Annual Report of Mulbarton Parochial Church Council - year ending 31st December 2025

The primary function of the PCC is to co-operate with the Rector in promoting the whole mission of the Church in the parish.

PCC Membership:

- Rector (ex-officio), Adrian Miller
- Churchwarden (ex officio) Tim Hayward
- Lay Representatives (6 positions)
    - Trevor Hutley - (Vice Chair)
    - David Melling - Secretary
    - Sue Mellows - Assistant to Treasurer
    - Heather Wells - Data Protection & Environment Officer
    - Stephen McLeod - (Treasurer for part of year)
    - Tim Hayward – also elected to PCC in a laity position.
- Vacancy for 2 Deanery Synod representative (ex officio Vacancies)
- All members of the PCC are also members of the PCC Standing Committee

The PCC was and remains very stretched, busy and under strength, battling a large number of actions.

Other officers: We thank Lynne Lambert who remained Parish Safeguarding Officer and Christine Melling who took over the post of Electoral Roll Officer, for Mulbarton Church and thank outgoing officer Teresa Burrell for all her work.

Worship

The church has remained open from early morning to dusk throughout the year.
We have maintained the previous year's service pattern:

- All Age services on the first Sunday of each month including 'Wild Church' every 2
- months on the first Sunday, which seeks to meet with God outdoors through nature and the bible.
- Morning worship on 2nd Sundays;
- Communion on third Sundays;
- Morning Worship at 10.30am in Hanover Gardens on fourth Sundays and mid weekChurch @ Hanover on second Thursdays at 2.30
- "Together" meal and short service thereafter in Church on 4th Sundays
- Meditative service when there is a 5th Sunday.

We thank Adrian, Derrick, Sarah, Bev, Rachel, our musicians, those who welcomed worshippers, our readers & intercessors, those on the sound desk, and those who cleaned and decorated the church with flowers, and especially Sally Hayward in that regard. And thanks of course, to Tim, our warden. Morning Prayer continued to be well supported on Thursday mornings in Harvest House. Sarah also introduced 'Brunch and Prayer' sessions

periodically through the year to pray into church life and particularly into the benefice's strategic aims. A new service was introduced for Good Friday this year. The church was decorated with the Stations of the Cross and in the service, Adrian introduced each station with a reflection, and prayers. A Procession of Witness then took place around the Common, concluding with a short time of prayer. Hot cross buns were then served in Harvest House. We held a Lent Course based on a resource from www.theworkofthepeople.com In March, Harvest House was open for a full day to support Gather 25, with Christians around the world meeting online for worship & prayer. Sadly our youth group (YOMMIES) has ceased meeting due to low numbers and scarcity of helpers, but we especially thank Eve and Sarah for their love and care over many years. We also thank the leaders and helpers of the various 'small groups'/'home groups' which meet at various times during the week to explore faith together. Sadly, Jill Wright declined to extend her AWA licence and stood down from leading services in March. We presented her with a card and book of memories and a monetary gift in appreciation of her service to the benefice. We welcomed retired priest Rev Di Rowlandson, and she began taking services in the late autumn and we continue to be grateful to her for all she is doing during the interregnum. Bev Theobald was finally licensed as an AWA, also in the autumn, having led All Age and Wild Church services during the year. Mulbarton Village Choir created a glorious sound when they joined us for our Carol Service.

Mission

Four baptisms and twenty five funeral services were delivered, but sadly no weddings this year. A 'Bereavement Journey' course was held in March and feedback indicates that this was excellent, helpful and well received. We again welcomed the 'Pilgrim Cross' walkers in April for an evening meal in Harvest House and overnight accommodation in the Scout Hut on their Easter journey to Walsingham. The Holiday Club team again ran a successful club over Easter at the primary school, for all children in the village. Around 40 children attended. Thank you to all who helped and to Bev who led it. We again provided, free of charge, 55 copies of the Rainbow Good News Bible for pupils at Mulbarton Primary School. A substantial round of hardship grants, especially over the winter, were distributed from the Hardship Fund helping several families in the parish. We continued to have a presence at the rebranded "Mind, Body and Spirit Fairs" in Mulbarton Village Hall. The food bank/community pantry in the church porch continued to be very well used. Thank you to all who have donated items to it and to Sarah who has managed it. We continued to support missionary work in Nepal and Bukavu and indeed increased our giving to Nepal by £500 in 2025 due to various hardships it had faced. We made progress with environment and safeguarding policies, noting where further explorations and actions were required. All DBS vetting checks across the benefice were up to date, and we enjoy a high level of safeguarding training compliance. David has continued to try to keep the church website current, accurate and topical and we thank Sarah & Chris for producing Mardle. We thank Heather for her administration support relating to weddings, funerals, memorials and baptisms and Tracey for her support with church emails. Finally, a special thank you to Sarah, our Church Assistant, for all her tremendous work in helping with engagement & administration across the benefice.

Community engagement
We continued under Sue Mellows' leadership, to sponsor & help 'Mardlers' who provide opportunities particularly to gather and socialize in the Village Hall and on outings, and 'Mulbarton Community Choir' which provides opportunities for all in the village to sing & socialize, regardless of skill or singing experience. We had a long and positive discussion this year about the Community Choir's governance, clarifying responsibilities and arrangements and seeking to strengthen the church's partnership with the Choir in its great community work. The church continued to offer volunteers and coffee machines for the "Warm Space" / "Community Hub" initiative run by Mulbarton Village Hall Charity in the Social Club, which has gone from strength to strength.

Eco Church
As part of our journey to become an 'Eco Church' we seek to respond faithfully to the climate and nature crises, gently pursuing a formal silver level EcoChurch award, and also becoming a "Fairtrade Place of Worship". A Conservation Area Display Board/Norfolk Wildlife Trust ('NWT') sign was put up. Five bird boxes and an owl box were installed. Grass has been allowed to grow longer in designated NWT areas; a new NWT sign has been put up there. Two graves in the designated NWT zone are still visited by families. It was agreed to mow paths to these to allow safe and easy access to the graves. A 'Churches Count on Nature Week' event was held in June with guided identification sessions to understand & celebrate the variety of wildlife living in our grounds. The annual mow and grass rake off of the conservation area was held in August. Following advice from Lucy Seely, Norfolk Wildlife Trust Wilder Communities Officer, the conservation areas now get a final mow late in the autumn and a three-year rotation for cutting back hedges following more significant hedge cutting last year. Forty people attended a moth count in the churchyard in September where 10 species were identified. A further brown garden waste bin was purchased. A Benefice Christmas card was circulated around the 4 parishes during Advent with people encouraged to sign the card and donate to charity, which again this year was Embrace the Middle East. We especially thank Heather who has been the driving force for Eco Church on the PCC.

Electoral Roll Report
The new total remains 35. We thank Christine for again managing the refresh process.

Deanery Synod Report
We did not have a deanery synod representative throughout the year and so no report is available.

David Melling - PCC Secretary

Parish Safeguarding Officer's report for Mulbarton Church ACPM 20th May 2026

Safeguarding continues to be a regular item on each month's PCC agenda where progress with our Diocesan approved Action Plan is reviewed.

There is a 100% completion of the Disclosure Barring Checks for all parishioners who lead or help to lead activities for children, youth and vulnerable adults and 92% of people are up to date on their safeguarding training.

I am pleased to say that there have not been any concerns reported to myself in the past year, therefore no need for any referrals to the Diocesan SafeguardingTeam.

Wild Church continues and adheres to the required safeguarding and displays a risk assessment at every meeting as required. Children's Holiday Club was run successfully last summer, again meeting safeguarding requirements and displaying a risk assessment plan.

I understand that YOMMY and the Children's Group are no longer running.

I have been able to attend some of the Safeguarding Network meetings at Diocesan House along with Alice and Janet. We find these very informative and the opportunity to ask questions is invaluable. We have met a couple of times with David and discussed the areas of interest brought up at the meetings and how they relate to our benefice which has been very helpful.

Examples of items covered are as following:

- We completed the survey for the "Promoting a Safer Church –A consultation for everyone" which is under development.
- Some face-to-face trainings are now being offered for the Basic Awareness and Foundation modules for people who cannot access the training on line.

Future dates are as follows:

Monday 22nd June 1-4pm Loddon

Monday 20th July 1-4pm Wymondham Abbey

Tuesday 11th August 1-4pm Gayton

Monday 21st September 1-4pm Castle Acre

Monday 9th November 1-4pm Sheringham

Please contact Lynne for further details if interested.

The Diocesan House Safeguarding team has been liaising with the National Team with regards to volunteer trainers who will be facilitate delivery of the Basic Awareness and Foundation safeguarding training modules.
Work to produce the Parish Safeguarding Toolkit is ongoing. Some resources are already on-line and hopefully the new and revised documents will follow soon.

Next steps:

- I would like to suggest that we hold a Safeguarding Sunday in this autumn. The actual date is 15th November 2026 but the service can be held at any time. There are very good resources produced by "Thirtyone-eight", the UK's leading Christian, independent safeguarding charity. These would help greatly in planning. Continuing to raise awareness of safeguarding and that it is for everyone to be aware as a church family all help to keep everyone safe.
- As regards to our Safeguarding Action Plan we are working on Level 2 – Safer foundations and activities, and 65% progress has been made towards the requirements.

Lynne Lambert
6th May 2026

Churchwarden's Fabric Report for 2025

Faculties

Re-ordering of church interior:-
We have had a visitation by a delegation from the DAC (Deanery Advisory Committee), to see the church for themselves and discuss our plans for modification of the interior. They went away quite happy with our plans, with a few suggestions, to report back to the full DAC. We needed to supply some photos of previous interiors of the church, and our plans for chairs to replace existing pews.

Blinds for windows on south wall:-
We have the faculty and one has been fitted to the wall, by the supplier. However, it was found that fixings were not strong enough to support the blind and we now need to affix battens first. Due to problems accessing the wall above the pews, we need to reassess in 2026.

Quinquennial Report:-

The 5 yearly Quinquennial report has been carried out and a number of issues reported.
Issues needing immediate attention included:-

1. Temporarily seal holed slates on Porch, pending reslating within 2 years.
2. Remove Ivy from base of southeast buttress.
   I have attended to these issues.

Issues needing attention within 12 months include:-

1. Work on roof flashings.
2. Replacing broken tiles on Chancel roof, along with removal of moss.
3. Bell tower:- De-rust and repaint ladder and bell frame.
4. Cost estimate = £3,000
5. Issues needing attention over next 2 years, include:-
6. South Porch, roof work
7. Vestry, roof work and stonework
8. Nave, roof work and stonework
9. Porch, stonework and redecorate
10. North Aisle, stonework, flooring and removal of timber screen.
11. Main aisle, flooring

Cost estimate = £23,000

Issues needing attention over Quinquennial period, include:-

1. Replacing gutters
2. Bells, overhaul fixings and bearings
3. Boundary fencing, repair and redecorate
4. De-rust and repaint porch gates, and related stonework.
5. General Housekeeping, including re-plastering, re-decorating, clearing unwanted items and removal of carpets

Cost estimate = £10,000

These are recommendations by the Architect and some of these works would be undertaken during church re-ordering.

<u>Other items</u>

1. Plasterwork to ceiling at Chancel/Main Aisle joint, has broken up and will need re-plastering.
2. The Drum kit that we have in church now, needs to be purchased.
   Stuart Laws who has kindly loaned it to us, for no cost for a number of years, has decided that he no longer needs it. He has offered to sell it to us first before putting it on the open market.
   Update:- We have now purchased this with generous gifts from 2 benefactors, which covered the full cost.
3. Subwoofer that was located under the sound desk was stolen during the year, and has had to be replaced from PCC funds.
4. Bee swarm. We consulted a local the National Beekeepers Association about these, but were informed that as Bee's were nesting in the void fabric of the church and as it is a listed building, we would need to get contractors in to access the nest or block

off the gaps. This could be done along with other works required under the Quinquennial report and will be looked at in 2026.

5. The oil heating system in the Rectory failed its annual inspection and no longer worked and has been replaced by a gas boiler. The pipework has also been replaced.
6. New tenant agreements at Harvest House were signed attracting a steady income of £12k per year. This helps us, gives the tenants beautiful spaces to work from, and makes good use of the building to bless our communities.
7. Kitchen crockery at Harvest House was replenished in order to be able to fulfil bookings for 36 places. The fencing at Harvest House has also been repaired.

Churchyard

With help from our parish council, we maintain the parish burial ground. We are grateful to it for a £1000 grant as a contribution towards the cost last year. The Churchyard is nearing its capacity. It is estimated it will be full within 2 years and then will need to be closed, unless new ground can be acquired. If it were closed, the Parish Council would become the legal burial authority (or the South Norfolk District Council if the Parish Council is unwilling or unable to take it on). The Council is aware of the issue.

The PCC have been discussing options for the future, including:-

1. Moving and redistributing the soil heaps, from burials, around the confines of the churchyard to free up more space. A good start has been made on this by Andy De'ath, who has been volunteering his services for free. Andy has also used the piles of cut brushwood to make up some Dead Hedging which also encourages wildlife diversity in the churchyard.
1. Looking into extending the current extension. We have received an offer of additional land, but this is connected to plans for a housing development.

We still have an owl box to install in the churchyard, which will probably need to be postponed until Spring 2026. This has since been installed with the help of some willing volunteers.

We undertook a memorial inspection during the year and a number of headstones were found to be unsecured to the sub-bases. Following Diocescan guidelines, these headstones were marked off with hazard tape and notices attached regarding repairs required within 3 months, and church contact details attached. Attempts were made to trace family members and inform them, but we could only find contact information for one. This has subsequently been repaired, but no contact was made concerning others, so these headstones have been laid flat on ground as per Diocescan safety guidelines.

Thank You's

A big thank you to Adrian and the ministry team for their leadership this year.

N.B As you all know now, Adrian has left us and is moving on to another stage in his life, and I'm sure you will all join me in wishing him and his family all the best, wherever the Lord leads them in the future.
A big thank you to all who came to the churchyard conservation mow and rake, it was really good to have so many people participating, from the village.

As usual a big thank you to the Flower team, whose sterling work has brightened our church through the various seasons

A big thank you to Andy De'ath for all his voluntary work in the churchyard, and also Harvest House, where he has done a great job of repairing the gates and fencing, and also general gardening. It has lightened my workload!!

And finally, a big thank you to all of you, for supporting me through another year. It looks like I will need even more support in 2026

Tim Hayward – Churchwarden

Mulbarton Annual Finance Report 2025

In 2025 we were able to pay the Parish share of £46,524 in full for the first time in many years. As usual, the PCC had committed to pay the Parish Proportion of the share in monthly instalments and the PCC agreed in December to pay the remaining £15,000 due to the Diocese. Payments for the year were approximately £94,900 and receipts were £88,300. A deficit of approximately £6,600. Giving and Harvest House income were up and expenses, not including share payments, were down.

The 'General fund' is our only unrestricted fund and is where the money for the day-to-day running of most aspects of the church life is held. It was discovered in early 2026 that some money had been entered in the General fund in late 2025 by mistake. In addition, money received in 2025 but not paid into the Bank of Scotland until 2026 was moved from the 2025 accounts to the 2026 accounts. These corrections meant the General fund dropped to just over £2,000 at the end of 2025. As the General fund had been £8,000 at the start of the year, unfortunately, £6,000 of the share top up payment effectively came from there. (There was an outstanding claim of £2,100 for Gift aid and Gift Aid on Small Donations (GASDS) to the end of December in early 2026 which partially rectified this).

The Parish Share request for 2026 is £48,377.

In 2025, the PCC looked again at spending priorities and the majority felt that we should pay as much as possible to the full Parish Share before tithing our unrestricted income. PCC would welcome any views on this decision from Electoral Roll members.

Adrian continued to work with South Norfolk Help Hub, the local school, the surgery, the community connector and members of the local community and 36 grants totalling £5,400 were paid to local households in need. We also gave out 11 hampers at Christmas to a mix

of families, couples and individuals. We did not have grants from Norfolk Community Foundation this year. We received £4,750 donations (including gift aid received) towards this plus interest of £205 from endowments, a total of £4955, so the fund has reduced by approx. £450 this year. Looking forward into the interregnum we are putting together a team and looking at the strategy for managing this.

We continued to support Nepal and Bukavu with annual donations. Tearfund and Embrace the Middle East received donations from the collections at our Harvest and Christmas services. Many other charities at home and abroad received donations from restricted giving as seen on the Financial Statements. Church at Hanover gave to six different charities over the year, including the Community pantry via the 'Food Bank' restricted fund.

The Parish Council changed grant requirements in 2024 so we haven't received any money for general churchyard maintenance from them for 2 years as we navigate this process. We did receive a grant of £1,000 in November towards tree maintenance. Increased revenue from Harvest house enabled us to set up a designated fund in 2024 from burial fees for churchyard maintenance, which has helped to cover the lack of grant income so far.

We have continued the process of re-ordering the church. So far, in 2025 we have spent £4,500 from the restricted 'Proj(Reordering) fund' on architect's fees and surveys. Once we have the plans from our architect Dennis Tuttle we will begin to look for grants and should be able to access the support that is available from the local renewable energy projects.

The 'Listed Places of Worship' Grant scheme run by the Dept for Culture, Media and Sport has enabled us to reclaim VAT on repairs for the church building, including architects fees, plus servicing for heating, organ etc . The LPoW scheme has been running since 2001 and has been very helpful when we have considered any larger project. Unfortunately the scheme closed at the end of the 2025/26 tax year. This is rather bad timing for us as we have commenced the reordering project in the church. However 'The Places of Worship Renewal Fund' delivered by Historic England will open to applications starting in 2026/27. Further details will be announced by DCMS in due course and we hope that this will be similar to the original scheme.

(Note about following accounts: minus figures are shown in brackets for ease of reading)

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Financial Statement for the Year Ended 31 December 2025
Receipts and Payments Accounts

	Note	General Fund	Designated Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Total 2025	Total 2024
		£	£	£	£	£	£
Receipts							
Voluntary receipts:							
Collections at Services	4	2,586.45		1,494.45	-	4,080.90	4,917.16
Planned Giving	4	33,730.37		2,315.00	-	36,045.37	37,499.50
All other giving/voluntary receipts	4	1,368.71		8,238.50	-	9,607.21	10,897.46
Grant Income	4			1,000.00	-	1,000.00	1,445.00
Legacies Received							10,000.00
Gift Aid Recovered		7,414.23		1,795.19	-	9,209.42	9,971.37
		45,099.76		14,843.14	-	59,942.90	74,730.49
Church Activities		2,630.09	3,084.47	802.76	-	6,517.32	7,310.01
Hall Income	4	12,857.75		284.00		13,141.75	11,227.00
Activities for generating funds	4	164.10	414.91	1,596.98	-	2,175.99	4,099.40
Investment Income		444.13	159.28	2,714.62	-	3,318.03	3,139.08
Other Income	4	855.00		2,376.06	-	3,231.06	4,278.34
Total receipts		**62,050.83**	**3,658.66**	**22,617.56**	**-**	**88,327.05**	**104,784.32**
Payments							
Church activities:							
Parish Share		46,524.00		-	-	46,524.00	37,040.00
Clergy and Staffing Costs	5	7,977.33		-	-	7,977.33	7,499.47
Church Running Expenses	5	4,218.17		2,288.85	-	6,507.02	8,977.39
Mission Giving and Donations	5	1,627.00		10,341.64	-	11,968.64	21,511.57
Building Work and Repairs	5	-		4,532.89	-	4,532.89	712.50
Administration Costs	5	303.01		-	-	303.01	377.76
Hall Running Costs	5	6,516.98		184.00	-	6,700.98	5,647.75
Other Expenditure	5	2,112.50	1,118.67	6,237.66	-	9,468.83	15,385.55
		69,278.99	1,118.67	23,585.04	-	93,982.70	97,151.99
Costs of Generating Funds	5	-	-	897.78	-	897.78	1,459.77
Total Payments		**69,278.99**	**1,118.67**	**24,482.82**	**-**	**94,880.48**	**98,611.76**
Excess of payments over receipts		**(7,228.16)**	**2,539.99**	**(1,865.26)**	**0.00**	**(6,553.43)**	**6,172.56**
Transfers between funds		1,157.90	(1,157.90)	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Funds at bank and in hand at 1 Jan		8,087.15	4,639.93	48,247.07	-	60,974.15	54,801.59
Funds at bank and in hand at 31 Dec		2,016.89	6,022.02	46,381.81	-	54,420.72	60,974.15

Statement of Assets and Liabilities

	Bal b/fwd 2025	Receipts	Transfers In	Transfers Out	Payments	Bal c/fwd 2025
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Cash Funds						
BoS (Mulbarton Church)	9,976.20	77,553.89	23,191.10	10,000.00	94,222.93	6,498.26
CCLA CBF (Mulbarton PCC)	50,443.78	2,476.76	10,000.00	15,000.00	-	47,920.54
Administrator (Petty Cash)	4.17	-	-	-	2.25	1.92
Treasurer (Cash)	550.00	7,455.13	-	7,349.83	655.30	0.00
	60,424.15	**80,030.65**	**33,191.10**	**25,000.00**	**94,225.18**	**54,420.72**

BoS (Mulbarton Church) - Main Current Account
CCLA CBF (Mulbarton PCC) - Main Deposit Account
Administrator (Petty Cash) - Managed by Admin Assistant for postage, stationary, etc.
Treasurer (Cash) - For managing cash payments and collections, service collections, bellringers paid by cash, etc.

	Bal b/fwd 2025	Receipts	Payments	Transfers	Value Adjust	Bal c/fwd 2025
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Investment Assets (Endowments) at market value						
CBF Income Fund (CB3011306-001)	13,166.46	363.64	-	(363.64)	(602.22)	12,564.24
Charifund M&G (Mulbarton PCC)	7,441.89	477.63	-	(477.63)	1,289.55	8,731.44
Total Investments	**20,608.35**	**841.27**	**-**	**(841.27)**	**687.33**	**21,295.68**

CBF Income Fund (CB3011306-001) - From sale of 2 church properties, one for income on church maintenance (75%), another for sick poor (25%), capital not to be spent
Charifund M&G (Mulbarton PCC) - Capital not to be spent - income restricted to church maintenance

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1. The financial statements of the PCC have been prepared in accordance with the Church Accounting Regulations 2006 using the Receipts & Payments basis.

2. The church retains Harvest House property, with NDBF Ltd as custodian trustee, used for the church's objects. The current insurance policy insures the building for £356,053 and contents for £30,000.

3. The movement in funds during the year were:

Restricted	Bal b/fwd	Receipts	Payments	Transfers	Bal c/fwd
Bells	6,236.88	225.79	0.00	0.00	6,462.67
Choir	6,506.51	3,309.36	3,432.00	0.00	6,383.87
CMaint	484.61	1,413.87	2,100.05	0.00	(201.57)
CYard	67.90	1,008.28	330.82	0.00	745.36
Font	3,622.75	131.07	0.00	0.00	3,753.82
Outreach	174.00	762.71	523.30	0.00	413.41
Home (Charity Giving)	417.07	1,151.35	874.73	0.00	693.69
Mardlers	373.85	1,383.40	1,528.50	0.00	228.75
Organ	179.03	87.74	168.00	0.00	98.77
Overseas (Charity Giving)	(927.85)	4,717.47	4,036.91	0.00	(247.29)
PA (Audiovisual)	262.47	6.52	265.49	0.00	3.50
Food Bank	176.21	1,519.53	1,076.13	0.00	619.61
First Aid Training	128.76	4.66	0.00	0.00	133.42
Proj (Reordering)	29,082.06	1,658.59	4,532.89	0.00	26,207.76
Rectors (Hardship)	1,262.82	4,953.22	5,430.00	0.00	786.04
HH Deposits	200.00	284.00	184.00	0.00	300.00
	48,247.07	**22,617.56**	**24,482.82**	**-**	**46,381.81**

Designated	Bal b/fwd	Receipts	Payments	Transfers	Bal c/fwd
Des:Youth	-	431.44	-	-	431.44
Des:PCC (Reordering)	3,482.03	125.99	-	-	3,608.02
Des: CYard	1,157.90	3,101.23	1,118.67	(1,157.90)	1,982.56
	4,639.93	**3,658.66**	**1,118.67**	**(1,157.90)**	**6,022.02**

Bells - restricted income from weddings
Choir - operating under memorandum
CMaint - roof alarm, heating servicing, etc. - restricted income from endowments
CYard - mainly parish council grant annually
Font - urgent need to repair damaged font
Outreach - for restricted gifts for Bibles to school and holiday clubs
Home (Charity Giving) - supporting local mission
Mardlers - operating under memorandum
Organ - from weddings and funerals £25 each
Overseas (Charity Giving) - high throughput restricted fund to support overseas mission
PA (Audiovisual) - all spent on upgrading sound and vision in church
Food Bank - donations from local groups and individuals for food in church porch
First Aid Training - grant from Norfolk Community Foundation to subsidise local First Aid courses
Proj (Reordering) - major project fund to re-order church interior
Rectors (Hardship) - discretionary sick poor purpose
Des:Youth - fundraising from youth set aside for youth spending
Des:PCC (Reordering) - what were restricted gifts from failed HH annexe project, and donor removed restriction - designated by PCC to redevelopment
Des: CYard - From burial fees, used when restricted churchyard maintenance fund runs dry
HH Deposits - Restricted fund holding Harvest house deposits

4. Receipts

	Unrestricted Fund £	Designated Fund £	Restricted Fund £	Endowment Fund £	Total 2025 £	Total 2024 £
COLLECTIONS AT SERVICES						
Sunday Collections	1,615.21	-	1,494.45	-	3,109.66	3,052.86
Weekday Collections	-	-	-	-	-	446.58
Wedding and Funeral Collections	971.24	-	-	-	971.24	1,417.72
	2,586.45	**-**	**1,494.45**	**-**	**4,080.90**	**4,917.16**
PLANNED GIVING						
Standing Order	2,985.00	-	700.00	-	3,685.00	4,090.00
Parish Giving Scheme Income	3,839.37	-	-	-	3,839.37	447.50
Standing Order - Gift Aided	26,906.00	-	1,615.00	-	28,521.00	32,962.00
	33,730.37	**-**	**2,315.00**	**-**	**36,045.37**	**37,499.50**
GIFT AID RECOVERED						
Gift Aid Reclaim	6,793.71	-	892.50	-	7,686.21	8,584.28
Gift Aid Small Donations (GASDS)	620.52	-	902.69	-	1,523.21	1,387.09
	7,414.23	**-**	**1,795.19**	**-**	**9,209.42**	**9,971.37**
ALL OTHER GIVING/VOLUNTARY RECEIPTS						
Appeals	700.00	-	164.50	-	864.50	1,427.35
Donations	668.71	-	4,154.00	-	4,822.71	8,675.11

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Donations - Gift Aided	-	-	3,795.00	-	3,795.00	645.00
Appeals - Gift Aided	-	-	125.00	-	125.00	150.00
	1,368.71	**-**	**8,238.50**	**-**	**9,607.21**	**10,897.46**
ACTIVITIES FOR GENERATING FUNDS						
Churches Together Bike Ride	-	414.91	-	-	414.91	-
Other Fundraising Income	-	-	-	-	-	957.89
Wall Boxes	164.10	-	-	-	164.10	121.21
Choir Fundraising	-	-	1,596.98	-	1,596.98	3,020.30
	164.10	**414.91**	**1,596.98**	**-**	**2,175.99**	**4,099.40**
CHURCH ACTIVITIES						
Fees - Statutory	2,135.00	3,083.00	-	-	5,218.00	6,193.00
Fees - Additional	170.00	-	75.00	-	245.00	760.00
VAT Reclaim	325.09	-	-	-	325.09	-
Holiday Clubs	-	-	727.76	-	727.76	357.01
Youth Club	-	1.47	-	-	1.47	-
	2,630.09	**3,084.47**	**802.76**	**-**	**6,517.32**	**7,310.01**
HALL INCOME						
Rental Income	8,484.00	-	-	-	8,484.00	7,150.00
Harvest House Hire	4,373.75	-	-	-	4,373.75	3,877.00
HH Deposit	-	-	284.00	-	284.00	-
	12,857.75	**-**	**284.00**	**-**	**13,141.75**	**11,027.00**
INVESTMENT INCOME						
Dividends and Interest	444.13	159.28	2,714.62	-	3,318.03	3,139.08
	444.13	**159.28**	**2,714.62**	**-**	**3,318.03**	**3,139.08**
GRANT INCOME						
Grants - One Off	-	-	1,000.00	-	1,000.00	395.00
Grants - Recurring	-	-	-	-	-	1,000.00
Choir Grants	-	-	-	-	-	50.00
	-	**-**	**1,000.00**	**-**	**1,000.00**	**1,445.00**
OTHER INCOME						
Fees - Third Party	855.00	-	-	-	855.00	1,280.00
Choir Donations	-	-	703.10	-	703.10	710.90
Choir Donations - Gift Aided	-	-	425.00	-	425.00	590.00
Mardlers Subs	-	-	547.96	-	547.96	566.04
Mardlers Trips	-	-	700.00	-	700.00	539.00
Community Activity	-	-	-	-	-	592.40
	855.00	**-**	**2,376.06**	**-**	**3,231.06**	**4,278.34**

5. Payments	Unrestricted Fund £	Designated Fund £	Restricted Fund £	Endowment Fund £	Total 2025 £	Total 2024 £
CLERGY AND STAFFING COSTS						
Clergy Expenses	1,556.33	-	-	-	1,556.33	1,610.11
Salaries	5,916.00	-	-	-	5,916.00	5,704.86
Honoraria	505.00	-	-	-	505.00	184.50
	7,977.33	**-**	**-**	**-**	**7,977.33**	**7,499.47**
CHURCH RUNNING EXPENSES						
Gas and Electricity Bill - Church	1,781.96	-	-	-	1,781.96	2,637.37
Insurance - Church	1,963.37	-	-	-	1,963.37	1,929.54
Service Costs	472.84	-	-	-	472.84	626.24
Maintenance - Church	-	-	2,023.36	-	2,023.36	1,982.40
PA & Audiovisual	-	-	265.49	-	265.49	1,795.46
Youthwork	-	-	-	-	-	6.38
	4,218.17	**-**	**2,288.85**	**-**	**6,507.02**	**8,977.39**
MISSION GIVING AND DONATIONS						
Charities - Home (UK)	12.00	-	874.73	-	886.73	1,543.39
Charities - Overseas	1,615.00	-	4,036.91	-	5,651.91	11,698.18
Local Hardship	-	-	5,430.00	-	5,430.00	8,270.00
	1,627.00	**-**	**10,341.64**	**-**	**11,968.64**	**21,511.57**
BUILDING WORK AND REPAIRS						
Church - Major repairs and Redecorations	-	-	4,532.89	-	4,532.89	712.50
	-	**-**	**4,532.89**	**-**	**4,532.89**	**712.50**
COSTS OF GENERATING FUNDS						
Fund raising	-	-	-	-	-	771.00
Choir Fundraising	-	-	897.78	-	897.78	688.77

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	-	-	897.78	-	897.78	1,459.77
ADMINISTRATION COSTS						
Printing	85.44	-	-	-	85.44	141.96
Admin Expenses	97.57	-	-	-	97.57	43.80
Safeguarding	120.00	-	-	-	120.00	192.00
	303.01	**-**	**-**	**-**	**303.01**	**377.76**
HALL RUNNING COSTS						
Equipment/Supplies - HH	1,028.50	-	-	-	1,028.50	552.41
Gas and Electricity Bill - HH	2,000.12	-	-	-	2,000.12	2,022.50
Insurance - HH	490.82	-	-	-	490.82	482.34
Maintenance - HH	1,071.58	-	-	-	1,071.58	995.64
Water Bill - HH	357.73	-	-	-	357.73	295.81
Telephone & Broadband	413.28	-	-	-	413.28	388.08
Cleaning - HH	854.95	-	-	-	854.95	910.97
Mowing - HH	300.00	-	-	-	300.00	-
HH Deposit repaid	-	-	184.00	-	184.00	-
	6,516.98	**-**	**184.00**	**-**	**6,700.98**	**5,647.75**
OTHER EXPENDITURE						
Mission and Evangelism Costs	399.50	-	1,449.13	-	1,848.63	1,904.74
Churchyard Expenses	-	1,118.67	575.51	-	1,694.18	6,138.40
Fees Disbursements	1,286.00	-	-	-	1,286.00	1,536.00
Choir Pianist	-	-	954.00	-	954.00	1,584.00
Mardlers	-	-	1,528.50	-	1,528.50	1,448.58
Community Passthrough	427.00	-	-	-	427.00	517.40
Choir Hall Hire	-	-	1,326.65	-	1,326.65	1,353.00
Choir Expenses	-	-	253.57	-	253.57	903.43
Holiday Club expenses	-	-	150.30	-	150.30	-
	2,112.50	**1,118.67**	**6,237.66**	**-**	**9,468.83**	**15,385.55**

THE CHURCH OF ENGLAND
Diocese of Norwich

Independent Examiners Certificate

Report to the trustees/ members of:	Mulbarton PCC
On accounts for the year ended:	31 December 2025
Charity no (if any):	1156897

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31/12/2025

Responsibilities and basis of report

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

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

Independent examiner's statement

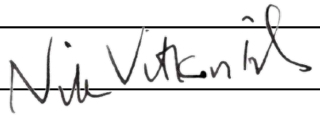
~~[The charity's gross income exceeded £250,000 and I am qualified to undertake the examination by being a qualified member of [ ]]. *Delete [ ] if not applicable*.~~

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

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

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

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

Signed:  Date: 9 April 2026

Name: Nicholas Vitkovitch

Relevant professional qualification(s) or body (if any)	FIoD
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Section B **Disclosure**

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

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

Nothing to disclose