Holy Trinity

HURSTPIERPOINT

ANNUAL REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS OF THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL

for the year ended 31st December 2025

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PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF HOLY TRINITY HURSTPIERPOINT

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The PCC was registered as a charity in October 2013 under the new rules for churches and allocated registration number 1154171 by the Charity Commission.

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Membership

Membership of the PCC is either ex-officio or by election at the Annual Parochial Church Meeting in accordance with the Church Representation rules. During the course of the year the following served as members of the PCC:

Rector	Reverend Dr Richard Coldicott
Associate Vicar	Reverend Debbie Beer
Churchwardens	Pat Johns Tim Leech
Treasurer	Keith Birtles* (until 15th September 2025) Matt Taplin* (from 15th September 2025)

* a gradual handover of the role of Treasurer took place in the autumn of 2025 with Matt Taplin officially in the role of Treasurer following election to the post at the September PCC meeting.

PCC Secretary	Lucy Winter
Safeguarding officer	Victoria Hall-Smith
Ex-officio	Jenny Brown *(Reader)* Claire Levin *(Reader)* Kevin Carey *(Reader)*

Representatives elected to the Deanery Synod to serve from 2023-2026
Carolyn Bentley Claire Levin Victoria Hall-Smith Margaret Carey Lesley Webster

Elected Members

To serve until 2025 (stepped down at 2025 APCM)
Malcolm McKemey Rod Price

To serve until 2026
Alison Dewdney Andrew McDougall Susan Emerson Gail Millar

To serve until 2027
Keith Birtles Margaret Hall Vicki Macken Rob Verheul

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To serve until 2028

Helen Brewer Mary Gibbens Debbie Miles Jake Stimson

Co-opted Members

Alison Dobson

Matt Taplin *(Treasurer)* (from 15th September 2025)

In Attendance at each meeting

Lydia Mead *(Youth Worker)* (from 19th January 2025)

Sarah Steel *(Children and Families Leader)*

Committees

The Standing Committee

This is the only committee required by law. It has power to transact the business of the PCC between meetings, subject to any direction given by the council. It comprises the Rector, the Churchwardens and the Treasurer appointed annually. The Secretary may be in attendance.

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

Hurstpierpoint Parochial Church Council (PCC) has the responsibility of co-operating with the Rector in promoting within the Ecclesiastical Parish the whole mission of the church: pastoral, evangelistic, social, and ecumenical. As a church family and as individuals, Holy Trinity Church seeks to offer worship which is glorifying to God, and attractive and accessible to those beyond the church community. Through worship and prayer, the breaking of bread and the study of God's word, we seek to know God better and to be shaped by God's purposes in our lives. In partnership with others, we seek to proclaim the good news of Jesus, in word and in deed, by making the love of God known to the people of our parish and beyond. The PCC is charged with responsibility for the parish's finances and has responsibility for the maintenance of our Church Building.

The PCC is a registered charity, and so when planning activities for the year, the council is mindful of the Charity Commission guidance on public benefit for charities involved in the advancement of religion in worship and prayer, mission, and outreach and in the provision of pastoral care.

ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE

Review of activities

2025 has been a year of real blessing at Holy Trinity with a couple of new staff appointments, sustained growth across our congregations in all age brackets, and an increasing sense of connection and mission within our Parish through existing and new areas of church life.

It has been a joy to witness the continuing growth of both our 9.15am and 11.15am Sunday morning service congregations through 2025. As a result, alongside our five existing home groups supporting discipleship and fellowship, a further two new groups have been established. Regular Welcome Events have been held to enable those who have recently connected to Holy Trinity to discover more about the church, how they can be a part of the community and how we can help them to grow in their faith. The growth in attendance has

led the PCC to consider how, in the absence of a church hall, we can develop our existing church facilities to sustain this growth and provide additional space for work with children and young people. In July the PCC agreed that application for faculty be made to redevelop the current choir vestry to provide a new meeting room both for church groups and to serve our community. The plans are currently advancing well, and we hope that this new room will be finished later in 2026.

We have been particularly delighted in 2025 to see the growth in children and young people's work sustained and enhanced through our existing teams, and new provision. Following the PCC decision to appoint a dedicated Youth Worker to enable deeper engagement with the young people in Hurstpierpoint, on 19th January 2025 we were delighted to welcome Lydia Mead as our new Youth Worker. The impact of her work has been immediate. Weekly attendance in the 11-18 age group on Sunday mornings has doubled, so now typically 15-20 are present necessitating the group to relocate to the Rectory as the previous church space was too small. Taking into account attendance across a month of Sunday morning sessions, there are now 29 young people registered, which is double the figure of 15 prior to Lydia's arrival. This growth reflects not only the work of Lydia and her team in church, but also the establishment of other connections. Lydia works as part of a team running a weekly Christian group in the Downlands Community School in Hassocks which serves Hurstpierpoint children. 20-30 young people attend weekly most of whom have no connection to Holy Trinity, and some of these have started to connect into life in Church. Lydia has also started a monthly Bible Study group which is helping the young people grow in their faith and their understanding of their place in the world. Future plans include running Youth Alpha in both the Village Community Centre in Hurstpierpoint and in Hurst College with the College Chaplain.

Our work with younger children also continues to thrive both in the church and community. The Mothers Union at Holy Trinity run the Fairfield Toddler group which meets every Tuesday in term time in the village cricket pavilion. With typically 25-35 children plus their adults in attendance, the children enjoy indoor and outdoor play, craft activities, healthy snacks, story and singing time. This group began providing a group for pre-school children in 1967, and over nearly 60 years this ministry in the village has supported and helped countless families.



On 4th November 2025 the children attending Fairfield Toddlers made their own firework craft with sparkles and glitter!

Our Children and Families Leader Sarah Steel runs the Sanctuary in partnership with the Good News Church, a weekly community group for 0-4s and their parents/carers in Hurstpierpoint Village Centre. Typically, around 40 children and their carers attend weekly, though the total numbers connecting into the group are 125 children and 90 adults.

Playtime at the Sanctuary!



Alongside these community groups for pre-school children, Sarah has also run fun days in church at Easter, during the summer holiday, and a Light Party on 31st October to encourage children to experience the light of the Good News of Jesus. Each of these days were incredibly well attended, and the provision of quieter "chill" spaces and specific times to cater for children with Special Educational Needs was particularly appreciated.

"As always, you had planned lots of engaging activities and yummy treats for the children to enjoy and the atmosphere was buzzing! We bumped into friends who were so impressed by the event, and we also thought the quieter chill-out rooms were a lovely touch for little ones (like A) who can find loud spaces overwhelming."

Mr & Mrs J 31.10.2025

Our links with St. Lawrence CofE Primary School have continued to strengthen, with both Revd Richard and Sarah leading regular acts of worship for both KS1 and KS2 at school, and leading Easter and Harvest services in church. Holy Trinity has also hosted the KS2 Nativity services and been involved in supporting families in need in the run up to Christmas. In addition, Revd Richard has been into classes on several occasions in support of the curriculum and supported the recent Head Teacher recruitment.

Holy Trinity's partnerships with two local Christian mission partners Befriended and Hope have continued to thrive. Befriended offers a range of services to older people in Mid-Sussex with the goal of combatting loneliness and isolation, whilst Hope exists to support and encourage family life through offering emotional support and friendship. The monthly tea parties with Befriended at the Court Bushes Community Hub in Hurstpierpoint regularly attract around 75 guests, providing fun and friendship for older people. The Melting Pot Café run in conjunction with Hope every Thursday in term-time also in Court Bushes, offers a programme of workshops, visitors and activities to support people through the challenges of family life. Although the café draws many families, the focus is on the adults who bring their children and grandchildren to play. Many struggle with isolation due to anxiety, in some cases autism, and a lack of confidence, and the Melting Pot provides a great range of activities to support them including cookery, games, parenting conversations, sensory playtimes, health conversations, and liaison with Befriended. The activities are designed to build confidence, provide support and facilitate the sharing of ideas to help address concerns. Three Hope staff work alongside church volunteers and in 2025 there were 365 adult and 329 children visits across the termly sessions.



A bingo session at the Melting Pot.

"At the Melting Pot I feel seen and heard. I can say anything and not be judged. I feel safe."

Ms H 25.10.2025

With the Bishop of Chichester's permission, services for local Ukrainian families continue to be held typically bimonthly in Holy Trinity on Saturdays with a Ukrainian Orthodox priest. Holy Trinity is one of only 5 churches nationally offering this opportunity for Ukrainian families displaced by the war to worship, and it is a privilege to host those who attend these services from the local and surrounding area. In addition, Holy Trinity hosted a very moving concert in October for the Ukrainian community with money raised supporting a charity working with displaced families suffering from trauma working in western Ukraine. This poignant evening saw the church packed with local residents who gave generously and were deeply moved by the music performed by the local Ukrainian community.

Holy Trinity has played an active part throughout the year in the communal life of the village. The Church hosted events during the Hurst Festival and had stalls including activities to engage with children at the St. Lawrence Fair and on Santa Sunday. A walk of witness on Good Friday and a service on the village green at the end of the St. Lawrence Fair were held jointly with the Good News Church (the only other church in the village), and Holy Trinity hosted the Civic Remembrance Day service. Music and wine events were also staged throughout the year in the church which drew many from the village, as did the 4 Saturday café events. Additionally, the church remains at the heart of the work of the Hurst Community Charity Shop which serves the village on 6 days of the week and provides grants to support the work of groups and individuals in the village.

In the autumn there were 2 vision events held at Holy Trinity where the whole church congregation were invited to prayerfully consider the work and mission of the church in Hurstpierpoint. These sessions were very well attended and the ideas gathered will form the basis for the Parish Mission Action Plan for the next 5 years which will be finalised in 2026. We were delighted to be awarded the Eco Church Bronze Award in January 2025, and our new plan will include facilitating greater connectedness with, and care for God's creation. We hope that through the process of developing our Mission Action Plan we will be able to start new initiatives to support and bless our church congregations and the community of Hurstpierpoint.

After 10 months without someone to lead our church choir, on 9th November we were delighted to welcome James Lark as our new Choir Director. It has been wonderful to watch the choir's development since that time, and James' timely appointment was a huge blessing through the season of Advent and Christmas. The overall figures for attendance at the

seasonal services in 2025 were excellent and very similar to the post-pandemic high levels of 2024. This year as part of our Advent offering, we established a new Contemporary Carol Service with more modern versions of some carols, and this slightly less formal celebration drew a congregation of 100 which is very encouraging for a brand-new service.

Church attendance

As at the Annual Parochial Church Meeting 2025 there are 250 people on our Electoral Roll, an increase of 19 since 2024 reflecting the ongoing increase in attendance. This was particularly encouraging given the compilation of a new electoral roll for 2025, and the inevitable omission of some of our congregation to sign up afresh.

Attendance figures are recorded weekly and October figures reported nationally. In October 2025 we averaged 160 adults and 58 children each week at our Sunday services, the higher figures particularly reflecting the growth in youth work. A Time to Remember Service was held on 2nd November with an attendance of 62 (including 1 child) again encouragingly higher than last year. Our weekly Wednesday morning services had an average attendance of 9 and we averaged 7 for the Tuesday Morning Prayer service.

Church Administration

We are incredibly thankful for those who do the largely unseen but vital ministry which sustains and enables church life – for our Administrator Claire and our Site Coordinator Lucy who do such sterling work, for Keith Birtles our outgoing Treasurer and Matt Taplin our new Treasurer, Victoria Hall-Smith our Parish Safeguarding Officer, Mary Gibbens our Pastoral Team coordinator, and for all who oversee the many practical matters of running a church.

PCC Meetings and Attendance

Our PCC has met every two months through 2025, with a high level of commitment from its members. We discuss future plans for services and events, our procedures, how we might enhance our building to make it more welcoming and fit to serve the developing life and mission of the church, and our ministry in the community. We also work to support our 7 charity partners:
Befriended, Christian Aid, Family Support Work, Friends International, Hope, Off the Fence and Sussex Pathways.
We would like to express our thanks and appreciation to the members of the PCC for their support, valuable contributions, and commitment to serving the parishioners of Hurstpierpoint.

FINANCIAL REVIEW AND FUTURE PLANS

Income 2025

The total receipts on general unrestricted funds were £277,832 in 2025 compared to £202,673 in 2024. The receipts are detailed in the notes to the financial statements.

We are pleased that planned giving increased by 38.2% to £166,776 (from £120,639 in 2024). There was an increase of 23.7% in the amount on the collection plate to £5,806 (2024: £4,693).

The most efficient method of giving remains the Parish Giving scheme (PGS). There are no costs to Holy Trinity and Gift Aid where applicable is collected by the administrator and paid over to us monthly. The giver can also arrange for the gift to be index linked to the consumer price index (CPI). The CPI rose to 3.6% in December 2025 from 2.5% in December 2024 after reaching a high of 10.4% in February 2023.

There was a very welcome increase in the numbers of PGS givers in 2025. As of December 2025 there were 105 PGS givers compared to 86 in December 2024 and the total PGS giving including gift aid amounted to £181,453 in 2025 compared to £121,188 in 2024 (an increase of 49.7%). This was 65% (2024: 60%) of all unrestricted income for the year. It is expected that the full year accounts for 2026 will show a modest increase in the level of giving through PGS as a result of the stewardship appeal in Autumn 2025.

Grants were received as follows:

- Chichester Diocese Mission Fund (for the Children's worker) £5,000
- Hurst Community shop (for works to the church roof) £2,880
- Hurst Community shop (for lighting work) £8,000
- Hurst Community shop (for the running costs of Children's work) £430
- Listed places of worship scheme (VAT on repairs) £7,508

There was a decrease in income from wedding and funeral fees of £2,198 to £3,476 in 2025 from £5,674 in 2024.

The Bank base rate was at 4.75% from January 2025 with reductions through the year to 3.75% in December 2025. While these rates have fallen, they remain relatively high compared to recent years and interest rates have enabled the PCC to earn £11,224 (2024: £10,452) in investment income which is an increase of 7.4% on 2024.

There was an increase in fund raising event income of £1,723 to £6,245 (2024:£4,522) but lettings were down by £250 to £1,426 (2024: 1,676).

There were restricted gifts totalling £41,379 (2024: £32,189). The main purposes were for the new post of Youth worker and for church facilities including AV equipment.

Legacies of £42,526 (2024:£9,750) were received with £32,526 of this restricted to the future development of the church.

Expenditure 2025

The biggest item of expenditure was the sum of £85,300 (2024: £82,000) paid to Chichester diocese for our share of Parish Ministry Costs. This year the contribution from Holy Trinity increased by 4.0% (2024: 4.0%).

The figure covers our share of the housing, salary and pension costs of clergy, training of new ordinands, Parish support services (including the Board of Education) and a contribution to national church funds.

Staff costs

The PCC employed a Church administrator, a site coordinator, a Children and families leader, a worship pastor and the new posts of youth worker and choir director. The total salary costs increased by 75.6% to £79,991 (2024: £45,822) driven by the full year impact of the worship pastor employed in 2024 and the two new roles noted above.

Trustee payments and expenses

Claire Levin, a trustee, was employed as administrator and occasional verger for weddings and funerals. Her pay including employer pension contributions in 2025 was £14,506 (2024: £11,738).

Cost of Gas and Electricity and Water

The bills for these utilities showed an increase of 13.0% to a figure of £15,014 (2024: £13,291).

Improvements and repairs to the fabric of the church building

The total expenditure came to £51,325 compared to £25,825 in 2024.

The main items were electrical work (including lighting) of £31,881, works to the roof of £4,174 and £3,370 for a new church office ceiling.

Net Surplus 2025

The welcome increase in planned giving of £46,137, together with unrestricted gifts of £20,795 and legacies of £10,000, set against increased expenditure of £48,647, has led to a position where the PCC had an unrestricted surplus for the year of £36,572 (2024: £10,060). After charging the loss on investments of £572 (2024: £320 gain) the net surplus is £36,000 (2024: £10,380).

Why we hold some money in reserve.

It is PCC policy to maintain a balance on the general unrestricted fund which equates to at least three months' worth of unrestricted payments as a contingency against unforeseen situations. This is equivalent to approximately £50,000. The general fund was comfortably more than that figure throughout 2025.

Surplus general funds are invested temporarily with the CBF Church of England deposit fund, returning these funds to our current account, as they are needed, to pay day-to-day bills.

To spread the risk on our investments, PCC agreed to invest £80,000 for one year with the Cambridge Building Society.

£87,992 (2024: £50,869) of the general unrestricted fund was invested temporarily with the Church of England deposit Fund on 31st December 2025.

Management of risks and their mitigation

The PCC has an ongoing task of reviewing the major risks which impact on its mission in the parish. The PCC considers that the principal risks and uncertainties are:

- The need to fund costs arising from the Quinquennial survey of the church's state of repair.
- The need to review accommodation arising from the growth in numbers.
- The need to continue the reviews of regular giving.

The PCC will manage these risks by repairing the church fabric in a timely manner, by regularly reviewing its mission plan and its sources of income.

Future Uncertainties

The grants received for the Children's and Families leader and the Youth Worker will continue to wind down in the future. In the short term there is an adequate general reserve. However, it is hoped that increases in regular giving through the Parish Giving Scheme will ensure we are in a strong position to meet these future commitments. It is important that as the day-to-day costs rise, the growth in income is sustained through renewed giving pledges. This will enable the mission to Hurstpierpoint to be continued and for repairs and improvements to be made to the fabric of our church building.

The Church of England's General Synod has recognized the climate emergency and called on all parts of the Church to become net zero by 2030. An energy survey was conducted here in 2022 and the consultant's report has advised on the path to be followed to achieve net zero.

Conclusion

2025 has been a very special year in the life of Holy Trinity and our mission to our village. In so many areas of ministry we have seen new initiatives and partnerships prosper and develop, enabling us to support and work alongside many more people in our community. We are so grateful to the Lord for his faithfulness and guidance, and for bringing us new members of the Parish Team for youth and working with the choir who are inspiring new engagement. We also give thanks for our "army" of volunteers whose love and service enable Holy Trinity to engage in so many areas of community life. Looking ahead to 2026 and hopefully the reordering of the choir vestry, we look forward with anticipation to all that the Lord will be doing in and through the work of Holy Trinity in our Parish.

Trustees Responsibilities

The Charities Act 2011 requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which gives a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the trust and of the surplus of the trust for that period. In preparing those financial statements the trustees are required to:

- Select suitable accounting policies and apply them consistently
- Make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent

- Prepare financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the trust will continue in existence.

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records, which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the trust. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the trust and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Approval of the Annual Report by the Trustees

This Trustees' Annual Report was **approved** by the PCC at its meeting on 16 March 2026 and signed on its behalf by The Rev'd Richard Coldicott, PCC Chair.



23rd April 2026

_____ Date _____

Rector

THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF HOLY TRINITY HURSTPIERPOINT

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT ON THE ACCOUNTS

This report on the financial statements of the PCC for the year ended 31 December 2025, which are set out on the following pages, is in respect of an examination carried out in accordance with the Church Accounting Regulations 2006 ('the Regulations') and s.144 of the Charities Act 2011 ('the Act').

Respective Responsibilities of the PCC and the Examiner

As the members of the PCC you are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements; you consider that the audit requirement of the Regulations and section 145 of the Charities Act 2011 does not apply. It is my responsibility to issue this report on those financial statements accounts in accordance with the terms of the Regulations. The gross income exceeded £250,000 and I am qualified to undertake the examination by being a qualified member of the Association of Charity Independent Examiners.

Basis of Independent Examiner's Report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145 (5) (b) of the Act and to be found in the Church Guidance, 2006 edition, issued from the Finance Division of the Archbishops' Council. That examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the PCC and a comparison of the accounts with those records. It also includes considering any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts and seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair view' and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

Independent Examiner's Statement

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

1) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements

- to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the Act; and
- to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and to comply with the requirements of the Act, and the Regulations have not been met; or

2) to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Signed : 

Dated : 23.4.26

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2025

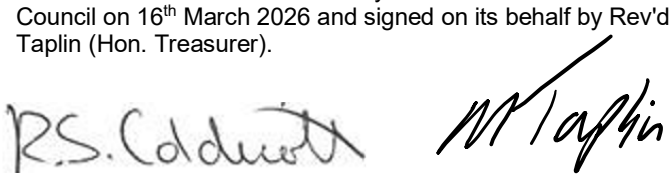
	Notes	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Designated Funds £	Endowment Funds £	TOTAL FUNDS 2025 £	TOTAL FUNDS 2024 £
Incoming resources							
Voluntary income	2a	260,972	86,249			**347,221**	242,703
Activities for generating funds	2b	3,505	2,740			**6,245**	4,522
Income from investments	2c	6,652	3,514	807	251	**11,224**	10,452
Church activities	2d	6,703	684			**7,387**	14,627
Other incoming resources	2e		2,200			**2,200**	2,200
Total incoming resources		277,832	95,387	807	251	**374,277**	274,504
Resources expended							
Costs of generating voluntary income	3a						
Fund-raising trading costs	3b	(464)				**(464)**	-
Church activities	3c	(240,680)	(66,059)		(251)	**(306,990)**	(241,526)
Governance Costs	3d	(116)				**(116)**	(99)
Total resources expended		(241,260)	(66,059)		(251)	**(307,570)**	(241,625)
Net incoming/(outgoing) resources before transfers		36,572	29,328	807		**66,707**	32,879
Gross transfers between funds							
Net incoming/(outgoing) resources before other recognised gains/losses		36,752	29,328	807		**66,707**	32,879
Gains/(losses) on revaluation of fixed assets and investments	4	(572)			(361)	**(933)**	522
Gains/(losses) on disposal investment assets	4						
Net movement in funds		36,000	29,328	807	(361)	**65,774**	33,401
Total funds brought forward at 1 January 2025		153,146	83,220	20,894	9,040	**266,300**	232,899
Total funds carried forward at 31 December 2025		189,146	112,548	21,701	8,679	**332,074**	266,300

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BALANCE SHEET AT 31 DECEMBER 2025

	Notes	**2025**	2024
		£	£
Fixed assets			
Tangible fixed assets			
Investments	4	22,397	23,330
Total fixed assets		**22,397**	23,330
Current assets			
Debtors	6	11,633	19,521
CBF Deposits		208,453	140,693
Cambridge Building Society I year deposit		80,000	80,000
Cash at bank		16,669	8,817
		316,755	249,031
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	7	(7,078)	(6,061)
Net current assets		**309,677**	242,970
Total assets less current liabilities		**332,074**	266,300
NET ASSETS		**332,074**	266,300
Funds	8		
Endowment funds	8	8,679	9,040
Restricted funds	8	112,548	83,220
Unrestricted funds	8	189,146	153,146
Designated funds	8	21,701	20,894
		332,074	266,300

This Financial Statements for the year ended 31 December 2025 were **approved** by the Parochial Church Council on 16th March 2026 and signed on its behalf by Rev'd Richard Coldicott (PCC Chair) and Mr Matthew Taplin (Hon. Treasurer).



Date 23rd April 2026

Rector Treasurer

The accompanying notes form a part of these financial statements.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2025

1. Accounting policies

a Basis of accounting

These accounts have been prepared under the historical cost convention with items recognised at cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant notes to these accounts.

The financial statements have been prepared under the Charities Act 2011 and the church accounting regulations 2006, in accordance with applicable accounting standards and the current Statement of Recommended Practice, Accounting and Reporting by Charities (FRS 102).

b Funds accounting

Funds held by the PCC are:

Unrestricted funds - general funds which can be used for PCC ordinary purposes

Restricted funds - a) income from trusts or endowments which may be expended only on those restricted objects provided in the terms of the trust or bequest; b) donations or grants received for a specific object or invited by the PCC for a specific object. The funds may only be expended on the specific object for which they were given. Any balance remaining unspent at the end of the year is carried forward as a balance on that fund.

Designated funds - these are unrestricted funds, which the PCC has allocated for a designated purpose. Such funds can be undesignated at any time and the funds returned to the unrestricted fund.

Endowment funds - funds the capital of which must be maintained; only income arising from the investment of the endowment may be used, either as restricted or unrestricted funds, depending on the purpose set out in the terms of the original endowment

c Recognition of Income

These are included in the Statement of Financial Activities when the charity becomes entitled to the resources, it is more likely than not that the trustees will receive the resources; and the monetary value can be measured with sufficient reliability.

Investment Income

This is included in the accounts when receipt is probable and the amount receivable can be measured reliably

Tax recoverable on gift aid

This is included in income when there is a valid declaration from the donor. Any Gift Aid amount recovered on a donation is considered to be part of that donation and is treated as an addition to the same fund as the initial donation unless the donor or the terms of the appeal have specified otherwise.

Settlement of insurance claims

These are included when the general income recognition criteria are met for the claim.

d ***Offsetting***

There has been no offsetting of assets and liabilities, or income and expenditure unless required or permitted by FRS102,

e **Fixed Assets**

Tangible fixed assets

Consecrated and beneficed property of any kind is excluded from the financial statements under the Charities Act 2011.

No value is placed on movable church furnishing held by the Rector and Churchwardens on special trust for the PCC and which require a faculty for disposal. They are accounted as inalienable property unless consecrated.

Investments

Fixed asset investments in quoted shares, traded bonds and similar investments are valued initially at cost and subsequently at fair value (their market value) at the year end. The same treatment is applied to unlisted investments unless fair value cannot be measured reliably in which case it is measured at cost less impairment.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2025

2 Incoming resources

		Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Designated Funds £	Endowment Funds £	**TOTAL FUNDS 2025 £**	TOTAL FUNDS 2024 £
a	*Voluntary income*						
	Planned giving	166,776				**166,776**	120,639
	Collections	5,806				**5,806**	4,693
	Gifts	20,795	41,379			**62,174**	38,966
	Tax recoverable on gift aid	38,144	7,344			**45,488**	35,950
	Grants	18,818	5,000			**23,818**	31,028
	Legacies	10,000	32,526			**42,526**	9,750
	Other	633				**633**	1,677
		260,972	86,249			**347,221**	242,703
b	*Activities for generating funds*						
	Fund-raising events	3,505	2,740			**6,245**	4,522
		3,505	2,740			**6,245**	4,522
c	*Investment income*						
	Dividends and interest	6,652	3,514	807	251	**11,224**	10,452
		6,652	3,514	807	251	**11,224**	10,452
d	*Income from Church Activities*						
	Fees from weddings etc	3,476				**3,476**	5,674
	Church lettings	1,426				**1,426**	1,676
	Sanctuary toddlers group	1,801				**1,801**	1,861
	Melting Pot café		684			**684**	5,416
		6,703	684			**7,387**	14,627
e	*Other incoming resources*						
	Ukraine refugee gifts						
	Henry Smith charity		2,200			**2,200**	**2,200**
			2,200			**2,200**	**2,200**
	Total incoming resources	277,832	95,387	807	251	**374,277**	**274,504**

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3 Resources expended

		Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Endowment Funds £	**TOTAL FUNDS 2025 £**	TOTAL FUNDS 2024 £
a	*Costs of generating voluntary income*					
	Envelope Costs					
	Stewardship costs					
b	*Fund-raising trading costs*					
	Fundraising Costs	464			**464**	-
		464			**464**	-
c	*Church Activities*					
	Missionary and charitable giving:					
	Friends International	2,780			**2,780**	2,640
	Hope Building Confidence	1,390			**1,390**	1,320
	Off the Fence	1,390	1,197		**2,587**	2,959
	Christian Aid	1,390	2,359		**3,749**	5,515
	Sussex Pathways	1,390			**1,390**	1,320
	Family Support Work	1,390			**1,390**	2,397
	Befriended	1,390			**1,390**	660
	Royal British Legion (Remembrance Sunday)		403		**403**	274
	Ukraine refugees		2,704		**2,704**	574
	Other Charities		50		**50**	609
	Diocese Youth May Camp	500			**500**	-
	Grants from Henry Smith charity		2,200		**2,200**	2,300
	Use of Rector's Discretionary Fund		400		**400**	4,317
	Christmas presents		310		**310**	882
		11,620	9,623		**21,243**	25,836
	Diocesan parish contribution	85,300		251	**85,551**	82,245
	Ministry Team costs and expenses	10,794			**10,794**	8,753
	Insurance	7,652			**7,652**	7,427
	Choir, music, copyright fees and licences	919			**919**	694
	Children's and youth work		6,911		**6,911**	7,021
	Church services supplies	5,215			**5,215**	4,811
	Church building maintenance	51,325			**51,325**	25,825
	Church building improvements		422		**422**	10,693
	Church running expenses	7,099			**7,099**	3,071
	Utilities for church	15,014			**15,014**	13,291
	Staff salaries	33,911	46,000		**79,911**	45,822
	Office running costs and supplies	9,750			**9,750**	3,638
	Sanctuary toddlers group	2,081			**2,081**	1,771
	Melting Pot café		3,103		**3,103**	628
		240,680	66,059	251	**306,990**	241,526

d	*Governance costs*					
	Independent examination fee	116			**116**	99
		116			**116**	99
	Total resources expended	**241,260**	**66,059**	**251**	**307,570**	241,625

Payments to Trustees
Claire Levin, a trustee, was employed as administrator and with payments for verger duties and employer's pension contributions she received a total of £14,506 (2024: £11,738) in the year.

Related party transactions.
There were no other related party transactions.

Staff costs

	2025	2024
	£	£
Wages and salaries	**77,976**	44,862
Pension contributions	**1,935**	960
	79,911	45,822

As at 31 December 2025 there were 6 (2024: 4) part time employees.

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4 Investments

	£
Market value 1 January 2025	23,330
Net (loss)/gain on revaluation	(933)
Market value 31 December 2025	**22,397**

The holdings remained as 1009 CBF Investment Fund (Income) Shares.

5 Analysis of Net assets by fund

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Designated Funds	Endowment Funds	**Total Funds 2025**
	£	£		£	**£**
Investment fixed assets	13,718			8,679	**22,397**
Current assets	185,884	109,170	21,701		**316,755**
Current liabilities	(7,078)				**(7,078)**
	192,524	**109,170**	**21,701**	**8,679**	**332,074**

6 Debtors

	2025	2024
	£	£
Income tax recoverable	4,037	12,000
CCLA Deposit Fund interest	2,117	1,515
Cambridge Building Society interest	3,033	3,803
Grant claims	1,300	1,602
Other debtors	1,146	601
	11,633	19,521

7 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2025	2024
	£	£
Utilities	2,176	1,945
Other	4,902	4,116
	7,078	6,061

8 Statement of funds

	Bal b/fwd 1 Jan 2025	Income	Expenditure	Investments revaluation	Fund transfer	**Bal c/fwd 31 Dec 2025**
	£	£	£	£		**£**
Unrestricted Fund						
General fund	153,146	277,832	(241,260)	(572)		**189,146**
	153,146	277,832	(241,260)	(572)		**189,146**
Restricted Funds						
Discretionary Fund	14,086	638	(400)			**14,324**
Passion Trust	677	26	-			**703**
Hymn book fund	1,234	48	-			**1,282**
Churchyard creation care	4,061	157	-			**4,218**
Henry Smith charity gifts	2,328	2,200	(2,200)			**2,328**
Children's worker	26,605	5,552	(29,678)			**2,479**
Youth worker	21,264	33,076	(23,233)			**31,107**
Ukraine refugees	1,944	75	-			**2,019**
Church facilities (including AV equipment)	5,362	12,861	(422)			**17,801**
Church development bequest	-	32,839	-			**32,839**
Sanctuary toddlers group	787	30	-			**817**
Melting Pot café	4,824	824	(3,103)			**2,545**
Christmas presents	48	348	(310)			**86**
Gifts to charities	0	6,713	(6,713)			**0**
	83,220	95,387	(66,059)			**112,548**
Designated Fund						
Repairs Fund	20,894	807				**21,701**
	20,894	807				**21,701**
Endowment Fund						
Hannington Legacy	9,040	251	(251)	(361)		**8,679**
	9,040	251	(251)	(361)		**8,679**
Total funds	266,300	374,277	(307,570)	(933)		**332,074**

Use of the Discretionary fund is at the discretion of the Rector.
The endowment comprises the Hannington Legacy. Income is retained by the Diocese as an additional contribution towards parish stipend costs.

The designated fund for repairs has been set up to meet part of the cost of urgent repair works identified in the 2023 Quinquennial survey.