FRANT WITH ERIDGE
REPORTS FOR THE YEAR 2024

APCM 12TH MAY 2025 8PM
ERIDGE VILLAGE HALL

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12 May 2025, 8pm
Eridge Village Hall

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PARISH OF FRANT WITH ERIDGE
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MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL MEETING OF PARISHIONERS
AND THE ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING
HELD IN ST ALBAN'S CHURCH, FRANT
ON MONDAY 13 MAY 2024 AT 8.00PM

Present: Rev Brendan Martin (Rector & Chairman); Stephen Barnes, Kyle Laidler and Jonathan Lynn (Churchwardens); Jeremy Halmshaw (Treasurer); Sue Vincer (Hon. Secretary); and 19 members of the Parish.

Rev Brendan Martin welcomed everyone and opened the meeting with prayer and a reading from Romans 5.

Apologies: Christopher & Susannah Hall, Juliet Nightingale and Jane Stevens.

VESTRY MEETING

The purpose of the Vestry Meeting is to elect the Churchwardens. Nominations had been received from Stephen Barnes and Jonathan Lynn for Eridge, and Kyle Laidler and Juliet Nightingale for Frant. All nominations had been proposed and seconded prior to the meeting and, with all present being in favour, were duly elected. The Rector thanked them for agreeing to serve as Churchwarden for a further year.

ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING

(1) Minutes of the 2023 Annual Parochial Church Meeting

The Minutes of the 2023 APCM and Vestry Meeting, which were agreed by the PCC following last year's APCM, had been distributed. There were no amendments. Alan Barter proposed the Minutes be accepted; seconded by Jonathan Lynn and carried

(2) Matters Arising

Following last year's APCM, when he referred to the board outside St Denys, Rotherfield, Brian Gill enquired whether arrangements had been put in hand for a similar board in front of St Albans. The Rector explained that although the board had been ordered it was never actioned as the logo for the church had been tweaked. The Communication Committee would now proceed with this.

(3) The Reports

(i) The Rector's Report.

The Rector had given his report during morning services on 12th May. He asked whether there were any questions or reflections. It was suggested that the report be sent out so that people who were not in church on the 12th could see it. The Rector said he would include it in the next newsletter.

(ii) The Electoral Roll.

Lesley Lynn reported that there are 92 on the Roll for Holy Trinity, Eridge. Lesley mentioned that a few people who were already on the Roll had signed up on line but this was not necessary, and also pointed out that people can be on the Electoral Rolls in two parishes, but not in the same parish.

Margaret Jones reported 119 on the Roll for St Albans, Frant. During the last year five deaths had been recorded and six people were now in long term nursing care. Margaret reminded us that next year the Electoral Roll must be revised (this takes place every six years) and everyone has to sign up during March and April.

(iii) Annual Reports from Frant and Eridge

The Rector thanked Juliet Nightingale and Jonathan Lynn for providing the annual reports relating to our two churches. No questions were raised.

(4) Financial Report and 2023 Accounts

Our Treasurer Jeremy Halmshaw reported that, during last year, a lot of our reserves had been used but our finances were beginning to improve slowly. It has been a tough few years but God has been good and we have covered our expenditure. The return of the concerts has helped to boost funds. Jeremy said that Eridge church is in good shape and this year would have the benefit of the Eridge Fair in June. Frant needs to raise funds and Jeremy suggested that a Friends of Frant be set up and a card reader installed in the church. He thanked all those who helped with the accounts during the year - Adam Creedy Smith , Lesley & Jonathan Lynn, and our Administrator, Sarah Davies.

Looking at the Accounts, the total funds in hand as at 31 December 2023 were:

Unrestricted funds £54,813: Restricted funds £57,011: Endowment fund £1,336. Referring to the parish share, Jeremy pointed out that to help recover the loss of £12,000 suffered at Frant, the decision had been made to reduce the amount being paid by Frant to the Diocese by £8,000 this year. If, at the end of the year, there is a surplus of funds it has been agreed by the PCC that this will be paid to the Diocese. Lesley Lynn pointed out that we are one of only three parishes that has reduced its parish share. Jeremy replied that our church is not sustainable if we continue to making a loss. It was a very difficult decision to make but he believes that it was the right one following a loss of £25,000 for the last three years.

The cost of the Youth work has increased but this is offset by the rental received from the Stables flat.

The funds remaining in the Ukrainian Fund (£1,039) had been passed to a local charity and used for a refugee to return to the Ukraine to see her partner, whom she had not seen for two years. She has expressed her gratitude to our parish for the grant.

An enquiry was made as to obtaining a card reader for St Albans and the Rector replied that we have one but are having difficulty obtaining internet accesss.

A full set of Accounts had been published which contain full details of the movement of monies.

The Rector thanked Jeremy and the finance team for their work on the Accounts. Proposed by Jeremy that the Accounts be accepted; seconded by Lesley Lynn. All present in favour.

(5) Elections and Appointments

(i) Election of representatives to Deanery Synod

Elections were held in 2023 and the current representatives will serve until 2026.

(ii) Election of PCC Members

David Torr's term on the PCC has come to an end but he is happy to be re-elected to serve a further term. His nomination form signed by proposer the seconder had been received and David was duly elected to serve until 2027.

(iii) Appointment of Sidespeople

There are no changes and all current sidespeople are happy to continue. All in favour of their continued service.

(iv) Independent Examiner

Jeremy Halmshaw proposed that James R. Griffin ACA, Chartered Accountant of Cardiff, continue as our Independent Examiner; seconded by Adam Creedy Smith, and carried.

(6) Any other business

(i) The Rector said that next year the APCM will be held on 12th May in Eridge Village Hall.

(ii) On behalf of our churches, Jonathan Lynn thanked the Rector for all he does within our two churches; Brendan replied that it was a joy to be in our parish and the family loved living in here.

There being no other business the Rector closed the meeting with prayer at 8.55pm.

APCM REPORTS 2025

FROM THE RECTOR

This past year has been one of seeing God's goodness and growth. We were sad to say goodbye to the Pascoe family, but have been blessed to see all that the Lord has continued to do and I am especially grateful to all the volunteers who have stepped up to continue the work that Ed had been doing, and even see new children and families join us.

In my Rector's report (which will be given verbally in church Sunday 11th May) I will highlight some of the blessings and the joys we have seen this past year, as well as the challenges we have faced. I will also look forward to all that God is doing in this coming year in our parish.

There is much going on in our busy churches, for which we are thankful for. It is a privilege and a joy to serve amongst such lovely people and communities here at Frant and Eridge.

In our Year of Faith may our knowledge of God grow, our love for the Lord deepen, and our work for the Lord increase!

- Rev Brendan Martin (Rector of Frant with Eridge)

SAFEGUARDING

We have been enormously grateful to Roo Froud and Sue Vincer who have led our safeguarding team for past 3 years. They have now stepped back from this role and we are looking for someone to come onto the team. This essential role needs someone who can assist with any issues that arise, liaise with the Diocese Safeguarding Team and oversee that the admin is happening correctly (which is done through the church office). The Church of England is soon rolling out a new online platform for safeguarding which by the looks of it will be especially helpful for that ongoing checks and oversight.

Sarah Davies remains as our Safeguarding Recruiter (sorts the checks and DBS).

That means Rev Brendan is currently Safeguarding Lead, assisted by Rural Dean Rev Julie Sear until the role is fulfilled.

- Rev Brendan

HOLY TRINITY ERIDGE

Church Life
The congregations at major festivals have been very encouraging and increasing over previous years – the carol Service attracted 75 and Easter Sunday had over 50 worshippers. There also seems to be an upward trend in normal Sunday attendance. The Eridge Choir continues to perform regularly at special services. There were two weddings and four funerals.
Lesley Lynn ran a small Lent course.

Finance and Fundraising
The church finances were helped enormously by a very generous donation from Village Fair and we are all very grateful to Lord and Lady Abergavenny for hosting the Fair and to all those who worked so hard to make it such a success. We also benefitted from fund raising from the Greek Evening kindly hosted by Anthony and Christine Freeman at their house and the bridge lunch organized by Alison Barnes. Anthony and Christine are planning a 1950s evening at the house this year on 28 June. With all the above fundraising the church managed to record a small surplus on current expenditure which will be needed next year.

Fabric
The old gas heating finally died this winter and the gas supply has been removed. Work is underway on arranging new electric wiring, lighting and heating. This will be a very expensive project and will require the support of the Friends of Eridge Church and also a special appeal.
We are hoping that the new heating might be in operation in time for the visit of the Bishop of Chichester in January 2026.

Churchyard
The church and churchyard continue to be visited by many walkers and tourists and Mary Alexander is arranging village history information boards in conjunction with the Village Hall.

Stephen Barnes has cut back the rhododendron hedge to the south of the church which was terribly overgrown and he has opened up views through the churchyard to the Garden of Remembrance.
John Willington continues to volunteer in the churchyard and has planted flowers on many of the old graves he has cleared. A small guidebook to the churchyard is planned for later this year.

- Jonathan Lynn

THE FRIENDS OF HOLY TRINITY

We are delighted to report that the Frant Parish Council have agreed to contribute £1000 towards a proposed gate at the rear of the Churchyard, this will allow access from the Church car park through the churchyard into the church, and also provide a very nice walkthrough for our many passing travellers coming to and from Eridge Rocks.

Thanks to help from Mary Alexander, Eridge Village Hall have agreed to pay for the costs of two information boards, one outside the church and one outside the village hall.

Funds from the Friends will be needed to pay for essential electrical work in the church, as well as renewing necessary heating and lighting in the church, for which we will write to residents requesting financial support.

- Michael Stevens

PASTORAL CARE

In my final paragraph of last year's report, I stated "It would be amazing if with a bigger team we could extend our care beyond the boundary of our churches and demonstrate God's love to those in our communities."

I am delighted to report that we now have a pastoral care team which was born out of the Pastoral Care Course, which Brendan ran in May and June last year. This was attended by 12 or more people and comprised a few from other local churches which was a bonus.

We began by looking at the biblical basis and values for pastoral care. This covered topics such as effective listening, confidentiality, safeguarding, well-being and boundaries. In the future we hope to look more deeply into grief and bereavement.

As a team we have continued with domiciliary visits at times of crisis, illness, bereavement, or simply as support at times of frailty and loneliness. Sometimes contact through a phone call is all that is needed to offer support. Now we have a team we can develop our visits to care homes, where former residents of our parish now reside.

We do rely very much on referrals from people within our churches. There is a small entry in this month's parish magazine giving our telephone numbers; but we are always contactable through Brendan or Sarah in the Parish Office. We are also in the process of creating a flyer with information about us, and how we can help.

We hope to continue to develop our team to offer care and support, to sustain others and develop quality relationships whilst sharing the love of God.

- Caroline Creedy Smith

CHILDREN AND YOUTH

SUNDAY CLUB

Over the last three terms in our Kids Sunday Club, our children (with the help of the mums in our parish) have explored some exciting biblical concepts, in the hope that they are encouraged to think deeply on the things of God, and the work and person of Jesus Christ.

Firstly, in Term 3, we looked at the Gospel of John and focused on the Seven Signs (miracles) that he wrote about, to better understand how Jesus is indeed God incarnate. Secondly, in Term 4, basic Christian principles were taught and discussed, with our children making their own lemonade when we considered the Trinity and how we might better understand 'God is Three in One'. In addition, we had our children ponder on questions about why sin is a big deal, and why what we believe about God is so incredibly important - does it match up to what the Bible says?! Lastly and currently, we are seeking to understand some of the attributes of God; what *does* it mean that God is love, holy, and just? At Kids Sunday Club, our children are encouraged to ask *those* difficult questions about life and God, in a fun and safe space.

We love to see our children excited to attend Kids Sunday Club. They enjoy seeing their friends, playing games, and making crafts, all whilst learning about God and how much He loves each and every one of them!

- Cherice Laidler

ENCOUNTER

The Youth Group Encounter is for school Years 6 to year 13, and we currently have a great bunch of children ages 12 to 17. Numbers have remained good and the transition has been smooth since Ed left as Youth Worker last year and Brendan took over.

Brendan has a lot of experience of working with young people from his former role as a Youth Pastor, so he has lots of fun games and ideas up his sleeve, one of the most popular being the Auction which gets very heated with £5000 fake money given to each team and lots of excited bidding and a lot of noise!

We also play Table Tennis, Pickleball (both personal favorites) Capture The Flag, as well as quieter games like Empire and Maffia.

Sometimes we cook and do painting or creative projects to contrast with the Nerf Guns and running around! We also eat cake, read the Bible, pray, chat and have some interesting discussions.

The best thing about Encounter however is the teenagers themselves, who somehow all get along amazingly and are just great fun to be around!

- Karen Murdoch

LITTLE FISHES

Little Fishes baby and toddler group continues to go well. We have a core team who have various roles from support with tea and coffee to story time. The weekly music is a highlight for many of the children who eagerly await the arrival of our two super pianists. We have some new key helpers some who help regularly and others who support as and when. It is great to have widened the team and brilliant to have other church members available to help run and support the group. We have many regular adults and children who attend, and it has been lovely to see the children grown up in the group from babies to toddlers. We have also had quite a few new children join which has been lovely. We hope to run some extra messy play sessions to which the whole family can be invited too.

-Claire Martin

WOMEN'S MINISTRY

With God's immense blessing we have continued to grow this ministry which Julie Pascoe initiated. We had three ladies' breakfasts last year which saw over 30 attendees each time enjoy a lovely breakfast and great coffee. At each event we had a short talk given by people both from outside the church and within. Although varied topics, these are to encourage us in our faith or perhaps stir people to discover faith for the first time.

- Caroline Creedy Smith

PARISH NEWS

Flicking through each 2024 edition of Parish News before writing this, has been reminder of how much goes on in our quiet, idyllic villages. In the frontpage images below, the "in this issue" section at the bottom gives a flavour of this.



The aim of the magazine has always been to appeal to all residents, striking a balance between promoting local societies, causes and events, keeping residents up to date on important Parish Council and other community news (schools, village shop, churches and other amenities) as well as inviting residents to share

news that may be of interest to others. A popular recent addition to the regular columns has of course been Parish Pets!

Every edition is a real team effort and we have been delighted to welcome Lee Bailey to the team during 2024. Lee has a wealth of experience which is evident in her beautifully written "News of the Pews" pages. We are very grateful to Lee for taking the time to do this.

Sue Piccioni was hoping to step down from the advertising in 2024 but ended up pulling together the 2025 advertising for us after all. We are all very grateful to Sue for her sterling effort in fulfilling this crucial role. In 2024, the income was £3,625 which included £650 from the Parish Council. There were a few advertisers that did not renew this year, but nevertheless the production costs of the magazine were met and, as in previous years, we made a profit! This is despite the bumper September/October edition with the "Summer in the Parish" special feature which cost more to produce.
I'll finish with thanks to Colin at LR Online Print Services for maintaining such reasonable charges and high quality for the printing of the magazine and flyers, Jonathan Christie for his exceptional skill in designing the page layout and to those who go out in all weathers to get the magazine through household doors.

- Carmel Kinley (Editor)

FRANT BUILDING COMMITTEE

Our newly appointed Church Architect, John Bailey of John Ford & Partners, conducted the Quinquennial Report on 24th January, and in conclusion stated that St Alban's was a good quality building with much interest in it which had been well cared for by the Parish. Only one item required urgent attention: the need to protect the clock weight pit in the Tower, however, a number of items were listed needing attention within the next twelve months, within the next 24 months, within a 5 year period, and with no timescale respectively. The Building Committee instigated the following repairs/improvements during 2024:

- New barrier around the clock weight pit
- Tower ladder
- Belfry louvre
- Bases of Lych Gate columns
- External Vestry door
- Stone lintel above South Aisle window (left of porch)

The Building Committee began the process of planning a number of significant improvements to the Church interior, funds allowing, to make it more functional for the 21st century. These were in order of priority:

- Fold out TV screens either side of the Chancel wall facing the Nave
- Stage lighting
- Improve external lighting – lighting in Lych Gate and mains powered bollards along path to Stables
- Paint all the interior walls and North and South Aisle ceilings (last carried out in 1980s)
- Extend the French drain along the North wall
- Improved sound system
- Extend the Chancel dais further into the Nave with the addition of a hand rail and the removal of the front row of pews
- Update the tea station with oak fronted cabinets, granite work surfaces, fridge, dishwasher and peninsular for serving food and drink
- Replace back pews with moveable seating to create a social space

- David Torr

FRANT CHURCHYARD COMMITTEE

Over the past year we have continued to follow the advice previously given by the Kent High Weald Trust. The church building and the land at the rear has benefited from the removal of the non-native rhododendrons, giving more light and encouraging the growth of wildflowers. As in previous years, we are following the national initiative of No Mow May in three sections of the churchyard, designated Summer Meadows. These sections will be left to grow until August to encourage the flora and fauna. Last summer over 80 orchids appeared! There is also a Spring Meadow at the bottom of the churchyard, adjacent to the Rectory paddock, where snowdrops, daffodils and bluebells grow. Once the bluebells have died back, this area will be kept mowed. The Thuja tree, mentioned in last year's report, has now been reduced in height.

Once again, we give a big thank you to George & Oenone Warr for holding a Wine & Quiche evening in their beautiful garden; and also to Jayne Crookshank and her team for the wonderful Flower Festival we enjoyed last summer. Together, the two events raised in excess of £1,000 for our Churchyard Fund, which has enabled us to buy more equipment. Our lovely churchyard would not be so lovely if we didn't have such a good team to keep it so and a big thank you goes to them all, including the two new members who have joined us this year. If you would like to join us, please call me on 01892 740180

- Sue Vincer





ST ALBANS Frant and HOLY TRINITY Eridge

Financial Statements 2024

PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF FRANT WITH ERIDGE

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

	Notes	Unrestricted Funds 2024	Restricted Funds 2024	Endowment Funds 2024	**TOTAL FUNDS 2024**	TOTAL FUNDS 2023
		£	£	£	**£**	£
Incoming resources						
Voluntary income	**2a**	86,554	43,026	0	**129,580**	99,519
Activities for generating funds	**2b**	36,277	2,176	0	**38,453**	31,093
Investment income	**2c**	9,195	0	0	**9,195**	9,716
Income from Church Activities	**2d**	26,480	0	0	**26,480**	18,021
Other incoming resources	**2e**	264	13,780	0	**14,044**	456
Total incoming resources		158,770	58,982	0	**217,752**	158,805
Resources expended						
Grants	**3a**	842	1,030	0	**1,872**	670
Cost of activities relating to the work of the church	**3b**	120,500	30,008	0	**150,508**	155,350
Management and administration	**3c**	6,418	970	0	**7,388**	6,826
Costs of generating funds	**3d**	21,856	80	0	**21,936**	7,860
Total resources expended		149,616	32,088	0	**181,704**	170,706
Net incoming /(outgoing) resources						
Gains and losses on revaluation of investments		0	0	0	**0**	0
Net movement in funds		**9,154**	**26,894**	**0**	**36,048**	**(11,901)**
Total funds brought forward at 1 January 2024		56,138	57,011	1,336	**114,483**	126,383
Adjustments To Funds	**10**	(11,623)	11,623		**0**	0
Total funds carried forward at 31 Decmeber 2024		**53,668**	**95,527**	**1,336**	**150,531**	**114,483**

PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF FRANT WITH ERIDGE
BALANCE SHEET
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

	Notes	Frant/Eridge 2024	Total 2024	Frant/Eridge 2023	Total 2023
		£	**£**	£	£
Fixed assets					
Tangible fixed assets	**5a**	26,591	**26,591**	29,635	29,635
Investments	**5b**	1,336	**1,336**	1,336	1,336
Total fixed assets		27,927	**27,927**	30,971	30,971
Current assets					
Debtors	**7**	0	**0**	0	0
Inter Church account		0	**0**	0	0
Short term deposits		96,166	**96,166**	39,367	39,367
Cash at bank and in hand		32,000	**32,000**	44,395	44,395
		128,166	**128,166**	83,762	83,762
Liabilities: amounts falling due within one year	**8**	(5,564)	**(5,564)**	(250)	(250)
Net current assets		122,602	**122,602**	83,512	83,512
Liabilities: amounts falling due after one year		0	**0**	0	0
NET ASSETS		150,531	**150,531**	114,483	114,483
CHURCH FUNDS	**9**				
Unrestricted funds		53,668	**53,668**	56,138	56,138
Restricted funds		95,527	**95,527**	57,011	57,011
Endowment funds		1,336	**1,336**	1,336	1,336
		150,531	**150,531**	114,483	114,483

Approved by the Parochial Church Council on and signed on its behalf

The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

1. Accounting policies

(a) Accounting convention

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Church Accounting Regulations 1997 as amended by the Church Accounting (Amendment) Regulations 2001 together with applicable accounting standards and best practice as laid down in the Statement of Recommended Practice "Accounting and Reporting by Charities" (SORP2000) issued in October 2000.

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention as modified by the inclusion of investments at market value and the revaluation of fixed assets.

(b) Funds accounting

Funds held by the PCC are:

General fund - unrestricted monies to be used by the trustees in accordance with charitable objects.

Designated funds - monies set aside by the trustees out of unrestricted funds for specific future purposes or projects.

Restricted funds - monies subject to specific conditions imposed by the donor or fundraising events held for particular purposes.

Endowment funds - monies which must be held indefinitely as capital. The income thereon may be used in accordance with the donor's wishes, if stipulated, or for general purposes.

The accounts include all transactions, assets and liabilities for which the PCC is liable in law. They do not include the accounts of church groups that owe their affiliation to another body, nor those which are informal gatherings of church members.

Incoming resources

Voluntary Income

Collections are recognised when received
Planned giving receivable is recognised only when received.
Income tax recoverable on Gift Aid donations is recognised when the income is recognised.
Grants and legacies are recognised as soon as the PCC is notified of its legal entitlement, the amount is quantifiable, and the ultimate date of receipt is reasonably certain.
Funds raised by fetes and other events are accounted for gross
Sales of books and magazines are accounted for gross

Other income

Rental income from the letting of church premises is recognised when the rent is due

Income from investments

Interest entitlements are accounted for as they accrue.

Gains and losses on investments
Realised gains are recognised when the investments are sold
Unrealised gains and losses are accounted for on revaluation on 31 December.

(c) ***Resources used***
Resources expended are accounted for on an accruals basis.

Grants
Grants and donations are accounted for when paid over, or when awarded where the award creates a binding obligation on the PCC

Activities relating to the work of the church
The diocesan parish contribution is accounted for when paid. Any parish contribution unpaid at 31 December is provided for in these accounts as an operational (though not a legal) liability and is shown as a creditor in the balance sheet.

(d) ***Tangible fixed assets***
Consecrated and beneficed property of any kind is excluded from the accounts by s.96(2) of the Charities Act 1993.

Movable church furnishing held by the Vicar and Churchwardens on special trust for the PCC and which require a faculty for disposal, are accounted as inalienable property unless consecrated. They are listed in the church's inventory which can be inspected. For inalienable property acquired prior to (date) there is insufficient cost information available and therefore such assets are not valued in the accounts. Items acquired since 1 January 2001 have been capitalised in the accounts and depreciated over their useful economic life. Booked value has been writtend down to zero

All expenditure on consecrated or beneficed buildings and individual items costing under £1000 are written off in the year they were incurred.

Depreciation

Depreciation is calculated to write down the cost of tangible fixed assets, excluding freehold properties, over their expected useful lives. The rates generally applicable are:

Fixtures, fittings and equipment	33% straight line
Property, plant and equipment	10% straight line

No depreciation is provided on freehold property as it is the church's policy to maintain these assets in a continual state of sound repair. The useful economic life of these assets is so long and residual values so high that any depreciation would not be material. These assets will be subject to annual impairment reviews. Provision will be made if there has been any permanent diminution in value.

Investments
Investments are stated at market value at the balance sheet date.

(e) **Current Assets**
Short-term deposits include cash held on deposit either with the CBF Church of England Funds, or at the bank.

(f) ***Adjustment to fuds***
The 2024 accounts includes a adjustment of £11.5k from unrestricted to restricted
Note 9 provides a full breakdown.

PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF FRANT WITH ERIDGE

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (continued)
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

2 Incoming resources

	Unrestricted Funds 2024 £	Restricted Funds 2024 £	**TOTAL FUNDS 2024 £**	TOTAL FUNDS 2023 £
2a Voluntary income				
Planned giving	48,869	1,595	**50,464**	56,216
Collections at all services	13,076	108	**13,184**	11,072
Sundry donations and appeals	17,231	10,090	**27,321**	25,937
Legacies	0	30,000	**30,000**	0
Income tax recoverable	7,378	1,233	**8,611**	6,294
	86,554	43,026	**129,580**	99,519
2b Activities for generating funds				
Fetes and other fund raising events	36,277	2,176	**38,453**	31,093
Bookstall	0	0	**0**	0
	36,277	2,176	**38,453**	31,093
2c Investment income				
Dividends and interest	2,895	0	**2,895**	1,316
Income from property	6,300	0	**6,300**	8,400
	9,195	0	**9,195**	9,716
2d Income from Church Activities to further the interests of the PCC				
Stables income	11,262	0	**11,262**	1,734
Fees from weddings etc.	11,588	0	**11,588**	12,417
Parish magazine	3,630	0	**3,630**	3,870
	26,480	0	**26,480**	18,021
2e Other incoming resources				
Grants	264	13,780	**14,044**	456
Insurance	0	0	**0**	0
VAT Recovered		0	**0**	0
	264	13,780	**14,044**	456
Total incoming resources	**158,770**	**58,981**	**217,751**	158,804

3 Resources expended

		Unrestricted Funds 2024 £	Restricted Funds 2024 £	**TOTAL FUNDS 2024 £**	TOTAL FUNDS 2023 £
3a	Grants				
	Missionary and charitable giving	842	1,030	**1,872**	670
		842	1,030	**1,872**	670
3b	Activities directly relating to the work of the Church				
	Ministry costs:				
	diocesan parish contribution	66,643	0	**66,643**	73,775
	clergy expenses	7,178	0	**7,178**	5,127
	youth worker	0	20,794	**20,794**	27,900
	other support costs	0	0	**0**	0
	Church running expenses	16,256	0	**16,256**	16,807
	Church maintenance	6,433	3,362	**9,795**	5,961
	Upkeep of service	5,718	0	**5,718**	2,415
	Parish magazine	2,684	0	**2,684**	2,654
	Stables running costs/project	7,167	0	**7,167**	10,702
	Upkeep of churchyard	3,150	5,852	**9,002**	2,866
	Mission and Outreach	250	0	**250**	553
	Depreciation	3,044	0	**3,044**	3,427
	Organist & Locums	1,977	0	**1,977**	3,163
		120,500	30,008	**150,508**	155,350
3c	Church management and administration				
	Parish office costs	6,418	970	**7,388**	6,826
3d	Costs of generating funds	0	0	**0**	0
	Fetes and other fund raising events	21,856	80	**21,936**	7,860
	Total resources expended	149,617	32,088	**181,705**	170,705

4 Staff costs

	Total 2023	**Total 2024**
	£	**£**
Wages and salaries	37,570	**28,467**

During this year the PCC paid for administration as well as paying a youth worker and paying costs to organists.
The youth worker left the Church's employment in September. And at year end the Church had not found a replacement.
Staff cost do not include the Rectors salary, which is paid directly by the diocese of Chichester.

5 Fixed Assets

5a Tangible fixed assets

	Buildings	**Fixtures, Fittings and equipment**	**Total**
	£	£	£
Cost or valuation			
At 1 January 2023	14,581	15,053	29,635
Additions	-	-	-
Disposals			
Revaluation			
At 31 December 2024	**14,581**	**15,053**	**29,635**
Depreciation			
Provided in the year	2,929	115	3,044
Disposals			
At 31 December 2024	**2,929**	**115**	**3,044**
Net book amounts			
At 31 December 2024	**11,652**	**14,938**	**26,591**

5b Investments

	Investments Total
	£
Clegg Fund market value 1 January 2024	**1,336**
Disposals at carrying value	**0**
Net gains and revaluation	**0**
Clegg Fund market value 31 December 2024	**1,336**

6 Analysis of Net assets by fund

	Frant/Eridge Unrestricted Funds	Frant/Eridge Restricted Funds	Frant/Eridge Endowment Funds	**TOTAL FUNDS 2024**
	£	£	£	**£**
Fixed assets for church use	26,591	0	0	**26,591**
Investment fixed assets	0	0	1,336	**1,336**
Current assets	32,639	95,527	0	**128,166**
Current liabilities	(5,564)	0	0	**(5,564)**
				0
	53,668	95,527	1,336	**150,531**

7 Debtors

	Frant/Eridge 2024	**Total 2024**
	£	**£**
Income tax recoverable	0	**0**
Vat refund	0	**0**
Other Debtors	0	**0**
Prepayments	0	**0**
	0	**0**

8 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	Frant/Eridge 2024	**Total 2024**
	£	**£**
Sundry creditors	(5,564)	**(5,564)**
Accruals for utilities and other costs	0	**0**
Charitable giving accrual	0	**0**
General accrual	0	**0**
	- 5,564	**- 5,564**

9 Adjustments To Funds

	Unrestricted 2024	Restricted 2024
	£	£
Frant General fund	- 11,623	
Youth Worker Fund		11,537
Eridge General fund	-	
Stable Project		-
General		-
	- 11,623	11,537

The transfer of £ 11,537 to the Youth Worker fund made up for the shortfall in this fund
The General Fund is used for the Fixed Assets transfer. When the asset is purchased the Trust imposed by the donor has been satisfied. Therefore these restricted funds are transferred from restricted to unrestricted
All Stripe Payments are made to the Frant bank account and need to be allocated to the appropriate fund

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (continued)
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

10 Statement of funds

	Bal b/fwd 1 Jan 2024	Income	Expenditure	Transfers, other gains and losses	**Bal c/fwd 31 Dec 2024**
	£	£	£	£	**£**
Unrestricted Fund					
Frant General fund	39,720	117,352	-111,488	-11,623	**33,961**
Eridge General fund	1,207	41,418	-34,979	0	**7,646**
Frant Designated Maintenance	9,914	0	-3,150	0	**6,764**
Eridge Designated Maintenance	5,295	0	0	0	**5,295**
Insurance settlement	0	0	0	0	**0**
	56,136	158,770	-149,617	-11,623	**53,668**
Restricted Fund					
Frant Restricted Funds					
General	2,908	37,414	0	0	**40,322**
Stables Project	0	0	0	0	**0**
Festival Church Fund	1,833	2,841	0	0	**4,674**
Office Fund	236	0	0	0	**236**
Bruxnor Randal Music Fund	5,251	0	0	0	**5,251**
Fabric fund	10,710	20	-1,568	0	**9,162**
Churchyard	3,184	3,712	-3,832	86	**3,150**
Youth Worker Fund	0	9,256	-20,794	11,537	**0**
Parish Ukrainian Fund	1,039	970	-2,000		**9**
Eridge Restricted Funds					
Fabric fund	10,912	0	0	0	**10,912**
Friends of Eridge	20,937	4,768	-3,894	0	**21,811**
	57,011	58,981	-32,088	11,623	**95,527**
Endowment Fund					
Frant Clegg fund	1,336	0	0	0	**1,336**
	1,336	0	0	0	**1,336**
Total funds	114,483	217,751	-181,705	0	**150,531**





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PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF FRANT WITH ERIDGE

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2025

	Notes	Unrestricted Funds 2025	Restricted Funds 2025	Endowment Funds 2025	**TOTAL FUNDS 2025**	TOTAL FUNDS 2024
		£	£	£	£	£
Incoming resources						
Voluntary income	**2a**	96,345	37,589	0	**133,934**	129,580
Activities for generating funds	**2b**	32,262	2,177	0	**34,439**	38,453
Investment income	**2c**	4,397	0	0	**4,397**	9,195
Income from Church Activities	**2d**	21,331	0	0	**21,331**	26,480
Other incoming resources	**2e**	4,493	9,864	0	**14,357**	14,044
Total incoming resources		158,830	49,630	0	**208,460**	217,752
Resources expended						
Grants	**3a**	0	140	0	**140**	1,872
Cost of activities relating to the work of the church	**3b**	114,874	105,712	0	**220,586**	150,508
Management and administration	**3c**	8,273	63	0	**8,336**	7,388
Costs of generating funds	**3d**	18,162	686	0	**18,848**	21,936
Total resources expended		141,306	106,602	0	**247,910**	181,704
Net incoming /(outgoing) resources						
Gains and losses on revaluation of investments		0	0	0	**0**	0
Net movement in funds		**17,524**	**(56,972)**	**0**	**(39,450)**	**36,048**
Total funds brought forward at 1 January 2024		53,668	95,527	1,336	**150,531**	114,483
Adjustments To Funds	**10**	(1,130)	1,130		**0**	0
Total funds carried forward at 31 Decmeber 2025		**70,062**	**39,685**	**1,336**	**111,082**	**150,531**

PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF FRANT WITH ERIDGE
BALANCE SHEET
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2025

	Notes	Frant/Eridge 2025	Total 2025	Frant/Eridge 2024	Total 2024
		£	£	£	£
Fixed assets					
Tangible fixed assets	5a	21,084	**21,084**	26,591	26,591
Investments	5b	1,336	**1,336**	1,336	1,336
Total fixed assets		22,420	**22,420**	27,927	27,927
Current assets					
Debtors	7	0	**0**	0	0
Inter Church account		0	**0**	0	0
Short term deposits		74,518	**74,518**	96,166	96,166
Cash at bank and in hand		14,391	**14,391**	32,000	32,000
		88,910	**88,910**	128,166	128,166
Liabilities: amounts falling due within one year	8	(250)	**(250)**	(5,564)	(5,564)
Net current assets		88,660	**88,660**	122,602	122,602
Liabilities: amounts falling due after one year		0	**0**	0	0
NET ASSETS		111,082	**111,082**	150,531	150,531
CHURCH FUNDS	9				
Unrestricted funds		70,062	**70,062**	53,754	53,754
Restricted funds		39,685	**39,685**	95,441	95,441
Endowment funds		1,336	**1,336**	1,336	1,336
		111,082	**111,082**	150,531	150,531

Approved by the Parochial Church Council on 11.5.26 and signed on its behalf

Rector Frant w Erdige

Treasurer Frant w Eridge

The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2025

1. Accounting policies

(a) Accounting convention

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Church Accounting Regulations 1997 as amended by the Church Accounting (Amendment) Regulations 2001 together with applicable accounting standards and best practice as laid down in the Statement of Recommended Practice "Accounting and Reporting by Charities" (SORP2000) issued in October 2000.

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention as modified by the inclusion of investments at market value and the revaluation of fixed assets.

(b) Funds accounting

Funds held by the PCC are:

General fund - unrestricted monies to be used by the trustees in accordance with charitable objects.

Designated funds - monies set aside by the trustees out of unrestricted funds for specific future purposes or projects.

Restricted funds - monies subject to specific conditions imposed by the donor or fundraising events held for particular purposes.

Endowment funds - monies which must be held indefinitely as capital. The income thereon may be used in accordance with the donor's wishes, if stipulated, or for general purposes.

The accounts include all transactions, assets and liabilities for which the PCC is liable in law. They do not include the accounts of church groups that owe their affiliation to another body, nor those which are informal gatherings of church members.

Incoming resources

Voluntary Income

Collections are recognised when received
Planned giving receivable is recognised only when received.
Income tax recoverable on Gift Aid donations is recognised when the income is recognised.
Grants and legacies are recognised as soon as the PCC is notified of its legal entitlement, the amount is quantifiable, and the ultimate date of receipt is reasonably certain.
Funds raised by fetes and other events are accounted for gross
Sales of books and magazines are accounted for gross

Other income

Rental income from the letting of church premises is recognised when the rent is due

Income from investments

Interest entitlements are accounted for as they accrue.

Gains and losses on investments
Realised gains are recognised when the investments are sold
Unrealised gains and losses are accounted for on revaluation on 31 December.

(c) ***Resources used***
Resources expended are accounted for on an accruals basis.

Grants
Grants and donations are accounted for when paid over, or when awarded where the award creates a binding obligation on the PCC

Activities relating to the work of the church
The diocesan parish contribution is accounted for when paid. Any parish contribution unpaid at 31 December is provided for in these accounts as an operational (though not a legal) liability and is shown as a creditor in the balance sheet.

(d) ***Tangible fixed assets***
Consecrated and beneficed property of any kind is excluded from the accounts by s.96(2) of the Charities Act 1993.

Movable church furnishing held by the Vicar and Churchwardens on special trust for the PCC and which require a faculty for disposal, are accounted as inalienable property unless consecrated. They are listed in the church's inventory which can be inspected. For inalienable property acquired prior to (date) there is insufficient cost information available and therefore such assets are not valued in the accounts. Items acquired since 1 January 2001 have been capitalised in the accounts and depreciated over their useful economic life. Booked value has been written down to zero

All expenditure on consecrated or beneficed buildings and individual items costing under £1000 are written off in the year they were incurred.

Depreciation

Depreciation is calculated to write down the cost of tangible fixed assets, excluding freehold properties, over their expected useful lives. The rates generally applicable are:

Fixtures, fittings and equipment	33% straight line
Property, plant and equipment	10% straight line

No depreciation is provided on freehold property as it is the church's policy to maintain these assets in a continual state of sound repair. The useful economic life of these assets is so long and residual values so high that any depreciation would not be material. These assets will be subject to annual impairment reviews. Provision will be made if there has been any permanent diminution in value.

The Fixed Asset opening balance has been reallocated in 2025 between Buildings Fixtures, Fittings and Equipment to better reflect the nature of the assets

Investments
Investments are stated at market value at the balance sheet date.

(e) **Current Assets**
Short-term deposits include cash held on deposit either with the CBF Church of England Funds, or at the bank.

(f) ***Adjustment to fuds***
The 2025 accounts includes a adjustment of £1.1k from unrestricted to restricted
Note 9 provides a full breakdown.

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

2 Incoming resources

	Unrestricted Funds 2025 £	Restricted Funds 2025 £	**TOTAL FUNDS 2025 £**	TOTAL FUNDS 2024 £
2a Voluntary income				
Planned giving	37,687	8,335	**46,022**	50,464
Collections at all services	12,581	493	**13,074**	13,184
Sundry donations and appeals	38,986	24,110	**63,096**	27,321
Legacies	0	0	**0**	30,000
Income tax recoverable	7,091	4,651	**11,742**	8,611
	96,345	37,589	**133,934**	129,580
2b Activities for generating funds				
Fetes and other fund raising events	31,811	2,177	**33,988**	38,453
Bookstall	451	0	**451**	0
	32,262	2,177	**34,439**	38,453
2c Investment income				
Dividends and interest	4,397	0	**4,397**	2,895
Income from property	0	0	**0**	6,300
	4,397	0	**4,397**	9,195
2d Income from Church Activities to further the interests of the PCC				
Stables income	11,183	0	**11,183**	11,262
Fees from weddings etc.	6,858	0	**6,858**	11,588
Parish magazine	3,290	0	**3,290**	3,630
	21,331	0	**21,331**	26,480
2e Other incoming resources				
Grants	4,493	9,864	**14,357**	14,044
Insurance	0	0	**0**	0
VAT Recovered		0	**0**	0
	4,493	9,864	**14,357**	14,044
Total incoming resources	**158,830**	**49,630**	**208,460**	217,751

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

3 Resources expended

	Unrestricted Funds 2025 £	Restricted Funds 2025 £	**TOTAL FUNDS 2025 £**	TOTAL FUNDS 2024 £
3a Grants				
Missionary and charitable giving	0	140	**140**	1,872
	0	140	**140**	1,872
3b Activities directly relating to the work of the Church				
Ministry costs:				
diocesan parish contribution	68,000	0	**68,000**	66,643
clergy expenses	5,671	0	**5,671**	7,178
youth worker	0	0	**0**	20,794
other support costs	0	0	**0**	0
Church running expenses	10,530	198	**10,728**	16,256
Church maintenance	9,226	101,957	**111,183**	9,795
Upkeep of service	1,572	981	**2,553**	5,718
Parish magazine	2,654	0	**2,654**	2,684
Stables running costs/project	7,890	586	**8,476**	7,167
Upkeep of churchyard	0	1,990	**1,990**	9,002
Mission and Outreach	562	0	**562**	250
Depreciation	5,506	0	**5,506**	3,044
Organist & Locums	3,263	0	**3,263**	1,977
	114,874	105,712	**220,586**	150,508
3c Church management and administration				
Parish office costs	8,273	63	**8,336**	7,388
3d Costs of generating funds	0	0	**0**	0
Fetes and other fund raising events	18,162	686	**18,848**	21,936
Total resources expended	141,306	106,602	**247,910**	181,705

4 Staff costs

	Total 2024	Total 2025
	£	£
Wages and salaries	28,467	10,891

During this year the PCC paid for administration as well as paying costs to organists.
The youth worker left the Church's employment in September 2024. And at year end the Church had not found a replacement.
Staff cost do not include the Rectors salary, which is paid directly by the diocese of Chichester.

5 Fixed Assets

5a Tangible fixed assets

	Buildings	Fixtures, Fittings and equipment	Total
	£	£	£
Cost or valuation			
At 1 January 2024	19,033	7,557	26,590
Additions	-	-	-
Disposals			
Revaluation			
At 31 December 2025	**19,033**	**7,557**	**26,590**
Depreciation			
Provided in the year	3,925	1,581	5,506
Disposals			
At 31 December 2025	**3,925**	**1,581**	**5,506**
Net book amounts			
At 31 December 2025	**15,108**	**5,976**	**21,084**

5b Investments

	Investments Total
	£
Clegg Fund market value 1 January 2024	1,336
Disposals at carrying value	0
Net gains and revaluation	0
Clegg Fund market value 31 December 2024	**1,336**

6 Analysis of Net assets by fund

	Frant/Eridge Unrestricted Funds	Frant/Eridge Restricted Funds	Frant/Eridge Endowment Funds	**TOTAL FUNDS 2025**
	£	£	£	£
Fixed assets for church use	21,084	0	0	**21,084**
Investment fixed assets	0	0	1,336	**1,336**
Current assets	49,225	39,685	0	**88,910**
Current liabilities	(250)	0	0	**(250)**
	70,062	39,685	1,336	**111,082**

7 Debtors

	Frant/Eridge 2025 £	**Total 2025 £**
Income tax recoverable	0	**0**
Vat refund	0	**0**
Other Debtors	0	**0**
Prepayments	0	**0**
	0	**0**

8 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	Frant/Eridge 2025 £	**Total 2025 £**
Sundry creditors	(250)	**(250)**
Accruals for utilities and other costs	0	**0**
Charitable giving accrual	0	**0**
General accrual	0	**0**
	- 250	- **250**

9 Adjustments To Funds

	Unrestricted 2025 £	Restricted 2025 £
Frant General fund	- 717	
Youth Worker Fund		-
Eridge General fund	- 413	
Stable Project		586
General		544
	- 1,130	1,130

The transfer of £413 to the Finds of Eridge Fund, £131 to the Ukrainian Fund and £586 to the Stables Fund made up for the shortfall in these funds
The General Fund is used for the Fixed Assets transfer. When the asset is purchased the Trust imposed by the donor has been satisfied. Therefore these restricted funds are transferred from restricted to unrestricted
All Stripe Payments are made to the Frant bank account and need to be allocated to the appropriate fund

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (continued)
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10 Statement of funds

	Bal b/fwd 1 Jan 2025	Income	Expenditure	Transfers, other gains and losses	**Bal c/fwd 31 Dec 2025**
	£	£	£	£	£
Unrestricted Fund					
Frant General fund	33,961	128,915	-103,911	-717	**58,249**
Eridge General fund	7,646	25,490	-32,176	-413	**547**
Frant Designated Maintenance	6,764	0	0	0	**6,764**
Eridge Designated Maintenance	5,295	4,425	-5,220	0	**4,500**
Insurance settlement	0	0	0	0	**0**
	53,668	158,830	-141,306	-1,130	**70,062**
Restricted Fund					
Frant Restricted Funds					
General	40,322	21,377	-59,161	0	**2,539**
Stables Project	0	0	-586	586	**0**
Festival Church Fund	4,674	15	-638	0	**4,051**
Office Fund	236	0	0	0	**236**
Bruxnor Randal Music Fund	5,251	0	0	0	**5,251**
Fabric fund	9,162	0	0	0	**9,162**
Churchyard	3,150	600	-615	0	**3,135**
Youth Worker Fund	0	0	0	0	**0**
Parish Ukrainian Fund	9	0	-140	131	**0**
Eridge Restricted Funds					
Fabric fund	10,912	4,400	0	0	**15,312**
Friends of Eridge	21,811	23,238	-45,461	413	**0**
	95,527	49,630	-106,602	1,130	**39,685**
Endowment Fund					
Frant Clegg fund	1,336	0	0	0	**1,336**
	1,336	0	0	0	**1,336**
Total funds	150,531	208,460	-247,910	0	**111,082**

Independent Examiners Report to the PCC of Frant with Eridge

This report on the financial statements of the PCC for the year ended 31 December 2025. Which are set out on pages 1-10, is in respect of an examination carried out in accordance with the Church Accounting Regulations 2006 ("the Regulations") and section 43 of the charities act 1993 ("the Act").

Respective Responsibilities of the PCC and the Examiner

As members of the PCC you are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements. You consider that the audit requirement of the Regulations and section 43(2) of the Act do not apply. It is my responsibility to issue this report on those financial statements in accordance with the terms of the Regulations.

Basis of this Report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General directions given by the Charity Commission under section 43(7)(b) of the Act and to be found in the Church Guidance, 2006 edition, issued by the Finance Division of the Archbishop's Council. That examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the PCC and a comparison of the accounts with these records. It also includes considering any unusual items or disclosures in the financial statements and seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently I do not express an audit opinion on the view given by the accounts.

Independent Examiner's Statement

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

1 Which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements
   - To keep accounting records in accordance with section 41 of the Act and
   - To prepare financial statements, which accord with the accounting records and comply with the requirements of the Act and the Regulations have not been met; or

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

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Date: 27/10/2026

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