MIRFIELD TEAM PARISH

St Mary's

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St John's

Serving the communities of Mirfield and Hopton

ANNUAL REPORT 2025

Please note that questions for the Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM) to be held on Sunday 11th May 2026, at St Mary's, following the 10.30am Service, are to be submitted in writing prior to the Meeting.

REVD HUGH BAKER
Vicar of Mirfield Team Parish
Report for the Year 2025

Vicar's Report for the Annual Parochial Church Meeting
Mirfield Team Parish – 10th May 2026

2025	St. Mary's	St. Paul's	St. John's	Crem	TOTAL
Baptisms	24	0	3		27
Weddings	9	0	2		11
Funerals	11	0	4	10	25
Confirmation	5	0	0		5
Average Sunday attendance	56		36		92

As always, the detail of the highs and lows of our parish life can be found in the various reports that make up the rest of this document. I am very grateful to our Churchwardens and group coordinators for their contributions, and I encourage you to take the time to read and fully appreciate the considerable amount of work carried out over the past year.

Week by week and day by day, we share the Good News in our churches and with one another, through our worship and liturgy, with its space for Bible readings, sermons, and intercessions. It is fitting that we begin with the worship we offer to God. My thanks go to all who make this possible: our clergy—Helen Butler, Graeme Blackwell, and Chris Shedd—our assistants, servers, administrators, musicians, and choirs.

November saw the arrival of our new Music Director, Richard Mayers. He is settling in very well, and the choir is responding positively to his leadership, with new members joining and a growing collaboration between singers at St Mary's and St John's. Richard is also working closely with our other organists—Garth Robinson, Owen Ryder, Chris Royle, and Mark Jennings —to the benefit of all. I would also like to thank those who read for us and those who lead our intercessions.

Our worship is naturally supported by the familiar surroundings of our church buildings. Even as we focus on mission and outreach, we must not neglect maintenance. Both St Mary's and St John's underwent major works during 2025—the roof at St Mary's and the tower at St John's. For further details, please refer to the respective reports. Here, I offer sincere thanks to our wardens: Anne Heeley and Stephen Butler at St John's, Rosemary Durrans at St Mary's, and Tim Grace at St Paul's. I also thank the PCC and its officers, Business Teams, and Friends groups for their dedication.

In particular, I would like to mention the St Mary's Business Team, under the chairmanship of Stephen Durrans, which has begun to ease the workload significantly, mirroring the success of its counterpart at St John's.

I would also like to thank Tim Grace for his work at St Paul's. The building is now in the hands of the Diocese, awaiting final sale. This has not been an easy journey, but Tim's efforts have helped move things forward in a positive and constructive way.

Sharing the Good News also involves meeting people where they are, through the Occasional Offices—baptisms, weddings, and funerals. Our buildings provide welcoming and sacred spaces for these important moments. My thanks go to those who maintain and decorate our churches, especially with flowers, and to our vergers—Ruth Edwards at St Mary's and Annette Wright at St John's—as well as those supporting baptism ministry, Sue Auckland at St John's and Kath Crossley at St Mary's.

Thanks also to Graeme Blackwell and his team for developing Bubble Church, which meets on the first Sunday of each month and regularly attracts up to 25 people. We hope to see this continue to grow.

Welcoming is a shared responsibility, and I thank all who help visitors feel at home, especially our sides people and welcomers. The nurture of children is vital, and I am grateful to Anne Heeley and her team at St John's and Kath Crossley and hers at St Mary's. Confirmations were held at Wakefield Cathedral on 9th February 2025—an important milestone in our shared journey of faith.

Safeguarding remains central to all we do. My sincere thanks go to Maggie Richardson and Kath Crossley for their ongoing work in ensuring we meet the highest standards for the safety of children and vulnerable adults. I should also like to mention at this point those who are on our Pastoral Team and visit the lonely and the housebound often taking Home Communion. In particular my thanks to our Lay Pastoral Ministers: Barry Hambling, Kath Crossley and Val Richardson

We continue to connect with and support our wider community in many ways:

- **Schools:** We maintain links with Crowlees, Crossley Fields, Lower Hopton, and Castle Hall. We host visits, lead assemblies (particularly at Crowlees), and contribute to governance.
- **Pre-schools:** Both St Mary's and St John's maintain strong links with local early years groups.
- **Community spaces:** Croft House at St John's and the Community Centre at St Mary's provide valuable resources. My thanks go especially to Lauren Montgomery for managing the centre and her wider administrative work as our Admin Officer.
- **Warm Space/Friendship Café:** Held every Saturday, offering welcome, food, and companionship. Thanks to Ruth Edwards, Helen Butler, and the team.
- **Walking Group:** A popular initiative led by Chris Barker, Chris Conway, Gill Hawksworth and the rest of the team.
- **Graveyard Gang:** Maintaining our churchyards, enhancing both environment and community use.
- **Payback Scheme:** Supporting community service opportunities in partnership with probation services.
- **Drop-in sessions:** Offering hospitality, conversation, and quiet reflection.
- **Craft Group and Handbell Ringers:** Providing creativity and fellowship with thanks to Anne Heeley and Sally Blackwell.
- **Pantomime Group:** Once again delighted audiences with *Alice in Wonderland.* (Oh yes it did!) with thanks to all but especially their director Laura Brown.

We also continue to support global and local needs through prayer and action, including Christian Aid, The Children's Society, local food banks, and ongoing aid for Ukraine. My thanks to Ruth Edwards for her dedication to this cause.

Environmental responsibility is becoming an increasing priority. Thanks to Tanya Bintcliffe's work, we are now registered with the Eco Church scheme and progressing well on their awards scheme.

All of this work requires financial support. I extend heartfelt thanks to all who give generously, those who remember the parish in their wills, our fundraising team, and especially David Brooke for his faithful service as treasurer. David's financial report shows the amount of effort and dedication that goes into providing the funds for our day to do running, maintenance and repairs, and our contribution towards the Parish Share. Despite our best efforts you will see that we did not manage to meet the whole of the amount asked of us in 2025, hopefully this year we will manage to do better.

As you can see, much is happening across the parish. I commend all that has been done, with apologies for anything omitted. God calls us to his work in the world, please continue to hold this work in your prayers.

THE BUSINESS OF THE FULL PCC

Membership of the PCC

The PCC consists of:

Clergy		Revd Hugh Crispin Baker (Vicar and Chair) Revd Graeme Blackwell Revd Helen Butler
Churchwardens	From St Mary's	Rosemary Durrans
	From St John's	Anne Heeley and Stephen Butler
PCC Members	From St Mary's	Lauren Montgomery-Bell Ruth Edwards Helen Walker (Grace)
	From St John's	Chris Breare Sue Auckland Sue Young
	From St Paul's	David Brooke Barney Blackwell
Deanery Synod Representatives		Barry Hambling Ruth King Tim Grace

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Safeguarding & Disability Officer		Maggie Richardson
Health & Safety Advisor	St Mary's	Stephen Banks
	St John's	Stephen Butler

There were 6 PCC meetings and 6 Standing Committee Meetings held in 2025

The officers to the PCC were:

Lay Chair	Ruth King
Secretary	Tanya Bintcliffe
Treasurer	David Brooke

THE REPORTS

ELECTORAL ROLL REPORT – *Lauren Montgomery-Bell, Electoral Roll Officer*

Electoral Roll Report – Lauren Montgomery-Bell, Electoral Roll Officer

Every 6 years the old Electoral Roll is discarded in favour of a new one and a new Roll was created for 2025 to be effective at the Annual Meeting in May 2025.

At the 16th April 2025 the new Roll stands at 41 for St John's, 65 for St Mary's with a further 6 joint registrations, giving a total Roll of 112. These includes no new enrolments

As of April 2026, the Roll stands at 141 broken down as 46 for St John's, 89 for St Mary's, with a further 5 joint registrations. There are 28 new enrolments.

FINANCIAL REPORT – David Brooke [Treasurer]

As always, 2025 was another 'challenging' year financially for the Parish. Income increased by nearly £6,000 on 2024 –and expenditure decreased by over £4,000.
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There was a slight increase in income from planned giving, gift aid, collections and donations, etc of £1,000 and income from fees increased by £3,000, and income from fundraising increased by over £1,000. The Parish Centre contribution to general funds was increased by £2,000 to £12,000. Income into general funds was £114k (2024: £108k).

In expenditure - there was a decrease in running costs (gas, electricity, water and insurance) of over £9,000 and Office but other Costs increased by nearly £5,000. Expenditure from general funds (before the parish share contribution) was £56.5k (2024: £60.5k).

All of this resulted in a surplus in general funds (before the parish share contribution) of £57.5k (2024: £47.5k). Parish share paid in 2025 £45,000 (2024: £30,000).

A Legacy of nearly £323k was received during the for the repair and maintenance of St Mary's Church building. This has been allocated to St Mary's Business Team who are managing the major repairs to St Mary's.

Other Restricted funds have been used during the year for major repairs to St Mary's Church and St John's Church (with funds provided by the Friends of Upper Hopton Church).

Thank you to all the people who give regularly and generously to Mirfield Team Parish so that the work of Mirfield Team Parish can be maintained and our Churches can be open for all to be made welcome!

St Mary's Church

St Mary's Business Team – Annual Summary Report 2026 - 10th May 2026

Chair's Foreword
It has been a privilege to chair the St Mary's Business Team this year. Rather than big changes, it has been a year of steady progress, focusing on keeping things running well and making sensible plans for the future of both the Church and the wider community.
Thank you to everyone on the Business Team for their time, input and good spirit throughout the year. I would also like to thank those who have helped us with their professional advice, and the PCC for their continued support.

Stephen Durrans
Chair, St Mary's Business Team

Introduction
This report gives an overview of what the Business Team has been working on during the year. It brings together the main points from our meetings and reports to the PCC
We have kept the longer-term Chapter Two plans in mind throughout, trying to make sure that day to day decisions support those aims where possible.

Membership and Governance
The Business Team continues to be made up of a committed group of people, bringing a wide range of experience and strong local knowledge. Regular attendance has been maintained by Hugh Baker, David Brooke, Rosemary Durrans, Tim Grace, Peter King, Ruth King, Jayne Law, Fraser Turner and Helen Walker. At our most recent meeting, we were also very pleased to welcome Tim Uttley as a new member of the team.
During the year, we have also introduced two important roles to support the running of St Mary's. Steve Banks has joined us as Health and Safety Officer, bringing valuable experience that is already helping to guide our approach in this area. As a result, the team has agreed to carry out an annual Health and Safety review to ensure a consistent and well-managed approach.
We have also appointed Jimmy Ward as our new Hall and Church caretaker. Jimmy has made a very positive start and is already helping to keep the buildings well maintained and running smoothly.

Key Activities and Discussions During the Year

Grant Funding and External Support

A key area of focus has been understanding and exploring opportunities for grant funding to support both the Church and the Community Centre. The Team welcomed Billy Tindle, VCSE (Voluntary, Community and Social Enterprise) Liaison Officer at Kirklees Council, who gave a helpful and informative presentation on possible funding routes, eligibility, and the steps needed to apply.
This session gave the Team a much clearer understanding of the funding landscape and highlighted the importance of showing clear community benefit and well thought through outcomes when applying for support. Jayne Law prepared a summary of the key points to guide future work.
Our focus will remain on steady and manageable progress, including planning for Chapter Two and improving key facilities.

Quinquennial Report

Much progress has been made on the 2019 report requirements and we are now assessing the latest 2025 report.

Compliance, Safety, and Forward Planning

Maintaining compliance with legal and safety requirements has remained an important and ongoing responsibility. A new Task report has been introduced that centralises all Jobs and tasks identifying a clear lead.

Alignment with Chapter Two Objectives

The Chapter Two project provides the strategic framework for the future development, sustainability, and wider community role of St Mary's Church and the Community Centre Hall. The Chapter Two Team continue to meet agreeing priorities. This is a slow burn but is overall a necessary plan and commitment.

Additional Activities and Actions

The Business Team has continued to focus on practical delivery, with regular reviews of the Action List to ensure clarity and progress.
During the year, the Team progressed several key projects These included advancing plans for the repair of the Organ Roof, working with James Northing and Fraser Turner to develop a scheme that avoids the need to move the Organ,
We were pleased to have arranged to service and repair the Church Clock and Bells during the year.
The Team has also reviewed and approved several practical maintenance works, including improvements to drainage, lighting, and building fixtures, Particular attention has been given to progressing and completing the Church lighting upgrade following Diocesan approval.
Discussion was had surrounding opening and recognising an area of graveyard land that is currently farmed by Haigh's Farms. Legal documents exist recognising this land and boundaries. This is being progressed.

Memorial in recognition

We discussed arranging a memorial in recognition of the generous legacies from Brian Oddy and Margaret Richardson. A carved plaque or similar has been suggested as an appropriate way to acknowledge their contributions and this is ongoing.

Church Hall and Meeting rooms.

The transfer of the Hall's management to the Business Team is now complete. A small subcommittee, comprising Stephen, Jayne and Lauren, now oversees this area and meets regularly. It has become clear that investment in the Hall's toilet and drainage facilities will need to be treated as a priority going forward. We are also exploring the upgrade of heating controls in the Hall and meeting rooms to a centrally managed, app-based system.

Members of the team have spent a considerable amount of time and effort tidying and refurbishing the facilities, including the kitchen, parish office, and other rooms and storage areas. A number of redundant items have been removed, and new freezers have been purchased. In addition, investment has been made to improve connectivity through the installation of a new internal WiFi network, although some issues remain with the incoming BT line.

Friends Of St Mary's
We were pleased to see the completion of the formation of the Friends of St Mary's, with Martyn Bolt appointed as Chair. The group is now well established, with a strong and proactive management team. They have begun planning a range of activities and have already successfully organised a St Mary's Heritage Open Day which opened the Church up to the wider community

Facilities and Grounds Management:
We have continued to review and develop grounds and graveyard maintenance, alongside planned engagement with Kirklees Council to review tree preservation orders and ensure appropriate management of the grounds. Tim has taken the main lead on this.

Organ Roof Repair
A pre-commencement meeting has been identified as necessary for the Organ Roof repair project to ensure clarity of roles, responsibilities, and engagement with both contractors and professional advisors.

PRIORITIES GOING FORWARD
- Create a simple, phased plan for Chapter Two.
- Identify and apply for suitable funding opportunities.
- Continue improving key facilities such as Heating. Toilets, Kitchen and open Spaces.
- Maintain a strong and enthusiastic team.
- Work with all partners involved in the Church and wider community to preserve the fabric of the building to keep it available for the people of Mirfield and to secure its long-term future.

Rosemary Durrans – Church Warden's Note
I would like to take this opportunity to thank all those who give their time, energy, and skills in so many different ways to support the life of St Mary's.
The smooth running of the Church and the delivery of its wider mission relies heavily on the commitment of volunteers, often working quietly behind the scenes. Your contribution, whether large or small, is very much valued and appreciated.
Thank you all for your continued support.

Stephen Durrans
Business Team Chairman

ST MARY'S GRAVEYARD CARE & MAINTENANCE REPORT

At St Mary's we have a wonderful resource in our churchyard. The judges for the 'Yorkshire in Bloom' Competition called it "The Jewel in Mirfield's Crown" and awarded the Platinum Award in the Parks and Gardens category.
Our 9-acre site is primarily a graveyard and as such we need to create a quiet, peaceful environment where visitors can access tidy gravesides, be at ease and relaxed. Many visitors trace their ancestry, others discover the rich history and heritage of the area or enjoy the wide range of flora and fauna, all in a safe environment for those who work in or pass through it.

- We made a lot of progress last year: wildflower areas were prepared,
- the margins were extended,
- paths cleared, edged, improved, consolidated
- compost areas created
- nest boxes erected
- dead hedges developed
- borders planted up - and watered during the drought
- bracken and brambles cleared on the motte
- sunken graves were filled in
- We produced Health and Safety documents, Risk Assessment policies and also a Safeguarding Policy

Recently we had an important meeting with Tim Grace, our representative on the Business Team, when we discussed future progress and projects. We are a very small team, sadly losing Phil Wood a stalwart of the Graveyard Gang, and we need to look to recruit new, younger members and have everything in place.

- Equipment and machines need replacing, servicing to be fit for purpose;
- PPE put in place.
- Tree survey and maintenance
- Spiralling fuel costs
- Information Boards
- Filling sunken graves and larger projects like crumbling walls repair, drainage and churchyard extension were also discussed to name but a few.
- Storage for machines and equipment and our annual maintenance plan were other topics discussed.

We have erected a number of information boards, we have a Commonwealth Graves Trail in place. We now have our Graveyard Account (banking) and have looked into how we can build this up. Open Country, who work with those who have learning difficulties, have provided vital help. They are a charity and really should be reimbursed for their work and use of their specialised equipment. Pupils working on Duke of Edinburgh projects have added much needed help. We hoped to put a peregrine project in place but this had to be shelved on the advice of our architect.

Huge thanks must be given to Bernard Walker, our Conservation Officer, for his vision to develop the church grounds, creating wildlife habitats and involving local community and school groups. Also, thanks to Paul Burnett for the tremendous maintenance work.

Chris Barker

ST JOHN'S CHURCH

Report St John's Business Team for 2025
The Business Team members were Revd Hugh Baker, Revd Graeme Blackwell, Anne Heeley, Warden, Stephen Butler, Warden, Chris Breare, admin, Sue Auckland, Sue Young, John Sykes, Mike Hewson, Linda Hutchinson and Tanya Bintcliffe, MTP Secretary.
The team met on five occasions in 2025.

We are grateful to our priests, Revd Hugh Baker, Revd Graeme Blackwell, Revd Helen Butler and Revd Chris Shedd for leading us in our worship, ministry and community outreach during the year. We have seen a steady increase in the numbers in our congregation and our activities both social and fundraising.

At St John's the Holy Week and Easter services were well attended and the Stations of the Cross in the In churchyard followed by the Last Hour 2pm – 3pm in church were particularly special

A member of our Sunday school was baptized along with her mum at a special service on a Sunday afternoon and two new adult members of our congregation, were baptised in our morning Eucharist Service, and both services were very special. The Confirmation Service for seven candidates including two from St John's with Bishop Smitha at St Mary's on Sunday July 13th at 3 pm was a truly inspirational service.

We had weddings on July 5th and on Friday September29th.Thank you to Sandra Moylan for the beautiful flowers which were really appreciated by the couples.

Our Warden Anne took part in the Christian aid Collection at the Coop during Christian Aid week. The total raised was £485.66, an increase on last year's £463.23.

It's always a pleasure to host Preschool staff, pupils and parents in church for their Easter, Harvest and Christmas stories. Some of us joined Hopton in Bloom to sing Christmas songs around the tree in the Rose Garden.

St John's and the churchyard were open for the Hopton in Bloom Garden Trail on June 26th and lots of visitors came in to enjoy the peace and cool of the church on a really hot day. Thank you to John Sykes, Sue Young, and Graeme and Sally Blackwell for being there to welcome and chat to people.

We held a stall at the Village Fete on July 26th and we were able to display the work on our tower and sell goods make by the MTP Craft group. The Craft group continue to attract new members and the wonderful things they make have been sold over the year for our tower restoration fund at our fundraising events, for MTP and £117 for St Mary's at their Heritage Fun Day. The craft group also worked to make toilet bags for a residential home for the elderly in Ukraine and the congregation were generously donating toiletries to go in them.

Heritage Open Day: Helen Grace kindly registered the church for the national HOD's and Kirklees Heritage Open Days on Saturday 13th September 10-4 pm. We celebrated the 25th Anniversary of the Millennium Window, together with the progress on the tower and the history of the organ. Thanks to Barney, Ann Seabourne and Owen for helping with displays.
Ann Seabourne sent an article for the magazine from her perspective and it makes interesting reading.

On September 27th, breakfast was served at St John's at the starting point of the MTP pilgrimage with members of Christ the King, around all the past and present Anglican churches in Mirfield

We were sad to say goodbye to Scott our director of music for 20 years and then pleased to welcome Richard Mayers into the post in September. We really appreciate the wonderful music and choral singing at our services and the fact that many members from St Mary's join our choir on so many occasions during the year. We are so fortunate.

Thanks to Chris Shedd for organising and leading the MTP book groups St John's for Lent Summer and Advent with up to 12 members regularly participating.

At the Dedication October 19th it was a pleasure to invite Graeme to preach and share a buffet lunch in church after the service. .

Church Yard Remembrance Service Sunday November 2nd 2.30 was again well attended

The Mayor of Mirfield, Cllr Stuart Naisbitt, chose to hold the Civic Service on November 16th at St John's 3pm this year. This was followed by followed by refreshments in Croft House

Rev Canon Wendy Dalrymple, who served her curacy in the Team Parish and lived in our vicarage, now Canon Pastor at Ripon Cathedral, came to preach at St John's on the feast of Christ the King November 23rd 2025 and we enjoyed reminiscing about her time here. Wendy has promised to return for our Dedication service in October next year.

On Advent Sunday, two Posadas toured the village returning to the Crib service. The Carol Service was held on Sunday December 14h at 3pm with members of the Community reading the lessons. Hugh again led the singing at Carols Round the Tree Saturday December 20th with a record number of families joining us. We actually ran out of mince pies. Santa and his elf joined us from the direction of the Club.
The afternoon tea and chat on Wednesday afternoons continues to thrive and many visitors pop in for a chat or to look around the church, spend a quiet few minutes or inquire about our services.

We are really grateful to Linda Hutchinson for her expertise in organising the flowers for the regular services and weddings at St Johns for many years and who has retired for health reasons. Liz Hewson has volunteered to be co-ordinator for flower arrangers and will keep a spare key for them to use. Linda also retired as our Sacristan and Sue Auckland has now stepped into this role.

Thanks to Tanya who completed all the paperwork, St John's were delighted to be given a Silver Eco Church award.

Thanks to Tanya, we also have a lovely new cupboard for storing the hygiene and sanitary products for adults and babies and it exactly matches the existing inbuilt cupboard. She also kindly donated all the products, wipes and bags for disposal. A larger covered bin has also been donated.

Thanks to John Sykes, who is taking the remains of the candles, melting them down into new one and this is a great saving. John is also looking at sourcing candles from St Mary's

The History of Hopton Parish Church booklet, written in 1985, has been scanned in and it is quite a big file and really interesting reading. It would be good to print out copies and enlarge it for the HODs exhibition and to convert to word doc so that it can be updated to add the many changes since 1985. Graeme has managed to transcribe it and Owen plans to update it.

The 2 raised mats from the south door has been removed as they were a hazard for wheelchair users and replace with thin water absorbent mats.

Churchyard
A member of the Hopton in Bloom team has cleaned up and replanted the tubs at the Croft House gate (fitted in 2007). The Hopton in Bloom team have completed restored and replanted the flower bed under the east window and have started doing the same for the Millennium window garden which was in a bit of a state after the works to restore the tower. They plan to create a semi-circular area in front of the east window bed and fill with slate to stop the weeds growing at the front of the bed.
They are also going to create a similar area of about a foot between the bed and the south wall of the church behind the Millennium garden.
A large sack of daffodils has been purchased and the team are busy planting them in all areas of the churchyard.

Lewis Wroe removed and tidied the broken-out top of Lombardi Poplar due to high winds £200.00 (Storm Darragh) We had Kirklees Planning permission and List B from the diocese to remove the tree and plant a similar one (? birch) in its place.

As the summer was very hot and dry, the grass was slow to grow. Lewis cut the grass & carried our maintenance Including 2 x cut & strim entire churchyard and around all daffodils £570.00. paid for by the Friends.

Safeguarding.
We are most appreciative of Maggie Richardson who has led is through all the safeguarding
Legislation and given us sound advice when sought.

Projects completed.
James Northing carried out the emergency work to support the eastern arch in the upper tower (please make clear, not the east window of the church) no other work has been carried out on the building. If funding allows, we hope to start work on phase 2 of the tower repairs next summer.
James Northing removed the existing water damaged gypsum plaster from the toilet walls following repair of the leak in the tower and replaced it with more suitable lime mortar at a cost of £590 plus £118 VAT = £708.

New control units have been provided to two of the gas heaters, allowing us to now set the timers on all four gas heaters at St John's.

Following a list B we now have a 5 lever lock fitted on the south porch door and keys made to enable easier access to church.

Stephen Dixon attended St John's church on 23 July 2025 met by Stephen Butler and James Northing to conduct the Quinquennial Inspection and he was very impressed with the work that we have done, particularly to the church tower and west window. He was also complementary of our plans for further repairs and restoration, particularly our prioritisation of essential items, disability access and our focus on long term and sustainable solutions.
Stephen D was taken up the church tower but first we had to remove a huge jackdaw's nest from the staircase and then James secured a fibreglass ladder to replace the rotten timber access to the trap door in the pitched roof of the spire.

There were no great surprises and Stephen Dixon suggested that the list of items is likely to be shorter than in previous years. He was concerned at, apparently recent worsening of the condition of one of the arched, louvered openings towards the top of the tower. He suggested that James Northing should be instructed to take action within the next 5 months to stabilise the arch and support the structure above so that it does not fall before we are able to commence the next phase of major repairs to the tower, possibly next summer.

Mike has cleaned up the churchyard gate and used a stain/polish to enhance the wood. He found that there are holes in the bottom panels. He has used a stain to preserve the wood. The architect was satisfied with the protection used. Filling was not recommended due to it probably causing further rot.

The carpet in the meeting room has been professionally cleaned by Tim Riordan at a cost of £45 and he recommends it is done every two years. He also said it is good contract carpet.
James Northing of Monolith Builders completed the repair of the arch support on Friday August22nd and sent an invoice for £480.

The electrical inspection and PAT test took place on Wednesday October 8th by Testing Services, and the report was sent electronically. The electricians gave a verbal report that all is well.
Stephen prepared the regulatory documents for the Archdeacon's Visitation to St Johns on Thursday October 23rd but unfortunately could not be present on the day.

Projects in hand
Adam Goodyear has now sent us his estimate for the reinstatement of our west window (see appendix) which should be read with the diagram of the west window as a key to the panels referred to (attached).
He has suggested extensive repairs, it will cost £16 270.47 to have all the works completed, including re-installation and cleaning but without scaffolding costs which will be required in addition.
Adam has also estimated the cost of re-leading fewer panels, making use of the existing lead beading. These costs are:
£4 814.67 to replace only the totally unusable lead,
£5 215.39 if we replace the unusable lead and also provide copper ties to other panels to support the glass, fully re-leading at a cost of £11 886.07 plus £4 384.40 installation cost in each of the above scenarios.
Adam explained that the lead cracks and becomes more brittle over time so full re-leading is recommended to reduce the need for future repairs for several decades. He also recommended the copper supports to reduce movement of the glass if the stonework were to move.

Adam Goodyear mentioned that the pointing of the millennium window is starting to fail and whilst the window is secure and the Polycarbonate will keep the rain away it is something that you should consider replacing either in the autumn or spring as both frost and hot weather are detrimental to fresh lime mortar.

The faculty for the new resource's cupboard, Mothers Union banner case, repair and reinstalling the West window, removal of the front pew end on the left side of the nave and replace with movable funeral stools from St Paul', has been completed thanks to Graeme and we await the DAC decision. We have also included the approval the provision of a bench in St John's churchyard in memory of Norman and Elizabeth Brown in the space near the path.

With Tanya's assistance, we are applying for a The Disability Project grant
- Improved lighting at the side of the path from the lych gate to the porch
- Signage
- Health & Safety training (ie, for users with additional needs using the building alone)
- Repairs/improvements to paths, door frames etc.
- Hearing loop upgrades
- Update pull cord in toilet and taps on the sinks.

We are awaiting a quote from the electrician.

Fundraising
Most of our fundraising is for the Friends to support our tower project.
Thanks are due to Linda for compiling her quizzes which are eagerly awaited; Easter Quiz raised £320.00, Yorkshire day £352, Harvest quiz, £345
We have held several tea/coffee afternoon, one on Wednesday afternoons March 26th raised £352. And another in August 20th raised £302.40 for the tower fund

Four members of Hopton in Bloom organised a New2U clothes sale Croft House on May 9th. It raised in excess of £732 and was a lovely evening and well supported.

Friends
We are indebted to the friends for supporting and funding all the projects for the repair and enhancement of the fabric of the church and the maintenance of the churchyard.
Two invoices from Lewis have been paid by the Friends on May 5th
The Friends have received a very generous donation of £300 to maintain the churchyard but with a comment about the long grass. Chris wrote to thank him.

The organ recital by Sofia Korsakova was a great success and enjoyed by everyone. Thank you Owen for organising it and sponsoring the publicity, the sponsors, those who provided the refreshments and all who helped in anyway and to Sue Young for offering her hospitality and looking after Sofia on her first visit to the UK. It raised £1,070 for the Tower fund. Sofia has given wonderful feedback about both our organ and her welcome here on her Facebook page. This will feature in the next magazine

We are grateful to all the work our Wardens, Anne and Stephen have carried out this year.
Reading the report again it is amazing how much work is done by our small team with great support from church members, members of the Friends and the local community.

Chris Breare. Secretary St John's Business Team

BUDGET & STRATEGY REPORT – *Chris Breare*

The Budget and Strategy Team consisting of Hugh, Graeme, David, Chris, Helen, Peter, Tim and Lauren, with new members this year, Stephen and Rosemary Durrans. We met by Zoom at monthly intervals except for May, August and December, to review the financial situation of the Parish at each meeting.

A Forecast Budget was compiled at the beginning of the year aiming to pay £46.000 towards our Parish Share and the actual budget reviewed at each meeting, along with the income and expenditure each month for each church.

The Income from Standing Orders, Weekly envelopes, Gift aid envelopes, Parish Giving scheme and Tax Refunds were as follows:

Year 2025 £56,140
Year 2024 £59,407
Year 2023 £59,403

The Fundraising Committee had a fundraising target of £10k per annum and over the year raised a valuable £7003 thanks to much planning and hard work.

The PCC is grateful for the contribution of £12,102 from the Parish Centre; to those who give regularly by Planned Giving, standing orders and envelopes.

Parish Share paid for 2025 was £45,000 as per Budget.

St Paul's Church
Report for Mirfield Team Parish APCM 2026

St Paul's Church was closed on 8 September 2024 and is now empty. The maintenance and sale of the church have been passed to the Diocese and the Church Commissioners. The building is under offer and it is anticipated that the completion date for the sale will be sometime this year 2026.

It is understood that the prospective buyers intend to develop the church for the benefit of the local community.

Following completion of the sale, Mirfield Team Parish will still retain ownership and be responsible for the maintenance and general upkeep of the cinerarium. The cinerarium will remain open for future interment of Ashes.

Tim Grace
Ex Churchwarden St Paul's

Ministry Planning Team – Report for APCM, 2026

The Ministry Planning Team was re-established during the past year to help plan for and manage the worship and services across the parish. This felt particularly timely following the appointment of Richard Mayers as our new Music Leader, alongside the demands of a busy Christmas period in parish life. The re-established team met for the first time in February 2026 and has continued to meet monthly since then. While monthly meetings are proving valuable at present, the frequency of meetings may be reviewed once the team feels more fully established in its work together.

The team currently consists of the parish clergy, the parish Music Leader, an organist and choir representative, and key contacts from both St. Mary's and St. John's. Members of the team are currently Hugh Baker, Helen Butler, Graeme Blackwell, Richard Mayers, Garth Robinson, Chris Breare and Sue Auckland.

Overall, the Ministry Planning Team has proven both useful and worthwhile in helping to ensure that worship is appropriate, well-planned and coordinated across both churches. The team has also provided a helpful forum for reviewing practical aspects of worship and church services, including checking and revising service times where necessary, reviewing the content of orders of service, arranging for new materials where needed, and ensuring that large print versions are available and accessible.

One particularly fruitful development has been the decision to move most additional evening services during Holy Week and Easter to an earlier start time of 6.30pm rather than the traditional 7.30pm. This change enabled more people to feel comfortable and safe attending evening worship and contributed to increased attendance across a greater number of services during this central and important season in the life of the Church.

The Ministry Planning Team would warmly encourage members of the congregation to share any ideas, suggestions or reflections relating to the pattern and style of worship within the parish. Suggestions can be fed through to any member of the team for consideration and discussion.

Revd Graeme Blackwell

Pastoral Team

The Pastoral team has met five times.

Members of the team have visited members of the congregation in their homes or care home. They support with prayer and will give communion to those who wish to receive. Telephone contact remains an important way of keeping in touch with those who cannot get to church.

Making contact with Baptism families is also part of the Pastoral Team's work.

Children's Church

We have two regular attendees at Children's church at St Mary's and other children join us, especially when staying with grandparents. We work at the side of the main congregation where we can very much be part of all that is going on in the service and part of the church family.

Our work focuses on the Gospel reading for that day and the children enjoy completing crafts which help to illustrate that reading. As the children are growing up they are able to tell the congregation what we have been working on and enjoy showing them their completed work.

Kath Crossley

Sunday School

St John's Sunday School continues to meet each Sunday during the morning service. Although numbers attending each week have decreased children are welcomed when they do come. They enjoy sharing their work with the congregation and always end with a prayer.

Anne Heeley

Bubble Church Annual Report – 2025/26 – Fr Graeme Blackwell.

Bubble Church is a fresh expression of church designed particularly for families with young children. It offers a short, accessible act of worship that is interactive, creative, and rooted in prayer, storytelling, and hospitality. Its aim is to provide a welcoming and engaging environment for those who may not feel able to attend more traditional services, while remaining clearly centred on the Christian faith.

Bubble Church was launched in the Mirfield Team Parish in October 2025 at St Mary's Church. The initiative was led by the Revd Graeme Blackwell and supported by a dedicated team of nine additional volunteers. The launch was made possible through the support of a grant from Churches Together in Mirfield.

Now eight months on from its launch, Bubble Church has established itself as a fruitful and encouraging part of our parish life. Attendance has been consistently strong, with around 25 people attending each month. Notably, at our Easter Day Bubble Church service, we welcomed 38 people (20 children and 18 adults), representing our highest attendance to date. A significant proportion of those attending are newcomers to church within our parish, many of whom had little or no previous connection with regular worship. Alongside this, a number of regular worshippers from neighbouring churches — including Christ the King, Battyeford, and the Salvation Army — have also become regular participants, reflecting the open and ecumenical nature of the provision.

Over the past eight months, Bubble Church has explored a range of biblical themes and stories, including "I am the Good Shepherd," "I am the True Vine," a Christmas service titled "A Message for Mary," and "Jesus, the Light of the World." These have been shared in ways that are accessible and engaging for families, helping to nurture faith in both children and adults.

The initiative has also attracted attention beyond the parish. The Diocese of Leeds featured the launch of Bubble Church in its diocesan newsletter, recognising it as an example of creative mission. In addition, the Dewsbury Reporter published an article about the launch in October 2025, helping to raise awareness across the local community.

Bubble Church in Mirfield has further been recognised by the national Church of England Bubble Church team. Representatives visited in November and gave very positive feedback on what they experienced. They also filmed a service on 1st February 2026 as part of a wider project highlighting Bubble Church in the North of England. The parish has also been invited to host the Regional Bubble Church Network Day at St Mary's on Tuesday 22nd September 2026.

We give thanks for the commitment, energy, and prayerful support that have enabled Bubble Church to grow in this way. At the same time, it is important to look ahead. As the Revd Graeme Blackwell, currently serving as Bubble Church Champion, is likely to be leaving the parish in the coming months, careful planning will be needed to ensure continuity of leadership, resourcing, and vision, so that this valuable ministry may continue to flourish.

Revd. Graeme Blackwell.

MTP CHOIR – *Richards Mayers*

BELL RINGERS – *Rachel Walker*

DEANERY SYNOD REPORT – *Barry Hambling & Ruth King (Deanery Synod Reps)*

The synod has held three meetings during 2025. The first meeting was held on the 28th April at St James's church Heckmondwike and the Rev Melusi Sibanda led the introduction and prayers. The election of a clergy member to the synod was due to be held but was cancelled to a lack of clergy being present. The planned talk by Clare Saice Diocesan, Safety Officer was cancelled at short notice due to a family bereavement. It was replaced by a talk by David Ashton who gave a comprehensive guide about the process involved in replacing the Bishop of Leeds who is retiring. The minutes of the last meeting were past, as was a report on the last General Synod. Updates from parishes included a VE day service at St Mary's Mirfield on the 8th of May and training for "Opening the Book" at St Peter's church Birstall on the 20th June.

Our next meeting was at St Luke's church Cleckheaton on the 17th of July. After the usual prayers and introduction by the Rev Helen Chamberlain Vicar of Cleckheaton, the main speaker was the Rev Sue Sowden, who is a prison chaplain. Her talk was very interesting and to keep this report brief I shall mention some of the things she deals with. She works in Leeds and Harrogate prison sites, which include Armley jail in Leeds. She said there are prison chaplains for Muslims and Catholics as well as other faiths. Amongst the many things she deals with they include being in reception when new prisoners arrive to help in any way they can. Chaplains also arrange services in the prison, help with benefits, mental health issues, arrange accommodation when a prisoner leaves, bereavements help if a prisoner is in prison and many other problems. Sue spoke about the overcrowding in prisons and the very strict regime which was upheld in prison life. The talk was more interesting than many we have had, in that it opened one's eyes to a life most of us don't see.

The Area Dean than said that all parishes would have the opportunity to express what they would like to see in the new Bishop of Leeds. The third meeting was held at St John's church Mirfield on the 15th of October and was opened with prayers led by the Rev Canon Hugh Baker. The election of a clergy member of the Diocesan Synod was required, so a meeting of the clergy took place and the Rev Caroline Greenwood was duly elected to represent the Deanery at the Synod. The main speaker was Mr Steve Hodgson who is the manager of Branch Radio Dewsbury. Steve explained he has Anglican roots and has been the manager of Branch Radio for nearly twenty years. Following a prayer meeting he received a phone call asking if he was prepared to fill a Sunday morning slot on the local hospital radio station. During this time, you could not broadcast faith items on radio, but over time this restriction was relaxed, Branch radio applied for a five-year licence to broadcast Faith items/Christian music and discussions and was granted a licence. The station needed £40,000 for equipment before it could start but the money was raised and it started broadcasting. Financially listeners have provided the funds for running costs which are about £20.000 a year. The station broadcasts from the Dewsbury Revival Centre at present but is waiting for three new studios to be completed at the Dewsbury Gospel Church Complex which when the work is completed will house a rest room and kitchen and also toilets.
Hopefully these facilities will be ready by the summer of next year. The station operates on 101.8 FM and will attend churches for events and interviews. The speaker was thanked by Hugh Baker for a most interesting talk.
David Ashton than took the chair, minutes from the July meeting were then passed.
David confirmed the Bishop Toby of Bradford was now the acting bishop of Leeds. David said he had taken part in the process of appointing a new Bishop as he was a member of the Vacancy in See Committee and had looked at the many small cards people had completed on which they had stated what they would like to see in the new Bishop.
A Diocesan profile has been completed which can be seen on the Diocesan website. Moving on to the Treasures Report, David said the Deanery Synod bank account was now with Virgin Money Bank Cleckheaton after a long process.
The Spen Valley Civic Society was donated £50 pounds by the Deanery for the upkeep of the Joe Cox Memorial wood.
Parish updates were discussed with the Revd. Emily (Birkenshaw) confirming a new contemporary service called "Immerse" with music and instruments plus singers would start on the 14th Dec. at St Mary's Gomersal. St Saviours, Brownhill has seen an increase in numbers which are up by 50% and children at Roberttown are doing Messy Church.
A General Synod report was accepted and a reminder of Bishop Nicks final service was given which will be at Wakefield Cathedral on the 26th Oct. 2025. The meeting ended at 9.15 pm with Grace

Barry Hambling, Ruth King Tim Grace (Deanery Synod Representatives

CHURCHES TOGETHER IN MIRFIELD AND DISTRICT – 2025

The Members of CTM David Barker, Richard Bland, Jude Clark, Philip Cooper, Revd High Baker, Revd Graeme Blackwell, Chris Breare, Diane Cusworth, Kenneth Evans, Christine Sykes, Meg Willard, Ian Wilson, Antonia Baldwin, Alison Kelsall, Adrian Roberts and Shirley Twigger

Reports:

a) Moderator: Philip Cooper gave his report

In addition to being a fantastic Secretary, Christine Sykes does a wonderful job as our Publicity Officer. Christine advertises events via our Facebook page, posters, the community magazine (the Mirfield Word), and in other ways, Christine is, also, our main co-ordinator for Christian Aid.

Events & Activities

On Sunday, 19th January, Wellhouse Moravian Church hosted our Week of Prayer for Christian Unity Service, at 3pm, followed by our AGM. I conducted the service; Ben Cross, the Head of Operations at Churches Together in England (CTE), gave the sermon; and I chaired the AGM.

In February, four hundred knitted green hearts were tagged with a Christian and ecological message, and distributed on Valentine's Day to various people in the community. The comments that we received on our Facebook page suggests that they were appreciated.

On Friday, 7th March, we held our World Day of Prayer Service, at the Salvation Army church, at 2pm. The material for the service had been prepared by women from the Cook Islands. The service was well attended. We are thankful to Antonia Baldwin and the team who organised this service.

On Friday, 18th April, we held our Good Friday Walk of Witness, beginning at Trinity Methodist Church, at 10am, in the centre of Mirfield, stopping at several places along the route, to hear a Bible reading, share in a prayer/mediation and sing the verse of a hymn.

The walk culminated with a Stations of the Cross Service, at St Adain's Roman Catholic Church, conducted by Fr Patrick. Hot cross buns were given to members of the public during the walk.

Once again, we organised a collection at the Co-op supermarket, in the centre of Mirfield, during Christian Aid Week. In addition, a number of the churches in the group raised money for Christian Aid, using the Christian envelopes and in other ways.

Our Secretary carried a wreath at the Remembrance Parade, in Mirfield, on Sunday, 9th November. The Moderator attended the Service of Remembrance, on Tuesday, 11th November, in the Memorial Garden, in Ings Grove Park.

A number of churches in the group took part in the Twelve Days of Christmas event, in the period before Christmas.

We did not hold an outdoor Christmas carol service in the centre of Mirfield this year. Last year's service was not well attended. There are already two outdoor Christmas carol services that take place in the centre of Mirfield, one organised by the town council and the other by the Rotary Club. It was decided that rather than focusing on the centre of Mirfield,
it would be better to attend carol services arranged by the churches in the different areas of Mirfield.

Conclusion

There are many other elements of our work that could be mentioned in this report, including Warm Spaces and the Shoe Box Appeal. Our Secretary has attended a number of meetings on our behalf, including meetings of the Friends of Mirfield.

Quite clearly, Churches Together in Mirfield & District is a very activity group, seeking to further the work of God's kingdom and share the love of Christ in a multitude of ways. We are thankful to all those who help in anyway. As we share in this work, together, we proclaim, in word and deed, the message of love, reconciliation, peace and unity that
Christ came into the world to share with all people.
Revd Philip Cooper

Christine Sykes moved a vote of thanks to Philip Cooper for his sterling work as Moderator.

Finance:

Our present Treasurer, Ian Wilson, is also our Vice-Moderator, and will become Moderator in January, 2027. We are grateful for Ian's dedication and hard work over years as our Treasurer, We are delighted that he is Vice-Moderator, and will become Moderator from 2027. This means that we need to appoint a new Treasurer.

We need to appoint two new cheque signatories. At our meeting in July, it was agreed that we wait until after this AGM, when it is hoped that a new Treasurer will have been appointed.

Since our last AGM, HSBC has changed its attitude and policies regarding charities. So, at this present time, we still have a bank account with HSBC.

Secretary, Publicity Officer, & Christian Aid Co-ordinator
Treasurer: Ian Wilson said that the ring-fenced Matrix money amounting to £9,760 had been distributed to the Kirklees Hub, St Mary's Bubble Church and Crowlees School's Forest Chapel. As HSBC is no longer charging us to have an account £918.89 has been deposited, with the balance of £123.12 being held in cash, making the balance of account at 31st August 2025 £1,042.01. The only expenditure has been Hot X Buns & the Poppy Wreath. A discussion took place about signatories to the account as of the two, one lives in Leeds. Richard Bland proposed that Philip Cooper & Christine Sykes be added as signatories, Diane Cusworth seconded and the meeting agreed unanimously.

Publicity Officer: Christine Sykes presented a written report.
The Facebook page has been well used. Church events are publicised via this medium as well as by circulation to churches via their reps. We have also used the Mirfield Word as a source of publicity for our Christmas and weekly church services. The Editor has indicated a willingness to publicise church events; but the publication goes to press mid-month before.
Five Easter Greetings banners were displayed around the town. Christmas greetings banners weren't put out this year.
The CTMD banner, Easter & Christmas banners, vests & other property is stored on Trinity's balcony.
This post is vacant. The following is a job description:

- Post on our CHURCHES TOGETHER IN MIRFIELD & DISTRICT Facebook page
- Maximise press/media coverage for the group, including Mirfield Word.
- Establish links with the local and national press
- Build on relationships with the news media.
- Act as spokesperson if required
- Research and use all potential promotional opportunities
- Produce press releases if required.
- Inform the local media of successes/ achievements.
- Prepare newsletters, flyers and posters for distribution to church reps via Secretary
- Distribute flyers & posters to local shops, library & community centres
- Erect Christmas/Easter banners

Christine Sykes

Christian Aid: Christine Sykes presented a written report.
Christine Sykes said that Christian Aid Week 2025 was 11th to 17th May. Mirfield Co-op was thanked for letting us have a store collection which amounted to £485.66 (an increase on 2024). The grand total collected was £1,330.88 with church envelopes and a meal. Each church has been notified of its collections. Well done everyone. This year's Christian Aid week is 10th to 16th May
Christine Sykes

Confirmation of Appointment:
As is the custom, the Moderator & Deputy's appointments cover two years.
It was confirmed that Philip Cooper would serve year two of two, and Ian Wilson would deputise for the same period.

Appointment of Officers:

a) Secretary: Christine Sykes proposed by Kenneth Evans, seconded by Meg Willard; and re-appointed unopposed.
b) Treasurer: There were no nominations. Ian Wilson agreed to monitor the post. All to attempt to source a replacement because Ian will be Moderator in 2027.
c) Publicity Officer: No nominations. Christine Sykes agreed to continue covering the post until the next meeting. Meanwhile all to attempt to source a replacement.

Any Other Business:

- The Moderator said that he wouldn't be available to lead the Walk of Witness on Good Friday 2026; but could provide the paperwork used last year.
- Thanks were conveyed to Wellhouse Moravian Church for their hospitality.
- The venue for the CU Service/CTMD AGM 2027 would be Trinity Methodist Church.

SAFEGUARDING – *Maggie Richardson*

Safeguarding Report for APCM May 2026

Maggie Richardson remains as Safeguarding Office with Kath Crossley working alongside. We both meet regularly together with regular meetings which include the Clergy.

C of E Safeguarding e-manual

A major resource for Safeguarding information is the Church of England e-manual which can be found on the Church of England website. It is essential that all volunteers as well as employed staff are appointed in accordance with the Safer Recruitment and People Management Guidance found in the e-manual.

Also to be found in the e-manual are those policies which are being reviewed, updated or removed. The changes are being made by the NSSG (National Safeguarding Steering Group).

Safer Recruitment

A major focus in 2025 has been the completion of the elements needed to meet the requirements of Safer Recruitment.

Templates are available from the e-manual Toolbox for Safer Recruitment, which can be personalised to reflect that they are from Mirfield Team Parish. Completed forms which have been trialled this year are: Person specification for volunteer role as.....; Volunteer Role description; Volunteer Application Form; and a Reference Request Form. All forms have been accepted by the PCC and it has been agreed that completed forms are to be returned to the Incumbent.

All those roles which require the participant to undergo a DBS check have been completed but some will soon need to be renewed as they reach the three-year renewal requirement. Those people filling roles which do not meet the criteria for a DBS check are asked to fill in a Confidential Declaration form and to complete Safeguarding Training.

Church groups and activities.

Another focus this year has been to ensure that Mirfield Team Parish activities have Risk Assessments in place. All activities organised for the Church should have a Risk Assessment whether it is a one-off event or a regular group activity. The Risk Assessment should be made available before the events.

Groups which are specifically set up to provide for children and vulnerable adults require formal boundaries which include Risk Assessment; monitoring; and record keeping. Groups which meet this criterion are: Bubble Church; Children's workshops; the Graveyard Gang; and the Saturday Friendship Café. Copies of Risk Assessments and other records should be passed to the Safeguarding Officer and will be kept for reference.

Because of the importance of attention to detail, a pathway has been agreed before any new groups can begin:

First PCC approval must be granted; second any particular training required should be recorded and implemented; a Risk Assessment must be written and a copy sent or given to the Safeguarding Officer; all steps and documentation needed for Safer Recruitment should be followed and any paperwork safely stored for all volunteer roles.

Following on from a conflict of interest with groups using the Community Centre a copy of those groups using the Community Centre with times and locations has been produced. It is hoped that this will eventually be stored on an online calendar.

Training

Safeguarding Training is appropriate for all Church members but particularly those fulfilling certain roles. Much success has been seen in encouraging members of the congregation to complete Safeguarding training (Basic and Foundation modules) which has to be renewed every three years. These modules can be completed at home but for those who are less confident with IT, group sessions have been organised. With these and Hugh's article in the Church magazine the first round has all been completed and the second round started. In the coming year 2026 and in 2027 PCC members and others will need to be refresh their training as they reach their 3-year renewal requirement.

Safeguarding Policy

Mirfield Team Parish's Safeguarding Policy was approved by the PCC in September. 2025. Copies are displayed on the notice boards at St Mary's and St John's churches as well as now being displayed in the Community Centre.

Archdeacon's Visitation

A Safeguarding audit report was submitted to the Archdeacon in October 2026 and everything was found to be satisfactory. A suggestion from Mirfield Team Parish, that it would be helpful if regular update reports could be resumed from Leeds Diocese Safeguarding team to Safeguarding Officers, was taken by the Archdeacon to the Leeds team. These reports have now resumed and are much appreciated.

Safe storage of documents

In order to comply with the requirements of GDPR Safeguarding documentation and records are stored in a locked filing Cabinet at St Mary's Church.

Posting and responding to Social Media
Following a recommendation from Leeds Diocese, as part of the Safeguarding requirement for the posting and responding to Social Media. Graeme Blackwell agreed to continue as the named person for the time being, the PCC approved this.

Maggie and Kath would like to thank all those who have helped them by meeting their requests for the completion of paperwork, producing ID documentation and completing training.

FRIENDS OF ST MARY'S COMMUNITY HERITAGE SITE –
See St Mary's Business Team.

MIRFIELD IN BLOOM GROUP – *Ruth Edwards*

FRIENDS OF ST JOHN'S CHURCH – *Owen Ryder (Hon Sec)*

Report Council of Friends for MTP APCM 2026
The Annual Statement of Accounts and Financial Report
Treasurer John McMullan talked attendees through the balance sheet and profit and loss statement. . At the end of the reporting period, total assets were about £70,000, made up of around £30,000 in cash and £40,000 in unit trusts. During the reporting period, the Cambridge and Counties account had matured and the money was deposited in the CCLA account. John explained that he wanted to keep some assets available at short notice in case they were needed for the next stage of tower repairs. The CCLA unit trusts will go up and down with the markets, which is better in the long term, but the cash can be used for repairs likely to be needed in the short term. The profit and loss statement showed that total assets were down around £28,000, made up of £41,760 spent on the tower, partially covered by around £12,000 income from the Tower Appeal. The 2025 membership income was up due to the change in timing of the request for membership fees to be paid, and a generous donation of £4,000 had been received for the removal of the west window. There were other expenditure items amounting to approximately £25,000 for other maintenance jobs. Money is still being retained for cleaning of the chancel paintings (~£3,000) and the toy and resources cupboard (also ~£3,000). The remaining money that The Friends has available would be for church yard maintenance and for the tower rebuilding work. We can spend about £25,000 before the assets are down to the original capital of 33k, leaving a suitable safety margin for market fluctuations. Thanks were expressed to John and everyone involved with repairs to the tower to avoid a much worse situation developing. The Friends is a very important organisation, being essential for the upkeep of the church building.
The Hon Secretary's Annual Report
Secretary Owen Ryder provided copies of the Secretary's report and highlighted the key points made in it.
He thanked Chris Breare for her time as Honorary Secretary to The Friends and helping with the transition to the new secretary since the 2024 AGM.
Owen provided some clarity to separate the activities of The Friends from those of the PCC and St John's Business Team. The core activities of The Friends are:
1) To support the fabric of the church building and grounds by providing financial assistance and volunteer resources.
2) To raise funds to enable this to happen.
3) To promote public interest in the church, its history and work.
Other activities or events organised by the PCC or business team are therefore omitted from minutes unless it is relevant to the activities of The Friends.
The Friends council met on 4 occasions since the previous AGM. On average, council meetings had 68% of council members in attendance, with 23% providing apologies for absence. All meetings were quorate and were held on the following dates: September the 11th, 2024, January the 29th, 2025 April the 30th, 2025, July the 16th, 2025.
Thanks were extended to all those who have made donations or organised fund-raising activities, in particular Linda Hutchinson for her fund-raising quizzes, Anne Heeley's fund raising for the resources cupboard and other donations given towards churchyard upkeep.
Funds received are held in reserve to contribute towards specific projects, namely: -
1) Resources / toy cupboard

2) Cleaning of the paintings in the chancel
3) Reinstatement of the west window
4) The tower refurbishment.
As we don't yet know how much money the PCC will request from the Friends for the work still to be done on the tower, we are unlikely to be able to allocate funds to other projects at this time as the tower is the primary priority. In order to continue providing financial support to the church in the future, The Friends need to continue raising more funds. An organ recital is planned for Wednesday the 24th of September 2025, but beyond that, no further fund-raising events are planned. Other fund-raising ideas would be very much welcome. The membership list shows 56 names of which 40 have given donations recently. Membership fees and donations from members are very gratefully received.
Elected Officers
President Sue Young
Vice President Colin Ryder
Chairman Rev Hugh Baker
Hon Secretary Owen Ryder
Hon Treasurer John McMullan
Assistant Secretary + Membership Sec Chris Breare
Warden Anne Heeley
Warden Stephen Butler
Council Members
Mike Hewson
Linda Hutchinson
Julie McMullan
John Sykes
Tim Grace
Sue Auckland

Election of Auditor
John McMullan reported that David Brooke said he would be willing to audit the accounts for The Friends again next year. The selection of David Brooke as auditor was proposed by John McMullan, Seconded by Colin Ryder and all were in favour.

Date of next Annual General Meeting

Wednesday 16th Sept 2026, 7:30pm in church

CROFT HOUSE ROOMS CHARITY – *Roger Leedham (Secretary) (Trustee) UHCA*
CROFT HOUSE ROOMS CHARITY – January to December 2025

At the formation of the Team Parish in 2007 a document was drawn up to ensure Croft House continues to be managed effectively, and the new PCC proposed that the Managing Trustees of Croft House Rooms Charity be the Croft House Rooms Management Committee, the eight members of which are determined as follows:

1. The two Wardens of St John's shall be members.
2. Four UHCA members, which includes the Treasurer of the UHCA. Two UHCA members are elected on alternate years, and each serve for two years.
3. The PCC of the Mirfield Team Parish shall elect two representatives.

A quorum for any meeting shall comprise two members representing the UHCA, two representing the PCC and one other member.
The Management Committee of Croft House Rooms Charity, the Managing Trustees, is responsible for letting the Rooms and for the recurrent expenditure involved in running the Rooms. The UHCA have free tenure of the Rooms and are responsible for the maintenance of the building and grounds and for capital expenditure.
Membership of the Management Committee of Croft House Rooms Charity is as follows:

1. **Christine Breare** - co-opted as Chair (Trustee)
2. **Anne Heeley** - elected Church Warden by PCC
3. **Stephen Butler** - elected Church Warden by PCC
4. **Sue Young** - elected by PCC.
5. **Sue Auckland** - elected by PCC.

6. **Roger Leedham** - (Secretary) (Trustee) UHCA
7. **Kathryn Cockerill** - Treasurer of UHCA (**Loraine Farren** after 1 September 2025)
8. **Gail Auty** - (Trustee) elected by UHCA.
9. **Joan Hemmingway** - (Trustee) elected by UHCA.
10. **Andrea Leedham** - co-opted as Booking Secretary
11. **Peter Crane** - co-opted as Treasurer.

From September 2025 Private Hire of Croft House was restricted to Saturdays only, which has impacted on the income for Croft House. To compensate for this restriction the Private, and some of the Regular hire rates were increased at the CHRMC meeting on 13 January 2026. These increased rates were made effective from 1 March 2026 and so did not impact on the loss of revenue from September to December 2025.

The accounts for the year 1 September 2024 to 31 August 2025, were approved at the committee meeting in January 2026. The accounts showed an income of £16,730 against an expenditure of £12,789. Included in this expenditure was a donation of £5000 to the UHCA to help with essential maintenance and a new garage for storage of Croft House equipment. The regular safety related costs of £267 for PAT, fire equipment and gas checks were funded by CHRMC again.

The opening cash balance on the 1 September 2024 was £29,732, and the closing balance on 31 August 2025 was £33,673. Details of the accounts were submitted to the Charity Commission in March 2026.

Notable Croft House maintenance carried out in 2025:

- The main project for 2025 was the start of the Croft House garage project which will be used for storage of UHCA and HIB equipment. Fortunately, we received funding for the garage itself from Mirfield Town Council, but all the preparatory work took place in 2025. This included:
  An asbestos survey for all the existing garages, safe removal of the asbestos, skip hire, installation of electrical ducting, excavation work for the concrete base and laying of the concrete base. The cost of the preparatory work was £3014, but this cost was minimized as a considerable amount of help was given by local residents with both equipment and labour.
  The garage and electrical installations work will take place in April/May 2026 (additional costs £1442).
- In April the two windows of the pre-school storeroom were replaced (£876).
- In August all the internal walls and woodwork of Croft House were painted (cost £2600).

ST MARY'S COMMUNITY CENTRE –
See St Mary's Business Team

PANTOMIME GROUP – *Laura Brown*

Following on from the success of our 75-year anniversary performance of Cinderella, we were pleased to bring in another successful succession of five shows in 2025 with Alice in Wonderland.

We welcomed a number of new chorus members and were able to move a group of youngsters into the cast. Nearly all the cast came back to perform our contemporaneous pantomime script complimented by the usual mix of traditional and more modern songs to. We continue to enjoy utilising a live piano accompaniment thanks to Wendy Stoey, albeit intertwined a number of modern popular songs with appropriate backing music.

We sold out over the five performances and are extremely proud of what was achieved as a community group. There is a large number of people, mainly behind the scenes, involved in making the pantomime a viable production. The children and adults involved are completely committed to this inclusive project which is an opportunity for people from all walks of life and ability to get involved with performing arts under the banner of the Church of England.

UNIFORMED ORGANISATIONS

8TH MIRFIELD – ST MARY'S SCOUT GROUP – *Chris Wilding – Akela (Cub Scout Leader)*

As always, the past 12 months have been another busy year for us down at 8th Mirfield – St Mary's.

Our Beavers, Cubs, Scouts and Explorers continue to be full, with waiting lists in almost all cases. This means we continue to offer scouting to local youngsters ranging in age from 6-18 and even at 18 we find some will

stay with us as leaders although many move onto university or other paths. We don't currently have a Squirrel section as space and leader availability at St Mary's has so far prevented us from looking at this, however, Mirfield is still well serviced for the new younger section (4-6) as both 1st Mirfield and 9th Mirfield have Squirrels. Just on the subject of the sections, this year sees a number of scouting celebrations as Squirrels turns 5, Beavers turns 40, Cubs turns 110 and next year Scouts will be 120 years old. Could Baden Powell really have imagined all this when he organised that first "experimental camp" at Brownsea Island in summer 1907?

Looking at things in a little more detail, over the past year our Cubs have taken part in district camps as well as our own summer camp which our Beavers joined them at to get a taste of what is to come for them as they move on through the sections. Scouts have done summer camps, winter camps and expedition camps as the older members completed their expedition requirements for their higher awards. Our explorers have held a number of camps, most recently in April where they enjoyed a glorious weekend doing water activities in the York countryside.

But it hasn't just been camping. There has been lots of badgework across all the sections covering traditional scouting skills, as well as including wider activities. This includes the staples of camping, hiking, cooking, outdoor skills as well as covering things like entertainer, music, sports enthusiast etc. Many of our Beavers have completed their Chief Scouts Bronze and likewise in Cubs we are proud to have a number who completed their Silver Award while Scouts have completed their Chief Scout's Gold.

We have taken part in a number of St Mary's Parades and events as well as the main Mirfield Remembrance Parade in November. Most recently, in April the District St George's Day "Celebration of Scouting" was hosted by St Mary's and it was nice to welcome youngsters from other local scout groups as well as all our sections participating in the event.

Looking to the future, this summer, one of our Explorers, Emily, will be heading off to Peru with West Yorkshire Scouts as they return to the area, 20 years after last visiting, to take part in community projects well as hike some of the Machu Picchu trail. Next summer (2027) one of our current Scouts, Isla, will be attending the World Scout Jamboree in Poland after having been successful in the selection process. We wish both of them a fantastic, memorable and life changing experience.

Before I finish however, I do also have to recognise some people we have had to say goodbye to. As youngsters pass through the sections, there often comes the inevitable day we have to say goodbye, and likewise, some of our leaders. Whether they have been with us only a few years or a few decades, we do have to say goodbye occasionally, and this brings me onto my final comments. As I mentioned last year (and every other year), 8th Mirfield continues to be a large group – certainly one of the largest in the district and county. As I mentioned earlier, we do also have waiting lists, and can't always take all those on the list due to insufficient leader numbers. We rely on our leaders to be able to provide these activities and would really benefit from a few extra pairs of hands. Since starting in the 1970s, 8th Mirfield has seen so many people pass through their doors and it would be great to see some old (or young) faces come back down and help continue the tradition. But even if you have never been involved, don't let that put you off – everyone is welcome and we provide everything you need for the role – all we ask for is a little of your time.

If you think you may fancy it or know someone who might then please pop down or get in touch with us (all contact details are in the Church Magazine) as we'd love to have you on board.

Chris Wilding
Akela (Cub Scout Leader)

2ND MIRFIELD GUIDES – *Wendy Banks*

In 2025, we have continued following the Guides programme and girls have been working on their Have Adventures theme.

We went to St Mary's Parish Pantomime again to see Jack and the Beanstalk with other guiding groups in Mirfield, another enjoyable night.

We visited Bradley Woods and enjoyed games and making smores on the camp fire.

In July with the other guide groups in Mirfield we had a 3-day camp at Midgely camp site and did our camp skill builder badge and did a walk in a wooded area.

In the summer, we went ten pin bowling to end the term.

We have had a number of visitors this year, including Zumba, an owl experience, reptiles and the girls took part in a court room experience.

The girls also did pottery this year and made a vase or pot for their mum for Mother's Day.

At Christmas we went roller blading for our end of year party.

2ND & 14TH MIRFIELD BROWNIES – *Tracy Riley*
St Marys Brownies Annual Report

We are lucky here at St Marys to have two full and active brownie units 2nd & 14th Mirfield Brownies. 14th Mirfield Brownies was opened to accommodate the large number of girls wanting to join and this year celebrates its 20th anniversary. The units continue to grow with a steady feed from the fantastic rainbow units and often a waiting list. Its never too early to get your daughter's name down http://www.girlguiding.org.uk

In the last 12 months we've had some great nights, from I'm a Brownie get me out of here, where we had several bush tucker trials, made our own bandanas and got to try some real bugs, we visited Hopton Woods for a scavenger hunt and finished off with the ice cream van visiting.

We love animals so were in our element when Agnes the lamb visited and the Birds of Prey., we also got slightly more exotic with some unusual visitors from a python, meerkat and a skunk one evening.

We've been creative when Michelle taught us Chi Chi and Christine a local florist helped us create stunning flower garlands. We've helped the community and supported Mirfield in Bloom, we also attended Remembrance Parade, visited the Fire Station to learn about Fire Safety and squirt some water and had a visit from the Police Helicopter Pilot. We've raised money for Yorkshire Air Ambulance and decorated gift bags for Santas Seniors. We also visited to Lidl for a tour and did a supermarket sweep style night buying things Nicola kindly took to Humanity First Food Bank

We love our badges and these have ranged from 1st Aid to Kitchen Creations, Bird Watcher, Grow your Own and Games Master, the addition of lots of new badges in the summer went down really well.

We celebrated the end of the school year with a penny fairground night, complete with games, tombola and ice cream. our Christmas party was a messy slime party enjoyed by all. We got creative for our annual craft fair raising over £1400 in just 45 minutes which was a huge boost for our funds.

We've also had visits form the crystal studio, mindfulness the County Archivist and Andy with his circus Skills.

Crafts have ranged from jesmonite, baking, sand art, silk painting and acrylic canal painting. The highlight of our year is always our residentials, we held a super Pack Holiday at Fan Wood which 28 girls attended and enjoyed bouldering, grass sledging and archery as well as lots of crafts and adventures, in the summer we had an incredible sleepover at Gulliver's Valley, we hired the fairy tale castle complete with en suites and had a super time, from meeting animals, toasting marshmallows, to scootering round the park at night when shut as well as the rides, it was the hottest day of the year so we didn't mind the evening show and water fight at all.

We have a super team of volunteers and parent helpers making all these adventures and weekly meetings possible, fancy joining us? drop me an email mirfieldguiding@yahoo.co.uk

We look forward to a super year ahead.

2ND & 3RD MIRFIELD RAINBOWS – *Wendy Banks*

2nd and 3rd Mirfield Rainbows

2025 and we did q lot of girl-guiding badges and were able to hand out Bronze, Silver and Gold awards for all the girls hard work.

We also did some fun badges including a fantasy one where we were able to do activities based on Tangled.

In May a local farmer brought in chicks and a lamb and every girl got to help feed the lamb, which they loved.

In the Summer we supported Mirfield in Bloom and did activities to help purchase the planter outside the Church Hall.

In September we supported a local charity Santas Seniors, by decorating their gift bags ready to distribute Christmas gifts.

Then in October we did a Sweet badge and invited a local sweet shop who told us interesting facts about the history of sweets as well as letting us try some of them.

November saw us do one of our favourite activities when we split into teams to build Marble runs to get from one side of the Church hall to the other using cardboard and other recycling items, this year we even had themed marvle runs. We also had a lady come in to do pottery painting with us that when fired we could take home as a Christmas gift.

In December we started one of our new interest badges, Toys, it is the first time that nearly everyone finished it at home as they all enjoyed it so much. We loved seeing how they all looked after a forgottrn or unloved toy that needed some care and then either replaying with it or donating it.

January we were joined by a group of animals including a meerkat, a skunk and spiders and snakes, The girls were much braver than the adults and loved meeting them all. We followed this with a night learning about bats and supporting a UK bat protection society.

In February we went with the rest of Mirfield Guiding to the Mirfield Parish Pantomime to see Jack and Beanstalk and we laughed so much. We also had a visit from our local PCSO who brought along a police van that our girls found fascinating.

We finished the year with a new badge that celebrates, Mirfield, Dewsbury and Batley – the Calder badge – which celebrates our joint history and the fact as a group we are part of a Girlguiding division. We learnt about the local canal and did some canal art, we tried weaving, enjoyed a food activity using Fox's biscuits and tried to work out some Yorkshire dialect.

Another lovely and varied year.

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

	Notes	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2025 £	Total 2024 £
INCOMING RESOURCES					
Voluntary Income	2	93,175	322,944	416,119	130,777
Activities for Generating Funds	3	71,190	19,534	90,724	108,048
Investment Income	4	1,185	8,196	9,381	1,565
Other Incoming Resources	5	-	34,352	34,352	-
TOTAL INCOMING RESOURCES		165,550	385,026	550,576	240,390
RESOURCES EXPENDED					
Fundraising Costs	6	-	-	-	23,318
Charitable Activities	7	99,821	79,576	179,397	315,932
Governance Costs	8	56,143	214	56,357	40,008
TOTAL RESOURCES EXPENDED		155,964	79,790	235,754	379,258
NET INCOMING/(OUTGOING) RESOURCES BEFORE TRANSFERS		9,586	305,237	314,822	(138,868)
TRANSFERS					
Gross Transfers Between Funds	16	-	-	-	-
NET INCOMING/(OUTGOING) RESOURCES BEFORE OTHER RECOGNISED GAINS		9,586	305,237	314,822	(138,868)
OTHER RECOGNISED GAINS (LOSSES)					
Gain(Loss) on Investment Assets	11	-	40	40	46
NET MOVEMENTS IN FUNDS		9,586	305,276	314,862	(138,822)
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS					
Total Funds at 1st January 2025		116,269	219,606	335,875	474,697
Total Funds at 31st December 2025		125,855	524,882	650,737	335,875

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BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31ST DECEMBER 2025

	Notes		2025 £		2024 £
FIXED ASSETS					
Investments	12		1,714		1,616
CURRENT ASSETS					
Debtors	13	8,842		9,735	
Cash at Bank and in Hand		642,914		326,908	
		651,756		336,643	
CREDITORS: Amounts Falling Due Wthin One Year	14	(2,733)		(2,384)	
NET CURRENT ASSETS			649,023		334,259
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES			650,737		335,875
CREDITORS: Amounts Falling Due After More Than One Year			-		-
			650,737		335,875
The Funds of the Charity:					
RESTRICTED INCOME FUNDS	16		524,882		219,606
UNRESTRICTED FUNDS					
General Funds	16	125,855		116,269	
			125,855		116,269
			650,737		335,875

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
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2. VOLUNTARY INCOME

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total 2025	Total 2024
	£	£	£	£
Gifts, Donations and Legacies	15,040	322,944	337,984	54,122
Gift Aid and Planned Giving	45,200	-	45,200	46,533
Income Tax Recoverable	10,940	-	10,940	12,324
Collections	6,891	-	6,891	6,027
Fees, etc	15,104	-	15,104	11,771
	93,175	322,944	416,119	130,777

3. ACTIVITIES FOR GENERATING FUNDS

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total 2025	Total 2024
	£	£	£	£
Fund-raising	8,362	2,112	10,474	10,755
St Paul's Events	-	-	-	4,886
Parish Centre and Room Hire	55,028	-	55,028	49,596
Flat Rent	7,800	-	7,800	7,400
Pantomime (including Grants)	-	-	-	26,828
Parish Centre Donations and Grants	-	-	-	1,000
Contribution for Outreach	-	13,080	13,080	7,583
Grant for Outreach		4,342	4,342	-
	71,190	19,534	90,724	108,048

4. INVESTMENT INCOME

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total 2025	Total 2024
	£	£	£	£
Bank and Building Society Interest	1,185	8,139	9,324	1,525
Dividends Received	-	57	57	40
	1,185	8,196	9,381	1,565

5. OTHER INCOMING RESOURCES

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total 2025	Total 2024
	£	£	£	£
Insurance Claims	-	-	-	-
VAT Claims	-	34,352	34,352	-
	-	34,352	34,352	-

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6. FUNDRAISING COSTS	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2025 £	Total 2024 £
Sundry Events	-	-	-	-
Pantomime (including Storage Container)	-		-	23,318
	-	-	-	23,318

7. CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2025 £	Total 2024 £
Upkeep of Services	9,995	1,796	11,791	9,452
Church Running Expenses	28,934	-	28,934	36,736
Church Maintenance	6,042	420	6,462	14,726
Charities	397	-	397	774
Parish Centre Expenses	53,904	-	53,904	44,522
Flat Expenses	549	-	549	350
Repairs (SM)	-	57,535	57,535	199,164
Organ Repairs (SM)	-	-	-	1,725
St John's Tower	-	5,745	5,745	-
Crowlees Forest Chapel	-	1,000	1,000	-
Car Park Resurfacing		-	-	900
Church Outreach	-	13,080	13,080	7,583
	99,821	79,576	179,397	315,932

8. GOVERNANCE COSTS	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2025 £	Total 2024 £
Parish Share	45,000	-	45,000	30,000
Clergy Costs	1,011	-	1,011	1,021
Administration Costs	10,132	214	10,346	8,987
	56,143	214	56,357	40,008

9. STAFF COSTS	2025 £	2024 £
Musical Director	2,200	6,000
Office	3,276	3,180
	5,476	9,180

No employee received remuneration amounting to more than £60,000 in either year.
The Musical Director and Office Staff are engaged on a self-employed basis.

10. FIXED ASSETS FOR USE BY THE PCC

The PCC hold an endowment property at Church House, Church Lane, Mirfield, it consists of a first floor flat and a ground floor meeting room, office and storage. There are also small and large halls. The property has an insurance value of over £2,000,000.

11. GAIN (LOSS) ON INVESTMENT ASSETS

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total 2025	Total 2024
Gain (Loss) on investments from:	£	£	£	£
Change in Market Value	-	40	40	46
Disposals	-	-	-	-
	-	40	40	46

12. INVESTMENTS

All the investments are quoted investments listed on a recognised stock exchange.
All the investments are held primarily to provide an investment return for the charity.

	2025	2024
	£	£
Market Value at 1st January 2025	1,616	1,530
Additions at Cost	57	40
Disposals	-	-
Gain (loss) on Investment Assets	40	46
Market Value at 31st December 2025	1,713	1,616

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13. DEBTORS

	2025	2024
	£	£
Income Tax Recoverable	8,842	9,735
	8,842	9,735

14. CREDITORS

	2025	2024
	£	£
Accruals and Deferred Income	2,733	2,384
	2,733	2,384

15. ANALYSIS OF NET ASSETS BETWEEN FUNDS

	General Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds
	£	£	£
Investments	-	1,714	1,714
Current Assets	128,588	523,168	651,756
Current Liabilities	(2,733)	-	(2,733)
Net Assets at 31st December 2025	125,855	524,882	650,737

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16. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS

	At 1st Jan 2025	Incoming Resources	Outgoing Resources	Transfers	Gains and Losses	At 31st Dec 2025
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Restricted Funds						
Choir Guild	5,727	407	(423)	-	40	5,751
Bells	1,368	56	(420)	-	-	1,004
Charity	408	6	-	-	-	414
Pantomime	16,973	-	-	-	-	16,973
Richardson Legacy	78,346	2,653	(17,382)	-	-	63,617
SM Business Team	107,206	41,924	(40,153)	320,739	-	429,716
St Mary's Organ	-	450	-	-	-	450
St John's Tower	5,745	213	(5,745)	-	-	213
Tablet at St Mary's	518	-	-	-	-	518
St Paul's Cinerarium	315	924	-	-	-	1,239
Oddy Legacy	-	320,739	-	(320,739)	-	-
Bubble Church	2,000	81	(1,587)	-	-	494
Crowlees School	1,000	-	(1,000)	-	-	-
Church Outreach	-	13,080	(13,080)	-	-	-
Grant for Outreach	-	4,342	-	-	-	4,342
St Mary's Graveyard	-	150	-	-	-	150
	219,606	385,026	(79,790)	-	40	524,882
Unrestricted Funds						
General Funds	116,269	165,550	(155,964)	-	-	125,855
	116,269	165,550	(155,964)	-	-	125,855
TOTAL FUNDS	335,875	550,576	(235,754)	-	40	650,737

Restrictions Imposed and Purposes of Restricted Funds

Choir Guild	Expenditure on Choir and Music
Bells	Maintenance of St Mary's Bells
Charity	For Gifts to Charities
Pantomime	Pantomime Costs
Richardson Legacy	Repairs and Maintenance at St Mary's Church
St Mary's Business Team	Managing Major Repair Work at St Mary's Church
St Mary's Organ	Maintenance of St Mary's Organ
St John's Tower	Repairs to the Tower at St John's
Tablet at St Mary's	Relocation of Tablet to inside of Church
St Paul's Cinerarium	Maintenance of Cinerarium in St Paul's Grounds
Oddy Legacy	Repairs and Maintenance at St Mary's Church
Bubble Church	For work with young families
Crowlees School	For development of a Forest Chapel at Crowlees School
Church Outreach	Allocation of costs of Outreach to the Community
St Mary's Graveyard	Maintenance of Graveyard