St Dunstan's Monks Risborough & St Peter's Owlswick

THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH OF ST DUNSTAN, MONKS RISBOROUGH

Annual Report & Accounts
of the Parochial Church Council
for the year ended 31st December 2025

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Registered charity number: 1153849

Aim and purposes

The PCC has the responsibility to promote, both in the parish and throughout the Risborough Team, the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to the doctrines and practices of the Church of England, and to co-operate with the minister in promoting in the parish the whole mission of the Church, pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical. It has responsibility for the maintenance of St Dunstan's Church, the church hall and churchyard, and the Chapel of Ease of St Peter at Owlswick. It must also ensure that appropriate safeguarding and health and safety procedures are in place. The Team Vicar is commissioned to minister both within the parish, and throughout the Risborough Team.

Objectives and Activities

Throughout 2025, we offered worship, ran community groups, and held events which continued to strengthen the life of the church in the midst of the community that we serve.

The Eucharist is our central act of worship, with full use made of the seasonal range of liturgical material for Holy Communion from Common Worship (CW) produced by The Church of England. Services of Holy Communion and Evensong according to the Book of Common Prayer (BCP) also form a core part of the life of the worshipping community.

The pattern of services typically follows this pattern (all services are at St Dunstan's unless specified):

First Sunday of the month:	8am BCP Holy Communion 10am CW All-Age Holy Communion 3pm (Winter) / 6pm (Summer) BCP Evensong
Second Sunday of the month:	9am BCP Holy Communion (St Peter's Owlswick) 10am CW Holy Communion 3pm (Winter) / 6pm (Summer) BCP Evensong
Third & Fifth Sunday of the month:	10am CW Holy Communion 3pm (Winter) / 6pm (Summer) BCP Evensong
Fourth Sunday of the month:	10am CW Holy Communion 3pm (Winter) / 6pm (Summer) BCP Evensong (St Peter's Owlswick)
Every Thursday:	9.30am CW Holy Communion

Additional services are held for the major feasts of the Church year.

Groups such as the Choir, the Bell Ringers, and the Flower Team brought people together in enhancing the worshipping life of the church. Activities such as the Fellowship Group, Friendship Group, and the Lunch Club enabled the church to provide a pastoral presence for the local community.

The PCC aims to donate a percentage of its income to charitable causes. The financial viability of this is discussed in the context of the PCC's finances towards the end of the year, and then a proposal is made and voted on regarding how much and to whom the PCC should donate.

Achievements and Performance

Attendance at both Sunday and midweek services was healthy and steady throughout the year. The month of October – commonly taken to be a good barometer for typical church attendance levels – saw an average of attendance of 76 adults and 6 children across the various Sunday services. The midweek eucharist attracts an average of 8 attendees.

We welcomed both regular and occasional worshippers to services at our major festivals. In March, 153 people attended either the Easter Vigil or one of the Easter Day services at St Dunstan's, with 97 people receiving Holy Communion. At Christmas, 534 people attended worship across our five services on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day, with 117 people receiving Holy Communion. The Village Carol Service was once again the most well-attended service of the year, with 246 people attending, most of whom are not regular worshippers at St Dunstan's. A further 95 people attended Nine Lessons and Carols at St Dunstan's on the fourth Sunday of Advent, and St Peter's Chapel welcomed 47 people for the Owlswick Carol Service there earlier on the same day.

During the year one child was baptized; three couples were married, and another came for a thanksgiving service to mark their tenth wedding anniversary; we held eleven funerals in St Dunstan's Church (nine of which were followed immediately by a burial in the churchyard) and one funeral at St Peter's Chapel; ministers conducted three additional funerals at crematoria or in other parish churches on behalf of St Dunstan's; there were a further fourteen interments of ashes in the churchyard, and three memorial services were held in St Dunstan's (one of which followed a service conducted at a crematorium, and one of which included one of the interments referred to above).

Groups such as the 10 o'clock Club (Sunday School) and the Lunch Club continued their activities, bringing in both junior and senior members of the community. St Dunstan's church once again hosted exhibitors for Bucks Art Week, and was the setting for a number of concerts which represented a lively and varied programme of musical offerings.

During the season of Advent, the Advent Craft Fair and the Chinnor Silver Band Concert were both held in the church, both of which brought many people into St Dunstan's who would not normally be there.

Financial Review

The church's total income this year was £112,048, whilst our total expenditure was £110,078 such that we recorded a net surplus for the year of £1,970. Our income was lower than last year's by £10,262 whereas our expenditure was £562 higher.

Two legacies and a significant donation to the organ fund that were received in 2024 together explain most of the fall in income from last year to this. The largest single element of our income this year came again from parishioners' donations, many of which were gift aided. Gift aided donations were some £3,000 higher than in 2024. However gift aid recovered this year, which was from donations received in the 2024/5 tax year, was around £4,000 lower than that recovered last year on donations received in 2023/4. Many thanks are due to Nick Tyler for the work he continues to put into recovering gift aid on eligible donations.

The church's various fund-raising activities again made a significant contribution to our income, raising nearly £22,500 in total, for which thanks go to all involved whether organising or participating in these events.

Expenditure on church activities was around £7,000 higher than last year. The £9,500 cost of the repair works to St Peter's chapel, paid early this year from restricted funds, was only partly offset by the cost of churchyard maintenance being around £1,000 lower than last year.

This year we again paid our full parish share contribution to the Diocese. When it became clear that the surplus of income over expenditure this year would be much smaller than last year's, in order to avoid a deficit for the year the PCC chose to reduce the amount we gave to charities to approximately 5% of our net free income.

We have learned that the parish share we pay the diocese will be over £6,600 higher in 2026 than it was in 2025. This is due to a number of factors including the culmination of a grant that previously lowered parish shares across Aylesbury Deanery, general inflation, clergy stipends increasing in line with the rise in cost of living and the increase in our own electoral roll.

The PCC is considering what steps we need to take to ensure that this increased parish share does not cause us to fall into deficit in 2026.

I am delighted that Ann Preston has again very kindly agreed to serve as independent examiner of our accounts. Many thanks go to Ann for her diligent, and demanding, examination of our accounts. Her work is greatly appreciated.

Reserves Policy

The Reserves Policy is that the church should maintain sufficient net free reserves, that is neither restricted nor designated funds, to cover at least 3 months' expenditure on normal running costs as well as any forecast expenditure on committed capital projects.

At the end of 2025, free reserves stood at £47,047. Three months' normal running costs amount to around £27,000. We do not currently foresee any major repair and maintenance work during 2026, but of course we cannot rule out such work unexpectedly becoming necessary. Further, as noted below, we now anticipate but are not yet committed to significant expenditure on a project to renew and enhance the organ at St Dunstan's. With those caveats, I am happy to report that our reserves remain compliant with the Reserves Policy.

David Curry

Plans for the Future

A glimpse of plans for 2026 include:

- Continuing to enhance our celebration of key festivals throughout the church year.
- Nurturing new members of the congregation in their faith.
- Helping young members of the congregation grow in their understanding of and participation in our worship.
- Ensuring smooth transitions for those departing from or stepping in to new roles.
- Continuing work on a project to restore and enhance the church organ.

Structure, Governance and Management

The Parochial Church Council (PCC) is a corporate body established by the Church of England and operating under the Parochial Church Council Powers Measure. The PCC is a charity registered under the full title of THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH OF ST DUNSTAN, MONKS RISBOROUGH (No 1153869). Members of the PCC are the trustees of the charity. The PCC met for seven full meetings during the year.

The method and appointment of PCC members is set out in the Church Representation Rules. The Team Vicar, Assistant Curate and Churchwardens are ex officio members of the PCC.

Meetings are occasionally preceded by a Standing Committee meeting, with the Standing Committee having the power to transact the business of the PCC between PCC meetings, subject to any directions given by the PCC, and to undergo preparatory work on behalf of the PCC ahead of full Council meetings. The Standing Committee comprises the Team Vicar, Assistant Curate, Churchwardens, Treasurer, and PCC Secretary.

Composition

During 2025, the following served as members of the PCC:

Team Vicar:	Peter Godden (Chairman)
Assistant Curate:	Sally Prendergast
Churchwardens:	Sue Ingram (Vice-chairman) Christopher Trower (Churchwarden from March APCM) Paul Woodward-Court (Churchwarden until March APCM)
Deanery Synod Reps:	Jane Curry (until March APCM) Charlie Fairall (from March APCM) Ted Kent Angeline Vere (from March APCM)
Elected Members:	David Curry (Treasurer) Charlie Fairall (until March APCM; thereafter Deanery Synod Rep) Simon Gray (from March APCM) Anne-Marie Longshaw Alison Maycock Debbie Norie Lucy Nott (PCC Secretary) Jane Rogers Christopher Trower (elected Churchwarden at March APCM) Angeline Vere (until March APCM; thereafter Deanery Synod Rep) Paul Woodward-Court (from March APCM)

A full renewal of the electoral roll was conducted, after which the number of parishioners on the church electoral roll for 2025 was 147 (compared with 139 in 2024).

The Incumbent and Churchwardens are also trustees of Hody's Charity: a small charity established by a previous incumbent of the parish, and which offers young people from the parish support with education.

Administrative Information

The parish of Monks Risborough with Owlswick centres around two places of worship: St. Dunstan's Church, in the village of Monks Risborough; and St. Peter's Chapel in the hamlet of Owlswick. The parish forms part of the Risborough Team Ministry, in the Buckingham area of the Diocese of Oxford, within the Church of England.

St. Dunstan's Church is situated on Mill Lane, Monks Risborough, HP27 9JF.
St. Peter's Chapel is situated at Owlswick, Princes Risborough, HP27 9RH.
The correspondence address for both is: The Rectory, Mill Lane, Monks Risborough, HP27 9JE.
The parish website is www.stdunstanschurch.com.
The PCC is registered charity number 1153869.

Parish Bankers
Barclays Bank, Aylesbury

Independent Examiner
Ann Preston

Vicar's Annual Report

Early in 2025 St Dunstan's was the host church for the Churches Together in Risborough Service for the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity, which served to start the year with a special reminder that we are part of God's universal Church, all called to play our part in sharing His light throughout our community. This is something that we as the body of Christ in St Dunstan's faithfully do throughout the year: in everything from our funeral ministry to our weddings; our Play Days to our groups providing fellowship; our presence at large public occasions to one-to-one pastoral support, we make God's love and goodness known throughout this parish.

The year continued with the arrival of Lent, during which we had a large number participate in our Lent Groups. Many people too responded to the invitation to journey through Holy Week, which is a unique opportunity in the church year to grow in the understanding of the extent of Christ's love for us. As ever, Easter was a joyful occasion and was marked in four services across St Dunstan's and St Peter's.

Easter season brought with it all three of our weddings this year, which all took place within the space of a month. Also in that season came the 80th anniversary of VE Day, marked with a service of Choral Evensong at which we gave thanks for the peace that we have enjoyed as a result, and prayed for peace to abound not just on these shores but across Europe and beyond. I was privileged to be asked to speak at a beacon lighting ceremony held in the Stratton Memorial Garden later that same day, and was reminded of what a privilege it is that representatives of the Christian faith can be asked to bring God's word into such civic occasions. Towards the end of the season of Easter came Ascension Day, which is always one of the most beautiful and memorable liturgies of the year.

As Christians we are called to be a family – to be brothers and sisters in Christ – and as such, we share both the highs and the lows together. Many of us joined in with the festivities for our Patronal festival, which as always was a splendid occasion. We also supported one another in harder times – not least when we commended much-loved members of our congregation to God's eternal rest. Being a parish church, we supported many people from beyond our congregation through times of grief, with dozens of funerals, burials, and memorial services held throughout the year.

Over the summer months I took advantage of the opportunity offered to clergy after ten years of ministry to undertake a sabbatical, for retreat, study, and rest. I took the chance to undertake theological study of literary figures and their works, some of the fruits of which I will share in a sermon series in early summer of 2026. I could not have taken this opportunity without the encouragement of so many of you in the parish. My thanks go to all those who were willing to step up to take on additional responsibilities during that time, of which there were a great many of you, but especially Sally, and Sue and Christopher our churchwardens, who did so much over those three months.

The year continued apace with holy days, concerts, fellowship events, activities for families, and more. As we moved towards December I led the Tree of Light service in the centre of Princes Risborough, which meant another opportunity to share the light of Christ with the community. It was very good to be able to address so many people on such a special occasion. We also hosted another Churches Together service – this time heralding the start of Advent

Through Advent and at Christmastide we welcomed many people into St Dunstan's who would not normally be here. The number of people attending St Dunstan's during this period was significantly up on the previous year – so much so that at the Village Carol Service we had people seated around

the high altar, and had to deploy patio furniture to ensure everyone had a seat. As many of you have heard me say before, church is emphatically not about the numbers – a size of a congregation is no indication of faithfulness – but nonetheless it is undoubtedly a good thing that so many people in this community came and heard the good news of Christ's birth proclaimed to them.

This is of course just a small snapshot of all that has taken place in the life of our church community in the last year, and I hope that you enjoy reading the reports that follow which will give a greater insight into all that has happened during the past twelve months.

Amidst our reflections on the past year, I hope that we can all remember what a church is – it is not the building, nor an abstract, unseen hierarchy: it is each and every one of us who gathers together in Christ's name. And it is us as Christ's Church who make all of this shared life, and much more besides, possible. So may I take this opportunity to say how profoundly grateful I am for what so many of you do by way of giving your time, effort, and gifts to serve Christ in this place. So thank you to: our clergy; those who served as churchwardens, financial officers, secretary, and on the PCC during the year; the events team and those who supported them; organists and choir members; 10 o'clock Club and Play Day leaders; Lunch Club and coffee rota volunteers; sidespeople and the sacristan & linen team; flower arrangers and cleaners; churchyard workers and the newsletter team; and many, many more of you who do things both regularly and occasionally, too numerous to mention. Thank you for all that you do in making St Dunstan's a place where the love of Christ is proclaimed in word and deed – and may we continue to serve Him joyfully in the year to come.

The Rev'd Peter Godden

Churchwarden Report including Fabric

Introduction

2025 at St Dunstan's was a relatively uneventful year from a churchwarden's perspective. It was characterised chiefly by surveys and rodent activity.

Electrical action

Various required items of electrical work have been undertaken. Amongst these, a particularly noticeable item is the North wall flood light, which has received some remedial work and now comes on at dusk and goes off at 01:00hrs. Of the three light switches in the south porch, the two that should remain in the on position have been taped over to try to prevent them being switched off.

Rodent activity and past control

Debris has been regularly appearing on the first two pews against the north wall. Pest controllers were engaged in the summer to try to eradicate the probable rodents causing the problem. Initially it was thought to be due to Glis Glis activity. It is uncertain as to whether one of them was trapped or not. The fact that the problem has continued into the normal hibernation season means that it is unlikely to be as a result of Glis Glis. The debris and droppings are relatively minimal but further attempts to trap the rodents will be made.

Heating

Equipment to control the heating in the church remotely have been removed. A new thermostat has been installed in the clergy vestry, and currently a minimal temperature of 13 degrees centigrade with a service temperature of 17.5 degrees centigrade has been set.

Choir vestry

A spring clean of the choir vestry has taken place and shortly the redundant photocopier will be removed and recycled. The security camara which was installed during the pandemic just above the entrance to the choir vestry has been removed, as we became aware that a faculty was required for its continued use.

Security

We are grateful to Paul Woodward-Court for having resolved the problem of the north door becoming stuck. He took the door mechanism apart and removed a small metal fragment that was jamming the locking mechanism.

Service rota

We are grateful as always to Mick Quigley for all his hard work in pulling together the various service rotas that he produces on a quarterly basis.

Reports from the Life of the Church and the Parish

Bell Ringing

The bellringers continued to achieve their primary aim, which is to ring the bells before the Sunday morning matins services. We usually managed to ring all six bells, often with help from ringers from other local towers, Ellesborough, Great Kimble and Stoke Mandeville. We also hosted one of the Diocesan Guild monthly branch practices and the occasional band of visiting ringers.

Our weekly Thursday evening practices have been well attended, again with participation from local towers and we rarely needed to cancel due to low numbers.

It's been a while since we managed to recruit new ringers but in the last few months we have added one regular member to our band, have one ringer in training but injured at the moment and have had enquiries from a new parishioner who wants to join us. So, we may soon be able to reduce the average age of our band from the mid 70s.

Our single source of income is traditionally from wedding payments but the current very low numbers of church weddings mean that we have almost exhausted our hitherto healthy bank balance. This means that should any significant tower maintenance be required, we would need to approach the PCC. Luckily we have a spare rope and a stock of wood that can be used should we get any broken stays. Regular safety checks show that the bells are in good condition.

Brian Highe

Bethany Group

Bethany Group meets fortnightly in term time and weekly in Lent and Advent. We began 2025 by studying the book of Nehemiah which took us through Lent and was very helpful with its themes of sin and judgment, obedience and the love of God.

After Easter we began to study Jesus' parables and continued up until Advent. We then looked at chapters from 'Repeat the Sounding Joy' focusing particularly on the life of Mary. After Christmas we returned to Jesus' parables.

There are twelve members of the group and we are very grateful to Su Viney who is a wonderful hostess and opens her home to us.

Rose Williams

Charity Commission

Changes in trustees made at the Annual Parochial Church Meeting in 2025 were duly registered with the Charity Commission and the Annual Return and Accounts for the financial year 2024 were submitted within the required timeframe.

Jane Curry, Charity Commission contact for St. Dunstan's and St. Peter's PCC

Churches Together in Risborough

'Working together in unity to serve the community in God's love and for God's glory'

Churches Together in Risborough (CTR) has had another successful year of bringing together the Anglican, Baptist, Roman Catholic, Elim and Methodist Churches in the wider Risborough area in fellowship and faith, to witness to God's love in the local area.

We at St Dunstan's had the privilege of hosting both the Service for the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity near the start of the year, and the Advent Service towards the end – and I know that those who attended from other churches were most grateful both for the worship they encountered and the welcome they received.

Members of our congregation also provided refreshments for those attending dawn service on Easter Day, for which attendees were particularly thankful – thank you to all those who made this a possibility. This followed on from a gathering in Princes Risborough Market Square on Good Friday, where we bore witness to the sacrifice that Jesus made for us all on the cross.

I continue to hold the post of Secretary for CTR, which I very much enjoy.

The Rev'd Peter Godden

Churchyard

Landscape

The churchyard extension has now started receiving burials, and so far five burials have taken place across four plots. The location of the first row of plots has been determined after close consultation with local funeral directors and gravediggers. As a result, the section around these new plots is kept in good order, whilst the rest of the churchyard extension continues to be allowed to grow as a wildflower meadow during the spring and for much of the summer.

The churchyard team have continued to work hard on their respective areas throughout the year, and enjoy the work that they undertake. Our thanks go to all those who are part of the team.

Trees

A full Tree Risk Assessment Report was undertaken by arboriculturist Patrick Stileman in October, following the timescale recommended in the previous report of 2023. The recommended works have received approval from the Diocese, and will be undertaken in 2026.

A large amount of ivy was removed from trees in the churchyard, in part to facilitate Patrick Stileman's inspection. This never-ending work will continue this coming year.

Shed

Some maintenance was undertaken on the shed doors to make them slide more easily, and this has worked well. Following the break-in to the shed in November 2024, the foliage masking the sightlines between the shed doors and the church has been thinned, meaning that there is less cover for anyone looking to carry out undesirable activities there.

The Vicar and Churchwardens

Events

St Dunstan's Events Team was involved in 14 separate events over the course of 2025, so another busy year. A big thank you to our committed team members who meet occasionally but work tirelessly in the background to ensure the success of a wide range of event types. Thank you also to everyone who supports events by buying tickets, baking cakes, providing salads and puddings, moving furniture, washing up, running stalls, putting up posters etc.

Pop up Cinema

In the spring we showed *Brian & Charles* and *Selma* and in the autumn *Conclave* and *Mr Burton*. Diverse in subject matter, we had visitors from both our church and local community. Even when some of the films are available on streaming services we get the feedback that people like to meet together and watch on a bigger screen with a sound system. Joining the mailing list to find out which films we show is straightforward via comms@stdunstanschurch.com Let one of the team know if there is a title you would like us to consider showing.

Patronal Festival BBQ

Blessed with good weather yet again we celebrated our Patronal Festival with our annual BBQ in the church grounds. Orchard View Farm provided the fabulous barbeque with salads and desserts donated by members of the congregation. Such a wonderful opportunity to relax and chat to friends.

Bucks Art Cream Teas

Our bakers excelled yet again as we provided afternoon refreshments on both days of each weekend of the festival. Everyone loves a homemade cake or scone and we have quite a reputation for quality, low prices and service with chat and a smile.

Coach Trip to St Albans Cathedral

Our second trip in this series was to St Albans in July. A summer weekday seems popular and the coach was full. Visitors had a tour of the cathedral and a special opportunity to see the archives with Caroline Godden. There was enough free time for a wander around the town before finishing with a service of Evensong.

Chandos Ensemble Concert

The Ensemble performed an evening of music from the Baroque and Romantic eras. It is always a pleasure to welcome back this group of musicians for their annual concert in our lovely church.

Harvest Lunch

A ploughman's lunch with all the trimmings and a glass of apple juice or cider was just the ticket to enhance our Harvest Festival celebrations. We transformed the church after the service with tables and chairs, making use of just about all the available space. Another special time to stop and share and socialise.

Advent Craft Fair

Well, the heavens opened this year in quite a dramatic way, but the doors of St Dunstan's were open and welcoming. Despite the rain we had a steady stream of visitors who enjoyed the range of stalls offering gifts and crafts, produce, plants, our popular raffle and of course refreshments.

Chinnor Silver Band Concert

Wow - another sell out, and we regularly hear our visitors say that this event really starts their Christmas off properly. In our beautiful church lit by candles and stunningly decorated, the band performed a popular selection of Christmas music and carols. The audience enjoyed mulled wine and mince pies and joined in all the singing.

Events team (Cathy Farquhar, Norma Gardner, Penny Hollings, Sue Ingram, Alison Maycock, Gwen Miles, Ann Myers, Johanna Powell, Rachel Ungi, Jo Wade, Anne White, Rosemary Woodward Court)

Fellowship

We have met monthly in the Church Hall on the second Thursday of the month apart from in July and August. In July we hold our Saturday Garden Party. We had four speakers during the year. Two were from the local police giving us insights into their different roles, one by a retired teacher making us laugh with her tales from the classroom, and one by a person who promotes the benefits of aloe vera.

For our DIY mornings, along with our pop up café in January, we had a fascinating session where people brought in objects with a special significance for them, and told us why. We had a book recommendation morning, and a quiz / games meeting.

We were pleased that our handbell ringers were able to visit in December to provide some Christmassy cheer. Our Souper Soup lunch is taking place in February and after our mini AGM in March we will be delighted to welcome Kate Galley along. She is a local hairdresser and novelist and I think it will be so interesting to see how she goes about her writing career.

Our finances remain in the safe hands of our church treasurer, who keeps a note of our transactions within the church account.

We are responsible for cleaning the church brass.

We are open to everyone, you can come and go as you please, and it would be lovely to welcome more folk along. You can find out what is coming up in the Newsletter, the e-News or by contacting me. Why not pop along ?

Rosemary Woodward-Court

Flowers

A very big thank to the St Dunstan Flower Arrangers who have turned out in all weathers to arrange flowers and maintain them for the enjoyment of the congregation and visitors.

This year the team of arrangers were reduced to 25 with the death of one of our longest serving arrangers, Heather Hobson who is greatly missed. The team continue to provide flowers for the porch, Wilberforce Chapel niche and the High Altar on a fortnightly basis with the flowers being provided by the team as their "contribution". On average the members of the team feature on the rota three times a year with festivals & weddings as extras.

The yearly pattern starts with Mothering Sunday, followed by Easter. As part of Easter, we continue to ask for contributions towards the lilies in memory of loved ones and in 2025 we had more than 44 requests and 80 lilies ordered. The new longiflorum lily to replace the traditional drooping head of the Easter lily has made arranging easier and they last longer. We also arranged flowers for the "Altar of Repose". This year we had three weddings just after Easter which the arrangers really enjoy and excel at; fortunately, the wedding flowers complemented each other and were mainly white so there was no wastage. This was followed by the Bucks Art Week, Harvest Festival, and Remembrance Sunday.

Christmas this year started on the 27th November with the tree arriving for the first Sunday in Advent and dressed in white lights and purple in time for the Advent Fair. The two "angels" were installed above the pulpit and on the bell tower shelf. This was followed by the traditional greenery, mirrors and candles for the concerts and events leading up to Christmas. Two days before Christmas the tree colours change to silver and white and flowers are included in the arrangements. Maintaining the flowers and greenery for 6 weeks in total at a very busy time of year is a challenge and of course taking it all down and packing away not a favourite task but a large team certainly comes in useful.

This year is already proving to be busy with an early Easter and Bucks Art Week on the agenda. We are hoping to organise at least one or two workshops as they are very popular. It would be good to support the annual Monks Risborough Horticulture Show in August with an increase in entries for the flower section!

Gwen Miles & Jenny Masterton Smith

Friendship Group

We have had a quite interesting year, numbers have remained on average at around eight to ten for most meetings. We have had some speakers: Peter, Rob, Rose, and Edwin Rye came again to talk about plants and about the children in South Africa that he supports. We also had a Garden Party (in my garden) on what felt like the hottest day of the year! We have also had discussions, quizzes and games.

It would be great to see some new faces in 2026 as many of our members are "getting on a bit!" And we would like to make some new friends.

Avril Clark

Gift Aid, Planned Giving and Stewardship

The report covers the claim year April 2024 -2025

The total amount of tax claimed from HMRC amounted to £8844.68

This amount is made up from the 37 regular Gift Aid Donations £21174.00, Total Tax Reclaimed £5293.50

126 Blue Envelope Donors (3 of these donors are also regular gift Aid Donors) £8447.98, Total Tax Reclaim £2112.03.

There were 162 different donors during the year. These numbers are down by two from last year.

From the Gift Aid Small Donations Scheme (GASDS), this covers the donations which are usually cash donations during the services at St Dunstans' and St Peter & St Paul at Owlswick. This year we were able to claim a tax refund of £1412.38, which is included in the above total amount claimed of £8940.19.

In addition, we received £26.77 of interest from HMRC as the repayment was not made until November.

We still receive a number of donations in Blue Envelopes, which do not qualify for a reclaim as they are incorrectly completed or totally ineligible. These are usually from people attending weddings or funerals who would not be known to us. Our Tax Re-claim is probably reduced by about £50.00 per year because of this. Where I know or recognise the donor of an incorrectly completed blue envelope, I do complete these myself and include them in the claim.

Nick Tyler

Hody's Charity

The charity's capital continues to provide ample income in order to award generous grants to qualifying applicants, and the trustees were pleased to award two grants during 2025. Applications are welcomed from young people between the ages of 16 and 21 years who either live in the parish or who have a strong connection to St Dunstan's, and who would like assistance with their studies or an apprenticeship.

The Vicar and Churchwardens

Lunch Club

The Lunch Club has continued to meet on the first Friday of each month in the Church Hall for a two-course home cooked lunch for which they pay £5.00. This includes a ticket for the popular raffle. Sadly, because of an icy weather forecast for our Christmas lunch in January, that has had to be delayed until February. Between 26 and 30 members attend each time. The profits from the lunch, after expenses, are given to St Dunstan's or, occasionally a sum to a charity of the Members' choice. This year in September, as usual, we were able to give £500 to the church.

Anne Baker is retiring after the February lunch and we warmly welcome Sue Ingram who will coordinate the lunch in future. Janet Griffin, Margaret Hunnibell and Josie Copcutt are also retiring after many years of invaluable help at the lunch. We still have a strong quorum of helpers and further help is always welcome. Ann Myers has kindly agreed to cook the main course, and there will be a meeting after the February lunch to plan the way ahead, but the main thing is that this vital social event for people living on their own in the Parish will continue.

Anne Baker

Monks Risborough C of E Primary School

Approximately every five years the school receives an inspection from the body responsible for the Statutory Inspection of Anglican and Methodist Schools (SIAMS). The school duly received its statutory inspection on 21st March 2025, passing the inspection with many very positive comments, including the following: "Monks Risborough is a welcoming and inclusive church school. Leaders have successfully created a strong sense of family in which adults and pupils are enabled to flourish. The school's Christian vision, created by the whole school community, is understood and owned by pupils, governors and staff. It is securely rooted in John 10:10, with leaders firmly focused on providing opportunities for all to thrive." The full text of the inspector's report can be found at: https://app.governorhub.com/document/67efce56d03a8c1f27bc3e67/view

The school choirs had flourished for many years under the direction of Mrs. Hirst, who retired at the end of the summer term. During the course of the autumn term, new choirs for both the older and younger pupils were set up under the direction of Mrs. Chadwick-Cooper and Mrs. Howard. The new choirs sang at the Christmas lights opening ceremony in Princes Risborough, at the Icknield Court care home and at the Christingle service in St. Dunstan's Church.

A pupils' eco-council was set up in the autumn term to promote the children's respect for the environment and raising their awareness of climate issues, to include initiatives such as "low waste days" and "walk to school weeks". The outdoor learning area or "forest school" continued to be developed in a variety of ways enabling parts of the curriculum to be taught outside.

At the end of 2025 all places on the school governing body had been filled, except for the vacancy for a third foundation governor representing the church.

Jane Curry, Chair of Governors

Music

As usual when I write this report, I make reference to the importance of music in the life of the church. The same applies this year – it is an integral part of church life.

I am very proud of the time and effort the choir put in, not only for the normal services, but also for the number of extra services at which we sing. Last year we sang at four weddings and five funerals, (no pun intended) as well as the World Day of Prayer, the VE Day Anniversary Service and the CTR Advent Service. We also joined with other choirs and sang at St John's Anniversary Service in Lacey Green and the Licensing Service of the Rev'd Steve Benoy at St Mary's, Princes Risborough.

Our practices on Thursday evenings are still very lively even when numbers attending are low. The interaction between choir members, the organist and whoever is leading the practice is very positive. This year Sue Merchant, (alto and organist), led the choir until Easter which was very beneficial, as it gave me a much-needed break, for which many thanks. Approaching the latter part of the year Sarah Fairall spent several weeks coaching us in the Christmas music, as she has done for the past few years. This greatly enhances the choir's expertise over the busy period of the year, and also gives them much needed confidence when learning new music.

Even when the choir is low in numbers the sound they make is good, but when they are all there it is excellent, and has often received compliments, for which, many thanks.

No report would be complete without reference to our unsung heroes – the organists.

As I have mentioned previously, we are extremely lucky as we have 6 people who are prepared to provide the music at our services, the weddings and funerals, and other special events, as well as at choir practices.

Their music before a service sets the tone for the congregation and afterwards, sends us joyfully or thoughtfully on our way. As mentioned earlier they are a great help at choir practice, patiently going through pieces note by note, helping with sound, and offering advice where needed. They occasionally take the practice when required, for which I am very grateful.

Thanks very much to Simon Gray who has organised the rota this year.

As I said last year, it only remains for me to thank everyone involved in the music at St Dunstan's for their work, commitment and expertise, which greatly enhances the life and worship of our church.

Margaret Pitman

Newsletter

The editorial team has remained unchanged this year, so many thanks to John McKay, who continues to handle the production of the magazine, as well as managing the Website and the weekly on-line e-News and creating posters for church events. We also thank Penny Hollings for organising the distribution, Janette Bacon for the advertising and Jane Curry for the proof-reading. All give their time and commitment to ensure the Newsletter continues to be a reliable and, we hope, entertaining magazine for the whole parish.

As well as keeping everyone in touch with all the St Dunstan's services and societies, we also like to provide general interest articles for the community. Susanne Carr continues to entertain us through the year with her art tickles, and again we give thanks to Jackie and Brian Highe for their varied contributions. Jackie has shared the creative work she does with Year 6 at Monks Risborough school and her new series, "Who do we think we are?" interviewing members of the congregation, has been a great success. Brian has educated us with instructive pieces on recycling and Net Zero. For those of us unable to attend the church visit to St Albans Cathedral in July, David Keysell's illuminating and thoughtful account brought it alive for us, so that I for one feel inspired to visit it myself when I can.

Finally, we thank our printers South Bucks Business Products, who have again given us excellent service, and our stalwart team of distributors who ensure every house in the parish receives a copy. Each year as I write this report I am reminded of what a team effort it truly is and how lucky we are to live in a community where that are so many willing volunteers.

Morna Hinch

Open House

Open House is a Home group where we have discussions on a variety of issues to do with the Christian faith. The subjects for discussion come from members of the group and we try to tackle some of the more challenging aspects of living as a Christian in today's society. It is an opportunity to study areas of scripture and the nature of God in a safe environment.

In 2025 our main sessions were on the subject of 'How did Christianity Spread.' This took us from time of the apostles up to the modern day. The Church over the past 2000 years has faced many challenges, many of which are still relevant today. Interestingly it was the faith of ordinary women and men which kept the gospel alive and spreading because of the love and care they had for their communities. This we discovered is as true today as it was 2000 years ago.

We normally meet on the third Wednesday of the month except during Lent. New members are welcome to join us for our monthly meetings.

Ted and Mary Kent

Organ Fund

As noted elsewhere, a decision has been made on how to move forward with the renovation and enhancement of the organ at St Dunstan's. The cost is expected to exceed by a substantial amount that which we could reasonably meet from reserves and from funds restricted or designated to the organ. A significant fund-raising campaign will therefore be necessary for the organ renovation and enhancement project to go ahead.

David Curry

Organ Working Group

Previously we reported that our 160-year old organ has many shortcomings, and cannot be relied on as an instrument to support worship at St Dunstan's. This assessment was reinforced by external experts including the diocesan organ advisors.

A representative working group, with guidance from the PCC, investigated a number of options in detail. In December the PCC decided to proceed with a hybrid organ project that will retain the best of the existing organ and enhance it with modern keyboards and playing aids, and also provide a greater range of sounds that will better support congregational singing and the choir for decades to come.

At the time of writing a faculty application is under preparation to secure the necessary diocesan approval for the project to proceed.

Thanks are due to the Working Group members (Jane Curry, Sarah Fairall, Peter Godden, Sue Ingram, David Keysell and Sue Merchant), who have met potential suppliers, reviewed an enormous amount of information, and distilled this into a coherent recommendation for the PCC.

Simon Gray

Parish prayers

A small group of people meet together every third Friday of the month to underpin with prayer, and in confidence, all the many aspects of parish life - and where appropriate concerns beyond that can affect us all.

Prayers are lifted to God for those people who have arisen from Pastoral Care, but also for the children in both the church and Monks School. Prayer is also given for the PCC, the many, various and wondrous groups - and events that make up the life of St. Dunstan's: from the sound of bells that ring out the Word of God across the rooftops, to all those who provide the Word of God within church walls, whose stones reverberate with centuries of praise and prayer. It is our turn now to keep going that silver thread between earth and heaven.

It is with sadness that we said a final farewell to Heather Hobson whose faith touched all within the group, and who never doubted where her final destination would be. It is with joy that another most welcome person came to sit quietly in the circle of prayer around the little candle flame - the Light of the World if you like.

Do come and join us and please remember that prayer will always be given if you need it.

Jill Iredale and Angeline Vere

Pastoral care

St. Dunstan's Pastoral Care, under the auspices of the Vicar Peter Godden, tries to provide assistance to those who feel the need of help throughout the Parish and for those who have moved into nearby care.

Although it is led by Angeline Vere with the assistance of Jill Iredale, huge thanks to others who are aware of and care for people they may discern who are poorly, bereaved or lonely - or whose worries in any sphere have just become too much.

Visits, phone calls, cards or emails where appropriate can all help to lift spirits and all with the knowledge that confidentiality is maintained, and safeguarding has been undertaken.

Every year brings happy news and sad times, so it is important to give thanks as well as reflect in the poignancy of passing.

Angeline Vere and Jill Iredale

St. Peter's Chapel, Owlswick

For many years the congregation of St. Peter's have been worried about the crack in the wall above the altar window, it opened and closed with the seasons due to the building being built on clay with little in the way of foundations. Last January the work of filling the crack and installing a tie bar to prevent movement was finally completed and despite a drought last summer the crack has since remained closed. Later in the year, thanks to volunteers, the refurbished "tin arch" was reinstalled above the window and we are now able to read the inscription "Unto thee lift I up mine eyes, O Thou Who dwellest in the Heavens".

A quiz to raise funds for the chapel was held in March and raised £819.50. Social evenings were held in the chapel during, May and June and July with fascinating talks by local people on the very different worlds of Clay Pigeon Shooting, Mosaics and Film Archiving. In August the chapel was on the route of the "Chilterns Pilgrimage run by St. Mary's and provided a stop for rest and refreshments. In

September we celebrated Harvest Thanksgiving with a donation of goods to the Whitechapel Mission.

It is not often that a funeral service is held in the chapel, but in April, a service was held for someone from outside the parish, who wanted to be interred in the Natural Burial Ground.

The Carol Service was well attended, and we enjoyed an opportunity to meet some of the new residents to the village when we chatted after the service.

Thanks are due to everyone from St. Dunstan's who has supported the chapel throughout the year and particularly Stuart who plays the organ for Evensong.

Jane Rogers

Play Days

Half termly Play Days have become an enjoyable part of the life of St Dunstan's. With the help of over 10 wonderful church members, more than 20 children plus adult carers are able to enjoy creative and fun activities in the church, hall and grounds. The adults enjoy socialising alongside the children's activities. We have a theme for each morning and the simple structure starts with a story, after which children choose from five or six activities, and we finish with some action songs and a prayer. One of our more ambitious activities, was launching teddies and other soft toys, with parachutes, from the church tower.

We have been going for nearly four years now. The idea was conceived appropriately enough in Dobbie's Garden Centre, over a cup of tea. We hope that the seed which was planted there will grow among our young folk, and will produce flowers of joy, fun and faith.

If you would like to take part, don't hesitate to get in touch with Rosemary 344417 or Anne 07811659583

Rosemary Woodward-Court & Anne White

Sidespeople

St Dunstan's is privileged to have a dedicated team of Sidespeople who consistently ensure our services run smoothly. Their professionalism in welcoming and assisting both regular attendees and visitors is frequently praised with newcomers often remarking on the warm and friendly reception they receive.

I am truly grateful for the ongoing commitment and positive impact of the sidespeople on our church community.

I would also like to take this opportunity to express my heartfelt gratitude to all who prepare and read the Intercessions at our Sunday services. These contributions play a vital role in ensuring that our gatherings are meaningful and reflective.

Thank you to everyone for the help and support you all give me; it is so much appreciated and certainly makes producing the rota so much easier

Mick Quigley

Risborough Team

The Risborough Team has had a very good year, continuing to work together with real cohesion despite not having a Team Rector for most of the twelve-month period.

The Team clergy continued to meet for monthly meetings, which are an important opportunity to share ideas, seek advice, and receive encouragement. The weekly services of morning prayer, rotated between different churches each Wednesday, are likewise a chance for us to be strengthened in prayer and fellowship. Throughout the year I particularly enjoyed leading Collective Worship at St John's Primary School in Lacey Green, and Speen Infant School, where the pupils are always very enthusiastic. I also continued throughout the year to fulfil my role as Training Incumbent for the Rev'd John Walton, whilst he continues his curacy and period of training at Holy Trinity Bledlow.

In November we were delighted to welcome the Rev'd Steve Benoy as the new Rector of St Mary's, and Team Rectory for the Risborough Team. It is a pleasure ministering alongside Steve, and the Team has already been greatly enriched and strengthened by his presence. Please do pray for Steve as he continues to settle into this new role.

The Rev'd Peter Godden

Safeguarding

Safer Recruitment

DBS applications were suspended after a data breach in summer 2025. Following this, three DBS applications were completed by the company Thirtyone:Eight. We are now using the company Verifile, as recommended by the Oxford Diocese, and the first DBS application has been processed through them.

Lucy Nott has taken over as DBS Administrator.

Safeguarding Training

One person completed the Basic Safeguarding course.

Ten people completed the Foundation course.

PSO attended two online sessions on safeguarding updates, run by the Safeguarding team at Oxford Diocese.

Parish Safeguarding Dashboard

The Safeguarding Dashboard brings together and streamlines safeguarding policy and practice. It is intended to support parishes in understanding the Church of England safeguarding requirements, and to track progress in meeting these requirements.

The dashboard consists of questions about safeguarding practice in the parish and rates the answer to each as green (completed), amber (work to do) or red (urgent action required). As information is added to the dashboard, it generates an action plan detailing which areas of safeguarding are still to be progressed. The Dashboard was 96-100% complete over the time period.

Angeline Vere, Parish Safeguarding Officer

Walking Group

We aim to meet on the last Wednesday of each month. Our walks this past year have involved a greater use of our local buses to take us to Naphill, Bradenham, Hughenden. We have also walked on two town trails around High Wycombe and Aylesbury.

We have been able to make use of a variety of small coffee stops after our walks.

There are usually around 12 of us enjoying each other's company and the varied local scenery during the changing seasons.

Mick White

Youth Report

The 10 o'clock club has around 8 children on the Sunday school register, ranging from ages 2 to 10, some occasionally, some more regularly. We continue to use the Roots resource, which works well with adaptation according to ages, as it gives flexibility. Thank you to volunteers for stepping in when I am away, particularly Jane Curry, but we still need to recruit more leaders to share the role. Lighthouse songs are sung as part of our worship, with new songs added and the children are becoming experts at the actions! Hopefully they will attend Lighthouse this summer.

The children, and some keen gardening members of our congregation, built a beautiful Easter Garden for all to admire, outside the porch, which I know had many lovely comments from parishioners. Thank you to all those who helped and supplied plants.

The children continue to help at the family service each month, when one of their family are able to attend church. We want to encourage more child participation in our services, so will start discussions soon on how to do this.

Lighthouse was a great success again this year, with a good supply of volunteers. We are always looking for new supporters of Lighthouse, so if you can help in any way, during the week or before hand behind the scenes, there are many jobs, please get in touch.

Remembrance saw greater numbers of uniformed children attending from 2nd Monks Risborough Rainbows and Brownies, 1st Monks Risborough Guides and Princes Risborough Rangers, which was encouraging.

Our half term play days continue to be very popular and well attended, with lots of fun craft, games, singing and activities.

We ended the year with our Christmas party, making shoe box nativity scenes with cardboard tubes, and telling the Christmas story in fancy dress! Our Crib service was very well attended this year with many children in Nativity dress.

Debbie Norie, PCC Youth Team Leader

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Receipts and Payments account

2024		Notes	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Designated funds	Total
£	**RECEIPTS**		£	£	£	£
	Receipts from generated funds:					
92,238	Voluntary income	2	79,540	3,134	0	82,674
22,199	Activities for generating funds	3	21,260	1,213	0	22,473
1,920	Investment income	4	493	0	1,199	1,692
116,357			101,293	4,347	1,199	106,839
5,953	**Other cash receipts**	5	3,350	1,859	0	5,209
122,310	**Total receipts**		**104,643**	**6,206**	**1,199**	**112,048**
	PAYMENTS					
	Payments for generating funds:					
294	Cost of generating voluntary income	6	0	0	0	0
6,133	Fundraising costs	7	5,408	916	0	6,324
	Investment management costs	8	0	0	0	0
6,427			5,408	916	0	6,324
91,364	**Church activities**	9	86,107	11,397	942	98,446
11,200	**Charitable donations**	10	4,800	0	0	4,800
80	**Church management & administration**	11	50	0	0	50
445	**Other cash payments**	12	0	458	0	458
109,516	**Total payments**		**96,365**	**12,771**	**942**	**110,078**
12,794	**NET RECEIPTS / (PAYMENTS)**		8,278	(6,565)	257	1,970
0	**Transfers between funds**		0	0	0	0
12,794	**NET RECEIPTS / (PAYMENTS) after transfers**		8,278	(6,565)	257	1,970
65,376	Cash balances at start of year		38,769	11,958	27,443	78,170
78,170	Cash balances at end of year		**47,047**	**5,393**	**27,700**	**80,140**

The notes on the following pages form part of these accounts.

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Statement of Assets & Liabilities

2024		Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Designated funds	Total
£	**Monetary assets**	£	£	£	£
0	Cash				0
8,062	Bank current account	2,753	5,393	0	8,146
43,608	Bank Subscription account	44,294	0	0	44,294
3,844	CBF Deposit account	0	0	4,019	4,019
2,255	CBF Organ Fund	0	0	2,357	2,357
20,401	CBF Fabric Fund	0	0	21,324	21,324
78,170		**47,047**	**5,393**	**27,700**	**80,140**

Other monetary assets

Investments assets

Assets used for the charity's own use

Liabilities

There were no contingent liabilities.

The notes on the following pages form part of these accounts.

These financial statements were approved by the Parochial Church Council on

Peter Godden
Chairman

S. Ingram.
Trustee

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1 Accounting policies

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with Section 42(3) of the Charities Act 1993 using the receipts and payments basis and in accordance with the Church Accounting Regulations 1997 to 2001

2024		Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Designated Funds	Total
	2 Voluntary Income				
	Recurring income:				
47,563	Tax - efficient planned giving (excl. tax)	50,653			50,653
6,072	Collections of loose cash at services	5,826			5,826
9,027	Other planned giving (bankers order and payroll)	9,201			9,201
18,236	Tax recovered	13,860	182		14,042
80,898		**79,540**	**182**	**-**	**79,722**
	Non-recurring income:				
6,000	Legacies	-	-	-	-
1,277	Special appeals (Owlswick Building Fund)	-	1,182	-	1,182
-	Stewardship Campaign Donations with G/A	-			-
-	Other Stewardship Campaign Donations	-			-
50	Other Grants Received	-	550	-	550
-	Insurance Claim	-			-
-	Donations to Fabric Fund		190		190
-	Fabric Grants		-		-
4,013	Donations to General & Organ Fund		1,030		1,030
92,238		**79,540**	**3,134**	**-**	**82,674**
	3 Church events including fundraising				
1,398	Summer Fete/Advent Fayre	1,504			1,504
6,635	Concerts/Film Nights/Parish Outings	4,595			4,595
5,555	Fees retained by PCC	6,555			6,555
2,114	Church magazine/Bookstall	1,973	740		2,713
4,263	Bucks Arts Week	4,120			4,120
443	Church Coffee/Coffee Mornings/Cream Teas	1,291			1,291
-	Carol Singing	-			-
1,210	Parish Bar-B-Q/Harvest Lunch	1,075			1,075
165	Special Collections		278		278
220	Action Aid		195		195
196	Church Notelets/Church Booklets	147			147
-	Flower/Christmas Tree Festival	-			-
22,199		**21,260**	**1,213**	**-**	**22,473**

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	4 Investment income				
1,336	CBF deposit accounts			1,199	1,199
584	Bank interest	493			493
1,920		**493**	**-**	**1,199**	**1,692**
	5 Other cash receipts				
1,500	Council Grants		1,500		1,500
-	Deanery Grant for Mission	-	-		-
120	Sundry Income	167			167
2,665	Church Hall funds received	2,620			2,620
641	Donations for Flowers	-	359		359
868	Refunded VAT	513			513
159	Fellowship Group	51			51
5,953		**3,350**	**1,859**	**-**	**5,209**
	6 Cost of generating voluntary income				
294	Gift Aid envelopes	**-**			**-**
	7 Fundraising costs				
199	Summer Fete/Advent Fayre	190			190
3,111	Church magazine	2,653	916		3,569
114	Church Coffee/Cream Teas	125			125
2,261	Concerts/Film Nights/Parish Outings	2,030			2,030
448	Parish Bar-b-q/Harvest Lunch	410			410
-	Flower/Christmas Tree Festival	-			-
-	Church Notelets/Church Booklets	-			-
6,133		**5,408**	**916**	**-**	**6,324**
	8 Investment management costs				
-	Investment advice	-			-
	9 Church activities				
59,597	Parish Share	58,086			58,086
-	Church running costs:				-
7,070	Heating/Lighting/Water/Cleaning	7,334			7,334
1,649	Church Hall expenses	2,112			2,112
3,669	Repairs	2,907	9,488	-	12,395
6,926	Insurance	7,052			7,052
1,264	Flowers	860	359		1,219
396	Organ Maintenance	204			204
4,122	Existing Churchyard & Grounds	1,391	1,550		2,941
114	Church Equipment	-			-
1,404	Clergy Expenses	1,689			1,689
3,586	Cost of Services	3,015			3,015
729	10 O'clock Club/Young People's Ministry	693		942	1,635
320	Deanery fees	-			-
90	Fellowship Group	45			45
-	New Churchyard	-			-
-	Use of Deanery Grant	-			-
428	Sundry Parish Expenses	719			719
91,364		**86,107**	**11,397**	**942**	**98,446**

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2024		Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Designated Funds	Total
	10 Charitable donations				
11,200		4,800			4,800
11,200		**4,800**	**-**	**-**	**4,800**
	11 Church management and administration				
-	Computer costs	-			-
80	Printing & stationery	50			50
80		**50**	**-**	**-**	**50**
	12 Other payments				
445	Special Payments		458		458
-	Extraordinary payments				-
445		**-**	**458**	**-**	**458**

13 Fund movements

		Receipts £	Payments £	At 31/12/25 £
286	**General Funds**	104,643	96,365	8,278
10,230	**Restricted funds**	6,206	12,771	- 6,565
2,278	**Designated Fund**	1,199	942	257
12,794	**Total fund movements**	**112,048**	**110,078**	**1,970**

Independent examiners report to the trustees of St Dunstan's Church, Monks Risborough

I report to the Trustees on my examination of the accounts of St Dunstan's, Monks Risborough (St Dunstan's) for the year ended 31 December 2025 set out on pages 1 to 5.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner
The church's trustees, the PCC, 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 St Dunstan's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission (under section 145(5)(b) of the Act).

Independent examiner's statement
I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with my examination giving me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- accounting records were not kept in respect of St Dunstan's as required by section 130 of the Act;
- the accounts do not accord with those records; or
- the accounts do not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair' view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

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

Ann Preston

Signed: Ann Preston
Professional qualification FCA

Date: 12th March 2026