Report Name	CLERGY
Lead	REV SUZY KIRKHAM
Summary of last 12 months- Achievements/ focus/ changes etc. & **Plans over next 12 months (April 26-27)**	**Clergy Report, 2026.** We continue to give thanks to God as we as a Church Community Centre here in Cotford & throughout the benefice, continue to build, grow and reach out with our shared ministry. With the many blessings and challenges that it brings. As a missionary church & benefice, we continually seek to be more and more like Jesus in our outward facing ministry, and many of our discipleship and faith support ministries continue to thrive. The bereavement group and the upcoming bereavement course, Toddlers and Baby Group, Our Alpha course, Marriage preparation & our 4 Small groups, With the plan for setting up a new youth small group later this term... We are seeing growth in our Small groups and hope to develop various events that support and encourage women and men's ministry throughout our benefice. Our partnerships with other groups and charities and organizations. Such as the Diocese Movement Young Leaders Academy that meets in the Hub, The Village Agent who supports our Talking cafe, the local Food bank. The charity Safe Families, The Besom, the local health Visitor now visiting The Baby Group & the bereavement charity At@loss continues to grow. We are also in the process of TVC becoming an officially registered Bereavement Friendly Church, and as an ever-growing hub for bereavement support, Toddler groups, and children, Schools & families focused activities. Again, a special thanks to all of the Ministry leaders and volunteer team members who give their time, and gifts and skills to run these precious ministries. We are so thankful to the wonderful group of volunteer teams that keep all of our buildings in good repair, our Churches open & clean, our graveyards tidy and looked after, & run our community cafe over in Cotford week in week out, and all of our Community Fund raising events during the years such as our Farmers market, Hub breakfasts, Dog show, Bingo & quiz nights in Cotford, and our Coffee mornings, fayres, Community lunches, Cream teas to name but a few in our Traditional Churches. A huge thanks also to those serving as Treasurers, those on the newly created Cotford finance team & to Marcia, our Benefice Treasurer for their ongoing efforts to keep our churches finances up to date.

	We also value Five Rivers Education support & the couple of small businesses That are hosted in our church premises at st Lukes. We continue to value every member ministry, with everyone playing their part in the everyday, and also remain a Benefice open to training and equipping people for leadership & we thank God for our Church Wardens and all those who serve on our PCCS & our safeguarding leads. We currently have various people throughout the benefice serving and training as Lay worship assistants and have started to develop a small Pastoral team to help those from our communities who are struggling or suffering health problems. As we enter this year, we are seeking to grow and deepen our discipleship through membership and leadership of Small groups, increased giving and engaging with every member's gifting and confidence to share their faith with others and to continually seek the gifts of the Holy Spirit. We pray as one that the Holy Spirit will continue to encourage and so empower every member of our churches, our village communities, in bringing the Good News of Jesus in both a practical and spiritual way to all those that we meet and connect with day by day. **Sundays in the Benefice** My heartfelt thank you to each and every member of TVC Benefice who gives their time to organise, set up, welcome, host and lead our services throughout the Benefice on Sundays. Special thanks also to our loyal and committed organists who give their time to Bradford, Nynehead and Oake Churches, and the wonderful David & Katy Stirzaker & their worship team at Cotford who continue to bless the congregation at St Lukes with their musical gifts. **Sunday Welcome and Host Teams at all our Churches** Our view is that helping with the normal Sunday set up, running and clearing up after the services, is about being a family member, and not about calling or gifting. Just as when people come to our homes as guests, we look after them. It is a joy and so vital to create a warm welcome and have the opportunity to have conversations with visitors and tho9se who need to see a friendly face. A huge thank you to our welcome teams for their faithful continuation to this aspect of the Benefices

	family life. We would love more people to join one of our Sunday Welcome Teams, please let us know.
Challenges for the area of work	Finding volunteers and finances to run our community Cafe, outreach projects & missional & discipleship work, along with paying our share of the Benefice share, the loan & taking care of our buildings is always a challenge.
What would you like us to pray about in relation to your work?	**REQUEST FOR PRAYER & ACTION THIS YEAR.** **Action:** • Please consider how you can serve our mission by volunteering • With the financial situation, we would ask that our church members please also review your giving and respond to any prompting from God in this area • Please continue to look out for new faces at Church groups, activities, events and Sunday services, and continue to make an effort to welcome and be that friendly face. • Think of the friends, neighbours and family you could invite to come along too. **Prayer:** • Please pray especially for Rev Paul & Sarah as they lead as part of the Benefice Core Mission Team in so many ways. They continually help and support me in leading the mission of the Benefice. I am so grateful for their leadership and love for God and the gospel. They face a constant spiritual battle as well as the everyday demands of supporting me in the leading of our churches, in the community, and as we support many people who are often in very vulnerable phases of their lives. Please join me in committing to covering them with prayer weekly throughout the year. **Rev Suzy**

Report Name	**CHURCHWARDEN 1**
Lead	CHARLES BARROWMAN
Summary of last 12 months- Achievements/ focus/ changes etc	The Church at Cotford has seen morning services held most Sundays (except for benefice wide services). Services have been led by Rev'd Suzy and Rev'd Paul, alongside Sarah Messenger. We are delighted that both Rev'd Paul and Sarah have joined our worship team. An Alpha course was run, with great conversations and exploration of faith.

	The monthly Priority prayer meeting ran throughout the year. Children's worship has continued through the hard work put in by Louise, Rebecca and Lydia. Thank you for your commitment. The worship band continues to brighten our services and thanks to the Stirzaker family, Ant and David R. Not forgetting Wilf's now guest appearances! The cafe continues to provide a safe space for all. The bereavement café meets regularly and is seen as a vital outreach for those who need it. The baby group meets regularly, providing a point of connection for many. My thanks go to all involved in the running of the café, in particular Claire, whose boundless energy binds the place together. The Centre is also open for a Breakfast Café on the first Saturday of each month (thanks to all involved) and for a Farmers' and Crafts Market. Quiz nights have also taken place and the hall is regularly let out to local groups. Thanks go to Rebecca for the role she has ably performed as Benefice Administrator. As we have celebrated many events over the past 12 months, including a baptism, we have seen many new faces appearing at services. This is very heartwarming and indicates that we are on the right path. Throughout the year, Rev Suzy has provided both spiritual and practical leadership to both the congregation and Cotford St Luke, but also to the wider community. The aim of St Lukes Centre was to provide a focus for the village to meet in praise, but also in friendship and by connecting with each other. Through Suzy's dedicated hard work, the vision of the centre is being refreshed and seen by many in Cotford and beyond. Thank you Suzy for all that you do. ***'Go throughout the whole world and preach the gospel to the whole human race' Mark 16***

Challenges for the area of work	As always the centre and the activities that take place cannot happen without the work of volunteers. If you feel able to volunteer even a small bit of your time, please do so. We also face challenges meeting the needs of the young people of the village since losing the dedicated support that enabled the youth club to exist.
Plans over next 12 months (April 26-27)	Plans are to continue to support the pastoral needs of the church and to encourage more new faces.
What would you like us to pray about in relation to your work?	For volunteers to come forward. For the continuing spiritual leadership provided by Suzy, Paul and Sarah.

CHURCHWARDEN REPORT 2-

DAWN MITFORD SLADE

Heathfield feels like the mother church to St Luke's Centre. Our church has been around for a long time, since thirteen hundred & Cotford her new offspring with many children. The mother church has just one service a month at 9 am HC on the second Sunday of the month.

There are however special occasions when her children & others from the benefice are invited to participate in other services too.

Easter Sunday in Memory Wood was the first one when 22 people rose early to celebrate communion & the rising of Christ followed by coffee & hot cross buns.

A pet service in Memory Wood followed in June attended by a few dogs with their owners on leads.

At Christmas time we were fortunate in being given our own Carol service & also Christmas Eve 8 pm HC which was well attended.

No weddings or baptism this year but one funeral where there is still space on our churchyard.

The churchyard is well maintained by volunteers Andy Jacqueline Martin Cathy & me strimming & weeding with Fenton Plucknett reliably mowing.

The Hay-Berry's are an excellent team with Andy doing numerous repair jobs & Jacqueline doing most of the paperwork either struggling with faculties or finding apt posters for the notice boards.

Sue is a most reliable sacristan & also does most of the church cleaning & flower arranging Cathy is a real whizz at shining the brass.

I have a fantastic team who keep the church going, plus reliable key holders Philip Wade The Lewis's, the Paynes ,also Hay - Berries & Sue.

Without these volunteers Heathfield church would not be able to keep going. A big thank you to them all. **Dawn. Churchwarden**

Heathfield with Cotford St Luke PCC - Parish funds 2025

Code	Section	Code Description	Balance B/fwd	IN	OUT	Tfr	Balance C/fwd
		Restricted (R) and Designated (D) funds					
SL		St Luke's Centre loans (R)	20.00	1,080.00	(12,500.00)	11,400.00	-
YW		Youth workers' salaries, incl. Gift Aid (R)	4,933.54	1,600.31	(6,533.85)	-	**0.00**
BA		Benefice admin support (R)	-	6,234.13	(2,741.79)	882.00	**4,374.34**
AL		Admin laptop fund (R)	-	100.00	-	-	**100.00**
HF		Heathfield fabric (R)	710.67	-	(100.00)	-	**610.67**
HM		Heathfield maintenance (D)	16,185.79	-	(1,976.04)	-	**14,209.75**
MW		Heathfield Memory Wood (D)	979.13	-	-	-	**979.13**
GR		General reserve (D)	15,000.00	-	-	-	**15,000.00**
FG		Funeral gifts [PCC's discretion] (D)	-	300.00	-	-	**300.00**
CD		Charitable donations (D)	-	-	(1,200.00)	1,200.00	-
FH		Families' hardship (D)		-	-	1,110.00	**1,110.00**
		Unrestricted funds					
CG		Church grounds	200.00	500.00	(451.00)	42.00	**291.00**
YE		Blaze expenses	466.10	-	(252.90)	-	**213.20**
SR		SLC maintenance	5,641.26	1,319.60	(6,433.59)	2,004.00	**2,531.27**
		Admin - for information only					
PS		Parish Share	-	-	(31,164.00)		-
RC		Running costs - insurance, energy, cleaning, printing, etc	-	-	(8,342.92)		-
HB		Hall bookings	-	6,675.00	(55.00)		-
HC		Hub Café	-	8,514.89	(7,806.49)		-
EV		Events - breakfasts, quiz nights, murder mystery evenings, dog show, etc	-	7,371.11	(72.00)		-
FM		Farmers' markets	-	4,924.16	-		-
RG		Regular giving, including PGS (excl. for youth work)	-	24,383.75	-		-
SC		Service collections, including envelopes	-	2,057.12	-		-
OG		One-off gifts, including PGS	-	925.17	-		-
GA		Gift Aid recovered (excl. for restricted funds)	-	9,141.04	-		-
BE		Benefice expenses	-	-	(919.52)		-
CE		Clergy expenses	-	-	(44.28)		-
ME		Misc expenditure (includes CCTV installation)	-	-	(6,313.91)		-
IN		Interest	-	1,947.72	(55.07)		-
FE		Fees, including reimbursement of clergy expenses	-	637.00	-		-
MR		NatWest Bankline (charges and) refunds; British Gas feed-in payments; easygiving receipts	-	711.16	(505.85)		-

Heathfield with Cotford St Luke's Receipts & Payments Account

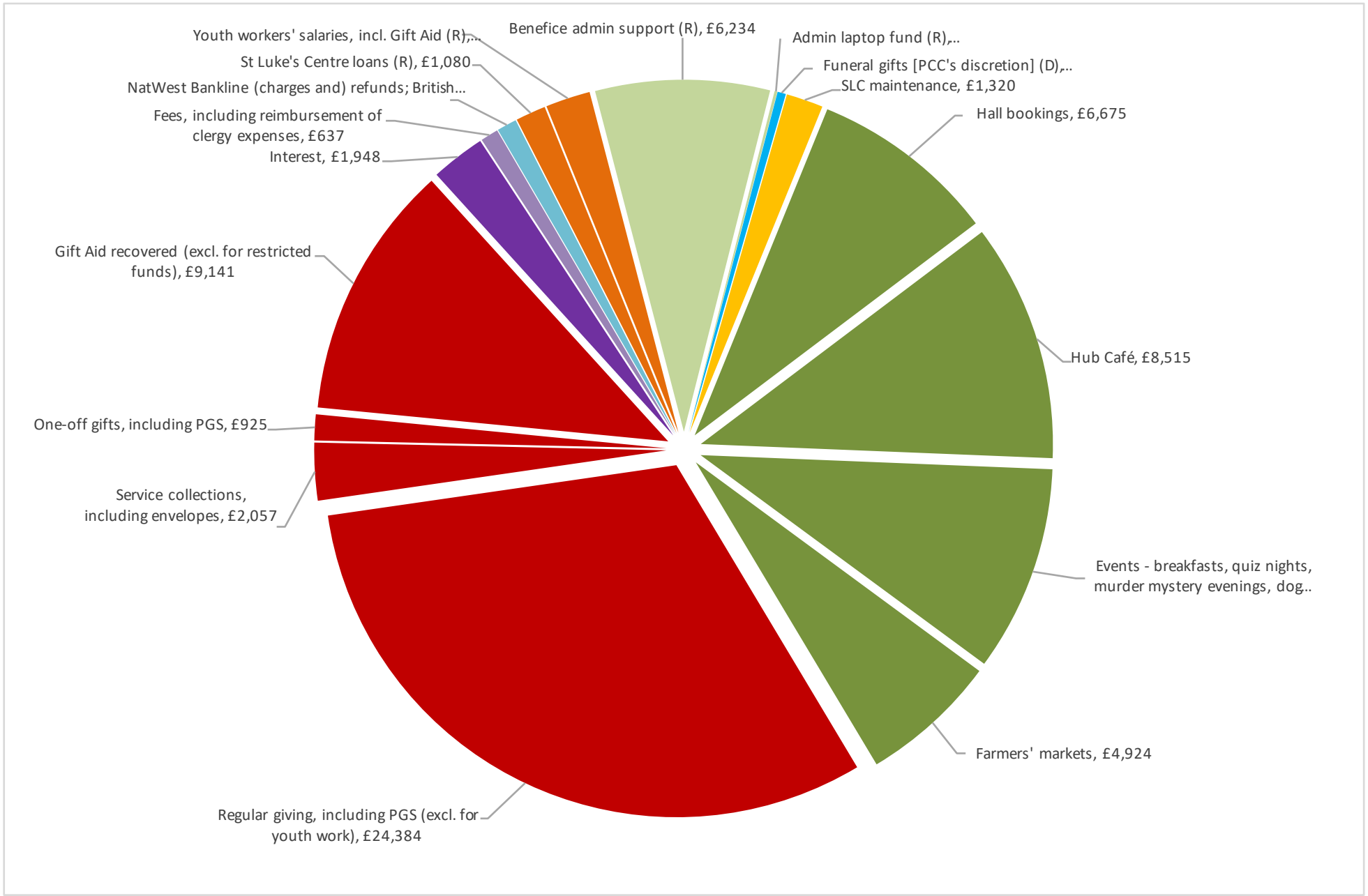
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	Notes	General fund £	Designated fund £	Restricted fund £	2025 £	2024 (12 months) £
Receipts						
Donations and Legacies:						
Planned giving		25,944	-	1,040	**26,984**	*29,668*
Collections, donations & other giving		2,911	300	6,500	**9,711**	*11,075*
Income tax recovered		9,141	-	240	**9,381**	*7,917*
Legacies		-	-	-	**-**	*-*
Other Trading activities						
Magazine/Bookstall sales/Hall Lettings etc		6,620	-	-	**6,620**	*8,325*
Income from other Properties		-	-	-	**-**	*-*
Annual Fete/events		11,674	-	-	**11,674**	*11,508*
Receipts from Investments:						
Interest & dividends		1,893	-	-	**1,893**	*2,207*
Receipts from Charitable activities:						
Parochial fees		637	-	-	**637**	*728*
Other Receipts						
Insurance claims		450	-	-	**450**	*-*
Sale proceeds from fixed assets		-	-	-	**-**	*-*
Loans received		-	-	-	**-**	*-*
Other		9,729	-	1,227	**10,956**	*10,552*
Total Receipts		**68,999**	**300**	**9,007**	**78,306**	*81,980*
Payments						
Charitable activities:						
Donations/Grants to charities		-	(1,200)	-	**(1,200)**	*-*
Mission & Evangelism		(467)	-	-	**(467)**	*(264)*
Parish Share		(31,164)	-	-	**(31,164)**	*(27,298)*
Clergy expenses		(32)	-	-	**(32)**	*(115)*
Church running expenses		(5,285)	(356)	(100)	**(5,741)**	*(3,846)*
Churchyard maintenance		(451)	-	-	**(451)**	*(440)*
Cost of raising funds		(13,016)	-	-	**(13,016)**	*(13,808)*
Support costs		(1,182)	-	-	**(1,182)**	*(716)*
Administration costs (inc. staff costs)		(882)	-	(8,387)	**(9,269)**	*(9,656)*
Governance Costs		(47)	-	-	**(47)**	*-*
Other		(895)	-	-	**(895)**	*(2,329)*
Major expenditure						
Repairs to church buildings		(9,767)	(1,620)	-	**(11,387)**	*(6,637)*
Repairs to other property		-	-	-	**-**	*-*
Capital purchases/additions		-	-	-	**-**	*-*
Loan repayments		(11,400)	-	(1,100)	**(12,500)**	*(15,000)*
Total payments		**(74,588)**	**(3,176)**	**(9,587)**	**(87,351)**	*(80,109)*
Surplus/(Deficit) of Receipts over payments		**(5,589)**	**(2,876)**	**(580)**	**(9,045)**	*1,871*
Transfers between funds		(2,310)	2,310	-	**0**	*-*
		(7,899)	(566)	(580)	**(9,045)**	*1,871*
Cash at bank and in hand at 1 Jan (Actual Balance)		11,668	32,165	5,664	**49,497**	*47,627*
Cash at bank and in hand at 31 December 2025 (Actual Balance)		3,769	31,599	5,084	**40,452**	*49,498*

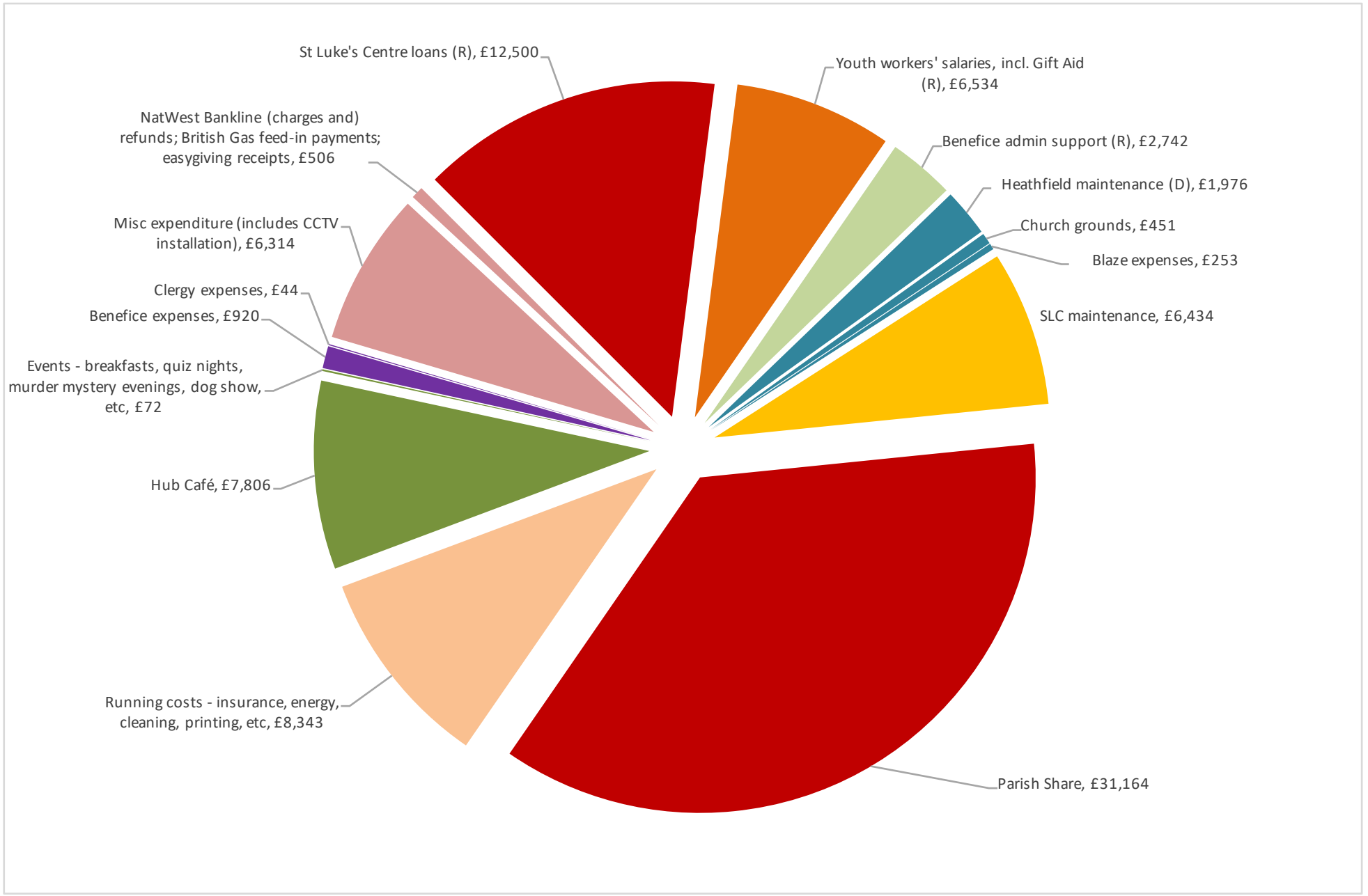
Heathfield with Cotford St Luke PCC - Asset movements 2025

Account Name/Description	Opening Balance	Opening Unrestricted	Opening Designated	Opening Restricted	Closing Balance	Closing Unrestricted	Closing Designated	Closing Restricted
NatWest 40881989 (general)	£1,622.27	£1,602.27		£20.00	£673.59	£238.83	£433.96	£0.80
NatWest 75149303 (special funds)	£420.12			£420.12	£635.62	£635.50		£0.12
CCLA CB3126952 (deposit)	£47,000.00	£9,610.99	£32,164.92	£5,224.09	£39,000.00	£2,750.99	£31,164.92	£5,084.09
Petty cash - Hub Café	£300.00	£300.00						
Cash in hand at year-end	£154.87	£154.87			£142.00	£142.00		
Totals	**£49,497.26**	**£11,668.13**	**£32,164.92**	**£5,664.21**	**£40,451.21**	**£3,767.32**	**£31,598.88**	**£5,085.01**

Heathfield with Cotford St Luke PCC - Receipts 2025



Heathfield with Cotford St Luke PCC - Payments 2025



CHARITY COMMISSION FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Independent examiner's report on the accounts

Section A Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/ members of: Charity Name: HEATHFIELD WITH COTFORD ST LUKE PCC.

On accounts for the year ended: 31 DECEMBER. 2025 | **Charity no (if any)**: 1148869

Set out on pages: 1 — 2. (remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended DD / MM / YYYY.

Responsibilities and basis of report

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

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

Independent examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention (other than that disclosed below *) in connection with the examination which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Act or
- the accounts do not accord with the accounting records

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

** Please delete the words in the brackets if they do not apply.*

Signed: M Wheatley **Date:** 27 FEB 2026.

Name: MARGARET WHEATLEY.

Relevant professional qualification(s) or body (if any):

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Section B	Disclosure

Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight matters of concern (see CC32, Independent examination of charity accounts: directions and guidance for examiners).

Give here brief details of any items that the examiner wishes to disclose.

N/A