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HTH CHURCH

THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH OF HOLY TRINITY HASTINGS

ANNUAL REPORT AND AUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2025

THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH OF HOLY TRINITY HASTINGS

LEGAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

PCC Members	Rev Simon Larkin Rev Toby Lancaster (resigned 31/12/2024) Mrs Philippa Fishlock Mrs Natassja Garner Mr Edward Gosnell Mr Neil Grover Mrs Sally Anne Grover Mr James Keeling Mrs Emma Kersey (appointed 13/11/2025) Mr James Kirby Mr Ian Nunn (deceased 14/08/2025) Mrs Beryl Oliver Mr Daniel Peach Mr Graham Seaton (appointed 27/04/2025) Miss Yetunde Yusuf
Charity number	1163737
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REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2025

The Trustees of the Charity, also known as HTH Church, present their report with the financial statements of the Charity for the year ended 31 December 2025. The Trustees have adopted the provisions of Accounting and Reporting for Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS102 1A) (effective 1 January 2019).

Registered Charity Number

1163737

Principal address

Holy Trinity Hastings is situated on Robertson Street, Hastings TN34 1HT. It is part of the Diocese of Chichester within the Church of England.

PCC Members

PCC Members include Ex Officio members and Elected members.

Ex Officio Members

Rev Simon Larkin	Vicar	James Kirby	Church Warden
Rev Toby Lancaster	Curate, Resigned December 2024	Pippa Fishlock	Church Warden

Elected Members

Edward Gosnell	Re-elected, April 2025	Beryl Oliver	
Natassja Garner		Ian Nunn	Deceased August 2025
Neil Grover		Daniel Peach	
Sally Anne Grover		Graham Seaton	Elected April 2025
James Keeling		Yetunde Yusuf	
Emma Kersey	Co-opted November 2025		

Emma Kersey received a salary for her role as an employee of the charity, but received no additional renumeration for her role as a trustee.

Independent Auditor

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STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Governing Document

The Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish of Holy Trinity Hastings, (PCC), is a corporate body established by the Church of England. The PCC operated under the Parochial Church Council Powers Measure.

Organisational Structure

Appointment of members to the PCC conforms with the Church Representation Rules. At Holy Trinity the membership of the PCC consists of the Vicar, the Church Wardens, the Deanery Synod Reps. and up to 12 elected PCC members.

Management

All members of the PCC, both ex-officio and elected members, are Trustees. Members of the PCC are responsible for making decisions on all matters of general concern and importance to the parish, including deciding on how funds of the PCC are to be spent.

Related Parties

The PCC enjoys the support of the Friends of Holy Trinity, Hastings.

Risk Management

The Trustees have a duty to identify and review the risks to which the Charity is exposed and to ensure appropriate controls are in place to provide reasonable assurance against fraud and error.

PCC Member Eligibility and Training

Members of the PCC must be nominated by two church members on the current electoral roll and must be elected at the Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM). Additional members of the PCC may be co-opted during the year and stand for election at the following APCM. Following their election, new PCC members must declare their fitness to serve on the PCC by completing a Trustee Eligibility Form and an HMRC Fit and Proper Persons Declaration. Training for new PCC members is provided by the Diocese of Chichester, either online or at in person events held from time to time.

Remuneration Policy

Salaries are determined by the PCC after taking advice on remuneration for comparable roles in the local area.

Principal Risks and Uncertainties

The church's operations are reliant on the members of the congregation continuing to donate money and time to support the church's staffing and activities and on grant income from trusts and other grant making bodies. Should this funding cease or be significantly reduced, the church would be unable to continue to support all its current activities and staffing levels. This risk is managed on behalf of the church by the Treasurer and Operations Lead, who meet monthly to review the church accounts and considers future commitments, reporting bi-monthly to the PCC with recommendations for any remedial action necessary to ensure that the church is able to meet its operational commitments. The preparation of the church accounts is overseen by the Treasurer, who holds the CIMA Diploma in Management Accounting and is a senior member of the Finance Leadership Team in an acute NHS Trust. The church aims to hold a minimum reserve of three months operating costs in order to ensure it is able to meet its staffing commitments.

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Recruitment and Appointment of the PCC

There are currently three statutory ex officio members of the PCC, the Vicar, and the two Church Wardens. The four positions of Deanery Synod Reps. assigned by the Hastings Deanery are currently vacant. Other members of the PCC are elected at the Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM) and normally serve for a period of 3 years before retiring or standing for re-election if they wish. Members of the PCC may be co-opted between APCMs, e.g., to replace a PCC member who resigns during the year, but they must then stand for election at the next APCM. In order to stand for election, members of the congregation must be on the parish electoral roll, be over 16 years of age, and be an actual communicant.

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

The Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish of Holy Trinity Hastings, (the PCC), has the responsibility of cooperating with the Vicar, the Reverend Simon Larkin, in promoting in the Ecclesiastical Parish the whole mission of the Church, pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical.

The PCC is committed to the vision statement, of being a community of people who are passionate about being with Jesus, becoming like Jesus, and joining in with what Jesus is doing, that lives, families, and communities are changed and transformed, one life at a time. In accordance with the vision statement, the church aims to meet its objectives through the provision of church services, courses and social outreach activities. Given the diversity of the church's activities, performance is evaluated on a case-by-case basis.

PUBLIC BENEFIT

In accordance with our duties as stated in section 17(5) of the Charities Act, we have considered the guidance provided by the Charity Commission in regard to public benefit. The public benefit has been demonstrated by the activities undertaken since inception of the charity, as described in this report.

ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE

During 2025 HTH continued to grow and develop activities to fulfil the vision of building communities of people who are so passionate about being with Jesus, becoming like Jesus and joining in with what Jesus is doing, that lives, families and communities are changed and transformed, one life at a time.

Sundays and Worship

- We combined our two Sunday services into one bigger gathering at 10:30 on Sunday mornings and launched our new Rooted groups for children during this service. Being all together in a multi-aged service, was beneficial for our church community, with people making friendships across age-groups. Attendance at the service grew through the year with more joining on-line.
- Teaching series through the year included John's Gospel, Hebrews, Summer Psalms and a 'Be Inspired' series. Guest speakers included Gram Seed, Ace the Gladiator and Emma Worrall.
- 'House of Prayer', an evening of prayer and worship, was held termly in HTH Hall, as well as a regular Prayer Vigils and a week of Prayer nights in May.
- We recruited a new Worship Lead in the summer, who has gown and strengthened the worship team.

Easter and Christmas

- Easter services included an evening Good Friday service around the cross, as well as an all-age worship celebration service on Easter Sunday.
- At Christmas we held a Beers and Carols event, Carol Service, Christingle, and a Nativity Service, as well as an all-age service on Christmas Day, with over 1000 people attending across all events.

Children and Families

- Our Children and Families' team supports children's groups, primarily on Sundays, but also at weekday gatherings. It is resourced by 3 HTH staff members (1x full-time and 2x part-time), and a volunteer team of 65 people. We have been able to offer daytime training to these team members – a 6-week Neurodivergence Course delivered by volunteers from the Parenting Team at East Sussex Family Hub. 16 People completed the course.

- Since January 2025 we have offered groups for all children, from 0-10 years, during the 10:30 Service. These are growing and evolving and are regularly attended by about 50-55 children (the older Saplings group comprising 30-40 of these regular attendees).
- We started to make plans for a relocation of our Sunday children's groups, which we hope to move to HTH House by March 2026. This will give us space to grow, as well allowing us to address some of the issues that arise from accommodating a large group of children, with diverse needs, in one open space.
- Tots continued to meet weekly, during term-time. It's popular and has a loyal core of regular attendees. The group offers a warm welcome, toys, physical fun, and craft activities, as well as a gentle introduction to kids' worship songs.
- During the year, we enjoyed a variety of special events, including a Families' Lent devotional challenge, an autumn adventure morning at Ashburnham and a Light Party, as well as the Christmas services. Our Light Party was filmed by a team from the 30K Project at the Church of England. From their footage, HTH Church has been featured in films on their website and on social media, promoting Christian work with children.
- Ninety children from year 3 at ARK Blacklands Primary Academy visited the church for activities as part of a school trip. As well as organising activities for the children, volunteers from the church hosted lunch for them. The school also used the church as a base for the rest of their trip.
- We hosted The Baird Primary School's annual Christmas Service in December. About 150 Key Stage 2 children attended, along with their invited adults, for a service of readings, carols and a special appearance from Frank the puppet.

Youth

- During 2025, Younger Youth continued to meet every Wednesday evening during term time for fun, connection, and discipleship. We now have 50 young people on our regular register, with between 25–40 attending weekly. We have developed a strong team of young leaders who actively engage with the youth, sharing the gospel and helping lead weekly sessions. Last term's teaching themes included *Women in the Bible* and *Who Am I in Jesus*, alongside other intentional times of discipleship and encouragement through testimonies.
- A Thursday evening Youth gathering for older youth continued, maintaining regular contact with around 30 young people. Teaching this year has included studies through the books of Acts and Exodus. The team serving this group has also grown, adding wisdom and depth through a committed group of older adults who are willing to serve and walk alongside our older youth as they transition into adulthood.
- Launched in 2023, 'Deeper', our monthly Sunday evening youth-led service, has continued to grow as a space for discipleship, worship, connection, and refreshments. We now see around 40 young people attending each gathering. Our youth have formed their own worship group and, for the first time, led worship at camp and at Deeper events. They are increasingly stepping into their gifts and leadership, going from strength to strength.
- In the summer, we took 40 young people to Ashburnham for Youth Camp. It was a significant time of encounter and encouragement for all who attended, with games, discussions, outdoor activities, and Bible study during the weekend.
- We also run regular Sunday morning youth gatherings following worship, with between 20–30 young people attending each week.

Premises

- Work on the Heritage Project Development Stage continued through 2025, with the matched funding target being achieved and the final submission to NLHF being made in May 2025. As part of the Development Stage, surveys were carried out on drainage and asbestos and a comprehensive review of all stonework was completed. Two windows on the South Aisle, the Rose window above Claremont Doors and the West Window, all received temporary stabilising repairs, to avoid further deterioration.
- NLHF awarded HTH a grant of £4.5 million in September 2025 and the project moved into the Delivery Stage.

- During 2025, the HTH team initiated conversations with local businesses, colleges, schools and churches as part of planning the relocation of Sunday services during building works in the church, due to begin in September 2026. A final decision on an alternative venue will be made by the PCC in early 2026.
- We have continued to maintain and improve HTH Hall during 2025, notably replacing all radiators and one toilet and handbasin. With the help of a small DIY team, we have created a Sensory Room as an additional space for the Sunday children's work. Work has been undertaken to deal with pests such as pigeons and foxes, both of which were limiting the use of both upstairs and downstairs rooms due to health and safety concerns. The Hall was utilised considerably more for church activities than in previous years, with very few regular time slots available for external rentals.
- During 2025, due to growth in the number of families and children attending HTH, it was decided that we should progress our plans to relocate children's groups to HTH House, despite funding not currently being secured for a full refurbishment. Using funds raised as part of the Vison Gift month 2025, some minor refurbishment, electrical inspections, painting, cleaning and works to ensure fire compliance were started, with completion planned in early 2026. This will also allow the church office to move into HTH House.
- Managing and maintaining these three church spaces is an ongoing challenge and so far, we have relied heavily on a volunteer team to undertake most of the work on these buildings. This continues to be monitored by the PCC to ensure that we can continue to meet the needs of our growing church community whilst maintaining health and safety and safeguarding standards across all three sites.

Community Work

- **Safehaven Men** continued to operate from Church premises through the year. Around 45 men were supported each week, through provision of a safe space and hospitality, food, love and kindness, with more than 200 individuals benefitting over the course of the year. Easter gifts of a food voucher were given. Christmas gift bags were distributed, containing food voucher, hats, scarves and gloves. Overall, 100 gift bags were given out over the year. On average, 10 items of clothing given out and 100 bacon rolls consumed each week. There were 5 sets of camping equipment issued (5 tents, 5 sleeping bags and 5 floor mats) and 5 individual sleeping bags were also donated.
- **Safehaven Women** continued to operate from Church premises throughout the year. Between 25 and 46 women were supported each week, through provision of clothing, a safe space and hospitality, hot food, love and kindness. Approximately 190 individuals, including 10 Ukrainians, benefitted over the course of the year. Keyworkers from 14 different agencies attended during 2025. Sound Portraits provided by a team from Ashburnham Place visited termly and played spontaneously on the piano, flute and violin and prayed for the women. This has proved very popular with the guests. The women attending SHW have completed a third sewing project which has been inspired by the Heritage Activity Plan, based on the stained-glass windows in the church. Gift bags were given out to the women at the end of each term making a total of 115 given over the year. Pett WI continues to support SHW by donations of clothing, toiletries and sanitary products. The SHW team cooked a Christmas lunch for the first time in 2025, including turkey and all the trimmings.
- **Eden Club Chaplaincy** commenced, which is an initiative run under the umbrella of the HTB Network. Two Chaplains visited the local Adult Entertainment Club twice a month on average during 2025 to give emotional support, offer prayer and to bring in sweet treats for the women who work there. There has been contact with 15 different women, as well as connection with the manager and owner of the Club, which has been very positive. There is a prayer team on WhatsApp that pray as visits take place. A donation from Pett WI enabled gift bags for the women to be given out at the end of each term, as well as paying for snacks to be taken into the club on each visit.
- **Hastings Bonfire Night** in October provided an opportunity to give away hot chocolate and cookies to participants and those spectating on the street outside the Church. It was also an opportunity to raise awareness of the church by giving out the 'You are Loved' cards.

- **Spear**, an employability course in Hastings for 16–24-year-olds not in education, employment or training, continued to be run at HTH throughout 2025. The national charity Spear (formerly called Resurgo) continue to provide excellent support and training for our staff and volunteers. Highlights include:
    - 56 young people enrolled onto Spear Foundation, with 39 completing the 4-week intensive course.
    - Of those who completed Spear, 65% are now in work or back in education.
    - As well as making trainees 'work ready', we also signpost them to further support services, such as iRock for mental health counselling or youth clubs for social contact. We have identified that the most prevalent 'barriers to employment' faced by Spear trainees in Hastings are:
        - having fewer than 5 GCSEs (56% compared to 45% in Spear nationally)
        - mental health challenges (55%)
        - parents who claim or have claimed benefits (47%).
    - In December, we held our first fundraising dinner and Big Give Campaign for Spear Hastings, raising over £35,000. The dinner was attended by 40+ guests including church members and their guests.

  Spear continues to rely on a committed core of volunteers, including 8 weekly volunteer coaches and a pool of 12+ mock interviewers.
- **Ukrainian Sanctuary Café** meets in HTH Hall and is supported by HTH Church. In total there were 1616 visits by Ukrainians, 9 Ukrainian volunteers and 3 HTH Church volunteers.

Community

- Hub groups continue to be the main opportunity for the majority of the church community to participate in church life during the working week. By the end of the year, we had 11 active Hubs with approximately 150 people regularly attending. A Practising the Way discipleship course was held in the winter term.
- Alpha courses were run each term, and baptisms were held on Hastings' beach in June.
- We enjoyed community meals in the church after the 10.30 Sunday services on several occasions during the year, serving food reflecting the diverse backgrounds of members of the congregation. A number of community picnics were held at the beach and park.
- A party of around 120 people from HTH attended Focus, run by the HTB network of churches, at the Newark Showground over the last weekend of July.

  As well as streaming Sunday services (average views around 175 per week), HTH continued to grow its digital presence with a 10.2% increase in followers across various social networks. By the end of 2025 HTH had 3,751 followers. Instagram reach was 42k (up 63%) with 172.8k views while Facebook views for 2025 were 166.5k.

FUTURE PLANS

The charity plans to continue the activities outlined above in the forthcoming years subject to satisfactory funding arrangements.

- In 2026, we plan to hire a full time Youth Worker to support our expanding youth work and to develop our relationships with local schools, and a part-time Production Manager to support our existing Sunday worship and to enhance the quality of the live streaming of Sunday services.
- The Delivery Stage of the Heritage project will continue, with work on site planned to begin in October 2026.
- Sunday morning children's groups will relocate to HTH House in the spring of 2026, subject to satisfactory completion of safety inspections and decorating work. The church offices will move to the building before building work starts in the church in the autumn.
- We plan to strengthen links with local primary schools. The Baird Primary School will be visiting again in March. As part of the Heritage project, links have been established with other local organisations, such as the local college, and we plan to build on these relationships in the coming year.

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REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2025

FINANCIAL REVIEW

In the year ended 31 December 2025, total income increased to £1,056,779 (2024: £783,767), largely due to a rise in grant income and ongoing support for the church's various ministries and projects. Expenditure for the year totalled £757,420 (2024: £815,905), reflecting activity across charitable programmes and investment in buildings and outreach work.

This resulted in a net surplus of £299,359 for the year (2024: deficit of £32,138), with total funds carried forward of £510,123 (2024: £210,764), of which £395,921 were restricted.

The Trustees remain committed to prudent financial management and ensuring that resources are directed effectively to support the church's mission and community work.

RESERVES POLICY

The PCC aims to hold reserves of between £80,000 and £95,000 in unrestricted funds. Reserves are held for the following purposes:

- As a contingency fund should urgent repairs be required to any of the buildings for which the PCC has responsibility.
- To maintain cashflow relating to major grants which require evidence of expenditure prior to funds being released.
- To ensure that staff remuneration and core expenditure could be maintained for a minimum of 3 months should donations significantly reduce.

For the year of 2025, the unrestricted reserves amount to £114,202 (2024: £96,446). Our closing balance achieves this and so we expect to continue to have sufficient cash flow to continue to pay bills when they fall due.

Rev Simon Larkin

Signed ..... Date .....7th May 2026...

THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH OF HOLY TRINITY HASTINGS

STATEMENT OF THE RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE PCC FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2025

The PCC members are responsible for preparing the accounts in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice.

Law applicable to charities in England and Wales requires the PCC members to prepare accounts for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the Charity's financial activities during the year and of its financial position at the end of the year.

In preparing accounts giving a true and fair view, the PCC members should follow best practice and:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable accounting standards and statements of recommended practice have been followed, subject to any departures disclosed and explained in the accounts; and
- prepare the accounts on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in operation.

The PCC members are responsible for keeping accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy the financial position of the Charity and which enable them to ascertain the financial position of the Charity and which enable them to ensure that the accounts comply with the Charities Act 2011. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the Charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH OF HOLY TRINITY HASTINGS

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH OF HOLY TRINITY HASTINGS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2025

Opinion
We have audited the financial statements of The Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish of Holy Trinity Hastings for the year ended 31 December 2025 on pages 12 to 24. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards, including Financial Reporting Standard 102 *The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland* (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

In our opinion the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the state of charity's affairs as at 31 December 2025 and of its incoming resources and application of resources, including its income and expenditure, for the year then ended;
- have been properly prepared in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice; and
- have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011.

Basis for opinion
We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (UK) (ISAs (UK)) and applicable law. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements section of our report. We are independent of Charity in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements in the UK, including the FRC's Ethical Standard, and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

Conclusions relating to going concern
We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters in relation to which the ISAs (UK) require us to report to you where:

- the PCC Members' use of the going concern basis of accounting in the preparation of the financial statements is not appropriate; or
- the PCC Members' have not disclosed in the financial statements any identified material uncertainties that may cast significant doubt about the charity's ability to continue to adopt the going concern basis of accounting for a period of at least twelve months from the date when the financial statements are authorised for issue.

Other information
The PCC Members are responsible for the other information. The other information comprises the information included in the PCC Members' annual report, other than the financial statements and our auditor's report thereon. Our opinion on the financial statements does not cover the other information and, except to the extent otherwise explicitly stated in our report, we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon.

In connection with our audit of the financial statements, our responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial statements or our knowledge obtained in the audit or otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If we identify such material inconsistencies or apparent material misstatements, we are required to determine whether there is a material misstatement in the financial statements or a material misstatement of the other information. If, based on the work we have performed, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, we are required to report that fact.

We have nothing to report in this regard.

Matters on which we are required to report by exception
In the light of our knowledge and understanding of the charity and its environment obtained in the course of the audit, we have not identified material misstatements in the PCC Members' report.

We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters in relation to which the Charities Act 2011 requires us to report to you if, in our opinion:

- adequate accounting records have not been kept, or returns adequate for our audit have not been received from branches not visited by us; or
- the financial statements are not in agreement with the accounting records and returns; or
- certain disclosures of PCC Members' remuneration specified by law are not made; or
- we have not received all the information and explanations we require for our audit.

Responsibilities of PCC Members
As explained more fully in the PCC Members' responsibilities statement set out on page 4, the PCC Members are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements and for being satisfied that they give a true and fair view, and for such internal control as the PCC Members determine is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, the trustees are responsible for assessing the charity's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the PCC Members' either intend to liquidate the charity or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements
Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with ISAs (UK) will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these financial statements.

A further description of our responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements is located on the Financial Reporting Council's website https://www.frc.org.uk/Our-Work/Audit/Audit-and-assurance/Standards-and-guidance/Standards-and-guidance-for-auditors/Auditors-responsibilities-for-audit/Description-of-auditors-responsibilities-for-audit.aspx. This description forms part of our auditor's report.

Extent to which the audit was considered capable of detecting irregularities, including fraud
The objectives of our audit, in respect to fraud, are: to identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements due to fraud; to obtain sufficient appropriate audit evidence regarding the assessed risks of material misstatement due to fraud, through designing and implementing appropriate responses; and to respond appropriately to fraud or suspected fraud identified during the audit. However, the primary responsibility for the prevention and detection of fraud rests with both those charged with governance of the entity and its management.

Our approach was as follows:

- We identified areas of laws and regulations that could reasonably be expected to have a material effect on the financial statements from our general sector experience, and through discussion with the PCC Members' and other management (as required by auditing standards), and discussed with the PCC Members and other management the policies and procedures regarding compliance with laws and regulations (see below);
- We identified the following areas as those most likely to have such an effect: health and safety; General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR); fraud; bribery and corruption; and employment law. Auditing standards limit the required audit procedures to identify non-compliance with these laws and regulations to enquiry of the PCC Members and other management and inspection of regulatory and legal correspondence, if any. The identified actual or suspected non-compliance was not sufficiently significant to our audit to result in our response being identified as a key audit matter.

- We considered the legal and regulatory frameworks directly applicable to the financial statements reporting framework (Charities Act 2011) and the relevant tax compliance regulations in the UK;
- We considered the nature of the charity's operations, the control environment and financial performance.
- We communicated identified laws and regulations throughout our team and remained alert to any indications of non-compliance throughout the audit;
- We considered the procedures and controls that the charity has established to address risks identified, or that otherwise prevent, deter and detect fraud; and how senior management monitors those procedures and controls.

Based on this understanding we designed our audit procedures to identify non-compliance with such laws and regulations. Where the risk was considered to be higher, we performed audit procedures to address each identified fraud risk. These procedures included: testing manual journals; reviewing the financial statement disclosures and testing to supporting documentation; performing analytical procedures; and enquiring of management, and were designed to provide reasonable assurance that the financial statements were free from fraud or error.

Owing to the inherent limitations of an audit, there is an unavoidable risk that we may not have detected some material misstatements in the financial statements, even though we have properly planned and performed our audit in accordance with auditing standards. For example, the further removed non-compliance with laws and regulations (irregularities) is from the events and transactions reflected in the financial statements, the less likely the inherently limited procedures required by auditing standards would identify it. The risk is also greater regarding irregularities occurring due to fraud rather than error, as fraud involves intentional concealment, forgery, collusion, omission or misrepresentation. We are not responsible for preventing non-compliance and cannot be expected to detect non-compliance with all laws and regulations.

Use of our report
This report is made solely to the charity's members, as a body. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the PCC Members those matters we are required to state to them in an auditor's report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the charity and the PCC Members as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.

TC Group

Mark Cummins FCCA (Senior Statutory Auditor)
for and on behalf of TC Group
Statutory Auditor
Office: Steyning, West Sussex
Date: 21 May 2026

THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH OF HOLY TRINITY HASTINGS

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2025

	Notes	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	2025 Total Funds £	2024 Total Funds £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENT FROM					
Donations and legacies	3	**348,137**	**697,088**	**1,045,225**	761,106
Investment Income	4	**4,284**	**-**	**4,284**	8,931
Other Income	5	**-**	**7,270**	**7,270**	13,730
Total		**352,421**	**704,358**	**1,056,779**	783,767
EXPENDITURE ON					
Raising Funds	6	**10,637**	**7,158**	**17,795**	19,384
Charitable activities	7				
Charitable activities		**26,497**	**1,648**	**28,145**	18,145
Ministry expenditure		**93,278**	**-**	**93,278**	97,008
Holy Trinity Hastings Ministries		**27,733**	**27,050**	**54,783**	50,068
Church expense		**135,426**	**100,983**	**236,409**	238,689
Buildings		**41,094**	**285,916**	**327,010**	392,611
Total		**334,665**	**422,755**	**757,420**	815,905
NET INCOME /(EXPENDITURE)		**17,756**	**281,603**	**299,359**	(32,138)
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS					
Total funds brought forward		96,446	114,318	210,764	242,902
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD	15	**114,202**	**395,921**	**510,123**	210,764

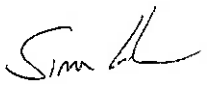
The statement of financial activities includes all gains and losses recognised in the period. All income and expenditure derive from continuing activities.

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BALANCE SHEET
AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2025

	Notes	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	2025 Total Funds £	2024 Total Funds £
CURRENT ASSETS					
Debtors	12	**15,057**	-	**15,057**	10,693
Cash at bank and in hand		**141,327**	**395,921**	**537,248**	215,912
		156,384	**395,921**	**552,305**	226,605
CREDITORS					
Amount falling due within one year	13	**(42,182)**	-	**(42,182)**	(15,841)
NET CURRENT ASSETS		**114,202**	**395,921**	**510,123**	210,764
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES		**114,202**	**395,921**	**510,123**	210,764
NET ASSETS		**114,202**	**395,921**	**510,123**	210,764
FUNDS					
Unrestricted funds	15			**114,202**	96,446
Restricted funds	14			**395,921**	114,318
TOTAL FUNDS				**510,123**	210,764

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees and authorised for issue on ...30th April 2026... and were signed on its behalf by:



S Larkin - Trustee

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STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2025

	Notes	2025 £	2024 £
Cash flows from operating activities			
Cash generated from operations	1	**318,234**	(36,585)
Net cash provided by / (used in) operating activities		**318,234**	(36,585)
Cash flows from investing activities			
Interest received		**3,102**	7,451
Net cash provided by investing activities		**3,102**	7,451
Change in cash and cash equivalents in the reporting period		**321,336**	(29,134)
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the reporting period		**215,912**	245,046
Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the reporting period		**537,248**	215,912

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NOTES TO THE CASH FLOW STATEMENT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2025

1. RECONCILIATION OF NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE) TO NET CASH FLOW FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES

	2025 £	2024 £
Net income/(expenditure) for the reporting period (as per the Statement of Financial Activities)	**299,359**	(32,138)
Adjustments for:		
Interest received	**(3,102)**	(7,451)
(Increase)/decrease in debtors	**(4,364)**	3,241
Increase/(decrease) in creditors	**26,341**	(237)
Net cash provided by/ (used in) operations	**318,234**	(36,585)

2. ANALYSIS OF CHANGES IN NET FUNDS

	At 1.1.25 £	Cash flow £	At 31.12.25 £
Net cash			
Cash at bank and in hand	215,912	321,336	**537,248**

THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH OF HOLY TRINITY HASTINGS

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

1. STATUTORY INFORMATION

The Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish of Holy Trinity Hastings is an unincorporated Charity. The nature of the Charity's operations and principle activities are promoting in the Ecclesiastical Parish the whole mission of the Church.

2. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of preparing the financial statements

The financial statements of the charity, which is a public benefit entity under FRS 102, have been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102) 'Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019)', Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland' and the Charities Act 2011. The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention.

The financial statements are prepared on a going concern basis. The financial statements are prepared in sterling which is the functional currency of the charity.

Income
All income is recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities once the charity has entitlement to the funds, it is probable that the income will be received, and the amount can be measured reliably.
For donations to be recognised the charity will have been notified of the amounts and the settlement date in writing. If there are conditions attached to the donation and this requires a level of performance before entitlement can be obtained, then the income is deferred until those conditions are fully met or the fulfilment of those conditions is within the control of the charity, and it is probable that they will be fulfilled.

Income from trading activities includes income earned from fund raising events to raise funds for the charity. Income is received for supplying goods and services in order to raise funds and is recognised when entitlement has occurred.

Income from grants is recognised when the charity has entitlement after any performance conditions have been met, it is probable that the income will be received, and the amount can be measured reliably If entitlement is not met these amounts are deferred.

Investment income is earned through holding assets for investment purposes. It includes interest and rent. No investment management costs are incurred. Interest and rental income are recognised as the charity's right to receive the payment is established.

Expenditure
Liabilities are recognised as expenditure as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to that expenditure, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefits will be required in settlement and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably. Expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all cost related to the category. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings, they have been allocated to activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources.
It is categorised under the following headings:

- Costs of raising funds.
- Expenditure on charitable activities includes Ministry expenditure, support and governance costs.

2. ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

Support costs allocation
Support costs are those that assist in the work of the charity but do not directly represent charitable activities and include church and buildings expenses. They are incurred directly in support of expenditure on the objects of the charity. Where support costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings, they have been allocated to the cost of raising funds and expenditure on charitable activities on a basis consistent with the use of the resources.
Governance costs comprise those costs associated with meeting the constitutional and statutory requirements of the charity.

Taxation
The charity is exempt from tax on its charitable activities.

Fund accounting

Unrestricted funds can be used in accordance with the charitable objectives at the discretion of the trustees.

Restricted funds can only be used for particular restricted purposes within the objects of the charity. Restrictions arise when specified by the donor or when funds are raised for particular restricted purposes.

Further explanation of the nature and purpose of each fund is included in the notes to the financial statements.

Pension costs and other post-retirement benefits
The charity operates a defined contribution pension scheme. Contributions payable to the charity's pension scheme are charged to the Statement of Financial Activities in the period to which they relate.

Debtors' receivable and creditors payable within one year
Debtors and creditors with no stated interest rate and receivable and payable within one year are recorded at transaction price. Any losses arising from impairment are recognised in expenditure.

Going concern
The financial statements have been prepared on a going concern basis as the Trustees believe that no material uncertainties exist. The Trustees have considered the level of funds held and the expected level of income and expenditure for twelve months from approving these financial statements.

3. DONATIONS AND LEGACIES

	2025	2024
	£	£
Collections	**25,650**	26,903
Planned giving	**229,070**	195,779
Gift Aid	**78,511**	58,288
One off donations and legacies	**130,141**	4,979
Grants	**506,077**	376,062
Vision days	**66,859**	88,208
Miscellaneous	**200**	1,287
Fundraising events	**1,471**	-
Other events	**2,933**	4,398
Children's Ministry	**4,313**	5,202
	1,045,225	761,106

4. INVESTMENT INCOME

	2025	2024
	£	£
Rents received	**1,182**	1,480
Deposit accounts interest	**3,102**	7,451
	4,284	8,931

A property on 32-34 Robertson Street was purchased in 2023. This property is in the legal ownership of the Diocese of Chichester while the beneficial ownership is considered by the Parochial Church Council to rest with the Church. Any income from this property would benefit the Church and the Church bears the responsibility for maintenance and repair. Rent income relating to this property was £755 in 2025 (2024: £480).

The rental income from the occasional letting of HTH Hall (also known as Cambridge Hall) which the charity leases long term from the Church Growth Trust was £427 in 2025 (2024: £1,000).

5. OTHER INCOME

	2025	2024
	£	£
Other Income	**7,270**	13,730
	7,270	13,730

6. RAISING FUNDS

	2025	2024
	£	£
Cost of raising funds	**17,795**	19,384
	17,795	19,384

7. CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES

	Direct Costs	Support Costs (See note 8)	Total 2025	Total 2024
	£	£	£	£
Charitable activities	-	28,145	**28,145**	18,145
Ministry expenditure	93,278	-	**93,278**	97,008
Holy Trinity Hastings Ministries	54,783	-	**54,783**	50,068
Church expenses	236,409	-	**236,409**	238,689
Buildings	327,010	-	**327,010**	392,611
Total Charitable Activities	**711,480**	**28,145**	**739,625**	796,521

8. SUPPORT COSTS

	2025	2024
	£	£
General office and administration	**18,465**	14,845
Independent examiners' remuneration	**-**	3,300
Independent auditors' remuneration	**9,680**	-
	28,145	18,145

9. STAFF COSTS

	2025	2024
	£	£
Wages and salaries	**187,836**	194,330
Social security costs	**9,732**	9,932
Other pension costs	**8,735**	7,457
	206,303	211,719

The average monthly number of employees during the year was as follows:

	2025	2024
	8	9

There were no employees whose annual emoluments were above £60,000 in 2025 or 2024.

There were no key management personnel, the clergy is reimbursed by the Diocese.

During the year, the church paid redundancy payments totalling £1,440 (2024: £nil) in relation to 1 employee (2024: 0).

10. TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS

During the year, 1 trustee (2024: None) received remuneration totalling £5,250 (2024: £nil) in relation to their employment at Holy Trinity Hastings.

Trustees' expenses

During the year there were trustees' expenses reimbursed for 6 trustees (2024: 4) totalling £5,556 (2024: £10,496)

11. COMPARATIVES FOR THE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	2024 Total Funds £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENT FROM			
Donations and legacies	384,666	376,440	761,106
Investment Income	8,931	-	8,931
Other Income	13,730	-	13,730
Total	407,327	376,440	783,767
EXPENDITURE ON			
Raising Funds	1,954	17,430	19,384
Charitable activities			
Charitable activities	18,145	-	18,145
Ministry expenditure	97,008	-	97,008
Holy Trinity Hastings Ministries	8,909	41,159	50,068
Church expense	171,585	67,104	238,689
Buildings	97,312	295,299	392,611
Total	394,913	420,992	815,905
NET INCOME /(EXPENDITURE)	12,414	(44,552)	(32,138)
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS			
Total funds brought forward	84,032	158,870	242,902
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD	96,446	114,318	210,764

12. DEBTORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	2025 £	2024 £
Trade receivables	**-**	967
Other debtors	**1,584**	-
Prepayments	**2,123**	2,016
Accrued Income	**11,350**	7,710
	15,057	10,693

13. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	2025 £	2024 £
Social security and other taxes	**5,337**	3,675
Accrued expenses	**36,845**	12,166
	42,182	15,841

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2025 *(Continued)*

14. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS

	At 1.1.25 £	Net Movement In funds £	At 31.12.25 £
Unrestricted funds			
General funds	96,446	17,756	**114,202**
Restricted funds			
Bursaries	8,969	(1,293)	**7,676**
Children and Youth	12,795	(12,795)	**-**
Church Restoration Project	-	228,546	**228,546**
Club Chaplaincy	-	1,551	**1,551**
Equipment Fund	2,923	(2,923)	**-**
Major Building Project	17,400	39,435	**56,834**
Music, Production, and Publicity	27,239	10,261	**37,500**
Pastoral Aid Funds	4,010	(853)	**3,157**
Safehaven Ministries	13,832	1,840	**15,672**
Spear Centre	27,151	12,834	**39,985**
Ukraine Support	-	5,000	**5,000**
	114,318	281,603	**395,921**
TOTAL FUNDS	210,764	299,359	**510,123**

Net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming Resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
General funds	352,421	(334,665)	17,756
Restricted funds			
Bursaries	10,055	(11,348)	(1,293)
Children and Youth	12,000	(24,795)	(12,795)
Church Restoration Project	482,118	(253,572)	228,546
Club Chaplaincy	2,025	(474)	1,551
Equipment Fund	-	(2,923)	(2,923)
Major Building Project	55,146	(15,711)	39,435
Music, Production, and Publicity	37,500	(27,239)	10,261
Pastoral Aid Funds	-	(853)	(853)
Safehaven Ministries	19,859	(18,019)	1,840
Spear Centre	76,380	(63,546)	12,834
Ukraine Support	9,275	(4,275)	5,000
	704,358	(422,755)	281,603
TOTAL FUNDS	1,056,779	(757,420)	299,359

14. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS (Continued)

Comparatives for movement in funds (Year ended 31 December 2024)

	At 1.1.24 £	Net Movement In funds £	At 31.12.24 £
Unrestricted funds			
General funds	84,032	12,414	96,446
Restricted funds			
Bursaries	2,440	6,529	8,969
Children and Youth	30,911	(18,116)	12,795
Church Restoration Project	-	-	-
Equipment Fund	-	2,923	2,923
Major Building Project	115,362	(97,963)	17,400
Music, Production, and Publicity	-	27,239	27,239
Pastoral Aid Funds	2,065	1,945	4,010
Safehaven Ministries	2,274	11,558	13,832
Spear Centre	-	27,151	27,151
Ukraine Support	5,818	(5,818)	-
	158,870	(44,552)	114,318
TOTAL FUNDS	242,902	(32,138)	210,764

Comparative net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming Resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
General funds	365,933	(361,888)	4,045
Restricted funds			
Bursaries	13,000	(6,471)	6,529
Children and Youth	22,273	(40,389)	(18,116)
Church Restoration Project	165,265	(165,265)	-
Equipment Fund	5,000	(2,077)	2,923
Major Building Project	18,700	(116,663)	(97,963)
Music, Production, and Publicity	53,000	(25,761)	27,239
Pastoral Aid Funds	3,000	(1,055)	1,945
Safehaven Ministries	21,928	(10,370)	11,558
Spear Centre	57,954	(30,803)	27,151
Ukraine Support	16,320	(22,138)	(5,818)
	376,440	(420,992)	(44,552)
TOTAL FUNDS	783,767	(815,905)	(32,138)

14. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS (Continued)

Description of Restricted Funds

Bursaries - Bursaries to provide a financial contribution towards cost of attending Focus for children, youth and others who would not otherwise have been able to attend. Funded by anonymous donors.

Children and Youth - Funding towards the Children's ministry, Tots & Me, Youth work and school worker salaries and redundancy costs, consumables, equipment and other costs. Funded by the Catherine Cookson Trust, Hastings Borough Council Safer Hastings Partnership, The Benefacts Trust, Sussex Community Foundation and two anonymous donors.

Church Restoration Project – (Heritage@HTH) – Funding towards major restoration works to the fabric of the Church building. Funded by the National Lottery Heritage Fund, the Friends of HTH, Benefact Trust, Chichester Diocesan Board of Finance, Beatrice Laing Trust, War Memorials Trust, National Churches Trust, Garfield Western Foundation, Kingsgate Community Church, Peterborough; SOUL Church, Norwich; Burstone & Hewett Auctions; Personal donations from individuals and other trusts who wish to remain anonymous. Additional contribution to the project through volunteer hours.

Equipment fund – Funding for purchase of equipment to support various projects including play equipment, sensory play equipment and youth activities. Funded by the Catherine Cookson Trust.

Major Building Project - Major building project for the development of HTH House. Funded by the Diocese, The Chalk Cliff Trust, personal donations and an anonymous donor.

Music, production and publicity – funding towards salaries and other costs to support the promotion of HTH activities, engagement with the wider community and the music ministry of the church. Funded by an anonymous donor.

Pastoral Aid Fund - At discretion of Church Wardens. Funded by anonymous donors.

Safehaven Ministries – The Safehaven Men, Safehaven Women and Eden Club Chaplaincy projects have been funded by The Magdalen and Lasher Trust, National Lottery Awards for All, Pett Women's Institute and personal donations.

Spear Centre – The Spear employability programme project has been funded by Spear, Southern Water, The Isabel Blackman Foundation, personal donations both as stand-alone gifts and through a fundraising dinner, and an anonymous donor.

Ukrainian Sanctuary Café - The Ukrainian Sanctuary Café and support. Funded by Hastings Voluntary Action, Love Ukraine, The Revitalisation Trust and personal donations.

15. ANALYSIS OF NET ASSETS BETWEEN FUNDS

At 31 December 2025:

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total funds 2025
	£	£	£
Current assets	156,384	395,921	**552,305**
Creditors due within one year	(42,182)	-	**(42,182)**
Net assets	114,202	395,921	**510,123**

15. ANALYSIS OF NET ASSETS BETWEEN FUNDS (Continued)

At 31 December 2024:

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total funds 2024
	£	£	£
Current assets	112,287	114,318	**226,605**
Creditors due within one year	(15,841)	-	**(15,841)**
Net assets	96,446	114,318	**210,764**

16. COMMITMENTS UNDER OPERATING LEASES

At 31 December 2025, the charity had total commitments under non-cancellable operating leases as follows:

	2025 £	2024 £
Within one year	**12,968**	12,635
Between two and five years	**43,905**	42,238
Longer than five years	**41,466**	56,101
	98,339	110,974

17. RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURES

During the year, the church received donations totalling £57,197 (2024: £56,638) from 13 trustees (2024: 13) There were no other related party transactions other than those disclosed in note 10.