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PCC MEMBERS ANNUAL REPORT

Activities, Achievements and Performance

Sunday Services

We celebrate all that God did through our Sunday services. Week by week, we gathered in our regular rhythm of 8:00am, 9:30am, 11:30am, and 6:30pm, with each service marked by vibrant worship, a strong sense of community, and deepening faith.

There were many moments of celebration, with powerful encounters in worship, encouragement through Kingdom Come and Churches Together gatherings, and growing confidence in prayer through prayer ministry training. We heard inspiring stories of connection and transformation across our church family. Alongside our corporate gatherings, our Kids and Youth ministries flourished, creating fun, engaging, and faith-filled spaces where young people can grow, build friendships, and discover more of who God is.

A new Sunday Coordinator, appointed at Easter, helped build and strengthen our teams, particularly by bringing more structure to our 6:30pm team through clearer and more consistent communication. We have seen more volunteers released into leadership, including at the café and on Connect.

We are still working to raise up more Sunday leads. We are also hoping to strengthen and grow the Site Safety & Security team.

Highlights this year have been:

- Baptising 37 people.
- Christmas services welcomed a total of 3,562 people.
- Good Friday and Easter Day services welcomed a combined total of over 1,600 people.
- Our team has grown in community and togetherness across the year.
- Team training and lunches created space to build stronger relationships.

Looking ahead, we are moving to a new rhythm of 8:00am, 10:30am, and 6:30pm services. We hope this helps build stronger community.

Kids

Kids ministry saw growth, transition, and increasing depth, particularly in the development of volunteer leadership and the strengthening of team culture. A central focus is our strategy to reach, recruit, raise and release the church into Kids ministry. This has led to encouraging progress in capacity, with a growing core team providing greater resilience and continuity.

Our Kids Pastors provide strategic direction and pastoral oversight, supported by other core leaders overseeing Preschool. The ministry continues to be volunteer-led, and we are grateful for the commitment, faithfulness, and generosity of the many who serve week by week.

As is often the case in a vibrant church community, the shape of the team continually evolves, as people graduate, relocate for work, or move within the Family of Churches. Despite this, Kids remains well supported, and we are working towards a wider team of around 40 volunteers, enabling sustainable delivery and pastoral care.

Safeguarding remains a core priority. Robust practices continue to be followed, with a wider team supporting safer recruitment and good safeguarding culture to ensure children are cared for well and the ministry is delivered safely.

Looking ahead, Kids is adapting as the church moves towards a larger 10.30am Sunday gathering. We are building teams to support more bespoke, age-appropriate ministry, with provision for Preschool, Reception to Year 4, and Years 5 & 6, and look forward to sending team to serve at Focus. We value prayer as we navigate this and seek to serve children and families well.

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Youth

Our Youth Pastor moved on after four years in the role, having made a substantial contribution to the ministry, helping to build a strong culture of discipleship, worship, and leadership development, and shaping a team that values both depth of faith and genuine relationship. We are grateful for his commitment and were pleased to send him on well into his next season.

In 2026 we welcomed a theology placement student, who has already made a positive impact through schools work, the development of discipleship resources, and investment in young leaders. This has provided continuity and fresh energy, enabling the ministry to continue building confidently.

Across all ages, young people showed a desire to participate and take responsibility to lead their peers. Particularly encouraging was Worship, with around 20 now serving in the Youth band and production team. In May, we led a Youth Worship Workshop, focusing on practical skills and the theology behind leading. Young people now take increasing ownership of worship on Friday nights, which see a weekly attendance of 45-55.

Sunday Youth engagement grew. Alongside younger youth attending morning services, the 6.30pm congregation saw an increase in youth participation, with an average of around 25 sixth formers attending by the end of the year.

Youth Alpha continues to be a key outreach and discipleship pathway. Courses ran at St Peter's and local schools, with strong engagement, participation in wider Family of Churches events, and deeper relationships with schools across the city. A Foundations of Leadership course was developed and trialled, which is now used more widely to support school-based engagement.

Residentials and shared experiences remained central, with 77 young people attending the Youth Weekend Away, forming friendships across the city and encountering God in new ways. At Focus, the church hosted 28 young people, enabling participation that would not otherwise have been possible for many.

Behind this growing ministry is a committed and developing team, with young people increasingly leading and building meaningful relationships with their peers. This emphasis on leadership development remains central to the Youth vision. We are grateful for all that has been built and look ahead with expectation as we continue to invest in the next generation.

Collective

Collective was created to provide a key spiritual and relational home for students and young adults. During the year, a number of members moved to St Richard's, Hollingdean as part of wider church movement, but participation remained strong, particularly at 'All In' nights and fortnightly Groups, which continue to draw 70–80 attendees. At present, Collective connects with five Groups, and while capacity reduced as leaders moved away, plans are in place to launch up to three more.

Summer socials provided informal opportunities to build relationships and reintroduce Collective ahead of the new academic year, playing an important role in welcoming new students and maintaining community. Emphasis was placed on shared ownership, as each Group hosted and served at gatherings, fostering a culture of participation and contribution. This reinforced Collective as a community shaped by mutual service rather than attendance alone.

Lunch at the Lukes', a fortnightly Sunday lunch hosted by a couple from the congregation, is a particularly strong expression of hospitality and pastoral care. This regularly welcomes up to 40 students and young adults, offering space for rest, conversation, and meaningful connection. The year concluded with a Christmas party, providing a joyful celebration and a strong end to the term for 65 attendees.

Overall, Collective continues to play a vital role in forming community, encouraging discipleship, and raising emerging leaders. We are grateful for the resilience, generosity, and faithfulness shown in a year of transition and look ahead with expectation to the year to come.

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Connect Groups

Connect Groups remain a key pathway for people to integrated fully into church life, providing space for discipleship, pastoral care, prayer, and community mid-week.

The year saw a focus on strengthening and relaunching Groups, including regular support for leaders. This bore fruit, with the number of Groups growing from 13 to 19, which we celebrate as a sign of real health.

Encouragingly, leader numbers grew from 25 to 37. While some experienced leaders stepped down, a considerable number were newly raised up. Across the church, over 200 people now connect with midweek Groups, an increase of around 50. This represents an intentional expansion in discipleship and belonging, and we remain committed to creating spaces for every congregation member to have an opportunity to grow in faith and relationship. The aim is to continue building capacity sustainably and pastorally. Our aspiration is to grow to 24 Groups by the end of 2026, which would require around 12–15 additional leaders.

Overall, the year was one of renewal, growth, and developing leadership, laying strong foundations for the continued role of Groups in the life and mission of St Peter's.

Worship

2025 was a year of strengthening of the team. Building on the momentum of previous years, we welcomed new members, particularly students, and saw growth in both size and confidence. The team continued to show a strong commitment to leading worship that is prayerful, creative and accessible.

Alpha, Safehaven and Collective remained important environments for developing leaders and team members. Youth continues to be a strong pathway into the main team, with young people well supported as they develop. Youth Worship Workshop provided a helpful introduction to practical worship, strengthening the connection between Youth and the wider ministry.

Highlights included leading worship at Worship Day Festival in Bulgaria; Easter; and Christmas, particularly Carols by Candlelight, which showcased the creativity, skill and wholehearted worship of the team in serving the wider church and community.

Production

2025 was a year of team growth. In May, we appointed a Production Technician, providing clear leadership and direction, and 14 new team members joined across a range of roles, strengthening Sundays and allowing new areas to be explored, such as the introduction of a Service Producer to improve communication and consistency.

Essential upgrades were completed in the hall and main space, enhancing playback, supporting a wider range of gatherings, and increasing efficiency. Streamlining stage layouts made it easier to host third-party events and adapt the space for different service styles.

The team coped well with the challenge of services in the round during August and played a key role in delivering major services throughout the year, especially at Christmas. The focus remains on growth, training, strengthening culture, and developing roles that further support Sundays and wider church life.

Alpha

Alpha continues to be a highly fruitful ministry, raising and releasing our congregation into evangelism to engage those outside the church. During the year, over 350 people expressed an interest in Alpha and over 200 attended across three courses, served by over 90 volunteers. We also experienced the joy of seeing guests with no prior faith become followers of Jesus and go on to help on the Alpha team. We are extremely grateful for each team member.

We appointed a Family of Churches Alpha Coach, bringing significant growth in leadership and effectiveness, and building a broader leadership team. We worked on defining the various roles in Alpha and streamlined systems to improve our delivery and service, and were able to share this with other churches.

Our future aims as an Alpha community are to keep Jesus as our focus, encounter the Holy Spirit in greater measure in daily life and at Alpha, and to seek God and his Kingdom. In this way, we will be unable to keep the Good News to ourselves and will be compelled to share with our city and communities what he has done for us.

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Leadership Development Year (LDY)

LDY is a formation and ministry placement programme at St Peter's and the Family of Churches that runs from September to July, encompassing theological training, leadership development and ministry experience. This year saw seven interns serving in ministries including Kids, Youth, Worship and Safehaven. Five were based at St Peter's, with one each at St Matthias and St Leonard's.

The group attends weekly Theology and Leadership classes at St Peter's provided by a diverse group drawn from the Family of Churches and external partners, and two international speakers taught about the global church. Fortnightly sessions give space to check in with and pray for one another and study the Bible together. These are important for group bonding. LDY continues in 2026 and will include several trips: a two-day retreat, Summit (Revitalise Trust network staff conference), Leadership Conference, an overseas learning trip and Focus.

The recruitment campaign has started again for 2026/27 with the aim of placing 12 people across the Family of Churches.

Bridge The Gap

Bridge The Gap is aimed at non-Christian men aged 18-30, with a vision of seeing them come to know Jesus, using football as a tool to build community, connect the lonely, develop leaders, and change lives. St Peter's partners locally with the national Bridge The Gap Football charity, playing weekly at Brighton University. As well as the team, around 40 young men attend each week, ranging from local professionals to university students.

In 2025 we set a goal of growing the core team, to allow more freedom for conversations and more personalism throughout the night, and the team grew from 7 to 10. Many players finished their studies in the summer and moved away, to be replaced by fresh faces and closer relationships with people previously more on the fringes.

A key event was a quiz night held at St Peter's a week before Alpha, which saw 50 players attend, many of whom had never been into a church before. One of the team shared his BTG and Alpha experiences and the difference Jesus had made in his life. A few players came to Alpha the following week, including a student with no previous experience of church or Christians. BTG provided him with the opportunity to build relationships with Christians on Friday nights. Alpha gave him the perfect space to come and ask questions. In November, he gave his life to Jesus and told his family.

Overall, it was an exciting year and the team are optimistic for further transformation stories.

Safehaven Saturday

2025 marked the 16th year of Safehaven Saturday, an outreach that opens our doors each week to men and women who are disadvantaged. Safehaven has become much more than just a hot meal or a warm space: it is a place of welcome, dignity, and deep connection. One guest said, "Safehaven is a place to come and meet other people and make new friends. It's helping me overcome anxiety and depression. I know God is on my side".

2025 saw significant growth in the weekly Safehaven Communion service. More guests participate regularly, and the service has grown and developed into something deeply meaningful. It offers an opportunity for the Safehaven community to engage in worship, prayer, and the sacraments in an accessible, inclusive, and authentic way. This small but growing congregation is a powerful witness to God's work among those so often overlooked in traditional church spaces.

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The relationships and sense of familiarity that grow at Safehaven help guests feel more confident in accessing further support, whether through signposting or through specialist partners at our separate Men's and Women's Drop-ins. While Safehaven was originally created to reach out to and serve the city, what we have found over the years is that it also has a profound impact on the volunteers, becoming a place of belonging, encouragement, spiritual growth, and meaningful connection for those who serve, not just for those being served. As one volunteer shared, "Safehaven is an incredible ministry with an incredible team. Opening the church as a restaurant to the vulnerably housed, and joining with them in community is such a blessing. They are waited on, they are supported, they are loved. There are difficult, heartbreaking stories at times. But it is always a special place, filled with the Spirit, and you leave richer than you arrive."

During the year we supported 594 individual men and women, with an average weekly attendance of 100, and 133 different volunteers gave 3,174 volunteering hours.

Safehaven Men

Our Men's Drop-in continues to provide a safe and welcoming space for men experiencing some of the harshest realities to come together, build positive and constructive relationships, and experience a sense of connection. Early in the year the focus shifted from food towards deepening the sense of community, belonging and developing knowledge and understanding of faith. This saw numbers decrease from over 100 to a regular 40, but we have seen an increase in relationships and faith. A year on, we still consistently average around 40 guests, who continue to bond over the art and crafts table, table tennis, library, and games. Additionally, the men can deepen their faith in weekly bible study, times of reflection, worship, communion and a new prayer corner.

During the year we supported 294 individuals, with an average weekly attendance of 38, and 76 different volunteers gave 2,622 volunteering hours.

One guest said, "*Safehaven is a place that I feel at peace, and I see this through the kindness of the people who care about you, whether you like it or not. I feel that the thoughts and actions of everybody who helps and volunteers do a fantastic job of bringing the nicest and most caring people you will meet. Safehaven is the only place where I feel accepted for who I am."*

One team member said, "*Serving at Safehaven is my community. Family. Sense of belonging. To serve Jesus and be his hands and feet."*

Safehaven Women

Safehaven Women continues to provide a weekly safe space for disadvantaged women. This year we saw a stronger sense of community, with our women offering friendship and support outside the drop-in. The reflection time continues to be central to the ministry and this year our women leaned into this more, with some sharing their own stories. External specialists, including from local housing, utilities support and dental hygiene, continue to attend, helping to build relationships within our relaxed and supportive environment.

One guest shared, *"This is my safe place, I feel at home here and seen by the team. Coming to Safehaven Women is the only time I go out, I know I am going to be safe and see friends, as well as have the best food. I'm now a new person… I first knew of Safehaven Women through attending Probation Breakfast when I was very lonely and was very frightened as a new mum. I really needed to put some roots down and to feel like I belonged to a community, but I didn't know how to. Since joining Safehaven Women, I feel loved and acknowledged. I'm not on the side-line anymore; I am not judged at all for my past. Since joining Safehaven, I've explored faith, I started to attend the church services, and did the Alpha course and was then baptised. I feel new – my life has changed immensely over the last couple of years and now I even volunteer at Safehaven, receiving so much. And I'm now a part of something that is bigger than me."*

During the year we supported 299 individual women, with an average weekly attendance of 49, and 84 different volunteers gave 2,430 volunteering hours.

We also saw women engage with St Peter's in other ways, such as attending regularly on Sundays, attending Play Cafe, doing Alpha, meeting in the community, and calling St Peter's their home. We introduced a bible study group in addition to our established prayer corner, both of which saw high engagement.

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Women's Probation Breakfast

Probation Breakfast is a way for the church to reach those on the margins of society. Run in partnership with Brighton Probation Service and the local HMPPS Women's Strategy team, the breakfast hosted 40 women through the year, and 6 volunteers gave 720 volunteering hours.

Some of those served have little contact with anyone apart from Probation appointments. In a workshop on self-love, one recounted how the criminal justice system gives women no opportunity to be heard. *Women on the Inside and Out: Our Experience of Prison and Probation* is a collection of stories commissioned by the Probation Service, written and edited by the volunteer lead at our breakfast and directly inspired by our guests. We hosted a launch to celebrate the local contributors, as well as every other woman in the room with a story to tell.

Other workshops covered topics including mindfulness, sexual health, dental hygiene, and Kintsugi, the Japanese art of mending broken pottery to create something more beautiful than before. Several guests participated in a documentary on menopause, commissioned by the Probation Service.

Women we first met as guests are now core members of our Safehaven Women and church communities, providing vital support, and literally saving lives and keeping children out of the care system. The meetings are a place where, by modelling safe relationships in a non-judgmental, welcoming space, we offer women an alternative way to live. We continue to see them take up that invitation to transform their lives.

Probation Boys

The church partnered with the Chapel Royal to hold a weekly drop in for 17–25 year-olds on Probation. This age group are generally first offenders, often groomed into crime by older men. Getting them to engage with the Probation Service is difficult because of their age and if they attend the Probation Office, they are likely to see the men who groomed them. If they do engage early, they are more likely to turn their lives around. The drop-in was paused in January 2026, as the Probation Service assessed the risk following an incident elsewhere in the country. We hope to restart it in mid-2026.

Safehaven Mother & Baby

Due to funding and space in the church, we stopped our formal group and instead now offer tailored support through Probation Breakfast and Safehaven Women. Many of the mums we supported were working through addiction and social services were involved in the care for their children. Through the idea of one of our mums, we developed 'Angels', a support group journeying with a mum to encourage and empower her. This year saw two such mums move into recovery, establish a community at St Peter's and reunite with their children.

We were able to host social work meetings and attend court hearings, and were praised by a judge for the way we enabled a mum to reunite with her child, along with a social worker who said, "*I wish every mum I work with had the encouragement and support of such a helpful group, it makes the world of difference."*

We continued to welcome RISE to use the church hall for their Rising Stars programme supporting children affected by domestic abuse. This ran three times, supporting around 20 children.

Eden Strip Club Ministry

This was our second year of Eden ministry, in partnership with Eden Southampton and HTB church, offering chaplaincy in a local strip club in the form of a confidential, non-judgemental listening service. We visited the club 33 times and connected with over 100 dancers, engaging in many meaningful conversations and having the opportunity to pray with many of them.

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Safehaven 'Love Christmas'

We hosted over 300 guests at four Christmas parties, which included meals, games, singing, dancing and, above all, lots of fun! Thanks to the generosity of the church and local companies, we were able to give gifts of warm clothes, backpacks, underwear, cushions, toiletries and handmade keyrings to 345 people. Our guests designed some beautiful cards, which we were able to sell to raise funds for Safehaven.

One guest said, "*Safehaven is an amazing inclusive safe place which supports the most vulnerable people and helps bring them together as one under the presence of God. Christmas dinner was exceptional, with friendly people serving food, presents and wonderful hospitality to me. We had crackers, food, laughs and love all under one roof. St Peter's is a great place to start learning about love, compassion, gifts and support. We had a lovely new rucksack full of practical warm clothes, toiletries. Walking out of the doors I was smiling and enjoyed feeling specially cared for."*

Love Your Neighbour

Love Your Neighbour is an alliance of churches and other organisations on the frontline of social transformation in communities across the UK. In 2025 we became a Hub site to receive £30,000 over three years towards our activities. This requires us to work with the wider city to ensure we have clarity about the need, what we are doing to meet it and whether we are making an impact, and to address team mobilisation and financial sustainability.

Play Cafe

Play Café runs throughout school termtimes, providing a safe, joyful space for parents, carers and their little ones to experience God's love, joy and acceptance. Weekly numbers have ranged from 99 to 240; rainy days are particularly popular. Our guests are still generally not engaging with the church in other ways, although some attended our Christmas services after being invited at café sessions. This year we were able to bless our guests with a visit from Father Christmas and a Christmas story book for each child.

Play Café remains free to enter, but we raised some of our prices to generate more income. We also operate a pay it forward scheme which ensures that guests who are not financially able can still enjoy a coffee and a pastry, or a snack plate for their child.

We have a small multi-generational volunteer team who serve when they are able. We have been blessed with a team member joining from Spear, to whom we gave barista training. In the future we hope to grow the team to offer more supportive conversation and prayer opportunities. We would love to have more young parents from our church family attend to help build friendships and ensure that no guests feel alone or isolated. We will continue to invite our guests to services and Alpha, and hope to run parenting classes in the coming year.

Faith in Recovery

Faith in Recovery continued to grow into a fruitful and life-giving ministry, bringing hope, healing, and community to those impacted by addiction. It supports not only those with addiction, but also their families and friends.

Our regular in-person meetings averaged 16 attendees, and our online meetings drew people from across the country. There are seven meetings across the UK, with two more locally and another online in development, reflecting both the need for and the effectiveness of the model.

Many joined through other church ministries, creating an integrated environment. We use the Recovery Bible to align the 12 Steps with scripture, helping to root recovery firmly within a Christian framework. Eight baptisms took place across UK meetings on Easter Sunday, directly connected to individuals encountering faith through the ministry. This is a clear sign of lives being transformed.

We led seminars at Focus to equip and inspire others, with over 40 attending each day. We have been invited to run this again in 2026, when leadership will be shared with other UK meetings, reflecting the growth of the movement.

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Spear

Spear is one of the UK's leading youth employment programmes, supporting 16–24-year-olds to build confidence, recognise their strengths, and develop the skills needed for work and life through intensive coaching and ongoing support. Though a separate charity, Spear runs in partnership with St Peter's, and the team remain incredibly grateful for the opportunity to use the space.

Staff changes disrupted course provision, but with the support of the local Spear board and national team, new appointments were successful and 2026 looks to be a year of growth. During the year, 65 young people completed the programme, with 52% moving into employment, education, or training, and 68% were still in employment or education 12 months later, demonstrating the lasting impact of the course and support provided.

Spear exists not only to empower young people, but also to inspire the organisations we partner with, strengthening relationships with local charities, support services, council provision, and businesses across the city.

Mission Giving

The Mission Giving committee was established to formalise external giving at St Peter's and is a subcommittee of the PCC. It is based on the premise that all our work at St Peter's is missional, but we set aside money to give to projects and organisations that are not directly part of the work of the church. The purpose is to ensure that we are not narrow in our focus and that we are a blessing to Brighton, its churches and charities, to the nation and to the world.

Mission Giving was budgeted at 10% of total income and is reviewed annually by the Finance Committee. In 2025 this was set at £74,760.

The committee broadly uses four criteria to distribute funds:

- Strategic Partnerships – these are churches and charities with which we work in Brighton and beyond. In 2025 these included Chapel Royal clergy support, St Cuthman's, Bridge The Gap and Off The Fence.
- Work we do not do but would love to. In 2025 we supported CAP (Christians Against Poverty) and Kennedy Street Recovery.
- Projects of the congregation – we want to empower those who have a vision for things that are not centrally run by St Peter's. In 2025 these included Justice & Care, Samara's Aid and Tackling Anxiety Together.
- Training and mission trips of members of the congregation.

200-Year Anniversary Project

The 200-Year Fundraising Project continued, focusing on the long-term stewardship of the building, its heritage, and its place within the life of the city. While the anniversary itself was in 2024, this year was a significant time of delivery, consolidation, and completion.

The primary focus of the project was the completion of major heritage and restoration works, most notably the tower and clock, alongside improvements to accessibility, visibility, and the overall welcome of the building. These marked the culmination of a lengthy period of fundraising and planning and represented a substantial investment in the future of St Peter's as a place of worship, community life, and civic presence.

Alongside the physical works, the project continued to emphasise local engagement, helping people understand the history, significance, and ongoing life of St Peter's. Highlights included the hugely popular *Who's Your Rock?* installation which involved over 1,500 young people from across the city and considerable volunteer hours, and *'Seeing Beyond the Stones'* which showcased artists and groups within the church alongside professional works. Through these projects the church sought to reconnect the wider community with the building as living heritage, not only a historic landmark, but an active and welcoming space shaped by faith.

The project successfully secured significant external support, enabling around £640,000 in grants and donations to be raised overall to support restoration and engagement, which has helped ensure that essential works could be completed while safeguarding the church's long-term sustainability.

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The team reflected on the lessons learned through delivering a project of this scale. These included the importance of realistic resourcing, clear governance processes, care for staff and volunteers, and the value of embedding mission, welcome, and inclusion at the heart of heritage activity. These insights are informing future approaches to capital projects and funding applications.

Overall, the project has renewed the church's physical fabric, strengthened its civic presence, and reinforced its role as a place of faith, heritage, hospitality and service. As this project phase has concluded, we look ahead with gratitude for what has been achieved and with a renewed commitment to steward the building wisely in the years to come.

Safeguarding

Safeguarding remains a high priority and a key area of ongoing risk management. Robust safeguarding policies and procedures are in place, aligned with diocesan and national guidance. Training continues to be undertaken by staff, clergy, and volunteers, with clear reporting pathways and accountability structures. The PCC remains committed to fostering a culture of vigilance, transparency, and care, ensuring that concerns are identified and responded to promptly and appropriately.

We use an online safeguarding database, MyConcern, to record and store all safeguarding concerns, which makes the logging of incidents easily accessible for staff and volunteers. A designated Safeguarding Team meets regularly to review best practice and safeguarding culture.

Environment & Sustainability

St Peter's remains committed to caring for God's creation as an integral part of our worship, witness and stewardship. While progress continues to be shaped by the complexity of our buildings and the capacity of our teams, we are encouraged by practical steps taken during the year and by the foundations already in place for further improvement.

Electricity consumption increased during the year, reflecting higher levels of building use and activity. Our supply is certified as carbon neutral, backed by Renewable Guarantees of Origin and nuclear generation. While this means emissions can be reported as low-carbon for accounting purposes, reducing overall energy demand remains an important priority.

Gas consumption reduced by nearly 20% during the year. Gas remains the church's largest source of direct carbon emissions, and this reduction represents an important step in lowering our environmental impact. Our supply is 50% 'green', and heating continues to be actively managed to balance comfort, building care and energy efficiency.

The increase in electricity consumption was more than offset by the reduction in gas consumption, resulting in a net decrease in carbon emissions of approximately six tonnes of CO_2e against the previous year.

Waste generation reduced by 17%, reflecting improved efficiency and careful management. Through our service provider, we operate a Zero waste to landfill approach, with all waste and recycling processed within the UK and Northern Europe. While general waste streams remain a challenge, our recycling performance continues to show strengths, particularly for cardboard, glass and specialist items. This data provides a strong platform for identifying further opportunities to improve recycling and reduce residual waste in future years.

As we look ahead, we do so with gratitude for what has been achieved and with a renewed intention to build on these foundations. Care for creation remains an essential part of our faith and practice, and we continue to seek practical, prayerful and proportionate ways to reduce our environmental impact while serving the mission of the church.

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Staff & Operations

This year was marked by thoughtful investment in people, strengthening our operational capacity, and resourcing key ministry priorities across the church and wider Family of Churches.

Our Youth Pastor moved on after four years on staff to lead the Youth ministry at HTB. We welcomed a new fulltime Sunday, Events & Communications Coordinator, and parttime Operations Coordinator, Production Technician and Safehaven Saturday Coordinator.

As part of the wider Strategic Development Fund (SDF) project, we appointed a Family of Churches Worship Coach (a two-year role funded by SDF supporting worship development and leadership across the churches) and a Family of Churches Alpha Coach & St Peter's Alpha Lead (an externally funded pilot role to support and expand Alpha across the Family of Churches and further develop Alpha ministry across the city).

We also created a new Team Support role (externally funded by Revitalise Trust), filled by a former clergy member whom we were delighted to support on a route back into full-time ministry. His remit focuses on administrative and systems support across several key areas, including Newcomers and Connect, communications and systems support, and maintenance team coordination.

Our staff team continued to support the Family of Churches throughout 2025, providing accounting guidance and various HR administrative services, including running the payroll, and giving advice on policies and compliance. This partnership remains a valuable way we can bless and strengthen other churches across the city.

Buildings & Facilities

November marked the completion of the final phase of the tower restoration project. This major capital programme focused on extensive stone repair and replacement, alongside the repointing of large areas of masonry, ensuring the long-term structural stability, weather resistance, and heritage integrity of the tower.

As part of the National Lottery Heritage Fund project works, the main glass entrance doors were automated, improving accessibility, safety, and user experience. In addition, the team took advantage of a "quick win" grant opportunity to install a hot air curtain above the main entrance, which made a significant improvement to comfort levels during the winter, while also improving energy efficiency.

One highlight of the restoration was the refurbishment of the clock faces and associated running gear. While largely cosmetic, this provided a highly visible demonstration to the city of our commitment to restore and maintain the building. The installation of an automatic hour toller and GPS-controlled clock winder represented a major enhancement, significantly reducing the requirement for manual intervention and saving considerable maintenance time.

The church negotiated a favourable purchase price for the tower scaffold structure, effectively eliminating inflated ongoing hire and running costs from the supplier. Following completion of the works, the structure was sold in situ to a local company, who are now fully responsible for its management and maintenance. A collaborative relationship has been established with this supplier, ensuring ongoing access arrangements can be supported efficiently in the future as required.

All minor snagging associated with the tower restoration has now been completed, and management of the site has been fully handed back to the church.

Special recognition is due to the St Peter's site maintenance team for the substantial transformation achieved at the base of the tower. Works included the installation of replacement safety fencing, repainting of site hoarding, and the clearance of ten years' worth of accumulated contractor debris. This significantly enhanced the safety and appearance of the south end of the site and has attracted positive feedback from Brighton & Hove City Council.

Additionally, while contractors were on site, the "wobbly" north intermediate pinnacle, taken down in 2023 for safety reasons, was successfully reinstalled, completing the tower works and restoring the architectural balance of the structure.

PCC MEMBERS ANNUAL REPORT (CONTINUED)

The Facilities team delivered an exceptional volume of work, significantly improving the condition, functionality, and presentation of the building. A selection of these improvements includes redecorating the toilets, acoustic improvements to the Hall (including high-quality curtains that have also enhanced appearance), reconfiguring the Hall kitchenette area, major repointing works to the north elevation, beautifully crafted chair storage and cupboard units, redecoration of external woodwork and site hoardings, remodelling the Connect desk, and refreshing the Crypt areas.

A major overhaul of the underfloor heating system by the team involved the service and rebalance of all 60 heating circuits, resulting in significant improvements in boiler efficiency and heat distribution.

Strategic Development Fund (SDF)

The Strategic Development Fund partnership with the Diocese of Chichester continues to be a significant driver of growth, collaboration, and long-term sustainability across the Family of Churches. As lead church, St Peter's remains committed to resourcing, coordinating, and supporting this, with a focus on discipleship, worship, evangelism, and youth mission. The whole Family comes together for teaching, worship and prayer at fortnightly staff meetings.

The existing local church plants of St Richard's, St Leonard's and All Saints, Patcham continued strongly, plans were put in place to plant The Ascension, Westdene, and a new rector has now been appointed for the previously paused partnership with St Andrew's, Moulsecoomb.

The Discipleship strand continued to mature and deepen, with the Discipleship Lead, funded through SDF, overseeing LDY, Collective and Connect Groups. These remain a central expression of formation, community, and mission.

A Family of Churches Worship Coach was appointed, funded through SDF, to focus on worship development and leadership across the churches, with the aim of building confidence, consistency, and capacity. The long-term vision of this is to establish a sustainable pool and pipeline of leaders and teams, enabling the churches to grow their worship while supporting one another through shared resources.

A Family of Churches Alpha Coach was appointed, externally funded through St Peter's, to support and expand Alpha across the Family of Churches and across the city. The role has enabled greater collaboration, shared learning, and renewed confidence, helping churches to engage more intentionally with evangelism and invitation.

Youth Outreach continued to strengthen through churches working together more closely. Key expressions of this were monthly 'All In' youth gatherings hosted at St Peter's and the Youth Weekend Away. Alongside these, the churches continued to develop and sustain relationships with local secondary schools, embedding youth ministry within their local contexts while remaining connected through the wider network. The project continued to be coordinated by St Peter's, working closely with church-based youth pastors.

Financial Review

Total unrestricted income came to £1,380,430 (2024 £1,457,390), including £280,517 of designated income (2024: £307,974). Restricted income totalled £57,783 (2024 £86,834). Income from donations and legacies totalled £887,446 (2024: £913,394), of which £887,446 was unrestricted (2024: £913,394).

The overall deficit for the year, including movement on investments was £175,990 (2024: £37,877 surplus). At the balance sheet date the church held total funds of £483,217 (2024: £659,207), of which £258,513 were unrestricted (2024: £414,105), £84,037 were endowed (2024: £108,577) and £140,667 were restricted (2024: £136,525).

Senior Management consists of clergy, whose pay is set by the Diocese via stipend, and a management team, whose pay is set by the PCC with reference to appropriate market rates. Staff rates are benchmarked periodically with reference to available data from churches, charities, and other employers.

Reserves

It is the policy of the PCC to retain two months' gross staff salaries in reserve to cover any emergencies. At the year end the charity had free reserves of £258,513 (2024: £287,777), this equates to six months' gross staff salaries.

PCC MEMBERS ANNUAL REPORT (CONTINUED)

Investment Policy

The Trustees expect that both capital and income in the investment fund will grow in real terms over the medium to long term. The Trustees believe that this will generate the best financial return for the charity within and acceptable level of risk. Performance is monitored throughout the year and is reviewed as necessary.

Future Plans

The Charity plans to continue the activities outlined above in the forthcoming years subject to satisfactory funding arrangements.

Principal Risks and Uncertainties

The PCC gives careful attention to governance, legal compliance, and good charity practice. Safeguarding, health and safety, data protection, and financial control policies are reviewed periodically and updated where required.

Financial performance is monitored regularly and reported to the PCC. Where operations have been funded externally, transition planning is in place to manage financial risk.

Clear line management, role clarity, and support structures are in place to ensure staff are well supported. Recruitment, induction, and transitions are handled carefully to minimise disruption.

The PCC remains aware of the potential for reputational risk and seeks to act with integrity, transparency, and accountability. Clear communication, responsible decision-making, and agreed policies help to mitigate this.

PCC Election and Training

PCC members are elected and appointed in accordance with the Church Representation Rules, followed by an induction period that includes training necessary to perform their role effectively.

Statement as to Disclosure of Information to Auditors

In so far as the trustees are aware at the time of approving our PCC members' annual report; there is no relevant audit information of which the auditor is unaware. Each of the trustees have confirmed that they have taken all steps that they ought to have taken as trustees, in order to make themselves aware of any relevant audit information and to establish that it has been communicated to the auditor.

On behalf of the board of trustees

Chris Willis

Chris Willis
PCC Member and Treasurer
Date 24/09/2026

THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH OF BRIGHTON, ST PETER

STATEMENT OF PCC MEMBERS' RESPONSIBILITIES

The PCC members are responsible for preparing the accounts in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice), including Financial Reporting Standard FRS102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and the Republic of Ireland'.

Law applicable to charities in England and Wales requires the PCC members to prepare accounts for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the Charity's financial activities during the year and of its financial position at the end of the year.

In preparing accounts giving a true and fair view, the PCC members should follow best practice and:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable accounting standards and statements of recommended practice have been
- prepare the accounts on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will

None of the Trustees have any beneficial interest in the charity and there are no related parties to the charity.

The PCC members are responsible for keeping accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy the

INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF

THE ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH OF BRIGHTON, ST PETER

Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of St Peter's PCC, Brighton (the company and the group), for the year ended 31 December 2025,which comprise the consolidated Statement of Financial Activities, the consolidated Balance Sheet, the consolidated Cash Flow Statement and notes to the financial statements, including a summary of significant accounting policies. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards, including Financial Reporting Standard 102: The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

In our opinion, the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the state of the company's and the group's affairs as at 31 December 2025, and of its incoming resources and application of resources for the year then ended;
- have been properly prepared in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice; and
- have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011.

Basis of opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (UK) (ISAs (UK)) and applicable law. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements section of our report. We are independent of the Charity in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements in the UK, including the FRC's Ethical Standard, and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

Conclusions relating to going concern

In auditing the financial statements, we have concluded that the trustees' use of the going concern basis of accounting in the preparation of the financial statements is appropriate.

Based on the work we have performed, we have not identified any material uncertainties relating to events or conditions that, individually or collectively, may cast significant doubt on the Charity's ability to continue as a going concern for a period of at least 12 months from when the financial statements are authorised for issue.

Our responsibilities and the responsibilities of the trustees with respect to going concern are described in the relevant sections of this report.

Other information

The other information comprises the information included in the annual report, including the trustees' report, other than the financial statements and our auditor's report thereon. Our opinion on the financial statements does not cover the other information and, except to the extent otherwise explicitly stated in our report, we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon.

Our responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial statements or our knowledge obtained in the audit or otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If we identify such material inconsistencies or apparent material misstatements, we are required to determine whether this gives rise to a material misstatement in the financial statements themselves. If, based on the work we have performed, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, we are required to report that fact.

Matters on which we are required to report by exception

In the light of the knowledge and understanding of the Charity and its environment obtained in the course of the audit, we have not identified material misstatements in the Trustees' Annual Report.

We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters in relation to which the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 require us to report to you if, in our opinion:

- the information given in the trustees' report is inconsistent in any material respect with the financial statements; or
- sufficient accounting records have not been kept; or
- the financial statements are not in agreement with the accounting records; or
- we have not obtained all the information and explanations necessary for the purposes of our audit.

Responsibilities of the trustees

As explained more fully in the trustees' responsibilities statement, the trustees are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements and for being satisfied that they give a true and fair view, and for such internal control as they determine is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, the trustees are responsible for assessing the Charity's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the trustees either intend to liquidate the Charity or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements

We have been appointed as auditor under Section 144 Charities Act 2011 and report in accordance with the Act and relevant regulations made or having effect thereunder.

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with ISAs (UK) will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these financial statements.

Irregularities, including fraud, are instances of non-compliance with laws and regulations. We design procedures in line with our responsibilities, outlined above, to detect material misstatements in respect of irregularities, including fraud. The extent to which our procedures are capable of detecting irregularities, including fraud is detailed below:

The engagement partner ensured that the engagement team collectively had the appropriate competence, capabilities and skills to identify or recognise non-compliance with applicable laws and regulations.

We identified the laws and regulations applicable to the Charity through discussions with trustees and other management and we assessed the extent of compliance with the laws and regulations identified above through making enquiries of management and inspecting legal correspondence.

We assessed the susceptibility of the Charity's financial statements to material misstatement, including obtaining an understanding of how fraud might occur, by making enquiries of management as to where they considered there was susceptibility to fraud, their knowledge of actual, suspected and alleged fraud and considering the internal controls in place to mitigate risks of fraud and non-compliance with laws and regulations.

To address the risk of fraud through management bias and override of controls, we performed analytical procedures to identify any unusual or unexpected relationships, tested journal entries to identify unusual transactions and investigated the rationale behind significant or unusual transactions.

In response to the risk of irregularities and non-compliance with laws and regulations, we designed procedures which included, but

- agreeing financial statement disclosures to underlying supporting documentation;
- reading the minutes of meetings of those charged with governance; and
- enquiring of management as to actual and potential litigation and claims;

There are inherent limitations in our audit procedures described above. The more removed that laws and regulations are from financial transactions, the less likely it is that we would become aware of non-compliance. Auditing standards also limit the audit procedures required to identify non-compliance with laws and regulations to enquiry of the trustees and other management and the inspection of regulatory and legal correspondence, if any.

Material misstatements that arise due to fraud can be harder to detect than those that arise from error as they may involve deliberate concealment or collusion.

INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH OF BRIGHTON, ST PETER (CONTINUED)

A further description of our responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements is located on the Financial Reporting Council's website at: https://www.frc.org.uk/auditorsresponsibilities. This description forms part of our auditor's report.

Knight Goodhead Limited is eligible for appointment as auditor of the Charity by virtue of its eligibility for appointment as auditor of a company under section 1212 of the Companies Act 2006.

Use of our report

This report is made solely to the Charity's trustees, as a body, in accordance with section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 and the regulations made under section 154 of that Act. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the Charity's trustees those matters we are required to state to them in an auditor's report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the Charity's trustees as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.



CJ GOODHEAD FCA **Dated:** 19/10/2026
Senior Statutory Auditor
Knight Goodhead Limited
Chartered Accountants and Statutory Auditors
7 Bournemouth Road, Chandler's Ford, Eastleigh, Hampshire, SO53 3DA

THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH OF BRIGHTON, ST PETER

CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2025

	Notes	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Endowment funds £	Total 2025 £	Total 2024 £
INCOME						
Donations and legacies		887,446	-	-	887,446	913,394
Ordinary ministry of the church		486,016	54,298	-	540,314	543,328
Other trading activities		3,255	-	-	3,255	81,381
Investments		3,713	3,485	5,728	12,926	6,121
Total income	3	1,380,430	57,783	5,728	1,443,941	1,544,224
EXPENDITURE						
Raising funds						
Subsidiary expenditure		1,354	-	-	1,354	40,934
Other		3,609	-	-	3,609	2,880
		4,963	-	-	4,963	43,814
Charitable activities	4					
Mission Giving		74,760	-	-	74,760	84,352
Ordinary ministry of the church		1,106,767	48,810	-	1,155,577	1,112,348
Development of sites		393,468	-	-	393,468	271,742
		1,574,995	48,810	-	1,623,805	1,468,442
Total expenditure		1,579,958	48,810	-	1,628,768	1,512,256
NET (EXPENDITURE)/INCOME BEFORE GAINS AND LOSSES		(199,528)	8,973	5,728	(184,827)	31,968
Investment gains and (losses)	9	(694)	(4,831)	14,362	8,837	5,909
NET (EXPENDITURE)/INCOME BEFORE TRANSFERS		(200,222)	4,142	20,090	(175,990)	37,877
Transfers between funds		44,630	-	(44,630)	-	-
NET MOVEMENT IN FUNDS		(155,592)	4,142	(24,540)	(175,990)	37,877
FUND BALANCES AT 1 JANUARY 2025		414,105	136,525	108,577	659,207	621,330
FUND BALANCES AT 31 DECEMBER 2025	14	258,513	140,667	84,037	483,217	659,207

THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH OF BRIGHTON, ST PETER

CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2025

Charity number: 1133109

		Group		Charity	
		2025	2024 (restated)	2025	2024 (restated)
	Notes	£	£	£	£
FIXED ASSETS					
Tangible assets	8	89,116	50,976	89,116	50,976
Investments	9	388,161	416,815	388,163	416,817
		477,277	467,791	477,279	467,793
CURRENT ASSETS					
Debtors	10	66,717	128,970	66,717	128,970
Cash at bank and in hand		218,584	375,059	214,357	371,551
		285,301	504,029	281,074	500,521
CREDITORS: amounts falling due within one year:	11	(279,361)	(312,613)	(278,463)	(330,804)
NET CURRENT ASSETS		5,940	191,416	2,611	169,717
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES		483,217	659,207	479,890	637,510
NET ASSETS		483,217	659,207	479,890	637,510
FUNDS	13-14				
Unrestricted:					
General		258,513	287,777	255,186	266,080
Designated		-	126,328	-	126,328
		258,513	414,105	255,186	392,408
Restricted		140,667	136,525	140,667	136,525
Permanent endowment		84,037	108,577	84,037	108,577
TOTAL FUNDS		483,217	659,207	479,890	637,510

Approved by the Parochial Church Council and signed on its behalf by:

Chris Willis

Chris Willis PCC Member / Treasurer

24/09/2026

Date

THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH OF BRIGHTON, ST PETER

CONSOLIDATED CASH FLOW STATEMENT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2025

	Notes	2025 £	2024 £
NET CASH FLOW PROVIDED BY OPERATING ACTIVITIES	1	(157,523)	4,726
CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES			
Interest received		3,586	6,121
Purchase of fixed assets		(49,369)	(52,771)
Fixed Asset Investments drawdown		46,831	-
Loan movement		-	6,322
NET CASH FLOW		(156,475)	(35,602)

		2025 £	2024 £
Cash at the end of the year	2	218,584	375,059
Cash at start of the year		375,059	410,661
(Decrease)/increase in cash in the year		(156,475)	(35,602)

NOTES TO THE CASHFLOW STATEMENT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2025

1 RECONCILIATION OF NET MOVEMENT IN FUNDS TO NET CASH FLOW FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES

	2025 £	2024 £
Net movement in funds for the year	(175,990)	37,877
Dividends and interest received	(12,926)	(6,121)
Depreciation	11,229	6,050
(Gain)/Loss on investments	(8,837)	(5,909)
(Increase)/Decrease in debtors	62,253	(77,365)
Increase/(decrease) in creditors	(33,252)	50,194
Net cash flow from operating activities	(157,523)	4,726

2 ANALYSIS OF CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS

	2025 £	2024 £
Cash at bank and in hand	218,584	375,059
	218,584	375,059

THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH OF BRIGHTON, ST PETER

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2025

1 STATUTORY INFORMATION

The Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish of Brighton, St Peter ('St Peter's Church Brighton') is an unincorporated charity. The registered number and principal office address can be found on the legal and administrative information page.

2 ACCOUNTING POLICIES

(a) The financial statements have been prepared on behalf of the PCC in accordance with the Church Accounting Regulations 2006 and Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) - Charities SORP (FRS 102, effective 1 January 2019).

St Peter's Church Brighton meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS 102. Assets and liabilities are initially recognised at historical cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant accounting policy note(s).

After making appropriate enquiries, the PCC have a reasonable expectation that the charity has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. The PCC have no material uncertainty with regards to the entity's ability to continue to continue as a going concern.

These financial statements are prepared in sterling which is the functions currency of the charity. Figures included within these financial statements are rounded to the nearest pound.

(b) Fund accounting

General funds represent the funds of the PCC that are not subject to any restrictions as to their use and are available for application on the general purposes of the PCC. Funds designated for a particular purpose by the PCC are also unrestricted.

Endowment funds represent capital with an administrative restriction on its expenditure and is invested to generate income which must be spent on furthering the specific purposes for which the funds are held.

Restricted funds are those funds donated for specific purposes.

Designated funds are funds earmarked by the trustees for a specific project/purpose.

(c) Income

All income is included in the Statement of Financial Activities when the charity is legally entitled to the income, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount can be quantified with reasonable accuracy.

Collections are recognised when received by or on behalf of the PCC. Planned giving receivable under Gift Aid is recognised when the PCC is notified of its legal entitlement, the amount due is quantifiable and its ultimate receipt by the PCC is possible.

Income tax recoverable on Gift Aid donations is recognised at the same time as the donation it relates to.

Grants and legacies to the PCC are accounted for as soon as the PCC is notified of its legal entitlement, the amount due is quantifiable and its ultimate receipt by the PCC is possible.

Income from events and courses is recognised on receipt and accounted for gross.

Grant income from the ordinary ministry of the church is accounted for as soon as the PCC is notified of its legal entitlement, the amount due is quantifiable and its ultimate receipt by the PCC is possible.

Interest entitlements on bank accounts are accounted for as they accrue.

(d) Expenditure

Grants and donations are recognised when the church is obligated to make the payment, it is probable that this payment will be made and the amount of the grant can be measured reliably.

The parish's contribution to the costs of the Diocese is accounted for when payable.

Support costs are those functions that assist the work of the charity but do not directly undertake charitable activities. Support costs include administrative expenses, running costs, staffing, and governance costs. Governance costs comprise those costs associated with meeting the constitutional and statutory requirements of the charity and include audit fees and costs linked to the strategic management of the charity.

(e) Fixed assets

The PCC has the use of the consecrated and beneficed property of St Peter's Church Brighton and this is excluded from the

Movable church furnishings held by the Vicar and Churchwardens on special trust for the PCC, and which require a faculty for disposal are accounted as inalienable property unless consecrated. They are listed in the church's inventory which can be inspected (at any reasonable time).

The church halls and clergy accommodation are held in trust by Chichester Diocesan Fund on behalf of the PCC. These properties are essential for the mission of the church and no value has been placed on them as there is no likelihood of their being realised.

All expenditure incurred in the year on consecrated or beneficed buildings is written off to the statement of financial activities.

Leasehold improvements and other tangible fixed assets are shown at historical cost less accumulated depreciation.

These assets are depreciated on a straight line basis over their estimated useful lives. The periods used are as follows:

Computer equipment	2 years
Other equipment	3 - 7 years
Leasehold improvements	2-10 years
Motor vehicles	3 years

Individual items with a purchase price of £500 or less are written off when the asset is acquired.

The carrying values of tangible fixed assets are reviewed for impairment in periods when events or changes in circumstances indicate the carrying value may not be recoverable.

Fixed asset investments are stated at fair value. Realised and unrealised gains and losses are dealt with in the Statement of Financial Activities.

Investments in associates and subsidiaries are held at cost less accumulated impairment.

(f) Debtors

Amounts owing to the PCC at the year-end in respect of gift aid due, fees, rents and other income are shown as debtors less any provisions for amounts that may prove uncollectable.

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2025 (continued)

(g) Cash at bank and in hand

Cash at bank and in hand includes short term highly liquid investments.

(h) Creditors and provisions

Creditors and provisions are recognised where the charity has a present obligation resulting from a past event that will probably result in the transfer of funds to a third party and the amount due to settle the obligation can be measured and estimated reliably.

(i) Taxation

No provision for taxation is included in the accounts as the Charity is entitled to the exemption for tax afforded by Part 10 of the Income Tax Act 2007 and Section 256 of the Chargeable Gains Act 1992.

(j) Pension costs

Existing employees of the church are automatically enrolled into the money purchase defined contribution pension scheme, unless they do not qualify or have exercised their right to opt out of scheme membership. It is funded by contributions from employee and employer. Costs are taken to the Statement of Financial Activities on an accruals basis.

(k) Lease commitments

Payments under operating lease agreements are charged to the Statement of Financial Activities on a straight line basis over the term of the relevant lease except where another more systematic basis is more representative of the time pattern in which economic benefits from the lease's asset are consumed.

(l) Accumulated funds

The funds of the charity currently comprise:

- Unrestricted funds that are expendable at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of the objectives of the charity.

- Restricted funds that can only be used for particular restricted purposes within the objects of the charity.

- Designated funds that have been set aside for a specific purpose by the PCC.

- Endowment funds which are capital investments held with an administrative restriction on its expenditure.

(m) Accounting estimates and judgements

In the application of the charity's accounting policies, the trustees are required to make judgements, estimates and assumptions about the carrying amount of assets and liabilities that are not readily apparent from other sources. The estimates and associated assumptions are based on historical experience and other factors that are considered to be relevant. Actual results may differ from these estimates.

The estimates and underlying assumptions are reviewed on an ongoing basis. Revisions to accounting estimates are recognised in the period in which the estimate is revised.

The trustees do not consider that there are any critical estimates or areas of judgement that need to be brought to the attention of the readers of the financial statements.

(n) Group financial statements

The financial statements consolidate the results of the charity and its wholly-owned subsidiary, Bright City Collective Limited, on a line by line basis. A separate Statement of Financial Activities and Income and Expenditure Account for the Charity has not been presented as the Charity has taken advantage of the available exemptions.

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2025 (continued)

3 INCOME	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds	Total 2025	Total 2024
DONATIONS AND LEGACIES	£	£	£	£	£
Donations	812,545	-	-	812,545	891,008
Collections	13,467	-	-	13,467	19,006
Grants	61,434	-	-	61,434	3,380
	887,446	-	-	887,446	913,394
INCOME FROM CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES					
Events and courses	75,394	-	-	75,394	63,296
Grants	410,622	54,298	-	464,920	480,032
	486,016	54,298	-	540,314	543,328
INCOME FROM TRADING ACTIVITIES					
Bright City Collective Ltd	2,885	-	-	2,885	62,631
Other trading income	370	-	-	370	18,750
	3,255	-	-	3,255	81,381
INVESTMENTS					
Interest	3,713	3,485	5,728	12,926	6,121
TOTAL INCOME	1,380,430	57,783	5,728	1,443,941	1,544,224

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2025 (continued)

4 EXPENDITURE ON CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total 2025 £	Total 2024 £
Clergy costs	222,488	-	222,488	173,764
Other staff costs	460,564	-	460,564	418,285
Church services and worship	7,299	-	7,299	8,552
Church courses and ministry costs	233,112	42,975	276,087	321,433
Church administration	73,971	-	73,971	74,096
Church running costs	85,433	6,235	91,668	91,603
Depreciation	11,229	-	11,229	6,050
Governance costs	12,271	-	12,271	18,565
Mission	74,760	-	74,760	84,352
Restoration of the bell tower	393,868	(400)	393,468	271,742
	1,574,995	48,810	1,623,805	1,468,442

Included within governance costs above are amounts due to in relation to auditors of £12,000 (2024: £18,300).

Mission giving - Grants	Grants 2025	Grants 2024
Chapel Royal, Brighton	20,000	20,000
Brighton Light Trust (Christians Against Poverty)	17,004	17,004
St Cuthman's Church, Whitehawk	-	15,000
Justice & Care	10,000	-
Tackling Anxiety Together	5,000	-
Bridge the Gap Football	4,500	-
Kennedy Street Foundation	2,000	2,000
Orphans International	-	3,000
Alpha International	2,997	-
Samara's Aid	2,975	-
Off the fence	2,000	101
Justlife Foundation	-	2,000
OneChurch Brighton	-	2,000
Orchards UK	-	1,138
Other	1,548	20,859
Grants to 2 individuals (2023: 2 individuals)	6,736	1,250
	74,760	84,352

5 COMMITMENTS

St Peter's Church Brighton has agreed to lease the church building from The Church Renewal Trust for 120 yeas at a pepercorn

At the balance sheet date, the charity had total commitments under non-cancellable operating leases as follows:

	2025 £	2024 £
Commitment within one year	696	696
Commitment between on and two years	1,566	2,262
	2,262	2,958

6 STAFF COSTS

No employees received emoluments over £60,000 in the year.
The average number of employees during the year was 20 (2024: 17)
Other than those reciving stipends from the diocese, four key managers together recived a total of £149,972 (2024: £178,488).

Staff costs relate to all direct and indirect staff costs.

Employment costs	2025	2024
	£	£
Wages and salaries	454,316	375,387
Social security costs	39,695	33,408
Pension costs	10,192	9,490
	504,203	418,285

See note 15 for disclosure of payments made to related parties.

7 NET INCOME FROM TRADING ACTIVITIES OF SUBSIDIARY

The charity owns 100% of the issued share capital of Bright City Collective Limited, a company incorporated in England and Wales (company number: 09379726).

The results of the company before consolidation are summarised as follows:

	2025	2024
	£	£
Turnover	2,885	62,631
Expenses	(1,354)	(40,934)
Taxation	-	-
Net profit	1,531	21,697
Dividend to St Peter's Church Brighton	(19,903)	-
	(18,372)	21,697

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2025 (continued)

8 TANGIBLE ASSETS

Group / Charity	Improvements to property £	Computer equipment £	Other equipment £	Total £
COST				
At beginning of year	419,560	19,132	502,224	940,916
Additions	49,369	-	-	49,369
Disposals	-	-	-	-
Transfers		-	-	-
At end of year	468,929	19,132	502,224	990,285
DEPRECIATION				
At beginning of year	413,278	18,840	457,822	889,940
Charge for year	3,646	250	7,333	11,229
Disposals	-	-	-	-
At end of year	416,924	19,090	465,155	901,169
NET BOOK VALUE				
At end of year	52,005	42	37,069	89,116
At beginning of year	6,282	292	44,402	50,976

9 FIXED ASSET INVESTMENTS

	Charity At fair value £	Charity At cost £	Charity Total £	Group Total £
Value at 1 January 2025	416,816	2	416,818	416,816
Realised gains on investment	9,339	-	9,339	9,339
Drawings out of investments	(46,831)	-	(46,831)	(46,831)
Gain on revaluation of investment assets	8,837	-	8,837	8,837
Cost or market value at 31 December 2025	388,161	2	388,163	388,161

The investments are held by The Diocese of Chichester & other trusts on behalf of St Peter's Church Brighton.

At the balance sheet date £248,083 (2024: £272,624) was held in the St John's School Fund, as a permanent endowment, which is to be used for the furthering of the religious and charitable work of the Parochial Church Council of Brighton St Peter.

CONTINGENT ASSET

At the balance sheet date, the charity had been notified of material income from one legacy. A reliable estimate of the residual estate receivable could not be made as it is contingent on the structuring of a sale of property.

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2025 (continued)

10 DEBTORS

	Group		Charity	
	2025	2024	2025	2024
	£	£	£	£
Trade debtors	13,488	3,559	13,488	3,559
Gift aid due from HMRC	11,381	9,684	11,381	9,684
Amounts due from subsidiary undertaking	-	-	-	-
Other debtors	28,290	100,476	28,290	100,476
Prepayments and accrued income	13,558	15,251	13,558	15,251
	66,717	128,970	66,717	128,970

11 CREDITORS: amounts falling due within one year

	Group		Charity	
	2025	2024	2025	2024
	£	£	£	£
Trade creditors	15,248	23,663	15,248	23,663
Other creditors	24,095	19,660	24,095	19,660
Other loans	164,046	164,046	164,046	164,046
Amount due to subsidiary	-	-	2	19,091
Accruals and deferred income	75,972	105,244	75,072	104,344
	279,361	312,613	278,463	330,804

Other loans includes £164,046 unsecured loan from the Chichester Diocesan Board of Finance repayable only when and to the extent that the Charity Commission grants access to a specific endowment fund. Should the Charity Commission refuse or authorise only limited access, the outstanding balance will be converted to a grant and repayment will not be required. The loan is interest free.

12 FUNDS

The restricted funds are established for the following purposes:

The Hall Fund comprises a grant from Benefact Trust towards major improvement works to the church hall.

The Heat or Eat Fund was money given by church members to be distributed to those experiencing financial hardship in the difficult economic climate.

The Kempe Stained Glass Fund relates to grants received towards future repairs to certain historically significant church windows.

The LYN Grant & Fundraising fund was created to provide support to vulnerable people within the local community.

The Play Cafe Fund was money given towards a weekly community play cafe set up in the church.

The Safehaven Fund is money given to fund the operation of the weekly Safehaven drop-ins for vulnerable members of the community.

The Safehaven Mother and Baby Fund relates to income received to fund general Safehaven mother and baby work.

The Safehaven Probation Breakfast Fund relates to income received to provide a welcoming safe environment for HM Probation Service offender meetings.

The Safehaven Women Fund relates to income received to fund the running of the Safehaven women project. The transfer during the year is to correct the allocation of funds brought forward previously spent.

The Edward Riley Fund is reserved for the church hall, to improve the building, purchase furniture, equipment and insurance, or to erect new buildings.

The Vicarage Fund is reserved for the maintenance and enhancement of the vicarage.

The Vicar's Discretionary Fund relates to amounts allocated to activities at the Vicar's discretion.

The Miscellaneous Fund is used to hold monies given for various smaller projects

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2025 (continued)

13 MOVEMENT IN FUNDS

	Balance at 1 January 2025 (restated)	Income & gains	Expenditure & losses	Transfers between funds	Balance at 31 December 2025
	£	£	£	£	£
Restricted funds					
Hall fund	3,393	-	400	-	3,793
Heat or Eat	1,876	-	(101)	-	1,775
Kempe Stained Glass Fund	5,000	5,000	-	-	10,000
LYN Grants & Fundraising	-	1,500	(1,500)	-	-
Play café	501	-	-	-	501
Safehaven Fund	-	32,889	(30,700)	-	2,189
Safehaven Mother and Baby	399	-	(239)	-	160
Safehaven Probation Breakfast Club	-	7,650	(3,777)	-	3,873
Safehaven Women	320	5,102	(5,423)	-	(1)
Edward Riley Memorial fund	49,327	1,351	(7,680)	-	42,998
Vicarage fund	74,799	2,134	(3,386)	-	73,547
Vicar's Discretionary Fund	843	1,157	(235)	-	1,765
Miscellaneous	67	1,000	(1,000)	-	67
	136,525	57,783	(53,641)	-	140,667
Endowment funds					
Investments	108,577	20,090	-	(44,630)	84,037
	108,577	20,090	-	(44,630)	84,037
Other unrestricted funds					
200th Anniversary fund	126,328	280,517	(406,845)	-	-
General fund	287,777	1,099,913	(1,173,807)	44,630	258,513
	414,105	1,380,430	(1,580,652)	44,630	258,513
Total funds	659,207	1,458,303	(1,634,293)	-	483,217

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2025 (continued)

14 ANALYSIS OF GROUP NET ASSETS BETWEEN FUNDS

Group

Fund balances as at 31 December 2025 are represented by:

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds	Total 2025
	£	£	£	£
Tangible fixed assets	89,116	-	-	89,116
Fixed asset investment	19,500	120,578	248,083	388,161
Current assets	265,212	20,089	-	285,301
Current liabilities	(115,315)	-	(164,046)	(279,361)
	258,513	140,667	84,037	483,217

Fund balances as at 31 December 2024 are represented by:

	Unrestricted funds (restated)	Restricted funds	Endowment funds (restated)	Total 2024
	£	£	£	£
Tangible fixed assets	50,976	-	-	50,976
Fixed asset investment	20,066	124,126	272,623	416,815
Current assets	491,630	12,399	-	504,029
Current liabilities	(148,567)	-	(164,046)	(312,613)
	414,105	136,525	108,577	659,207

Charity

Fund balances as at 31 December 2025 are represented by:

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds	Total 2025
	£	£	£	£
Tangible fixed assets	89,116	-	-	89,116
Fixed asset investment	19,502	120,578	248,083	388,163
Current assets	260,985	20,089	-	281,074
Current liabilities	(114,417)	-	(164,046)	(278,463)
	255,186	140,667	84,037	479,890

Fund balances as at 31 December 2024 are represented by:

	Unrestricted funds (restated)	Restricted funds	Endowment funds (restated)	Total 2024
	£	£	£	£
Tangible fixed assets	50,976	-	-	50,976
Fixed asset investment	20,068	124,126	272,623	416,817
Current assets	488,122	12,399	-	500,521
Current liabilities	(166,758)	-	(164,046)	(330,804)
	392,408	136,525	108,577	637,510

15 RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

Holy Trinity Brompton (HTB)

Charlie Coates, member of the PCC, is the son of the Vicar of Holy Trinity Brompton (HTB), the Revd. Richard Coates. During the year payments were made to HTB totalling £nil (2024: £nil) and income was received from HTB totalling £nil (202: £nil). At the Balance Sheet date £nil was owed to HTB (2023: £nil).

The Church Renewal Trust

Charlie Coates, member of the PCC, is the son of the Revd. Richard Coates, a trustee of the Church Renewal Trust. The Church Renewal Trust has agreed to take a 120-year lease from The Chichester Diocesan Fund & Board of Finance on the church building at a peppercorn rent. It has been agreed to lease the building on, at a peppercorn rent, to the new Anglican Parish of St Peter's Church Brighton.

Alpha International

Charlie Coates, member of the PCC, is the son of the Revd. Richard Coates, a trustee of Alpha International. James Stinson and Chris Williams, members of the PCC, are employees of Alpha International. During the year payments were made to Alpha International totalling £5,400 (2024: £9,699), grants were received from Alpha International totalling £nil (2024: £nil) and income was received from Alpha International totalling £nil (2024: £nil). At the Balance Sheet date £nil was owed to Alpha International (2024: £nil). During the year the church donated £2,997 to Alpha International (2024: £nil).

The Church Revitalisation Trust (CRT)

Charlie Coates, member of the PCC, is the son of the Revd. Richard Coates, a trustee of the Church Revitalisation Trust (CRT). During the year payments were made to CRT totalling £13,815 (2024: £7,710) and grants were received from CRT totalling £53,000 (2024: £39,250). At the Balance Sheet date £nil was owed to CRT (2024: £nil).

The Chichester Diocesan Fund and Board of Finance (DBF)

Revd. Daniel Millest and Revd. Helen Garratt, members of the PCC, are trustees of DBF. Sarah White, member of the PCC, is a member of the DBF Operating Committee. The church received grants from DBF totalling £39,803 (2024: £22,153). The church received unsecured loans from DBF during the year totalling £nil (2024: £6,322), repayable only when and to the extent that the Charity Commission grants access to a specific endowment fund.

PCC Members & Connected Parties

During the year PCC members made various donations to the church.

Two members of staff were also members of the PCC (A Beal, K Millest). The church paid a total of £7,525 (2024: £63,145) in respect of such staff. One of these was also related to members of the PCC: K Millest (spouse).

Revd. Daniel Millest, member of the PCC, is a member of the PCC at St Cuthman's Church, Whitehawk (SCW). James Roe, member of the PCC, is a member of staff at SCW. During the year the church made payments to SCW of £nil (2024: £123) and recharged costs of £4,581 (2024: £3,619). At the Balance Sheet date £185 (2024: £1,350) was due from SCW. The church donated £10,000 to SCW (2024: £5,000) and passed on a £900 grant received from CRT.

Revd. Daniel Millest, member of the PCC, is also a member of the PCC at St Leonard's Church, Aldrington, Hove (SLH). During the year the church made payments to SLH of £nil (2024: £nil) and recharged costs of £4,157 (2024: £3,688). At the Balance Sheet date £424 (2024: £1,370) was due from SLH.

Toluwa Oyeleye, James Stinson, Charlie Coates and Revd. Daniel Millest, members of the PCC, are also trustees of Spear Brighton Trust. During the year the church recharged costs and other expenditure of £174 to Spear Brighton Trust (2024: £nil). The church donated £nil to Spear Brighton Trust in the year (2024: £nil).

During the year the church donated £2,000 (2024: £200) to Off The Fence Trust. Sarah White, member of the PCC, is an employee of Off The Fence Trust.

During the year the church made payments of £750 (2024: £1,150) to Bridge the Gap Football (BTG) and donated £4,500 (2024: £nil) to BTG. Charlie Coates, member of the PCC, is an employee of BTG.

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2025 (continued)

15 RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS (continued)

During the year the church donated £2,500 (2024: £nil) to Tackling Anxiety Together. The spouse of Ben Jacob, member of the PCC, is a trustee of Tackling Anxiety Together.

Hannah Turpin, member of the PCC, is a self-employed artist. During the year the church purchased painting services, artwork and merchandise to the value of £5,122 (2024: £522) from Hannah and her trading style Hanmade Designs.

During the year barista services with a value of £3,500 (2024: £3,600) were provided to the church Play Café and Alpha Ministry under contract with Julia Jacob and at the balance sheet date £200 was owed to her (2024: £100). Julia Jacob is the spouse of Ben Jacob, member of the PCC.

During the year paint was purchased from C Brewer & Sons Ltd (Brewers) with a value of £981 (2024: £1,068) and at the balance sheet date £nil was owed to them (2024: £nil). The spouse of Samantha Brewer, member of the PCC, is a director of Brewers.

During the year photocopier services were contracted with Phoenix Business Group Ltd with a value of £1,274 (2024: £643) and at the balance sheet date £nil was owed to them (2024: £nil). The spouse of Alison Beal, member of the PCC, is a director of Phoenix Business Group Ltd.

During the year production and filming services were provided to the church by Fruitmedia Ltd with a value of £596 (2023: £5,000) and at the balance sheet date £nil was owed to them (2024: £nil). Anthony Jones, member of the PCC, is a director of Fruitmedia Ltd.

16 PARENT CHARITY

Below are summarised results of St Peter's Church Brighton, excluding the subsidiary company:

	Total 2025	Total 2024
INCOME		
Donations and legacies	826,012	910,014
Charitable activities	75,394	63,296
Trading activities	-	18,750
Grants	526,354	483,412
Investments	42,034	12,030
Total income	1,469,794	1,487,502
EXPENDITURE		
Fund raising activities	3,609	2,880
Grants	74,760	84,352
Charitable activities	1,549,045	1,384,090
Total expenditure	1,627,414	1,471,322
NET INCOME	(157,620)	16,180

17 GOING CONCERN

After making appropriate enquiries, the PCC have a reasonable expectation that the charity has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. The PCC have no material uncertainty with regards to the entity's ability to continue to continue as a going concern.

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2025 (continued)

18 COMPARATIVE CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES (RESTATED)
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

	Notes	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Endowment funds £	Total 2024 £
INCOME					
Donations and legacies		913,394	-	-	913,394
Ordinary ministry of the church		456,494	86,834	-	543,328
Other trading activities		81,381	-	-	81,381
Investments		6,121		-	6,121
Total income		1,457,390	86,834	-	1,544,224
EXPENDITURE					
Raising funds					
Subsidiary expenditure		40,934	-	-	40,934
Other		2,880	-	-	2,880
		43,814	-	-	43,814
Charitable activities					
Mission Giving		84,352	-	-	84,352
Ordinary ministry of the church		1,025,163	87,185	-	1,112,348
Development of sites		271,742	-	-	271,742
		1,381,257	87,185	-	1,468,442
Total expenditure		1,425,071	87,185	-	1,512,256
NET INCOME BEFORE GAINS AND LOSSES		32,319	(351)	-	31,968
Investment gains and losses		528	(7,723)	13,104	5,909
NET INCOME BEFORE TRANSFERS		32,847	(8,074)	13,104	37,877
Transfers between funds		170,046	(6,000)	(164,046)	-
NET MOVEMENT IN FUNDS		202,893	(14,074)	(150,942)	37,877
FUND BALANCES AT 1 JANUARY 2024		211,212	150,599	259,519	621,330
FUND BALANCES AT 31 DECEMBER 2024		414,105	136,525	108,577	659,207

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2025 (continued)

19 COMPARATIVE MOVEMENT IN FUNDS (RESTATED)

	Balance at 1 January 2024	Income	Expenditure	Transfers between funds	Balance at 31 December 2024
	£	£	£	£	£
Restricted funds					
Hall fund	7,400	-	(4,007)	-	3,393
Heat or Eat	1,977	-	(101)	-	1,876
Kempe Stained Glass Fund	-	5,000	-	-	5,000
Live Stream	60	-	(60)	-	-
LYN Grants & Fundraising	(825)	3,351	(2,526)	-	-
Play café	1,000	-	(499)	-	501
Safehaven Fund	-	66,775	(66,775)	-	-
Safehaven Mother and Baby	399	-	-	-	399
Safehaven Probation Breakfast Club	-	3,600	(3,600)	-	-
Safehaven Women	6,000	7,483	(7,163)	(6,000)	320
Edward Riley Memorial fund	54,054	-	(4,727)	-	49,327
Vicarage fund	77,795	-	(2,996)	-	74,799
Vicar's Discretionary Fund	2,635	-	(1,792)	-	843
Miscellaneous	104	625	(662)	-	67
	150,599	86,834	(94,908)	(6,000)	136,525
Endowment funds					
Investments	259,519	13,104	-	(164,046)	108,577
	259,519	13,104	-	(164,046)	108,577
Other unrestricted funds					
Buildings fund	81,914	8,349	(15,944)	(74,319)	-
200th Anniversary fund	-	299,625	(247,616)	74,319	126,328
General fund	129,298	1,149,416	(1,160,983)	170,046	287,777
	211,212	1,457,390	(1,424,543)	170,046	414,105
Total funds	621,330	1,557,328	(1,519,451)	-	659,207

20 RESTATMENT OF 2024 FUND BALANCES

The split between investments held in the endowment and general funds was misstated in the prior year. The correction reduced endowment funds balance as of 31 December 2024 from £302,329 to £108,577.