by disposing of fixed assets held for charity use (for example, the Hall Designated Fund).

Note 10 to the Financial Statements shows the reserves at 31 December 2025 of £86,320. The 2025 level of expenditure relating to these reserves was £112,986: £121,706 (unrestricted resources expended) less £8,720 (hall designated depreciation).

It is the ECC's policy to maintain a balance on these reserve funds (as far as possible) which equates to approximately nine months' unrestricted expenditure, in order to cover emergency situations that may arise from time to time. The actual balance held at the end of 2025 represents nine months (2024, five months).

The ECC paid all of its diocesan pledge of £42,000 for the 2025 year and agreed to increase its Parish Support Fund contribution to £44,400 for 2026. The ECC has committed to keep its financial position under review with the aim of increasing its pledge further, where funds allow.

Volunteers

Many aspects of the life of the church are supported by volunteers. We are grateful for all who work so hard for St John's and the local community.

Structure, governance and management

St John's Church, Belmont, is part of the Diocese of Southwark within the Church of England, and the Sutton Circuit within the London District of the Methodist Church.

The **Ecumenical Church Council** (ECC) is the decision-making body of St John's Church, Belmont, which is an Anglican and Methodist Local Ecumenical Partnership. It is a registered charity.

The **Parochial Church Council** (PCC) is a corporate body established by the Church of England and is the statutory recognised body of the Parish Church of St John, Belmont. It operates under the Parochial Church Council Powers Measure.

Under the Constitution of 2011, and according to Standing Order 611 of *The Constitutional Practice and Discipline of the Methodist Church 2011* the ECC acts as the **Methodist Church Council** for all matters appertaining to the governance of the church. Methodist members continue to meet at least once a year for matters relating to specifically Methodist functions, for example to elect a Methodist Steward and Circuit representatives.

All matters relating to the church as the Anglican parish church, where PCC involvement is legally required, are made by the ECC, and subsequently ratified by the members of the PCC.

The ECC consists of all clergy and ministers of the Local Ecumenical Partnership (ex-officio), and up to 12 elected members. In addition the ECC can co-opt up to a further four members. Elected members of the ECC are elected at the Annual Church Meeting. Co-opted members may be co-opted at any time required and can remain until the next Annual Church Meeting at which time they may stand for election. Members of the PCC and Methodist officials would normally stand for election to the ECC at the Annual Church Meeting. Elected members must be either on the Anglican Electoral Roll or a Methodist member of St John's Church. If voting is required, only church members who are on the Anglican Electoral Roll or a Methodist member of St John's Church are eligible to vote at the Annual Church Meeting.

The ECC is elected under the Constitution adopted on 10 April 2011. ECC members, and therefore Trustees, who have served at any time from 1 January 2024 to the date of this Annual Church Meeting, are as follows, together with the current periods for which they serve.

Ex officio	Reverend Bethany Lewis, Incumbent
	Reverend Anne Doerr, Associate Priest (to February 2025)
	Reverend Catherine Hutton , Methodist Circuit Superintendent
	Mr John Newson, Deanery Synod member (May 2023 to May 2026)
Elected	Mrs Philomena White, Chairman (May 2025 to May 2028)
	Mr Peter Baker (May 2025 to May 2028)
	Mrs Caroline Everson (May 2025 to May 2028)
	Mrs Julie Ferguson (May 2024 to May 2027)
	Miss Eleanor Pinfold, Churchwarden (May 2025 to May 2026)
	Mrs Anthea Winterton (May 2023 to May 2026)
	Mr Anthony Woolfenden, Treasurer (May 2024 to May 2027)
Co-opted	Mr Jonathan Mayombwe (November 2025 to May 2026)

Mr Darren Murton is the church's Accountant (non-ECC member).

Under Church Representation Rules, the annual accounts are presented by the ECC to the Annual Church Meeting, and subsequently to the Diocese of Southwark by the PCC.

The Standing Committee of the ECC has the power to transact the business of the ECC between meetings, subject to directions given by the ECC. It has met regularly through the year. Membership is the officials of the Parish being the ECC chairman, Churchwarden, Treasurer, Incumbent and the PCC Secretary.

Risk management

In managing financial risk we continued to take out insurance cover whenever feasibly practical and reasonable.

Safeguarding

As a Local Ecumenical Partnership we are obliged to follow the safeguarding policies and procedures for children, young people and vulnerable adults of one of our constituent denominations. St John's Church follows the policies of the Diocese of Southwark. The ECC has complied with the duty under section 5 of the Safeguarding and Clergy Discipline Measure 2016 (duty to have due regard to the House of Bishops' guidance on safeguarding children and vulnerable adults). With the agreement of the Methodist District, St John's uses the Church of England safeguarding resources to disseminate information and good practice to all the church members involved in looking after children and vulnerable adults, and to the church officers.

We are grateful to our Parish Safeguarding Officer for all her work during the year.

Health and Safety

St John's has the following policies, all available for reference: Anti-bullying & anti-harassment; contractor induction procedures; contractor procedures control; data privacy; disciplinary and grievances; fire procedures; health and safety; lone workers; pastoral visits; recruitment of ex-offenders; risk assessments (for all regulated activities); safeguarding; substances hazardous to health policy control; unaccompanied and uncollected children guidance.

ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

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Registered Charity number: 1144611

The Church's bankers are:
HSBC Bank plc, 5 Wimbledon Hill Road, Wimbledon, SW19 7NF
National Westminster Bank plc, 88/90 High Street, Sutton SM1 1EX
Scottish Widows Bank plc, Edinburgh (part of Lloyds Banking Group).

The Church's independent examiner is Mrs A.J. Griffiths, Belmont, Surrey.

Independent Examiner's Report to the members and trustees of St John's Church, Belmont Ecumenical Church Council

I report on the accounts for the year ended 31 December 2025 which are set out on pages 13 to 22.

Respective responsibilities of the Trustees and the Independent Examiner

The Charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The Charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 ("the Charities Act") and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 Act
- follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners under section 145 (5) (b) of the 2011 Act, 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 financial statements presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the financial statements and seeking explanations from the 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 give me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements
   a) to keep accounting records in accordance with s.130 of the Charities Act; and
   b) to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the Charities Act 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.

Mrs A J Griffiths, Belmont, Sutton, Surrey

Dated: 23rd April 2026

ST. JOHN'S CHURCH, BELMONT
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31st DECEMBER 2025

	Note	2025 Unrestricted Funds £	2025 Restricted Funds £	2025 Total Funds £	2024 Total Funds £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS					
Voluntary income	2(a)	89,117	2,728	91,845	144,043
Activities for generating funds	2(b)	32,604	0	32,604	30,159
Income from investments	2(c)	2,586	0	2,586	3,909
Church activities	2(d)	1,571	0	1,571	2,445
Other income	2(e)	0	0	0	481
TOTAL INCOME		**125,878**	**2,728**	**128,606**	**181,037**
EXPENDITURE					
Church activities	3(a)	121,535	6,088	127,623	222,384
Raising funds	3(b)	171	124	295	187
Total expenditure		**121,706**	**6,212**	**127,918**	**222,571**
NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)		**4,172**	**(3,484)**	**688**	**(41,534)**
TRANSFER BETWEEN FUNDS	10	0	0	0	0
NET MOVEMENT IN FUNDS		**4,172**	**(3,484)**	**688**	**(41,534)**
TOTAL FUNDS BROUGHT FORWARD		308,850	165,432	474,282	515,816
TOTAL FUNDS CARIED FORWARD		**313,022**	**161,948**	**474,970**	**474,282**

The attached notes 1 to 14 form part of these Financial Statements

ST. JOHN'S CHURCH, BELMONT
BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31st DECEMBER 2025

	Note	2025 £	2025 £	2024 £
FIXED ASSETS				
Tangible	8		387,253	402,969
			387,253	402,969
CURRENT ASSETS				
Debtors				
Prepayments & Accrued Income			17,639	9,490
Cash at Bank and in hand				
Bank Deposit accounts		61,155		61,155
Bank Current accounts		20,884		9,006
			82,039	70,161
			99,678	79,651
LIABILITIES				
Creditors - amounts falling due within one year	9		11,961	8,338
NET CURRENT ASSETS			87,717	71,313
TOTAL NET ASSETS			**474,970**	**474,282**
CHURCH FUNDS				
Unrestricted Funds				
General Fund	10	81,637		63,746
Designated Funds	10	231,385		245,104
			313,022	308,850
Restricted Funds	10		161,948	165,432
TOTAL FUNDS			**474,970**	**474,282**

Approved by the Ecumenical Church Council on 27 April 2026 and signed on their behalf

Philomena White.

Mrs Philomena White
Chairman

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Note 1. Accounting policies & assumptions

Financial Statements

The financial statements have been prepared under the Church Accounting Regulations 2006 in accordance with applicable accounting standards and the current Statement of Recommended Practice, Accounting and Reporting by Charities and applicable accounting standard FRS102.

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention except for investment assets, which are shown at market value. The financial statements include all transactions, assets and liabilities for which the PCC is responsible in law. They do not include the accounts of church groups that owe their main affiliation to another body (Mothers' Union, Guides, Scouts), nor those that are informal gatherings of church members.

Going Concern

The financial statements have been prepared on the going concern basis as the church has the support of the Diocese and its congregation.

Funds

Restricted Funds represent donations or grants received for a specific object or invited by the ECC for a specific object. The funds can only be expended on the specific object for which they were given. Any balance remaining unspent at the end of the year is carried forward as a balance on that fund. The ECC does not invest separately for each fund.

Unrestricted Funds are general funds which can be used for ECC ordinary purposes. These include *Designated Funds* which are general funds set aside by the ECC for a particular purpose; however, they can be transferred back for ordinary purposes.

Incoming Resources

These are included in the Statement of Financial Activities when:

1. the ECC becomes legally entitled to the benefit of use of the resources;
2. their ultimate receipt is virtually certain; and
3. the monetary value can be measured with sufficient reliability.

Grants and donations

These are included in the Statement of Financial Activities when any pre-conditions preventing their use by the ECC have been met. For collections and planned giving, this is when the funds are received.

Gift Aid and other tax claims
Gift Aid and other tax claims are included in the Statement of Financial Activities at the same time as the cash donations to which they relate.

Investment Income
Investment income is included in the accounts when receivable.

Rental Income
Rental income from the letting the Community Hall is recognised when the rental is due.

Activities for generating funds
Funds raised from events and trading activities are included gross in the Statement of Financial Activities, that is, before any related costs are deducted (these costs are shown in note 3(a)).

Volunteer Help
The value of voluntary help received is not included in the accounts but is described in the trustees' annual report.

Expenditure and liabilities
Liabilities are recognised as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation and settlement is probable and quantifiable.

Fixed Assets

Land and buildings
Consecrated and beneficed property is excluded from the accounts by sections 10(2) (a) and (c) of the Charities Act 2011.

The hall is not a consecrated building, and therefore is included in the assets. The hall building is depreciated on a straight-line basis over 50 years. The land is not depreciated.

Other Fixed Assets
Equipment used within the church premises (including within the Community Hall) is depreciated on a straight-line basis over a maximum of four years.

Current Assets
These include amounts paid in advance (maintenance contracts etc.) at 31 December 2024, for which the full service has not been received.

Amounts recoverable from HM Revenue and Customs in respect of Gift Aid are included.

Liabilities
These cover accruals and creditors in respect of amounts owing at 31 December 2025, but not paid by the ECC as at that date.

note		Unrestricted Funds £	2025 Restricted Funds £	Total Funds £	2024 Total Funds £
2	**INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS**				
2(a)	**Voluntary income**				
	Planned Giving:				
	Gift aid donations	37,025		37,025	38,780
	Tax Recoverable (all)	12,701		12,701	19,790
	Other	4,309		4,309	3,377
	Collections at Services	1,901		1,901	954
	Grants	2,609		2,609	20,245
	Donations, appeals, etc.	23,572	2,728	26,300	45,897
	Legacies	7,000		7,000	15,000
		89,117	**2,728**	**91,845**	**144,043**
2(b)	**Activities for generating funds**				
	Coffee / Cake Sales	396		396	440
	Hall and Room Lettings [note 5]	32,109		32,109	28,414
	Parent & Toddler Group Fundraising [note 4]	99		99	1,305
		32,604	**0**	**32,604**	**30,159**
2(c)	**Income from investments**				
	Interest	2,586		2,586	3,909
		2,586	**0**	**2,586**	**3,909**
2(d)	**Church activities**				
	Fees for Weddings & Funerals	1,571		1,571	2,445
		1,571	**0**	**1,571**	**2,445**
2(e)	**Other income**				
	Sundry Income	0		0	481
		0	**0**	**0**	**481**
	TOTAL INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS	**125,878**	**2,728**	**128,606**	**181,037**

note		2024 Unrestricted Funds £	2024 Restricted Funds £	Total Funds £	2024 Total Funds £
	Major repairs - structural renewal	9,414		9,414	111,371
	Upkeep of Services	837		837	1,164
	Choir and music expenses	137		137	409
	Outreach	138		138	290
	Sections' Expenses [note 4]	0		0	681
	Flowers	432		432	586
	Miscellaneous expenses	67		67	713
	Church Asset Depreciation	0		0	0
	Church Utilities	6,722		6,722	9,008
	Hall Running Costs [note 5]	37,289	5,628	42,917	39,911
	Legal & professional fees	2,750		2,750	350
	Bank charges	114		114	151
	Licences	180		180	180
		121,535	**6,088**	**127,623**	**222,384**
3(b)	**Raising funds**				
	Costs of operating Stewardship	75		75	187
	Social Activities	96	124	220	0
		171	**124**	**295**	**187**
TOTAL EXPENDITURE		**121,706**	**6,212**	**127,918**	**222,571**

note

4 Sectional Activities

	Playgroup	Choir	Total
Income	**£**	**£**	**£**
Entrance/Membership Fees	0	0	0
Fundraising etc.	0	0	0
	0	0	0
Expenditure			
Choir Expenses	0	0	0
Equipment & Consumables	0	0	0
	0	0	0
SURPLUS / (DEFICIT)	**0**	**0**	**0**

Amounts are shown under the relevant headings within the Statement of Financial Activities

5 Hall & Room Lettings & Running Costs

	2025		2024	
	£		£	
Rental income		32,109		28,414
Utilities	11,969		13,061	
Insurance	629		616	
Maintenance	2,899		4,059	
Cleaning	3,281		3,674	
Hall Management Salary	4,054		0	
Depreciation - Equipment	1,155		1,268	
		23,987		22,678
Operating Surplus		**8,122**		**5,736**
Less: Major repairs		4,583		0
Less: Depreciation - Building		14,347		14,347
Total Surplus / (Deficit)		**(10,808)**		**(8,611)**

6 Employees, Staff Costs

	2025	2024
	£	£
Wages and salaries	**10,010**	**3,979**

note

6 Employees, Staff Costs (continued)

6 (a) Payments to ECC Members

Several ECC members (Trustees) have acted as agents for St. John's and made small value purchases on its behalf, for which the trustees have received reimbursement. This expenditure is not part of the services provided by the respective trustees, and therefore no individual disclosure is required.

7 Independent Examination Fee

An amount of £350 has been set aside in the accounts for the independent examiner's fee.

8 Fixed Assets

		Community Hall & Land	Office Equipment	Other Fixed Assets	Hall Equipment	TOTAL
		£	£	£	£	£
Cost	At 1 Jan 2025	730,263	22,066	16,818	15,173	**784,320**
	Acquired in the year	0	0	0	0	**0**
	Disposed during the year	0	0	0	0	**0**
	At 31 Dec 2025	**730,263**	**22,066**	**16,818**	**15,173**	**784,320**
Depreciation	At 1 Jan 2025	**329,992**	**21,425**	**16,818**	**13,116**	**381,351**
	Charge for the year	14,347	214	0	1,155	**15,716**
	Disposed during the year	0	0	0	0	**0**
	At 31 Dec 2025	**344,339**	**21,639**	**16,818**	**14,271**	**397,067**
Net Book Value	At 1 Jan 2025	400,271	641	0	2,057	**402,969**
	At 31 Dec 2025	**385,924**	**427**	**0**	**902**	**387,253**

note

9 Creditors and Accrued Charges (amounts falling due in one year)

	2025	2024
	£	£
Creditors for goods & services	6,092	3,921
PAYE and NI Contributions	329	166
Other miscellaneous creditors	1,516	1,353
Parish Support Fund / Parochial Fees	3,209	1,215
Key deposits held from hall users	815	815
Deferred income	0	868
	11,961	**8,338**

10 Summary of fund movements

	Balance 1/1/25	for the year	Transfers in the year	Balance 31/12/25
	£	£	£	£
Unrestricted Funds:				
General Fund (*)	**63,746**	**19,718**	**(1,827)**	**81,637**
Designated Funds:				
New Hall Fund	235,422	(8,720)	0	**226,702**
Church Fabric (*)	2,579	0	1,306	**3,885**
Church Electrics (*)	3,331	(7,025)	3,694	**0**
Playgoup (*)	3,484	99	(3,173)	**410**
Choir (*)	288	100	0	**388**
Total Designated Funds	**245,104**	**(15,546)**	**1,827**	**231,385**
Total Unrestricted Funds	**308,850**	**4,172**	**0**	**313,022**
Restricted Funds:				
New Hall Fund	164,847	(5,627)	0	**159,220**
Church Fabric	0	2,478	0	**2,478**
Flowers	0	250	0	**250**
Parish Fellowship Fund	125	(125)	0	**0**
Zimbabwe Diocese	460	(460)	0	**0**
Total Restricted Funds	**165,432**	**(3,484)**	**0**	**161,948**
TOTAL FUNDS	**474,282**	**688**	**0**	**474,970**
** - Freely Available Reserves*	*70,097*	*19,917*	*(3,694)*	*86,320*

11 Analysis of net assets by fund

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds
	£	£	£
Fixed Assets	228,033	159,220	**387,253**
Current Assets	93,365	6,313	**99,678**
Current Liabilities	(8,376)	(3,585)	**(11,961)**
	313,022	**161,948**	**474,970**

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12 Cash Flow Analysis

Net Income / (Deficit) for the Year		**688**
add back: Depreciation	15,716	
less: Fixed Asset Purchases	0	
(Increase) / Decrease in Net Fixed Assets		15,716
(Inc.) / Dec. in Prepayments and Accrued Income	(8,149)	
Inc. / (Dec.) in Creditors and Accrued Charges	3,623	
(Increase) / Decrease in Working Capital		(4,526)
Increase / (Decrease) in Funds in the Year		**11,878**
Opening Bank & Cash Balances		70,161
Closing Bank & Cash Balances		**82,039**

13 Capital Commitments

As at 31st December 2025 there was no capital expenditure committed, nor approved awaiting commitment.