The Parish Church of St. Anne
St. Annes-on-Sea, St. Anne (Heyhouses)



Annual Reports - Groups for the year ended 31 December 2025

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Mission Statement

"Growing strong in faith and worship, we work together to serve and care for all."

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CHURCHWARDEN'S REPORT FOR ANNUAL PAROCHIAL MEETING

I am pleased to announce that the various committees are doing an excellent job in ensuring that our church continues to move in the right direction. Their commitment to the job in hand is reaping benefits for the future of both the church & parish rooms. Our task was made harder by losing Fr Glen in January. But the reaction by all in coming together and working so hard to keep the momentum going in the right direction is truly remarkable. Interregnums are never easy. To go through another in the space of four years, shows how strong our church is. I offer my sincerest thanks to all who have stepped up to the mark, both in the admin side & hands on. We have now added a cleaning firm, Megs. They have taken over from Maggie who retired, and the ladies who have kept our church in such a high standard of cleanliness over the years. I extend the heartfelt thanks from all at St Annes Parish Church. Megs is doing a wonderful job, living up to the standard required by our church. Before Fr Glen left, he acknowledged that the heating system in the parish rooms required updating. Cobalt heating engineers were given the job of replacing the old system with one that was more efficient and cost effective. This, I can say, has been completed to everyone's satisfaction. We have retained Cobalt, to look after both the parish rooms heating and the church heating systems. Our Christmas Tree Festival was a resounding success. Special thanks to Peter Duke and his team, for decking our church with such splendour during the Christmas period, then taking them down at the end. Lastly, thanks go from all at St Annes, to Churchwarden Ann & Lay reader Bill, for all their hard work in organising the cover for our services, during the interregnum. To the PCC who contribute so much behind closed doors. Not forgetting Bill & Pam, who will be representing us in the coming interviews, for the office of Vicar of this splendid church. Our Church Choir & superb organist Alistair, for the harmony in church. If I have missed anyone, please accept my sincerest apologies.

May the Lord watch over all who care for and attend our church, with God's Blessing.

John Pitches
Churchwarden.

PCC REPORT

Apart from the short meeting immediately following last year's APCM to appoint officers, the PCC has held four normal meetings since then, as well as two additional meetings to discuss the vacancy for a Vicar. Financial matters have featured at every meeting, showing an improving financial situation through the year. The Parish Rooms have delivered a positive financial return on bookings; the heating system was completely replaced at a cost of £60,000, which was met from the Astley legacy. The Parish Architect carried out a five-yearly inspection of the Church building; no major works have been identified, but a number of smaller jobs which can be carried out over the next two to three years. The PCC has decided to employ a local cleaning contractor to clean the Church each week, which is working well. We are seeking quotes for new lighting in the Church, though no decision will be made until a new Vicar is in post.

Safeguarding features on every agenda, with a report from our Parish Safeguarding Officer, Denise Duke. Members of the PCC have been asked to complete a pro-forma assessing our Parish's strengths and weaknesses. The PCC has adopted the Church of England's Social Media policy, recommended to us through the Diocesan Safeguarding Team. PCC members complete safeguarding training, arranged through the Diocese, and refreshed every three years.

The PCC received a substantial report from Denise Brown on our Sunday School and its progress. We are linked in to the Anglo-Catholic network for those working with children and young people. Liturgy bags have been arranged to be available at the back of the Church for children to use during the Sunday Mass. We have involved children more in helping with little jobs in Church, like helping to take up the collection.

A full programme of concerts and events has been arranged through the year by our Outreach, and Social and Fundraising Committees. A working group is being convened to plan for a Mission Weekend in September, to coincide with the Diocesan Centenary, when every Parish is being asked to hold a Mission Weekend. There are also plans to commemorate the 30th anniversary of the Heritage Tapestry, on the Sunday nearest to 28th July.

The PCC appointed two deputy Churchwardens, to assist the Churchwardens.

There were two additional meetings to discuss the vacancy for Vicar. The first was an informal meeting with the Archdeacon, at which he described the process of appointment, and spoke about drawing up a Parish Profile. A small working group was established to draw up the Profile, based on the 2021 Profile and the new Diocesan template. The draft Profile was circulated to the PCC members three times, with comments being invited each time for consideration by the drafting group; in this way, the draft Profile was amended and refined at each stage, so that it received unanimous approval from the PCC. A final formal PCC meeting was held to approve the Parish Profile, and to appoint two PCC members to represent the PCC in the appointment process, and at the interviews.

Fr Simon Killwick
PCC Secretary

WELCOME MINISTRY (SIDESPERSONS)

Sincere thanks to all committing to this service in our church.

A warm welcome awaits anyone wishing to help out in this way.

Thank you to Denise Brown and the Sunday School children who have been helping with books and collections.

A big thank you to Heather and Janice who have left this year and welcome to Bill.

Margaret Imrie

ELECTORAL ROLL

The number on the Electoral Roll as at 18th April 2026 in preparation for the APCM was 184 (80 resident in the Parish, 104 non-resident). This is slightly up compared to 171 declared at the equivalent point last year but still some way short of the 231 at the expiry of the previous six-year Roll two years ago. The Roll this year includes 16 additions and 2 removals (1 who has died and 1 who has removed from the parish). As reported

last year there remain a number of regular attenders still not on the Roll despite encouragement to complete a form.

The formal 2025 Average Weekly Attendance (individuals over 18 attending church at least once per week averaged over each of the four weeks of October 2025) was 111 (Sunday 95 + weekdays 16), slightly down from 116, 106, 92 and 79 in the previous four years 2024-2021.

However, more detailed analysis indicates that attendance during October was the lowest of any month in 2025 while in 2024 it was above average. Looking at Average Sunday All Age Attendance and Communicant numbers month by month over the whole of 2024 and 2025, and excluding major festivals, baptism Sundays and other special occasions, it turned out that there was a small average growth between 2024 and 2025 up to the 111/94 quoted in the Parish Profile.

Children's Sunday School attendance averaged 9 similar to 10 last year and 7 in 2023, when Sunday School restarted.

Gerald Wilson

BELLRINGERS

Bellringers – 2025 Report

The bells rang out for every Sunday Morning Service during 2025, along with additional major festival services, calling the faithful to worship and announcing the presence of our Church in our community. Throughout the year, various short touches and 23 Quarter Peals were rung to mark significant Church and National events, such as the 80th anniversary of VE Day and a Civic Service celebrating the 150th anniversary of St. Anne's-on-the-Sea, plus a date touch of 2025 Doubles.

Three peals were also successfully scored, one of which, 5040 Doubles is worthy of particular note – completed in 2 hours 40 minutes, it was the first peal ever rung on six bells at our Church in 134 years and a first peal for three of our ringers, Gareth Wilson, Michael Hodgkinson and Martin Lovatt. Michael and Martin only started to learn to ring in late 2024. The peal was dedicated in thanksgiving for the lives of Jim Wharton, a long-serving member of our band and Ashley Wilson, a local ringer who was a great supporter of ringing at St. Anne's. Within the peal, two combinations of methods and calls were used, to create variations which had never been rung before. The convention is that a band can name the variations created so "Wharton" and "Ashley B. Wilson" were chosen. Separately, our ringers also rang other new combinations during the year to add "Heyhouses", Lady Eleanor Clifton" and "St. Anne's Ringing School"

The St. Anne's Ringing School ("STARS") has continued to provide ringing training and has proved a resounding success. Using our suite of training equipment and a pool of experienced ringers from our affiliated towers, we have run 11 courses and arranged 21 targeted practices. We also arranged 58 Quarter Peal attempts targeting 'firsts' and although we didn't score them all, Quarter Peal attempts are always good for practice, and we always try again. We enabled 41 'firsts' through the successful Quarter Peals. STARS asks for donations from any students attending courses and this has enabled us, in turn, to make donations to the Church, the Lancashire Association of Change Ringers Bell Restoration Fund and the Association of Ringing Teachers.

Throughout the year, our bellringing activities are publicised on FaceBook through https://www.facebook.com/stannesringers/, https://www.facebook.com/stannesringingschool and the St. Anne's Ringers STARS website https://www.stannesringingschool.uk/ and I am

grateful for all the behind-the-scenes work that Monica Hollows undertakes to make this happen.

In September, the ringers supported the Church's Heritage Open Day, by offering tower tours and demonstrations.

In October, we were pleased to welcome Mason, Jenny and Sofia as new learners - within two months they had progressed so well that they were ringing for Sunday Service in time for Christmas.

My thanks go to all the St. Anne's ringers who ring for Sunday Services, special services and events throughout the year. Thanks, in particular to Shaun Elsender, our Steeple Keeper, who regularly checks the frame, bells, ropes & fittings and who also ensures that the Church Clock is wound up every week.

Bellringing is not just a service to the Church, it provides a mental challenge and helps keep you physically fit. On top of that, it is a great social activity, all working together as a team. New recruits are always welcome. Please contact me if you are interested in coming and having a go.

Stuart Newton – Tower Captain

CHOIR

As we know, the past twelve months have been times of change and uncertainty. We said farewell to Fr. Glen and would like to express our gratitude for his inspiration, constant support and encouragement in all matters musical in our worship and the wider outreach of our music at St. Anne's Parish Church. It has been an increasing joy and delight to draw upon the wonderful liturgical, scholastic, theological and musical resources of our new hymn book: The Revised English Hymnal. Many of the original harmonisations of the composers have been retained and I hope it is felt that this contributes to endorsing the integrity of our worship each Sunday. The Revised English Hymnal is authoritative and we hope that every member of our congregation and visitors who arrive to worship with us, will appreciate that the careful selection of our hymns supports the liturgy and aligns with the theological themes of our services week by week. The Revised English Hymnal is constructed to take us through The Liturgical Year: presenting hymns and seasonal carols for The Christian Year from plainchant, those from Medieval times, The Renaissance Period, particularly the very fine early hymns by

Orlando Gibbons, The Baroque with glorious harmonisations of chorales by Johann Sebastian Bach, through to the finest of Nineteenth Century hymnody and the best of the Twentieth Century canon; how blessed we are! Our Parish Church Choir sang for The Mayor's Carol Service and, of course, our Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols. Midnight Mass is always very special and beautiful.

Our services for Holy Week were very moving and we are extremely grateful to Fr. Peter Walsh for his thoughtfulness, supportiveness and kindness throughout our Holy Week and Easter services: Maundy Thursday's service with 'Ubi caritas' and Samuel Sebastian Wesley's profound 'Wash me thoroughly', through to the Reproaches on Good Friday sung be one of our choristers, a burst of joy with Standford's 'Jubilate deo' for Holy Saturday and the magnificent and enthralling Easter Sunday's Hallelujah Chorus by Handel. We are delighted that our annual tradition of asking members of our congregation and friends to sing this inspirational musical masterpiece continues.

At St. Anne's Parish Church, we continue to be blessed in sustaining our weekly sung services of public worship. It is a privilege to lead the music in our beautiful church with wonderful hymns, settings of the Mass, motets, anthems and canticles for Choral Evensong and Benediction.

We would love to hear from anyone who would like to join with us, as, we are instructed in Psalm 150: 'Let everything that hath breath praise The Lord'.

Alistair MacKenzie

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ALTAR SERVERS

I would like to thank Bill Cousins, John Edwards, Liz Currie, Tony Walker, and Eric Roberts for their continued support as servers covering mass on six days of the week.

While much of what we do as servers is very public, I must also acknowledge the unseen work, in particular the important work of washing altar linen.by Mary Roberts and my wife, Fiona.

I also look after all the ordering of sacristy supplies, where prices, especially of candle products, continue to rise. The new St Killian's candle

stand, purchased in memory of Bill Thomas continues to work well and is much cleaner and tidier than the old one with much less waste. Running costs are similar to the old pricket stand.

Farris's did introduce a recycling system for the old plastic sanctuary lamp cases, but sadly they have discontinued this as being impractical. I am going to try oil and floating wicks instead.

Serving gives a special insight into the way our worship is conducted, which hopefully strengthens the foundations on which our faith is built. It is therefore especially appropriate as an aid to nurturing the faith of all both young and old. New servers of any age are always welcome and anyone with an interest should speak to me at church or phone me at home.

Gerald Wilson, Head Server

SAFEGUARDING

This year, I have attended several PSO support workshops run by the Blackburn Diocese Safeguarding team, these are well attended with PSO's from across the Diocese. This enables us all to takeaway up to date information and advice. In February 2026 I attended a Zoom presentation 'ACT' Awareness Places of worship. The presenter was from the Greater Manchester Police. I will be arranging a meeting with the church Wardens and interested PCC members to put a safety plan for the church building.

I attend PCC meetings and Safeguarding is a standing agenda item. I present a report for every meeting. The PCC takes safeguarding seriously.

Training:

PSO safeguarding training is up to date. PSO, Church wardens and Bellringers leaders have all completed the Safeguarding Leadership Pathway

Most of the PCC members safeguarding training is up to date. Some of the members training will have to update their training in May, after the APCC meeting. DBS: All PCC members must have a DBS check, and they are renewed every three years.

Recruitment

We ensure that all Responsible leaders, (PCC members, Sunday school, Bell Ringers Leaders etc. are safely recruited. This includes the

requirement for people to provide references. Enhanced DBS checks and to undergo safeguarding training. The dashboard which is a working document is mostly up to date. I have some outstanding actions I need to review. I hope that you have noticed the Safeguarding notice board in the church entrance.

Please come and talk to me if you have any questions, have any concerns or if you would like to find out more about safeguarding. I can be contacted by email – stannessafeguarding@gmail.com

Denise Duke PSO

SUNDAY SCHOOL

The second year of our renewed Sunday School has continued to go from strength to strength during 2025 and we are now in our third year.

We meet on the 2nd & 4th Sundays of each month at 10:15 am, to coincide with baptisms, which take place either during or after the service at 12:30 pm. This year saw a major step forward when parents were asked to go into church and leave the children in our care. This has made a huge difference to the delivery of our sessions. We talk to the children about the theme and totally immerse ourselves in supporting the children to carry out the activity. Parents are allowed to stay for the first couple of sessions, until the child is settled and they are familiar with the volunteers and the routines.

We had fifteen children on role with 6-10 regularly attending each session. We inevitably 'lost' some children this year. Once they started school other activities took precedence, but we are secure in the knowledge that we have laid foundations and prepared them for church visits in the future, either with families, school or nursery.

We repeated the Good Friday gathering in church, with stories, songs and a craft for each day of The Triduum. Two of the older children even took part in a walk round the Stations of the Cross. Afterwards we enjoyed refreshments, including hot-cross buns and homemade cakes. It was very well attended by both children, parents and grandparents.

On Sunday, 13th July following Sunday School we held a special presentation of small Bibles and Bible Stories to all the children. At the

end of the service many families remained behind to share refreshments and celebrate the children and Sunday School.

In November I attended the Anglo-Catholic Network Conference in Walsingham, sponsored by the PCC. This was a wonderful opportunity to meet other leaders working with children and youth leaders across the country to share ideas, issues and celebrate successes. There were several workshops to support our work with children and young people. A local network group was formed and there is a WhatsApp group where we can share ideas or ask for support with ideas and activities etc. It was indeed a very valuable experience.

This year has seen the introduction of the Liturgy Bags, an idea put forward by Clare Williams the leader of the Anglo-Catholic network group. It has been adapted to our order of service, with additional activities created by Anna. Each child has their own bag with a booklet containing small activities for key parts of the Mass. It helps to lead the older children through the Mass and explains each part. The idea has been very well received by our families and visitors; the idea was even taken back to Australia by a family who visited us. The 'Toy Bags' for the younger children were cleaned, sorted and new resources were added, so thank you to the ladies who re-organised the bags.

Anna is planning to leave the area with her family, so Sarah, who was supporting her with the crafts, has taken over this side of Sunday School and alongside Dianne they look after the display board at the back of church.

We are so grateful to all the volunteers who are giving their time to bring children closer to God, Rhona Allen, Edwina Biggs, Heather Brooks, Denise Brown, Nicola Curtis, Sarah Delsey, Anna Hall, Karen Harrison, and to Fr Glen for his support.

Denise Brown

BAPTISM ANNIVERSARIES

It has been another busy year delivering Baptism Anniversary Cards and, once again. it has been good to see so many families gathering around the Font and receiving a welcome from the St Annes Parish Church family.

On the day of the Baptism, we give a candle to the families to light on each anniversary and the cards are an added reminder to the family of the child's Baptism and they also help the Church to keep in touch with them.

Baptism Anniversary Cards are sent out to children under 5 years of age (except when two siblings are Baptised together - one under 5 and one over 5 - when cards are delivered to both), to celebrate the first three anniversaries of their Baptism.

Over the past year, 20 (1st Anniversary Cards) 17 (2nd Anniversary Cards) and 35 (3rd Anniversary Cards) have been delivered.

With the 2nd Anniversary Card, flyers for Babies and Toddler Group and Sunday School have been enclosed to encourage the family link to continue with the Church after their child has been Baptised.

Unfortunately, once again some families have moved on and we do not have a forwarding address, so I have not been able to deliver some of the cards. Despite this, I still believe this is an important point of contact with families which should be maintained.
Rosemary Pickles

CELL OF OUR LADY OF WALSINGHAM

Our 2025 pilgrimage to Walsingham in September was, sadly, the last with Fr. Glenn and it would appear, the last where we shared our arrangements with Rufford and Tarlton.

We had 20 pilgrims from St Anne's on the coach, including one pilgrim on their first pilgrimage. We also collected 9 pilgrims from Rufford and Tarlton en route (1 pilgrim from Rufford and Tarlton made his own way there) making a total of 29 people on the coach. We also had 3 pilgrims from Fr Glen's old benefice in Norfolk, who met us at the shrine, making a total of 33 pilgrims for the 2025 pilgrimage

The pilgrimage followed what is now established as the usual pattern, but our stop on the outward journey was at the motorway services to collect our fellow pilgrims from Rufford and Tarlton. On the Tuesday morning, we joined with Fr Mark Soady's pilgrimage group from Rufford and Tarlton for mass at St Mary's Parish Church in the village. For our outing on Wednesday afternoon, we visited Ely Cathedral, one of earliest cathedrals built by the Normans in the Romanesque style. Otherwise, we followed the usual routine of the Shrine with First & Last Visits and Intercessions in

the Holy House, Stations of the Cross around the grounds, sprinkling and the healing liturgies, the Pilgrim Mass, Procession of Our Lady and Benediction. Between times we enjoyed each other's company over meals in the refectory, tea and cakes, or the occasional drink in the pub. Our journey home was thankfully without hold up with lunch at a Café just off the A1. We took our friends from Rufford and Tarleton home and dropped them off at Holy Trinity Church in Tarleton, before returning to St Anne's.

Once again, the Cell supported the Walsingham Youth Pilgrimage by sponsoring a young person as our "godchild." It is very pleasing that members of our congregation (not all of whom are Cell members) also personally sponsor this very worthwhile cause. We also support our own Parish financially by sponsoring the Lady Chapel light.

As usual members of the Walsingham Cell have continued to support the spiritual life of the Parish, not only by attending the monthly Walsingham Cell mass, but by their attendance at the daily Eucharists on other days of the week. A number also supported the Ladyewell Pilgrimage in May.

All cell activities are open to all who own the faith of Jesus. Everyone is welcome, particularly to mass in the Lady Chapel on the last Friday of the month and on pilgrimage to Walsingham, this year between 14th and 17th September 2026. Further information on all Cell activities is available from Bill Hoskins, or Gerald Wilson.

Bill Hoskins

Pilgrimage Organiser & Secretary

CELL OF THE HOLY HOUSE OF OUR LADY OF WALSINGHAM & St ANNE,
St Anne's Parish Church
Accrual Accounts for Year, 1st November 2024-31st October 2025

GENERAL INCOME & EXPENDITURE

		2024/25		2023/24	
Item	Notes	Credit £	Debit £	Credit £	Debit £
Mass Collections	1	433.00		389.00	
Other Donations		109.00		351.30	
Office Expenses (stamps & stationery)					27.30
Holy House Lamp	2		40.00		40.00
Lady Chapel Lamp at SAPC			250.00		200.00
Youth Pilgrimage Sponsorship (direct to Walsingham)	3		60.00		60.00
Donation to SSM Sisters at Priory	4		150.00		
Organist for Ken Foster's Funeral					90.00
Chantry Book Entries (4)	5				120.00
TOTAL General Income & Expenditure		**542.00**	**500.00**	**740.30**	**537.30**
Overall Surplus/Deficit on General Inc & Expend		42.00		203.00	

PILGRIMAGE ACCOUNT

		2024/25		2023/24	
Item	Notes	Credit £	Debit £	Credit £	Debit £
Gross Income (22 x £320 + 3 x £230 + 9 x £60)	6	8,270.00		8805.00	
Shrine Deposit Charges plus Half Board Accom (30x£20 + 26x£20 + 24 x £190.25)	7		5,686.00		5,280.00
Pebble Cottage Airbnb Rental					742.00
Shrine Travel Grant		600.00		800.00	
Lunch Cost and Grant Refunds to 20 Pilgrims (20x£25)	8		500.00		0
Refunds Donated (4x£25)		100.00			
Cancellation Refunds to 2 Pilgrims (2x£255)	9		510.00		955.00
Coach			2,250.00		2,000.00
Taxis Tarleton-Chorley					120.00
Lunches at De Rodes Arms inc £10 tip					264.19
Lunches at Ferry Boat Inn inc £10 tip					211.80
Steam Train Ride (£20/head collected vs group rate paid)				620.00	489.60
Donation (Party donations less expenses)				55.00	
TOTALS transferred to INCOME/EXPENDITURE		**8,970.00**	**8,946.00**	**10,280.00**	**10,062.59**
Overall Surplus/Deficit for pilgrimage		24.00		217.41	

OVERALL

		2024/25		2023/24	
Item	Notes	Credit £	Debit £	Credit £	Debit £
General Income & Expenditure		542.00	500.00	740.30	537.30
Pilgrimage Account		8,970.00	8,946.00	10,280.00	10,062.59
TOTALS		**9,512.00**	**9,446.00**	**11,020.30**	**10,599.89**
Surplus/Deficit on year		66.00		420.41	

RECONCILIATION

Item	Notes	£	£ Bank Balance	Plus £ Cash in Hand	Less £ Uncleared Cheques	Plus £ Creditors & Advance Payments
Opening Assets as at 1.11.24		1,433.17	1,433.17	0	0	0
Surplus over 2024/25 FY			66.00			
Closing Assets as at 31.10.25		1,499.17	1,499.17	0	0	0

TREASURER'S SUMMARY

With the accommodation cost having increased by £12.75/head to £230.25 and the coach cost having also gone up by £250 and no certainty that, with the change of Administrator, we would get a travel grant from the Shrine, the initial price was set as £320 compared to £275 last year. In the event we did get a travel grant though £600 compared to £800 last year, so that by the time we requested money from Tarleton I felt we could reduce the coach fare to £60/head. In the outturn therefore I was able to make a post-pilgrimage refund of £25/head to the St Annes pilgrims, who had paid the original £320. Ultimately the pilgrimage made a surplus of £24 after 4 pilgrims generously donated their £25 refunds back to the Cell.

With very healthy levels of donation there was also a surplus on general expenditure: £42, leading to an overall surplus of £66, leaving our finances in very good shape with a bank balance of almost exactly £1500. Thank you to everyone for the generosity of their donations, especially to those attending the monthly Cell mass, those who donated their cancellation refund and those donating refreshments.

Notes
1 Donations made at the monthly Walsingham mass on the final Friday of each month.
2. The lamp is halfway along the right hand inside wall of the Holy House. The cost is £40 pa.
3. Subject to confirmation at the AGM we normally sponsor £60 direct to Walsingham for the Youth Pilgrimage (YP) in August. In return we receive a postcard from a sponsored "godchild". YP sponsorship is also made privately by several other Cell members and members of the congregation.
4. It was agreed at the AGM in 2024 that, maintaining a tradition of many years, we would make a donation (£150) to the sisters at the Priory of Our Lady of Walsingham.
5. As is customary, the names of departed members of the Cell are entered in the Chantry Book in St Edward's Chapel at Walsingham at a cost of £30/name. There were no names this year. Ken Foster, Patricia Ward, Norma Spacey and Bill Thomas were entered last year.
6. The price this year was set at £320 for the full pilgrimage, of which £230.25 was payable to the Shrine leaving £89.75 for coach travel, lunches etc. There were 3 pilgrims who joined us locally from Norfolk using their own transport, who just paid £230 and 9 Tarleton pilgrims who paid their accommodation separately but paid us £60 each for the coach. NB The Tarleton coach fee was reduced from £90 to £60 after it became known that we had been given a travel grant, also that lunches would not be included.
7. Includes initial booking for 30, confirmed booking for 25 pilgrims plus coach driver and 2 late cancellations.
8. St Annes pilgrims paying the original £320 were refunded £25 meaning that they eventually paid £64.75 each for the coach.
9. The two cancelling pilgrims were each refunded £255, ie forfeiting the £40 deposit lost to the shrine plus a £25 contribution to the coach cost.
Prepared by

Gerald Wilson, Treasurer

I have reviewed the account records and confirm that these accounts are a correct representation of the financial affairs of the Cell.

Independent Examiner R.W. BAKER 3/1/26

MEMBERSHIP: The following are understood to be paid up members of the Society of Our Lady of Walsingham and members of the St Anne's Cell as at the year end:

Judi Brown (SO), Bill Cousins (SO), John Edwards (SO), Kathy Fletcher (SO), Elizabeth Gent (SO), Howard Gent (SO), Kath Hall (SO), Mike & Joy Hedley (SO), Bill Hoskins (SO), Pam Kinghorn (pd at Walsingham), Jennifer Oldfield (SO), Maureen Rogers (SO), Margaret Singleton (SO), Bernard Snape (SO), Jacqui Stapleton (SO), Alan Swindlehurst (SO), Jean Thomason(SO),Tony Walker (SO), John Whittaker (pd on-line), Alan Wiggans (SO),Gerald & Fiona Wilson (SO)

TREASURER'S SUMMARY

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STEWARDSHIP

		2025	2024	2023
Standing orders	**Amount**	**£40,616**	**£37,915**	**£30,833**
	Number	**59**	**58**	**50**
	Average per donor per week	**£13.24**	**£12.57**	**£11.86**
Weekly Stewardship Envelopes	**Amount**	**£7,430**	**£5,463**	**£6,360**
	Number	**26**	**27**	**25**
	Average per donor per week	**£5.50**	**£3.89**	**£4.89**
TOTAL PLANNED GIVING	**Amount**	**£48,046**	**£43,378**	**£37,193**
	Number	**85**	**85**	**75**
	Average per donor per week	**£10.87**	**£9.81**	**£9.54**

"Planned Giving" relates to those donations which are received directly from a Donor's bank or via the weekly brown stewardship envelopes. The figures do not include any Gift Aid Claimed.

The number of regular givers (both by standing orders and weekly stewardship envelopes) has remained the same over the last year but the average given per donor has increased by 10.8 %. This has resulted in an increase in giving of almost £5,000 in the year but still does not cover the Parsh Share paid to the Diocese.

I would like to thank those Parishioners who have increased their planned giving and ask others, if it is possible, to review their regular contribution.

To increase standing orders, you can fill in a form to create an additional standing order or, if you use online banking, you can amend the amount payable yourself.

Tom Burton Planned Giving Officer 2025

BABIES AND TODDLERS

Learning through play

The Babies and Toddlers Group has been running for many years and has been successful as an outreach facility. We had approximately 17 regular families attending the group each week during term time until July 2025. In September 2025 the government awarded children from 9 months, 30 hours free place in Day Nurseries to encourage mothers to return to paid work. Our numbers have dropped. dramatically at our group due to this change, so in October it was decided to close the group on a temporary basis to see how things would go and review reopening of the Toddler Group in approximately 6 months. This was agreed with Fr. Glen.
We hope that when we are appointed a new Vicar, this will be looked at again to see if there is a need to reopen our group
Grateful thanks must go to our dedicated play helpers, Lisa, Sue, Rachel and Diana for all their hard work.

Janice Vause

BIBLE STUDY GROUP

The group meets once a month when two of the Readings for the following Sunday are studied and discussed. Despite various efforts to encourage more people to attend the numbers remain static, with a core membership of seven. However, this fellowship group is greatly appreciated by those who attend, giving them an opportunity to share faith and life experiences, and to learn from and encourage one another on their faith journeys.

Rosemary Pickles

CRAFT GROUP

The Craft Group (the Crafty Ones!) has been running fortnightly all year and there has been lots of lively conversation and friendships made over the year. We have welcomed a few new members, some of which do not attend church but have since decided to start attending The Parish Church.
We worked together to produce an array of lovely crafts to add to the Christmas Tree Festival in December. Members share knowledge of a variety of crafts.
The Group meet Monday Fortnightly in the Parish Rooms and we always offer Tea, Coffee and Cake at our sessions. New members always welcome.

Janice Vause

TEA & CHAT GROUP

The group meets on the first Monday of the Month In The Trawl Boat Inn (Wetherspoons) in St. Annes. Anyone is welcome to attend.

Brian Hankinson

MOTHERS' UNION

This is just a brief report about the activities of our Mothers' Union during 2025 which may be of interest to our Parish family.
In January we held our Fundraising Auction which we donate to the Mothers' Union as money is needed for various projects at home and overseas. In February following our AGM, Fr Glen gave us a very interesting talk about his work with the Army Cadets.
During the year we have had some most fascinating talks by various speakers. Alistair Armit who has a lovely singing voice told us about his life in the theatre and Sister Marian Davey who lives in Lytham talked about her working life and calling to be a nun. Later in the year, Fr. Simon Killick told us about his travels to France and love for the country which I found particularly interesting having travelled through France many times.
We met to enjoy fellowship and friendship at the Fairhaven Golf Club in July for our Afternoon Tea and in December for our Christmas Lunch.
We participate in Deanery events particularly the MU. Deanery Festival which was held in Wesham. In March Susan Willoughby was Commissioned in Blackburn Cathedral to be our new Diocesan President and since then she seems to have been very busy.
Mothers' Union members loved helping in our Parish events during 2025 which included preparing the Mothering Sunday posies and involvement with the Tree

Festival. Our church celebrated its 150th Anniversary and the Mothers' Union is also celebrating 150 years this year and so members are invited to various events around the Diocese.

Some of our members have difficulty getting to church and meetings but they are always in our thoughts and prayers.

Christine Buckley (Branch Leader)

INFLUENCE MAGAZINE

I took over production of the magazine from Denise Brown late autumn. Denise had carried out an excellent job with the magazine but confessed the difficulties of producing it monthly. After a discussion with Fr Glen, it was decided to print it every two months. We also removed a calendar of services. This began and was largely successful albeit a major learning curve in tackling Microsoft Publisher as a desk top publishing system. It's tricky to use and caused many hours of work to get the final edition to the Parish Office for printing. The edition consists of articles from those leading on activities, MU, Sunday School, Bellringers etc and an article from the vicar. To this I have added local articles of interest and reports on events. It is supported by advertising with some ending recently. My back gave out in January making it difficult for me to sit at a PC thus delaying the Spring edition. With a course of treatment, I should be able to manage it. Two problem areas: 1. Microsoft Publisher is closing down so an alternative DTP system needs to be found 2. Several spaces are available for advertisers, so a short marketing campaign is needed to refresh this. We await appointment of a new vicar to get fresh eyes and views.

Ed Nash
Editor

Church Website Report 2025

(www.stannesparishchurch.org)

The website continued to provide publicity for the many events that help to attract people into the church. It is updated every week with the new pewsheet and continues to promote services and events at church, as well as promoting diocesan and Churches Together events when requested. The website also gives a brief look at recent history in the 'News' section and photographs in the 'Gallery' section, and there are pages relating to the early history of the church and parish rooms. The

latter have proved to be popular with a number of viewers and I have been pleased to receive complimentary emails and comments about the site.
If anyone has any items that they wish to be included on the website, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Paul McMahon

COMMITTEES & SYNODS

Land & Buildings Committee

This has not been an easy year, for those who have dedicated their time and effort, to ensure the church's objective of maintaining a safe & secure place for all who have attended our many services throughout 2025/2026. From water ingress, louvre problems, external mast & antenna issues, maintenance on the roof tiles, to name but a few, regarding our tower. Then we have the church, from the drains being cleaned out, loose tiles following severe gale force winds, general maintenance of the outside notice board, lighting on the paths and ensuring that our heating system is fully functional. A cold church is never welcoming. Fortunately, we only had one Sunday without heat. The L&B team & Wednesday men/women team have worked in unison to achieve the unachievable. We have recently had our church carpet cleaned by an outside contractor. This I am glad to say was completed prior to our Easter services. I think that Clean & Dry did a remarkable job, considering that it hadn't been properly cleaned for many years. No 2 Vicarage close, has had work done through County Estates who maintain the safety of our tenants. I give my thanks to all at County Estates for keeping me up to date with any issues. I would like to thank Gerald Wilson (my right-hand man) for his dedication as Secretary, to the L&B committee, for Bill Hoskins & Roy Streatfield, who have each given so much time both within & outside our church. I feel that it would be remis of me, not to mention Gillian Streatfield who has worked so hard in supervising the taking down & cleaning of our much-valued tapestry, chasing the council regarding the tree & churchyard maintenance, plus the other work that she has dedicated her time & effort to ensuring that nothing is missed. Lastly, to Fr Glen who led not just the committees, but maintaining the churches commitment to offering a Christian service, second to none. I take no credit for the work that has been done on behalf of our church by those who gave far more than I was able to.

With Sincerest Thanks to all involved. John Pitches L&B Chairman.

LAND & BUILDINGS COMMITTEE: APCM REPORT 2026

The Land & Buildings Committee has continued to meet at approximately quarterly intervals under the Chairmanship of John Pitches assisted by myself as Secretary, Roy Streatfield, Bill Hoskins and Fr Glen until his departure at the end of 2025. Stuart Newton has also attended to cover tower matters. The committee deals with the church, church grounds and 2, Vicarage Close, which is let out. The Parish Rooms and grounds are managed by a separate committee.

Work conducted at church in 2025 and up to date has included:

- Transfer of responsibility for maintenance of the CCTV and Roof Alarm systems and for monitoring of the alarm from Westmoreland (based in Kendal) to Ryan Wilson (based in Ansdell).
- Upgrade of Alarm System.
- Replacement of four faulty CCTV cameras
- New water boiler in kitchen unit
- Installation of improved drip mat under roof telecoms mast to protect bells
- Brickwork repair at top of spiral staircase outside Ringing Room
- Repair of crack in stone capping letting water into the staircase finial on tower roof
- Replacement of worn slats on tower roof walkway
- Repair of eroding stone sill under the south facing tower louvres.
- Updating of the Vicars' Board in the chancel to include Fr David Lyon and Fr Glen.
- Repainting of railings around cellar stairs
- Repainting of the lettering on Alice Grundy's grave in recognition of the continued benefit of her bequest to the parish in 1974.
- The Quinquennial Report on the church building was completed in December 2025. No major new issues were raised.

The Council continues to come three or four times a year to cut (strim) the grass. This year they also conducted a comprehensive survey of the state of the trees in the churchyard and have recently (April 2026) attended to prune a number of them.

Work conducted at Vicarage Close has included the supply and fit of a new washing machine, replacement hinges and mechanisms on windows and installation of a positive ventilation system.

Gerald Wilson Committee Secretary

PARISH ROOMS COMMITTEE

Report for St. Annes Parish Rooms Committee April 2026

The Parish Rooms have continued to be well used during the year thus providing support to the Church's income and maintaining a slow but steady recovery since the difficulties of Covid. Details of the finances are included in the treasurer's report.

The committee has met on several occasions and was chaired by Fr. Glen up to his departure in January this year. It is thanks to his leadership that the major work of improving the heating system was completed. The other major project to be investigated in the future is the replacement of the lift. I did get some quotes, and we have changed our maintenance company, but it was decided that two majors in one year was perhaps a step too far financially.

The rooms are used by community and Church organisations on a regular basis. We were sorry to hear that the Brownie Pack has disbanded.

Thanks to all who have supported our ventures on the committee but particularly Henry our treasurer, for his skills in negotiating fees with hirers.

Ann Fletcher

Churchwarden and member of the committee.

Outreach Committee

Report for 2025

2025 was a typically busy year. Our noticeboard on St Annes Road East reflects the numerous services and events that take place in our church. Many complimentary comments about the posters have been received and thanks must go to Dores Signs who design and produce the posters very efficiently.

This year's Carnival Parade enjoyed much better weather than the previous year and participants and spectators were very appreciative of the refreshments we were

serving. We literally ran out of lemonade as the parade was finishing! We were pleased to promote our regular events and incorporate a craft fair into our Heritage Open Day in September. We were delighted that this attracted many visitors. At the end of the following month the Poppy Cascade was again unveiled.
The church Christmas card proved to be as popular as ever and all sold fairly quickly. We may need to reduce the number of cards we produce this year as many people are saying that they are now sending fewer cards. Our thanks again go to Christine Campbell for her work in selling Fairtrade Advent Calendars and Easter Eggs.
So many people work to promote St Annes Parish Church in the community, and I am extremely grateful to all of you. Behind the scenes Gerald, Gill and Paul work hard helping me to promote the church on the website and Facebook. As always, my thanks go to members of the committee for their continued help and support.

Susan McMahon

SOCIAL & FUNDRAISING COMMITTEE

The year started with the annual Parish dinner at the beginning of February. It was held in the Glendower Hotel. This is our major social event for the year and was well attended with the Yard Dogs providing our entertainment for the evening. Everyone had a smashing time, and we raised £455.40 for Church funds.

In March we held the Lent social, which was a Jacobs Join with a horseracing event kindly provided by Howard. We raised £86.73 to be split between the Church and the food bank.

At the end of July we held a BBQ in the parish rooms which gave us the option to move inside if the weather was inclement. The weather was good to us this year, so we managed to stay outside, and a good time was had by all. We also raised £422.74 for Church funds.

Jenny and John very kindly hosted a garden party at their house at the end of August and, despite a bit of rain towards the end and increasing winds, we raised just over £100.

There was a Heritage Day and craft fair towards the end of September, held in the Church, which raised £348.91.

Harvest supper was at the end of September. This took the form of a fish and chip supper and a quiz. It was quite popular and raised over £200 for the Church.

Our major fundraising event of 2025 was, of course, the annual Tree Festival. Once more, it was a spectacular showing with 22 charities collecting a total of £1,722.85 between them. Of course, what they actually received depended on how much was put in their individual charity boxes. We were treated to two concerts during the

Festival: the Lidun singers and the Heyhouses Community Choir with Gathered voices. Both different and both wonderful. In addition to the amount collected by the charities we raised £5,106.41 for the Church. This would not have been possible without a host of volunteers who contributed not just at the event but also throughout the year.

I would like to thank all the members of the social committee for their continuing efforts in making 2025 a very successful year.

God Bless

Peter Duke

Chair, Social and Fundraising Committee

ASSOCIATED ORGANISATIONS

HEYHOUSES NURSERY SCHOOL

Heyhouses C of E Nursery School Report

Our nursery community and links with Heyhouses Church of England Primary School and the local Family Hub continue to strengthen year upon year. We are very pleased to report that Nursery has been working at full its capacity for several months this academic year with a waiting list in operation for a September 2026 start.

The increase in express of interest in places and the registering of new children demonstrates the excellent reputation nursery continues to have within the community. It is also credit to our dedicated and committed team of staff, many of whom have been working at the nursery for over 18 years.

Over the last 2 years we have worked hard researching alternative means of fundraising, holding small individual fundraising events, we have held a sponsored walk, raffles, pre-loved toy sales and uniform sales aiming to encourage and support parent/carers to contribute towards our fundraising events, whilst at the same time not increasing any financial burden on our parents/carers as the cost of living increases continue.

With the continued support of Lytham School Foundation Trust, we have been able to maintain support for our most vulnerable children providing additional sessions, hot meals, and holiday provision.

During the summer holidays of 2025 we were also able to have a much-needed new heating system in the nursery alongside complete internal redecorating of the nursery, and roof repair.

Within our wonderful outside area, we have been able to revamp our sandpit area into a spacious wooden bark area providing swings for the children, this is proving to be a very popular area.
We would like to thank the church for the opportunity to continue to provide a beautiful display of our children's work at the St Nicholas Altar in church.
We were pleased to hold our Easter and Christmas celebrations in church. The children are always very excited about their visits, and it is good to see their confidence grow.
Nursery also continues to promote Sunday School with both new and existing families; we are pleased to have regular updates regarding Sunday School from Mrs. Denise Brown.

We were sorry to hear that Fr Glen was moving on from the Parish, we wish him all the very best for the future.

WEDNESDAY MEN

WEDNESDAY MEN AND WOMEN REPORT: APCM 2026

Our team has been further reinforced this year by the welcome attendance of Joe Barnett, when his work commitments have allowed. While we retain our traditional title of Wednesday Men established by Eddie Horner and Alan Swindlehurst in the mid-1990s, we now have an approximate balance between the sexes.

As well as keeping the churchyard itself at a very presentable standard, we have also done work on the Parish Rooms grounds, in particular this year around the back and side of the building. We also made a special effort to make the front of the building nice for the Parish Barbecue.

We have been helped in keeping the churchyard by the offer from the Council of bedding plants surplus to their requirements and also their assistance in removing fallen leaves.

With assistance from John, a neighbour of Roy and Gill Streatfield, the cellar railings have been repainted, a vast improvement. The bin store railings (a bigger job) have been scraped down and will be repainted when the better weather comes.

In the tower worn slats on the walkway on the roof were replaced and three of the eight openable wooden louvres in the bell chamber were made operable again with the possibility that two more could be made operable with further work.

Routinely our work also covers the following:

- Removal and sorting of rubbish
- Putting bins out for weekly collection
- Weeding and maintenance of flower beds on south side of church, also the rockery outside the Choir Vestry
- Mowing lawn edges and central area of churchyard
- Edging of pathways
- Sweeping and clearing leaves and generally keeping the churchyard tidy
- Clearing of drains
- Setting up and removing marker posts for the War Graves Trail during September/October/November
- Assisting with setting up and dismantling the Christmas Treefest
- Removal and disposal of Christmas wreaths from the churchyard
- Clearing weeds from the block paving in the parking area
- Clearing of ivy and vegetation from the walls around the churchyard
- Keeping the noticeboards clean
- Any other odd jobs within our capability either inside or outside of church

In March 2025 together with a few extra friends from St Annes and from Carnforth we also made a special “awayday” outing to Fr Ryan’s new vicarage garden (estate) in Carnforth, and over the course of a day managed to turn a jungle into a half decent garden. This was a lot of fun and it was great to see Fr Ryan settling into his new home and parish.

We would welcome anyone MALE or FEMALE wishing to join our happy band on a Wednesday morning from 9.30am at church. If you spot any odd jobs needing attention, please let us know.

Gerald Wilson, Eric Roberts, Piers Fenwick, Roy & Gill Streatfield, Gary Makinson, Sarah Delves, Bill Hoskins, Bob & Sheila Dodd, Rosemarie Greenhalf and Joe Barnett.

Vision 2026

No report received

ADDITIONAL CURATES' SOCIETY (ACS)

During Lent we continued support the ACS using their Lent Almsboxes

Charity registration number 1155188

THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH OF ST ANNE (HEYHOUSES), ST ANNES ON SEA.

ANNUAL REPORT AND UNAUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2025

THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH OF ST ANNE (HEYHOUSES), ST ANNES ON SEA

LEGAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

Trustees

Revd Glen Brooks
Revd Simon Killwick
Ann Fletcher
Bill Hembrow
John Pitches
Christine Campbell
William Cousins
Lesley Dawson
Denise Duke
Peter Duke
Henry Gilbraith
Brian Hankinson
William Hoskins
Geoffrey Howard
Pamela Kinghorn
Susan McMahon
Mark Rae
Gillian Streatfield
Janice Vause
Fiona Wilson

Charity number 1155188

Independent examiner

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THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH OF ST ANNE (HEYHOUSES), ST ANNES ON SEA

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ANNUAL REPORT

Background

St. Annes Parochial Church Council (PCC) has the responsibility of co-operating with the incumbent, Father Glen Brooks (until 4th January 2026), in promoting the whole mission of the Church, pastoral, social and ecumenical, within the ecclesiastical parish. It also has maintenance responsibilities for the Parish Rooms on Oxford Road, St. Annes and the property at 2 Vicarage Close, St. Annes.

Membership

Members of the PCC are either ex-officio or elected by the Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM) in accordance with the Church Representation Rules.

During the year 2025, the following elected and co-opted individuals served as members of the PCC:

Fr Glen Brooks	Vicar, Chair
Fr Simon Killwick	Secretary,Co-opted May 2025 for 1 year to 2026
Ann Fletcher	Church Warden, Deanery Synod representative
Bill Hembrow	Licensed Lay Minister, Vice Chair
John Pitches	Church Warden
Denise Duke	Safeguarding Officer, Elected May 2025 for 2 years to 2027
Christine Campbell	Elected in April 2023 for 3 years to 2026, Deanery Synod representative
William Cousins	Re-elected May 2023 for 3 years to 2026
Lesley Dawson	Re-elected May 2024 for 3 years to 2027
Peter Duke	Re-elected April 2025 for 3 years to 2028
Henry Gilbraith	Elected in May 2023 for 3 years to 2026 Treasurer from July 2023
Brian Hankinson	Re-elected May 2023 for 3 years to 2026, Deanery Synod representative
William Hoskins	Elected in May 2024 for 3 years to 2027
Geoffrey Howard	Elected May 2025 for 3 years to 2028
Pamela Kinghorn	Re-elected May 2023 for 3 years to 2026, Deanery Synod representative
Susan McMahon	Re-elected May 2025 for 3 years to 2028
Mark Rae	Elected May 2025 for 1 year to 2026
Gillian Streatfield	Elected in April 2025 for 3 years to 2028
Janice Vause	Re-elected May 2024 for 3 years to 2027
Fiona Wilson	Re-elected May 2023 for 3 years to 2026

Committees

The PCC operated through a number of committees, which met regularly throughout the year: including the Land & Buildings Committee, Parish Rooms Committee, Outreach Committee and the Social and Fundraising Committee.

During the year the PCC was pleased to accept the reports and recommendations of the various Committees. All members appreciate the work done by everyone concerned, including those who are not full members of the PCC; everyone continues to work hard to support the work and worship at St Annes Parish Church.

Church Attendance

The number on the Electoral Roll as at 18th April 2026 in preparation for the APCM was 184 (80 resident in the Parish, 104 non-resident). This is slightly up compared to 171 declared at the equivalent point last year but still some way short of the 231 at the expiry of the previous six-year Roll two years ago. The Roll this year includes 16 additions and 2 removals (1 who has died and 1 who has removed from the parish). As reported last year there remain a number of regular attenders still not on the Roll despite encouragement to complete a form.

The formal 2025 Average Weekly Attendance (individuals over 18 attending church at least once per week averaged over each of the four weeks of October 2025) was 111 (Sunday 95 + weekdays 16), slightly down from 116, 106, 92 and 79 in the previous four years 2024-2021.

However, more detailed analysis indicates that attendance during October was the lowest of any month in 2025 while in 2024 it was above average. Looking at Average Sunday All Age Attendance and Communicant numbers month by month over the whole of 2024 and 2025, and excluding major festivals, baptism Sundays and other special occasions, it turned out that there was a small average growth between 2024 and 2025 up to the 111/94 quoted in the Parish Profile.

Children's Sunday School attendance averaged 9 similar to 10 last year and 7 in 2023, when Sunday School restarted.

Review of the Year

The General account is showing only a small profit of £9,753 compared with a loss of £6,938 last year.

The main changes were due to improved income. Planned giving was up by £5,000, Gift Aid by £5,000, Yellow Envelopes by £2,000 and Loose Cash Collections at Services by £3000. Parish Rooms Net Income improved by £4,000, despite having higher repairs costs.
Utility costs remained constant but Parish Share was higher by £6,000.

Looking at the Restricted and Endowment Funds, a loss of £4,153 was recorded compared to a surplus of £18,054 last year. The cost of the new heating system in the Parish Rooms was covered by a grant from a Bequest Fund but the valuation of Investments was £11,014 lower and the new Hymn Books cost £2,636.

The house in Vicarage Close was tenanted for the full year.

Thank you to those members of the PCC who have completed their terms of service and not seeking re-election.

On behalf of the PCC

Mr W Hembrow
Vice Chair
April 2026

PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF ST ANNES PARISH CHURCH

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF ST ANNES ON SEA, ST ANNE (HEYHOUSES)

I report to the trustees on my examination of the financial statements of Parochial Church Council of St Anne (the Charity) for the year ended 31 December 2025.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the trustees of the Charity you are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act).

I report in respect of my examination of the Charity's financial statements carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act. In carrying out my examination I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act.

Independent examiner's statement

Your attention is drawn to the fact that the charity has prepared financial statements in accordance with Accounting and Reporting by Charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) in preference to the Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice issued on 1 April 2005 which is referred to in the extant regulations but has now been withdrawn.

I understand that this has been done in order for financial statements to provide a true and fair view in accordance with Generally Accepted Accounting Practice effective for reporting periods beginning on or after 1 January 2015.

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

1 accounting records were not kept in respect of the Charity as required by section 130 of the 2011 Act; or

2 the financial statements do not accord with those records; or

3 the financial statements 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 financial statements to be reached.

Russell Dawson, Lytham St Annes, FY8 2RQ 26 MARCH 2026

The Parish Church of St Anne, St Annes on Sea
Statement of Financial Activities
For the year ended 31 December 2025

	Note	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Endowment Funds £	TOTAL FUNDS 2025 £	2024 £
INCOMING RESOURCES						
Incoming resources from donors	2(a)	82,707	5,042	0	87,749	82,535
Other voluntary incoming resources	2(b)	-1,320	62,486	0	61,166	310
Incoming resources from operating activities to further the Council's objects	2(c)	8,686	0	0	8,686	10,355
Activities for generating funds	2(d)	87,963	0	0	87,963	80,113
Income from investments	2(e)	1,429	2,688	6,607	10,724	8,881
Other incoming resources	2(f)	19,719	0	0	19,719	21,548
TOTAL ACTUAL INCOMING RESOURCES		199,184	70,216	6,607	276,007	203,742
RESOURCES USED						
Cost of generating funds	3(a)	8,772	0	0	8,772	8,891
Grants - Donations to charities	3(b)	2,123	2,070	0	4,193	4,760
Activities directly relating to the work of the church	3(c)	154,414	64,255	2,921	221,590	161,666
Salaries & support costs	3(d)	18,351	785	0	19,136	18,388
Church management and administration	3(e)	5,751	0	0	5,751	5,128
TOTAL ACTUAL RESOURCES USED		189,411	67,110	2,921	259,442	198,833
NET INCOMING (OUTGOING) RESOURCES		9,773	3,106	3,686	16,565	4,909
GAINS AND LOSSES ON INVESTMENTS						
Unrealised (Investment assets)	5(b)	-20	-171	-10,874	-11,065	6,207
NET MOVEMENT IN FUNDS		9,753	2,935	-7,188	5,500	11,116
BALANCES BROUGHT FORWARD AT 1 JANUARY 2025 (2024)		866,141	42,686	332,531	1,241,358	1,230,242
BALANCES CARRIED FORWARD AT 31 DECEMBER 2025 (2024)		875,894	45,621	325,343	1,246,858	1,241,358

The Parish Church of St Anne, St Annes on Sea
Balance Sheet as on 31st December 2025

	Note	2025 £	2024 £
FIXED ASSETS			
Tangible fixed assets	5(a)	870,163	872,197
Investment assets	5(b)	280,926	291,991
		1,151,089	1,164,188
CURRENT ASSETS			
Debtors	7(a)	24,138	13,250
Cash at bank and in hand	9	332,596	268,028
		356,734	281,278
LIABILITIES:			
AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR	8(a)	-260,965	-204,108
NET CURRENT ASSETS		95,769	77,170
LONG TERM LIABILITIES	8(b)	0	0
NET ASSETS		1,246,858	1,241,358
FUNDS	6		
Unrestricted		875,894	866,141
Restricted		45,621	42,686
Endowment		325,343	332,531
		1,246,858	1,241,358

Approved by the Parochial Church Council on 23rd March 2026 and signed on its behalf by:

Mr W Hembrow (Vice Chair)

Miss A. Fletcher (Trustee)

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

1 ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Church Accounting Regulations 2006 together with applicable accounting standards and the Charities SORP 2005.

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention except for the valuation of investment assets, which are shown at estimated market value. The financial statements include all transactions, assets, and liabilities for which the PCC is responsible in law. They do not include the financial statements of church groups that owe their main affiliation to another body, nor those that are informal gatherings of church members.

Funds

General funds represent the funds of the PCC that are not subject to any restrictions regarding their use and are available for application on the general purposes of the PCC.

Restricted funds are those funds that must be spent on restricted purposes and details of the funds held and the restrictions are provided in Note10. Endowment funds, where the capital must be retained, are explained in Note 10.

Where funds are not separately invested, interest is apportioned to individual funds on an average balance basis.

Incoming Resources

All incoming resources are accounted for gross.

Gains and losses on investments

Realized gains or losses are recognized when investments are sold. Unrealized gains or losses are accounted for on revaluation of investments at 31 December.

Resources Used

All expenditure is accounted for gross.

The diocesan parish share is accounted for when payable. Any parish share unpaid at 31 December is provided for in these financial statements as an operational (though not a legal) liability and is shown as a creditor in the Balance Sheet.

Fixed Assets

Consecrated land and buildings and movable church furnishings

Consecrated and beneficed property is excluded from the financial statements by s.96(2)(a) of the Charities Act 1993.

Movable church furnishings held by the vicar and churchwardens on special trust for the PCC and which require a faculty for disposal are accounted for as inalienable property unless consecrated. They are listed in the Church's inventory, which can be inspected (at any reasonable time). For inalienable property acquired prior to 1997 there is insufficient cost information available and therefore such assets are not valued in the financial statements. Items acquired since 1 January 1997 have been capitalized and depreciated in the financial statements over their currently anticipated useful economic life (initially over four years) on a straight-line basis.

All expenditure incurred during the year on consecrated or benefice buildings, individual items under £1,000 or on the repair of movable church furnishings acquired before 1 January 1997 is written off.

Other fixtures, fittings and office equipment. Equipment used within the church premises is depreciated on a straight-line basis over four years. Individual items of equipment with a purchase price of £1,000 or less are written off when the asset is acquired.

Investments. Investments are valued at market value at 31 December 2024

Current assets. Amounts owing to the PCC at 31 December 2024 in respect of fees, rents or other income are shown as debtors. Short-term deposits include cash held on deposit either with the CBF Church of England Funds or at the bank.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (continued)
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2 INCOMING RESOURCES

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Endowment Funds £	TOTAL FUNDS 2025 £	2024 £
2(a) *Incoming resources from donors*					
Planned giving:	62,789			62,789	52,138
Collections (open plate) at services:	14,578			14,578	10,109
Charity collections		2,070		2,070	3,220
Sundry donations:					
Bell restoration fund				0	10,887
Bell Fund		2,972		2,972	
Other donations	2,899			2,899	3,995
Flowers	545			545	640
Votive candles	722			722	223
Coffee	1,174			1,174	1,323
	82,707	5,042	0	87,749	82,535
2(b) *Other voluntary incoming resources*					
Donation (Churchyard Maintenance)		0		0	0
Grants (Astley bequest)	0	62,486		62,486	0
Sundry	8			8	310
Grant refunded	-1,328			-1,328	0
	-1,320	62,486	0	61,166	310
2(c) *Incoming resources from operating activities to further the Council's objects*					
Parochial fees	7,901			7,901	9,314
Choir Fund	0			0	0
Magazine sales	188			188	344
Bookstall & Heritage Mural	142			142	242
Parish Rooms lettings (charitable purposes)	455			455	455
	8,686	0	0	8,686	10,355
2(d) *Activities for generating funds*					
Parish Rooms lettings (fund raising purposes)	46,115			46,115	37,747
2 Vicarage Close rental	9,000			9,000	9,000
Mobile telephone aerial (electricity)	12,662			12,662	12,597
Mobile telephone aerial (rent)	7,265			7,265	7,265
Charity Tree Festival	8,897			8,897	7,880
Social and Fundraising Committee	4,024			4,024	5,324
Magazine adverts	0			0	300
	87,963	0	0	87,963	80,113
2(e) *Income from investments*					
Dividends and interest:	1,429	2,688	6,607	10,724	8,881
	1,429	2,688	6,607	10,724	8,881
2(f) *Other incoming resources*					
Lower Income Communities Funding grant	19,719			19,719	21,548
	19,719	0	0	19,719	21,548
TOTAL INCOMING RESOURCES	**199,184**	**70,216**	**6,607**	**276,007**	**203,742**

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (continued)

For the year ended 31 December 2025

3 RESOURCES USED

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Endowment Funds £	TOTAL FUNDS 2025 £	2024 £
3(a) *Cost of generating funds*					
Charity Tree Festival	1,766	0		1,766	1,957
Rental management charges for 2 Vicarage Cl	1,080			1,080	1,080
Advertising	1,204			1,204	1,324
Landlord's expenses for 2 Vicarage Close	2,439	0		2,439	754
Contactless terminals	70			70	72
Social and Fundraising Festival Committee	2,213			2,213	3,704
Bell restoration fund	0	0		0	0
	8,772	0	0	8,772	8,891
3(b) *Grants - Donations to charities*					
Proceeds from concerts and collections		2,070		2,070	3,220
Charity Tree Festival	1,723			1,723	1,489
Donations	400	0		400	51
	2,123	2,070	0	4,193	4,760
3(c) *Activities directly relating to the work of the church*					
Parish share:					
Parish share contribution from parish	56,451			56,451	50,543
Lower Income Communities Fund support	19,719			19,719	18,948
	76,170	0	0	76,170	69,491
Clergy expenses:					
Curate's Leaving Gift	500	0		500	0
Vicarage and Curate's House costs	3,503			3,503	7,273
Vicar's expenses	0			0	0
Assistant clergy	0			0	0
Curate's expenses	281	0		281	1,434
	4,284	0	0	4,284	8,707
Church running expenses:					
Electricity	12,513			12,513	14,852
Insurance	5,040			5,040	4,546
Gas	8,972			8,972	8,952
Waste removal/Cleaning materials	1,213			1,213	947
Water	582			582	488
Books	0	0	2,921	2,921	265
Sundry expenditure	0			0	19
	28,320	0	2,921	31,241	30,069
Church maintenance:					
Tower Repointing	0	0	0	0	360
Organ tuning	936			936	0
Bell restoration	0			0	7,450
Sundry repairs and maintenance	3,296	1,543	0	4,839	6,212
	4,232	1,543	0	5,775	14,022
Upkeep of services:					
DBF and other fees	4,527	0		4,527	6,673
Flowers	663			663	617
Wine, wafers & candles	1,917	0		1,917	1,357
Copyright licence/subscriptions	1,006			1,006	1,076
Votive candles	650			650	369
Depreciation on vestments	655	0		655	164
Sundries	227			227	244
	9,645	0	0	9,645	10,500
Upkeep of churchyard:					
Garden of Remembrance	0	226	0	226	1,414
	0	226	0	226	1,414
Expenditure on parish magazine/ bookstall/ website:					
Expenditure on magazine (excl. printing)	0			0	0
	0	0	0	0	0

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3(c) *Activities directly relating to the work of the church (continued)*

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	TOTAL FUNDS 2025	2024
	£	£	£	£	£
Parish Rooms running costs:					
Cleaner	11,094			11,094	9,879
Utilities	7,483			7,483	8,005
Insurance	4,116			4,116	3,717
Repairs	8,453	62,486		70,939	5,638
Council tax, ground rent	27			27	27
Depreciation of equipment	590	0		590	197
	31,763	62,486	0	94,249	27,463
	154,414	64,255	2,921	221,590	161,666
3(d) *Salaries & support costs*					
Salaries, wages and honoraria:					
Parish Administrators' wages, tax, NIC	8,980			8,980	8,814
Organist's wages, tax, NIC	9,171			9,171	8,850
Assistant Organists	200			200	0
	18,351	0	0	18,351	17,664
Support costs:					
Children's Church	0	785		785	724
Mission & Evangelism Committee	0			0	0
	0	785	0	785	724
	18,351	785	0	19,136	18,388
3(e) *Church management and administration*					
Telephone	1,415			1,415	1,435
Photocopier	1,895			1,895	1,812
Depreciation of office equipment	789			789	441
Bank charges	392			392	399
Office requisites	1,029			1,029	895
Stewardship envelopes & campaign	192			192	146
Independent Examiner	0			0	0
PCC	0			0	0
Sundry	39			39	0
	5,751	0	0	5,751	5,128
TOTAL RESOURCES USED	189,411	67,110	2,921	259,442	198,833

4 REMUNERATION

4(a) PCC Employees

During the year the PCC employed two Parish Administrators and an organist, none of whom earned £60,000 p.a. or more.

4(b) PCC Members

The Vicar received £0 expenses during the year.
The Curate received £281 expenses during the year
Mrs Pam Kinghorn and Mrs Janice Vause were employed as Parish Administrators for the full year.
Apart from the above, no other member received any reimbursement of expenses or remuneration.

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5 FIXED ASSETS FOR USE BY THE PCC

5(a) *Tangible fixed assets*

Year of acquisition	Parish Rooms £	Other £	Total £
GROSS BOOK VALUE			
At 1 January 2025	865,545	10,454	875,999
Additions		0	0
At 31 December 2025	865,545	10,454	875,999
APPRECIATION/DEPRECIATION			
At 1 January 2025	0	-3802	-3,802
Depreciation in the year	0	-2,034	-2,034
At 31 December 2025	0	-5,836	-5,836
NET BOOK VALUE			
At 31 December 2025	865,545	4,618	870,163
At 31 December 2024	865,545	6,652	872,197

At one time the gross and net values for the Parish Rooms were based on insurance valuations. In the light of the present national economic conditions it is considered that the increase in insurance valuation in 2024 would give an overly optimistic valuation for the Parish Rooms. Therefore, the net value for 2025 has been pegged to the 2023 value.

	Shares/ Units	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Endowment Funds £	2024 £
5(b) *Investment assets*					
GENERAL PURPOSES					
CBF Deposit Fund		11,400			11,400
(Interest paid into General account)					
CBF Investment Fund	735			16,309	16,988
		11,400		16,309	28,388
CHURCHYARD MAINTENANCE					
CBF Fixed Interest Securities Fund	207			316	309
CBF Investment Fund	6,123		3,818	132,095	141,573
			3,818	132,411	141,882
5(b) *Investment assets (continued)*					
REPAIRS & RENEWALS					
CBF Investment Fund	4,151	495	275	92,145	96,784
		495	275	92,145	96,784
CURATE'S HOUSE					
CBF Deposit Fund		3,317			3,317
(Interest paid into Stewardship account)					
R.E. IN THE PARISH (Hinchliffe)					
CBF Investment Fund	935			20,756	21,620
		15,212	4,093	261,621	291,991
VALUE OF INVESTMENTS					
At 31 December 2024		15,232	4,264	272,495	291,991
At 31 December 2025		15,212	4,093	261,621	280,926
Gains/Losses		-20	-171	-10,874	-11,065

6 ANALYSIS OF NET ASSETS BY FUND

	Unrestricted Fund £	Restricted Fund £	Endowment Fund £	2025 Total £
Fixed assets	885,375	4,093	261,621	1,151,089
Current assets- Debtors	24,138	0	0	24,138
Current assets-Bank Balances	245,978	32,393	54,225	332,596
Transfers needed	-11,840	6,029	5,811	0
Current liabilities	-260,499	-466	0	-260,965
Fund balance	883,152	42,049	321,657	1,246,858

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7 DEBTORS

	2025	2024
	£	£
Mobile telephone aerial (electricity)	12,642	0
Other debtors	3395	3262
Prepayments	8101	9988
	24,138	13,250

8 LIABILITIES

8(a) AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	2025	2024
	£	£
Creditors for goods and services:		
Parish share	0	0
Accruals	11,436	4,108
Other creditors		
Astley Legacy	249,063	200,000
PAYE	466	0
	260,965	204,108

8(b) AMOUNTS OUTSTANDING FROM PREVIOUS YEAR(S)

	2025	2024
	£	£
None	0	0

9 ACCOUNT BALANCES

	2025	2024
	£	£
General and Stewardship accounts	12,881	186,829
Churchyard Maintenance accounts	36,054	48,062
Repairs and Renewals a/c	3,468	2,871
Specific Bequst accounts	280,193	30,266
Petty Cash	0	0
	332,596	268,028

10 FUND DETAILS

Restricted Fund:

Legacies for churchyard maintenance
Legacies for repairs and renewals
Hartley bequest (for charitable purposes)
Woodhead bequest (for communicants' expenses)

Endowment Fund:

Legacies for churchyard maintenance
Legacies for repairs and renewals
Legacies for general purposes
Hinchliffe bequest (for R.E. in the parish)

11 SELECTED FUND BALANCES

The annual trading situation of various funds is shown below:

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	TOTAL FUNDS 2025	2024
	£	£	£	£	£
Parish Rooms:Incoming resources	46,570	62,486	0	109,056	38,202
Resources used	31,763	62,486	0	94,249	27,463
Profit / Loss	14,807	0	0	14,807	10,739
Social Committee: Incomimg resources	12,921	0	0	12,921	13,204
Resources used	5,702	0	0	5,702	7,150
Profit / Loss	7,219	0	0	7,219	6,054
2 Vicarage Close: Incoming resources	9,000	0	0	9,000	9,000
Resources used	3,519	0	0	3,519	1,834
Profit / Loss	5,481	0	0	5,481	7,166

Charity registration number 1155188

THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH OF ST ANNE (HEYHOUSES), ST ANNES ON SEA.

ANNUAL REPORT AND UNAUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2025

THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH OF ST ANNE (HEYHOUSES), ST ANNES ON SEA

LEGAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

Trustees

Revd Glen Brooks
Revd Simon Killwick
Ann Fletcher
Bill Hembrow
John Pitches
Christine Campbell
William Cousins
Lesley Dawson
Denise Duke
Peter Duke
Henry Gilbraith
Brian Hankinson
William Hoskins
Geoffrey Howard
Pamela Kinghorn
Susan McMahon
Mark Rae
Gillian Streatfield
Janice Vause
Fiona Wilson

Charity number 1155188

Independent examiner

Russell Dawson
Lytham St Annes
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THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH OF ST ANNE (HEYHOUSES), ST ANNES ON SEA

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ANNUAL REPORT

Background

St. Annes Parochial Church Council (PCC) has the responsibility of co-operating with the incumbent, Father Glen Brooks (until 4th January 2026), in promoting the whole mission of the Church, pastoral, social and ecumenical, within the ecclesiastical parish. It also has maintenance responsibilities for the Parish Rooms on Oxford Road, St. Annes and the property at 2 Vicarage Close, St. Annes.

Membership

Members of the PCC are either ex-officio or elected by the Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM) in accordance with the Church Representation Rules.

During the year 2025, the following elected and co-opted individuals served as members of the PCC:

Fr Glen Brooks	Vicar, Chair
Fr Simon Killwick	Secretary,Co-opted May 2025 for 1 year to 2026
Ann Fletcher	Church Warden, Deanery Synod representative
Bill Hembrow	Licensed Lay Minister, Vice Chair
John Pitches	Church Warden
Denise Duke	Safeguarding Officer, Elected May 2025 for 2 years to 2027
Christine Campbell	Elected in April 2023 for 3 years to 2026, Deanery Synod representative
William Cousins	Re-elected May 2023 for 3 years to 2026
Lesley Dawson	Re-elected May 2024 for 3 years to 2027
Peter Duke	Re-elected April 2025 for 3 years to 2028
Henry Gilbraith	Elected in May 2023 for 3 years to 2026 Treasurer from July 2023
Brian Hankinson	Re-elected May 2023 for 3 years to 2026, Deanery Synod representative
William Hoskins	Elected in May 2024 for 3 years to 2027
Geoffrey Howard	Elected May 2025 for 3 years to 2028
Pamela Kinghorn	Re-elected May 2023 for 3 years to 2026, Deanery Synod representative
Susan McMahon	Re-elected May 2025 for 3 years to 2028
Mark Rae	Elected May 2025 for 1 year to 2026
Gillian Streatfield	Elected in April 2025 for 3 years to 2028
Janice Vause	Re-elected May 2024 for 3 years to 2027
Fiona Wilson	Re-elected May 2023 for 3 years to 2026

Committees

The PCC operated through a number of committees, which met regularly throughout the year: including the Land & Buildings Committee, Parish Rooms Committee, Outreach Committee and the Social and Fundraising Committee.

During the year the PCC was pleased to accept the reports and recommendations of the various Committees. All members appreciate the work done by everyone concerned, including those who are not full members of the PCC; everyone continues to work hard to support the work and worship at St Annes Parish Church.

Church Attendance

The number on the Electoral Roll as at 18th April 2026 in preparation for the APCM was 184 (80 resident in the Parish, 104 non-resident). This is slightly up compared to 171 declared at the equivalent point last year but still some way short of the 231 at the expiry of the previous six-year Roll two years ago. The Roll this year includes 16 additions and 2 removals (1 who has died and 1 who has removed from the parish). As reported last year there remain a number of regular attenders still not on the Roll despite encouragement to complete a form.

The formal 2025 Average Weekly Attendance (individuals over 18 attending church at least once per week averaged over each of the four weeks of October 2025) was 111 (Sunday 95 + weekdays 16), slightly down from 116, 106, 92 and 79 in the previous four years 2024-2021.

However, more detailed analysis indicates that attendance during October was the lowest of any month in 2025 while in 2024 it was above average. Looking at Average Sunday All Age Attendance and Communicant numbers month by month over the whole of 2024 and 2025, and excluding major festivals, baptism Sundays and other special occasions, it turned out that there was a small average growth between 2024 and 2025 up to the 111/94 quoted in the Parish Profile.

Children's Sunday School attendance averaged 9 similar to 10 last year and 7 in 2023, when Sunday School restarted.

Review of the Year

The General account is showing only a small profit of £9,753 compared with a loss of £6,938 last year.

The main changes were due to improved income. Planned giving was up by £5,000, Gift Aid by £5,000, Yellow Envelopes by £2,000 and Loose Cash Collections at Services by £3000. Parish Rooms Net Income improved by £4,000, despite having higher repairs costs.
Utility costs remained constant but Parish Share was higher by £6,000.

Looking at the Restricted and Endowment Funds, a loss of £4,153 was recorded compared to a surplus of £18,054 last year. The cost of the new heating system in the Parish Rooms was covered by a grant from a Bequest Fund but the valuation of Investments was £11,014 lower and the new Hymn Books cost £2,636.

The house in Vicarage Close was tenanted for the full year.

Thank you to those members of the PCC who have completed their terms of service and not seeking re-election.

On behalf of the PCC

Mr W Hembrow
Vice Chair
April 2026

PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF ST ANNES PARISH CHURCH

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF ST ANNES ON SEA, ST ANNE (HEYHOUSES)

I report to the trustees on my examination of the financial statements of Parochial Church Council of St Anne (the Charity) for the year ended 31 December 2025.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the trustees of the Charity you are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act).

I report in respect of my examination of the Charity's financial statements carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act. In carrying out my examination I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act.

Independent examiner's statement

Your attention is drawn to the fact that the charity has prepared financial statements in accordance with Accounting and Reporting by Charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) in preference to the Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice issued on 1 April 2005 which is referred to in the extant regulations but has now been withdrawn.

I understand that this has been done in order for financial statements to provide a true and fair view in accordance with Generally Accepted Accounting Practice effective for reporting periods beginning on or after 1 January 2015.

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

1 accounting records were not kept in respect of the Charity as required by section 130 of the 2011 Act; or

2 the financial statements do not accord with those records; or

3 the financial statements 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 financial statements to be reached.

Russell Dawson, Lytham St Annes, FY8 2RQ 26 MARCH 2026

The Parish Church of St Anne, St Annes on Sea
Statement of Financial Activities
For the year ended 31 December 2025

	Note	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Endowment Funds £	TOTAL FUNDS 2025 £	2024 £
INCOMING RESOURCES						
Incoming resources from donors	2(a)	82,707	5,042	0	87,749	82,535
Other voluntary incoming resources	2(b)	-1,320	62,486	0	61,166	310
Incoming resources from operating activities to further the Council's objects	2(c)	8,686	0	0	8,686	10,355
Activities for generating funds	2(d)	87,963	0	0	87,963	80,113
Income from investments	2(e)	1,429	2,688	6,607	10,724	8,881
Other incoming resources	2(f)	19,719	0	0	19,719	21,548
TOTAL ACTUAL INCOMING RESOURCES		199,184	70,216	6,607	276,007	203,742
RESOURCES USED						
Cost of generating funds	3(a)	8,772	0	0	8,772	8,891
Grants - Donations to charities	3(b)	2,123	2,070	0	4,193	4,760
Activities directly relating to the work of the church	3(c)	154,414	64,255	2,921	221,590	161,666
Salaries & support costs	3(d)	18,351	785	0	19,136	18,388
Church management and administration	3(e)	5,751	0	0	5,751	5,128
TOTAL ACTUAL RESOURCES USED		189,411	67,110	2,921	259,442	198,833
NET INCOMING (OUTGOING) RESOURCES		9,773	3,106	3,686	16,565	4,909
GAINS AND LOSSES ON INVESTMENTS						
Unrealised (Investment assets)	5(b)	-20	-171	-10,874	-11,065	6,207
NET MOVEMENT IN FUNDS		9,753	2,935	-7,188	5,500	11,116
BALANCES BROUGHT FORWARD AT 1 JANUARY 2025 (2024)		866,141	42,686	332,531	1,241,358	1,230,242
BALANCES CARRIED FORWARD AT 31 DECEMBER 2025 (2024)		875,894	45,621	325,343	1,246,858	1,241,358

The Parish Church of St Anne, St Annes on Sea
Balance Sheet as on 31st December 2025

	Note	2025 £	2024 £
FIXED ASSETS			
Tangible fixed assets	5(a)	870,163	872,197
Investment assets	5(b)	280,926	291,991
		1,151,089	1,164,188
CURRENT ASSETS			
Debtors	7(a)	24,138	13,250
Cash at bank and in hand	9	332,596	268,028
		356,734	281,278
LIABILITIES:			
AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR	8(a)	-260,965	-204,108
NET CURRENT ASSETS		95,769	77,170
LONG TERM LIABILITIES	8(b)	0	0
NET ASSETS		1,246,858	1,241,358
FUNDS	6		
Unrestricted		875,894	866,141
Restricted		45,621	42,686
Endowment		325,343	332,531
		1,246,858	1,241,358

Approved by the Parochial Church Council on 23rd March 2026 and signed on its behalf by:

Mr W Hembrow (Vice Chair)

Miss A. Fletcher (Trustee)

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

1 ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Church Accounting Regulations 2006 together with applicable accounting standards and the Charities SORP 2005.

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention except for the valuation of investment assets, which are shown at estimated market value. The financial statements include all transactions, assets, and liabilities for which the PCC is responsible in law. They do not include the financial statements of church groups that owe their main affiliation to another body, nor those that are informal gatherings of church members.

Funds

General funds represent the funds of the PCC that are not subject to any restrictions regarding their use and are available for application on the general purposes of the PCC.

Restricted funds are those funds that must be spent on restricted purposes and details of the funds held and the restrictions are provided in Note10. Endowment funds, where the capital must be retained, are explained in Note 10.

Where funds are not separately invested, interest is apportioned to individual funds on an average balance basis.

Incoming Resources

All incoming resources are accounted for gross.

Gains and losses on investments

Realized gains or losses are recognized when investments are sold. Unrealized gains or losses are accounted for on revaluation of investments at 31 December.

Resources Used

All expenditure is accounted for gross.

The diocesan parish share is accounted for when payable. Any parish share unpaid at 31 December is provided for in these financial statements as an operational (though not a legal) liability and is shown as a creditor in the Balance Sheet.

Fixed Assets

Consecrated land and buildings and movable church furnishings

Consecrated and beneficed property is excluded from the financial statements by s.96(2)(a) of the Charities Act 1993.

Movable church furnishings held by the vicar and churchwardens on special trust for the PCC and which require a faculty for disposal are accounted for as inalienable property unless consecrated. They are listed in the Church's inventory, which can be inspected (at any reasonable time). For inalienable property acquired prior to 1997 there is insufficient cost information available and therefore such assets are not valued in the financial statements. Items acquired since 1 January 1997 have been capitalized and depreciated in the financial statements over their currently anticipated useful economic life (initially over four years) on a straight-line basis.

All expenditure incurred during the year on consecrated or benefice buildings, individual items under £1,000 or on the repair of movable church furnishings acquired before 1 January 1997 is written off.

Other fixtures, fittings and office equipment. Equipment used within the church premises is depreciated on a straight-line basis over four years. Individual items of equipment with a purchase price of £1,000 or less are written off when the asset is acquired.

Investments. Investments are valued at market value at 31 December 2024

Current assets. Amounts owing to the PCC at 31 December 2024 in respect of fees, rents or other income are shown as debtors. Short-term deposits include cash held on deposit either with the CBF Church of England Funds or at the bank.

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2 INCOMING RESOURCES

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Endowment Funds £	TOTAL FUNDS 2025 £	2024 £
2(a) *Incoming resources from donors*					
Planned giving:	62,789			62,789	52,138
Collections (open plate) at services:	14,578			14,578	10,109
Charity collections		2,070		2,070	3,220
Sundry donations:					
Bell restoration fund				0	10,887
Bell Fund		2,972		2,972	
Other donations	2,899			2,899	3,995
Flowers	545			545	640
Votive candles	722			722	223
Coffee	1,174			1,174	1,323
	82,707	5,042	0	87,749	82,535
2(b) *Other voluntary incoming resources*					
Donation (Churchyard Maintenance)		0		0	0
Grants (Astley bequest)	0	62,486		62,486	0
Sundry	8			8	310
Grant refunded	-1,328			-1,328	0
	-1,320	62,486	0	61,166	310
2(c) *Incoming resources from operating activities to further the Council's objects*					
Parochial fees	7,901			7,901	9,314
Choir Fund	0			0	0
Magazine sales	188			188	344
Bookstall & Heritage Mural	142			142	242
Parish Rooms lettings (charitable purposes)	455			455	455
	8,686	0	0	8,686	10,355
2(d) *Activities for generating funds*					
Parish Rooms lettings (fund raising purposes)	46,115			46,115	37,747
2 Vicarage Close rental	9,000			9,000	9,000
Mobile telephone aerial (electricity)	12,662			12,662	12,597
Mobile telephone aerial (rent)	7,265			7,265	7,265
Charity Tree Festival	8,897			8,897	7,880
Social and Fundraising Committee	4,024			4,024	5,324
Magazine adverts	0			0	300
	87,963	0	0	87,963	80,113
2(e) *Income from investments*					
Dividends and interest:	1,429	2,688	6,607	10,724	8,881
	1,429	2,688	6,607	10,724	8,881
2(f) *Other incoming resources*					
Lower Income Communities Funding grant	19,719			19,719	21,548
	19,719	0	0	19,719	21,548
TOTAL INCOMING RESOURCES	**199,184**	**70,216**	**6,607**	**276,007**	**203,742**

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3 RESOURCES USED

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Endowment Funds £	TOTAL FUNDS 2025 £	2024 £
3(a) *Cost of generating funds*					
Charity Tree Festival	1,766	0		1,766	1,957
Rental management charges for 2 Vicarage Cl	1,080			1,080	1,080
Advertising	1,204			1,204	1,324
Landlord's expenses for 2 Vicarage Close	2,439	0		2,439	754
Contactless terminals	70			70	72
Social and Fundraising Festival Committee	2,213			2,213	3,704
Bell restoration fund	0	0		0	0
	8,772	0	0	8,772	8,891
3(b) *Grants - Donations to charities*					
Proceeds from concerts and collections		2,070		2,070	3,220
Charity Tree Festival	1,723			1,723	1,489
Donations	400	0		400	51
	2,123	2,070	0	4,193	4,760
3(c) *Activities directly relating to the work of the church*					
Parish share:					
Parish share contribution from parish	56,451			56,451	50,543
Lower Income Communities Fund support	19,719			19,719	18,948
	76,170	0	0	76,170	69,491
Clergy expenses:					
Curate's Leaving Gift	500	0		500	0
Vicarage and Curate's House costs	3,503			3,503	7,273
Vicar's expenses	0			0	0
Assistant clergy	0			0	0
Curate's expenses	281	0		281	1,434
	4,284	0	0	4,284	8,707
Church running expenses:					
Electricity	12,513			12,513	14,852
Insurance	5,040			5,040	4,546
Gas	8,972			8,972	8,952
Waste removal/Cleaning materials	1,213			1,213	947
Water	582			582	488
Books	0	0	2,921	2,921	265
Sundry expenditure	0			0	19
	28,320	0	2,921	31,241	30,069
Church maintenance:					
Tower Repointing	0	0	0	0	360
Organ tuning	936			936	0
Bell restoration	0			0	7,450
Sundry repairs and maintenance	3,296	1,543	0	4,839	6,212
	4,232	1,543	0	5,775	14,022
Upkeep of services:					
DBF and other fees	4,527	0		4,527	6,673
Flowers	663			663	617
Wine, wafers & candles	1,917	0		1,917	1,357
Copyright licence/subscriptions	1,006			1,006	1,076
Votive candles	650			650	369
Depreciation on vestments	655	0		655	164
Sundries	227			227	244
	9,645	0	0	9,645	10,500
Upkeep of churchyard:					
Garden of Remembrance	0	226	0	226	1,414
	0	226	0	226	1,414
Expenditure on parish magazine/ bookstall/ website:					
Expenditure on magazine (excl. printing)	0			0	0
	0	0	0	0	0

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3(c) *Activities directly relating to the work of the church (continued)*

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	TOTAL FUNDS 2025	2024
	£	£	£	£	£
Parish Rooms running costs:					
Cleaner	11,094			11,094	9,879
Utilities	7,483			7,483	8,005
Insurance	4,116			4,116	3,717
Repairs	8,453	62,486		70,939	5,638
Council tax, ground rent	27			27	27
Depreciation of equipment	590	0		590	197
	31,763	62,486	0	94,249	27,463
	154,414	64,255	2,921	221,590	161,666
3(d) *Salaries & support costs*					
Salaries, wages and honoraria:					
Parish Administrators' wages, tax, NIC	8,980			8,980	8,814
Organist's wages, tax, NIC	9,171			9,171	8,850
Assistant Organists	200			200	0
	18,351	0	0	18,351	17,664
Support costs:					
Children's Church	0	785		785	724
Mission & Evangelism Committee	0			0	0
	0	785	0	785	724
	18,351	785	0	19,136	18,388
3(e) *Church management and administration*					
Telephone	1,415			1,415	1,435
Photocopier	1,895			1,895	1,812
Depreciation of office equipment	789			789	441
Bank charges	392			392	399
Office requisites	1,029			1,029	895
Stewardship envelopes & campaign	192			192	146
Independent Examiner	0			0	0
PCC	0			0	0
Sundry	39			39	0
	5,751	0	0	5,751	5,128
TOTAL RESOURCES USED	189,411	67,110	2,921	259,442	198,833

4 REMUNERATION

4(a) PCC Employees

During the year the PCC employed two Parish Administrators and an organist, none of whom earned £60,000 p.a. or more.

4(b) PCC Members

The Vicar received £0 expenses during the year.
The Curate received £281 expenses during the year
Mrs Pam Kinghorn and Mrs Janice Vause were employed as Parish Administrators for the full year.
Apart from the above, no other member received any reimbursement of expenses or remuneration.

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5 FIXED ASSETS FOR USE BY THE PCC

5(a) *Tangible fixed assets*

Year of acquisition	Parish Rooms £	Other £	Total £
GROSS BOOK VALUE			
At 1 January 2025	865,545	10,454	875,999
Additions		0	0
At 31 December 2025	865,545	10,454	875,999
APPRECIATION/DEPRECIATION			
At 1 January 2025	0	-3802	-3,802
Depreciation in the year	0	-2,034	-2,034
At 31 December 2025	0	-5,836	-5,836
NET BOOK VALUE			
At 31 December 2025	865,545	4,618	870,163
At 31 December 2024	865,545	6,652	872,197

At one time the gross and net values for the Parish Rooms were based on insurance valuations. In the light of the present national economic conditions it is considered that the increase in insurance valuation in 2024 would give an overly optimistic valuation for the Parish Rooms. Therefore, the net value for 2025 has been pegged to the 2023 value.

	Shares/ Units	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Endowment Funds £	2024 £
5(b) *Investment assets*					
GENERAL PURPOSES					
CBF Deposit Fund		11,400			11,400
(Interest paid into General account)					
CBF Investment Fund	735			16,309	16,988
		11,400		16,309	28,388
CHURCHYARD MAINTENANCE					
CBF Fixed Interest Securities Fund	207			316	309
CBF Investment Fund	6,123		3,818	132,095	141,573
			3,818	132,411	141,882
5(b) *Investment assets (continued)*					
REPAIRS & RENEWALS					
CBF Investment Fund	4,151	495	275	92,145	96,784
		495	275	92,145	96,784
CURATE'S HOUSE					
CBF Deposit Fund		3,317			3,317
(Interest paid into Stewardship account)					
R.E. IN THE PARISH (Hinchliffe)					
CBF Investment Fund	935			20,756	21,620
		15,212	4,093	261,621	291,991
VALUE OF INVESTMENTS					
At 31 December 2024		15,232	4,264	272,495	291,991
At 31 December 2025		15,212	4,093	261,621	280,926
Gains/Losses		-20	-171	-10,874	-11,065

6 ANALYSIS OF NET ASSETS BY FUND

	Unrestricted Fund £	Restricted Fund £	Endowment Fund £	2025 Total £
Fixed assets	885,375	4,093	261,621	1,151,089
Current assets- Debtors	24,138	0	0	24,138
Current assets-Bank Balances	245,978	32,393	54,225	332,596
Transfers needed	-11,840	6,029	5,811	0
Current liabilities	-260,499	-466	0	-260,965
Fund balance	883,152	42,049	321,657	1,246,858

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7 DEBTORS

	2025	2024
	£	£
Mobile telephone aerial (electricity)	12,642	0
Other debtors	3395	3262
Prepayments	8101	9988
	24,138	13,250

8 LIABILITIES

8(a) AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	2025	2024
	£	£
Creditors for goods and services:		
Parish share	0	0
Accruals	11,436	4,108
Other creditors		
Astley Legacy	249,063	200,000
PAYE	466	0
	260,965	204,108

8(b) AMOUNTS OUTSTANDING FROM PREVIOUS YEAR(S)

	2025	2024
	£	£
None	0	0

9 ACCOUNT BALANCES

	2025	2024
	£	£
General and Stewardship accounts	12,881	186,829
Churchyard Maintenance accounts	36,054	48,062
Repairs and Renewals a/c	3,468	2,871
Specific Bequst accounts	280,193	30,266
Petty Cash	0	0
	332,596	268,028

10 FUND DETAILS

Restricted Fund:

Legacies for churchyard maintenance
Legacies for repairs and renewals
Hartley bequest (for charitable purposes)
Woodhead bequest (for communicants' expenses)

Endowment Fund:

Legacies for churchyard maintenance
Legacies for repairs and renewals
Legacies for general purposes
Hinchliffe bequest (for R.E. in the parish)

11 SELECTED FUND BALANCES

The annual trading situation of various funds is shown below:

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	TOTAL FUNDS 2025	2024
	£	£	£	£	£
Parish Rooms:Incoming resources	46,570	62,486	0	109,056	38,202
Resources used	31,763	62,486	0	94,249	27,463
Profit / Loss	14,807	0	0	14,807	10,739
Social Committee: Incomimg resources	12,921	0	0	12,921	13,204
Resources used	5,702	0	0	5,702	7,150
Profit / Loss	7,219	0	0	7,219	6,054
2 Vicarage Close: Incoming resources	9,000	0	0	9,000	9,000
Resources used	3,519	0	0	3,519	1,834
Profit / Loss	5,481	0	0	5,481	7,166