St Mary the Virgin, Embsay with Eastby



Annual Trustees' Report, Financial Statement and Parish Reports of
The Parochial Church Council
17th May 2026
For the year ended 31st December 2025

The Church of St Mary the Virgin, Embsay with Eastby, Kirk Lane, BD23 6SF

Vicar

Revd Canon Marion Russell

Associate Priest

Revd Tim Calow

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The Annual General Meeting for the Parish of St Mary the Virgin,
Embsay with Eastby
Sunday 17th May 2026 at 11.15am

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The Annual Meeting of Parishioners (APM)

1) The appointment of the clerk
2) Chair's welcome and opening prayer
3) Apologies
4) Minutes of the previous meeting
5) The election of Churchwardens
6) Date of the next Annual Meeting of Parishioners (23rd May 2027)

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4) Electoral Roll report
5) The Elections:
   i) The election of Lay Deanery Synod Representatives
   ii) The election of the Parochial Church Council

6) The Annual Trustees Report:
   a. Aims, Purposes, Objectives and Activities
   b. Vicars report

c. Skipton Deanery Synod report

d. St Mary's Buildings, Fabric and Churchwardens report

e. Safeguarding report

f. The Financial Statements and Treasures report:
   i) Presentation of the Examined Accounts
   ii) Independent Examiner's Report
   iii) Appointment of Independent Examiner for 2026
   iv) Gift Aid Officer's Report

g. Church Governance, Structure and Management:
   i) Standing Committee
   ii) Administration, Members of Parochial Church Council 2025/2026

7) The Parish Reports
8) Date of the next Annual Parochial Church Meeting
9) Any other business

Minutes for the The Annual General Meeting for the Parish of
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Sunday 27th April, 2025 at 11.15am

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Minutes of the Annual Meeting of Parishioners (APM) - Sunday 27th April, 2025 at 11.15am

33 Parishioners attended in church and none via Zoom (remote online conferencing).

Revd Canon Marion Russell (MR) chaired the Meeting of Parishioners. She welcomed everyone.

1.**Appointment of the clerk**: Jenny Johnson proposed and Chris Terry seconded Sue Stearn and Sarah Steeples as joint Clerks, which was agreed unanimously by those in church.

2. MR led prayers.

3**. Apologies**: received from Shirley and Malcolm Moorhouse, Barbara Orsler, Andrea Swearman, Daphne Jepps, Elaine Clipson, Lilian and Alan Wheway, Lesley Higson, (belated apologies) Revd Bob Mitchell and Mrs Jill Mitchell

4. **Minutes of previous meeting of Sunday 21st April 2024**

Minutes correction in apologies; incorrect surname David Strictland should be David Stansfield.

Simon Smith proposed and Helen Hargreaves seconded the acceptance of the Minutes of the **Sunday 21st April, 2024** meeting and agreed unanimously by all who had been at that meeting.

5) **The election of churchwardens:**
One nomination was received.

Elizabeth Mary Roodhouse proposed by Christine Rennard to be Churchwarden, seconded by Mark Wilson and unanimously elected by those in church.

6) Date of the next Annual Meeting of Parishioners– **17th May, 2026** The meeting closed at 11.24am (Sue Stearn and Sarah Steeples APM Clerk)

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Minutes of the Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM) held on Sunday 27th April, 2025 at 11.15 am

Revd Canon Marion Russell chaired the APCM

33 Parishioners attended in church and none via Zoom (remote online conferencing)

1. **Appointment of the clerk**: Jenny Johnson proposed and Chris Terry seconded Sue Stearn and Sarah Steeples as joint Clerks, which was agreed unanimously by those in church.

2. **Apologies:** received fromShirley and Malcolm Moorhouse, Barbara Orsler, Andrea Swearman, Lilian and Alan Wheway, Lesley Higson, (belated apologies) Revd Bob Mitchell and Mrs Jill Mitchell

3. **Minutes of the APCM meeting held on Sunday 21st April, 2024**

Minutes correction in apologies; incorrect surname David Strictland should be David Stansfield.

Acceptance of minutes Jenny Johnson proposed, Jennifer Stearn seconded their acceptance and agreed unanimously by all who had been at that meeting.

4. **Electoral Roll report**: Last year 81 on roll. Sue Davies reported that there were 74 on the New Electoral Roll, at the time of the meeting.
Marion thanked Sue Davies for her work as Electoral Roll Officer over the years. Sue Davies is standing down from the role and Pam Shackleton will be taking on that role following this meeting.

5. **The elections:**
i) **Election of the Parochial Church Council:** There were three vacancies all of three years following the end of the term of office for Chris Terry, Andrea Swearman and Sarah Steeples.
There were three nominations for the vacancies:

Chris Terry proposed by David Stansfield and seconded by Andrea Swearman and unanimously elected by those in church.
Andrea Swearman proposed by Ann Rawson and seconded by Helen Hargreaves and unanimously elected by those in church.
Sarah Steeples proposed by Ann Rawson and seconded by Sue Stearn and unanimously elected by those in church.

All the reports were in a printed booklet, copies of which were sent electronically to the congregation. Those without internet connection or upon request received printed copies. Copies of all reports are attached to these minutes. Minuted items under individual reports are those recorded at this APCM.

6. **The Annual Trustees report for year ending 31st December, 2024**

The Annual Trustees report for year ending December 2024 acceptance (page 6 – 17 of Annual Report booklet)
Brian Harris proposed and Simon Smith seconded the acceptance of this report and agreed unanimously by those in church.
6b. **Vicars report:**No comments
6c. Skipton Deanery Synod report for 2024: No comments
6d. St Mary's Buildings Fabric report and Church Warden report; No comments
6e. Safeguarding report 2024: No comments
6f. **The Financial Statements;**
i) **Presentation of the examined financial reports and** ii) **Independent examiner's report**
Proposal for acceptance of the 2024 accounts made by Sue Davies seconded by Pam Shackleton and agreed unanimously by those in church.
Simon Smith commented on Jenny's excellent and thorough job.

iii) **Appointment of an Independent Examiner for 2025 accounts**
Jenny Johnson proposed Richard Watson, Marcia Wilkinson seconded his appointment as the Independent Examiner. This was agreed unanimously by those in church.

iv) Gift Aid Officer's report:
Marion asked for a volunteer to take on this roll as Justin Gartland would like to stand down. She thanked Justin for his faithful work.
7) Parish Reports for year 1st Jan to 31st Dec, 2024 (page 18 - 31):
Marion gave thanks for all the volunteer roles and for all that people do in church.

No comments made on the reports below.

- **Embsay C of E (VC) Primary School; School Governor's report**
- **Hot Chocolate Club**
- **Smiley Faces**
- **Disability Report**
- **Eco-group report /Eco activities**
- **Carbon Zero at St Mary's report:**
- **Fairtrade at St Mary's report**
- **Fundraising Committee**
- **St Mary's Band report**
- **St Mary's Singing group report**
- **Skipton Churches Mothers' Union: Branch Leader's Report**
- **Village Institute Report**
- **Zoom Tuesday Teas report**

8. **Date of the next APCM: 17th May, 2026 11.15am**

9. **Any other business:**

Peter said a big thank you to Liz and a huge thank you to Marion for leading us.
David Jones thanked Peter Edwards for all he does behind the scenes.
Marion said Sue Stearn is standing down as PCC secretary and a big thank you to Sue for her role as PCC secretary over the years. Marion asked for the church to prayerfully consider who will take this role forward. There is a need for a nominated PCC secretary.

Marion said thanks to Sue Stearn, Sue Davies and Simon Smith for all their work.

The meeting closed at11.50am (Sue Stearn and Sarah Steeples APCM Clerk).

Trustees' Annual Report for the year 1st Jan to 31st Dec, 2025
Approved by PCC on 23rd April, 2026

Aims and Purposes

St Mary the Virgin, Embsay with Eastby, Parochial Church Council (PCC) has the responsibility of working with our incumbent the Reverend Canon Marion Russell in promoting the ecclesiastical parish in the whole mission of the Church, pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical. We are also supported in our responsibilities by the Rev'd Tim Calow, Associate Priest at St Mary's; by the Rev'd Bob Mitchell, retired Priest with Bishop's Permission to Officiate; and by Lesley Higson, retired Licensed Lay Minister with Bishop's Permission to Officiate.

Our commitment and responsibilities are expressed in our parish statement of intent:

We, the community of St Mary's, aim to create a welcoming and inspiring place where people of every age can meet God, whom we know as Father, Son and Holy Spirit, and can recognise his presence in our lives and in one another. We believe that we are loved and blessed by God, and that we have a responsibility to **share our**

blessings with one another and with the wider community, of all faiths and none.

Objectives and Activities

The PCC is committed to nurturing faith, by enabling as many people as possible to worship at St Mary's and to become part of our church community, and to enable our worshipping community and other local people to explore and live out their faith in day to day life. Using the gifting we are blessed with, we understand our calling to live our faith particularly in contributing to care for creation and global justice, with active planning for environmental action for the church building and churchyard which are the visible symbols of our presence in the community, for Fairtrade and international aid, and for sharing our gifts and knowledge within the diocese, through our ecumenical links, and in our local community.

In 2025 our regular worship on Sundays and mid-week continued with weekly Sunday and Tuesday services of Holy Communion, and All Age Worship first Sunday of the month, continuing with the valued addition of Evening Praise since 2023, a lay-led short informal monthly service on second Sundays. As well as church seasonal observations we continue to mark Big Green Week and Churches Count on Nature in June, Fairtrade Fortnight in the autumn, Creationtide 1st September-4th October, and Safeguarding Sunday on our preferred date of Second Sunday in October with Andrea our Parish Safeguarding Officer preaching. Smiley Faces Toddler Praise and Hot Chocolate Club on Fridays continue their term-time contributions to introducing children to simple forms of worship and Bible stories.

Through an Archdeacon's Temporary Minor Reordering Order in December 2024 we reintroduced the St Cuthbert's altar in the nave and moved the Christ the King altar from the chancel to the north aisle. This allowed us to experiment through 2025, also with regular use of the high altar on second Sundays of the month. Following an open church meeting and additional questionnaire, in September the PCC formally proposed the church consensus that a Faculty application be made to confirm the permanence of the changes of the TMRO, incorporating patterns of worship to include the range of expressed worship preferences amongst us. The Faculty Application is consequently in process, and we continue to use all three altars in a regular pattern approved by the Church Council.

Following on from the Living in Love and Faith Courses in 2023 and 2024, the monthly discussion group has continued in each other's homes now under the wider title and opportunity Exploring Life. In Exploring Life we looked in depth at the women of the Book of Genesis and the Patriarchs, again using some of local artist Shelagh Powell's paintings of the women that we considered in Advent 2024, and which she kindly loaned to us for a longer period. Shelagh followed this in November in the Third Sunday Service sermon conversation and in a talk after the service, illustrated by some of her work, in which she unfolded how her faith has developed in and through her painting. For our Lent studies, we created time to listen to how God has worked in our own lives, in structured listening sessions under the title Space to Explore, which also included an evening at the Skipton Global Voices meeting. God at Lunch monthly group has paused for health reasons. A lay-led hour of Worldwide Prayer began in July for our concerns and responses, and continues monthly. Arising from the worship questionnaire where a request was made for more teaching on prayer, we held 4 Sunday sessions Exploring Prayer pre/during Advent, and by request these continue on 4th Sundays into 2026.

Ecumenical relations have changed with the changing pattern of the Methodist Minister's remit in the Circuit, and reducing resources amongst Methodists in the parish. This has led to the cessation of our quarterly joint

services and lunch meetings. We continue our shared work for Christian Aid and Lent Lunch events. Rev'd Tim and I both participate in the bi-monthly Skipton Ministers' lunch meetings for fellowship and shared developments. Carols Round the Elm Tree and Remembrance Sunday are now St Mary's community events, still warmly supported in practicalities by various members of the village community.

Involvement with Children and Families actively continues with Smiley Faces Toddler Praise, Hot Chocolate Club and children in the All Age Worship Band. Revd Tim (Ex-officio Governor representing the Vicar) and Jennifer Stearn (Foundation Governor) are on the Embsay CE (VC) School Board of Governors, and clergy and lay visits to the school continue for collective worship and classroom involvement. We are still seeking another Foundation Governor to replace Helen Ralph who stood down at the beginning of the 2025-6 academic year after 8 years of faithful wise contributions to this work, an expression of discipleship for which we heartily thank her. School classes made visits to the church and churchyard as part of the curriculum and to participate in the Churches Count on Nature; classes and whole school attended for various services – Epiphany, Ash Wednesday, Pentecost, School Leavers, Harvest, and Yr 2 Nativity. Rev'd Tim and I also attended Christingle and other Nativity services within school. This is an increase from previous years and is being continued with whole-year planning.
Wider involvement with the community was maintained through our members' continuing participation in village environmental, Fairtrade and Embsay and Eastby Good Neighbours social action.

Our work as an eco-resource church has continued as we respond to many varied requests for support and advice and also consider how our developing building use and maintenance contributes to improving our environment. Please see the separate reports.
Much more detail of our activities is celebrated in the many other reports further on in this booklet. I warmly commend all these to you.
I offer – and record here – my deep gratitude and heartfelt thanks to everyone for participating in the seen and unseen work of St Mary's:

sustaining the action and relationships of the church community;
weekly worship in all its aspects;
the fabric and buildings;
fundraising;
the rich range of activity for the environment and justice;
in reaching out to the community in active social involvement;

To everyone who contributes

to the love and welcome of our church,
to Office Holders and all members of the Church Council;
to Tim, Bob and Lesley, valued colleagues who hold the Bishop's Licence or Permission to Officiate in public office in the Church of England.

To you all – my heartfelt thanks for your love, your work and rich fellowship.

Although this report reflects the calendar year of January–December 2025, I have at the time of writing given notice of my intended retirement in summer 2026. I add my love and thanks for all the six years in which I have been embraced by this community of church and village, from my arrival on the first day of the first Lockdown effective midnight 24th March 2020 and the following variations of Covid-19 Restrictions and then

Emergence from the Pandemic, to our current freedoms. I also deeply appreciate your understanding of my dual role as vicar and Ripon Episcopal Area Clergy Development Officer. Your love, care, warmed-hearted acceptance, wise guidance and friendship are very precious to me, and will remain a wholesome part of my life as I move to this next stage, knowing that God's love holds and guides all of us in all things. The Lord is with you!

Revd Canon Marion Russell

Skipton Deanery report for 2025

The synod met on four occasions in 2025. In April Revd James Theodosius vacated the Area Dean role to become Archdeacon of Ripon Area. Revd Sheena McMain took over this role from the July meeting. Ed Williams continued as Lay Chair.

The major focus of synod throughout the year has been the development of a bid to the Ripon Area Rural Change Fund for funding to enable the appointment of a worker to promote networking across the deanery. Much of this work was done by a steering group which resulted in a proposal being approved by synod and presented to Bishop Anna in July. There followed an online interview with the bishop, Archdeacon James and a representative of the Barnabas initiative. The proposal was approved, the role was advertised as a part time contract and interviews held. The selection of Revd Tom Lusty to take on this work was welcomed by the full Synod at the November meeting. The contract would be for approximately 560 hours to be spent flexibly before the end of 2027. Tom would begin the work in January 2026 and would work closely with two supervisors, one clergy and one lay, drawn from the steering group. The enthusiasm of Deanery Synod for this initiative has grown as the project has been refined through substantial consultation with synod members and with the parish communities.

There has been a second area of significant success during the year in the tracking down of historic deanery funds which were locked in an account with Barclays Bank. Treasurer Lesley Higson, ably assisted by Jill Wright from the previous signatories, was tireless in pursuing this trail and by the end of the year the procedures were in place to enable the recovery £2120.08 which should be completed in early 2026.

Synod also organised a moving Peace Vigil in November at Holy Trinity Church, Skipton. Representatives from across the deanery participated in this special occasion. It is hoped that shared occasions for worship and fellowship will be promoted across the deanery by the Deanery Networking project.

Lesley Higson, Helen Hargreaves and Peter Edwards on behalf of St Mary's Deanery Synod representatives

St Mary's Buildings and Fabric and Churchwarden's report for 2025

In 2025, the 'Fabric and Buildings Committee' was replaced with a 'Church and Churchyard Maintenance Co-ordinator,' Jennifer Stearn, overseeing volunteers looking after different areas and day-to-day maintenance.

Following discussion by the PCC and an open meeting and maintenance "walk round" by Parishioners, a Fabric and Buildings Action Plan for 2025 was drawn up. I detail below the items included on the action plan and progress to date on each:

Treatment of Mould and redecoration: this work is substantially completed, although there is some external decoration to complete when the weather allows, plus further work to do on the Vestry and Crossley room.

Up righting and stabilising of fallen gravestones: we are awaiting the outcome of a grant application to the Parish Council before proceeding with this work.

Draughtproofing: this work has been commissioned and will be completed in early 2026.

Other joinery work, including cellar door and external w.c. window: Approval received with works to be completed in 2026

Gas boiler, radiators and pipework removal: This work has been commissioned and we are awaiting a start date from the contractor.

The Log Book, Terrier and Inventory are all up to date and the church plate is well maintained and in good condition.

Building strong bonds with those in our local community and maintaining and enhancing the positive perception of the church in the village and the immediate surrounding areas were as important as ever in 2025. We did this by working collaboratively with the Village Fete, Embsay with Eastby Good Neighbours, the Village Institute, the Parish Council and Scouts. Our premises and grounds were used during the Open Garden Weekend, by the 1st Embsay and Eastby Scouts for badge activity, and during the Village Fete. Our regular social events were well supported and welcomed. We were very pleased and privileged to lead and coordinate a collaboration of organisations to stage a hugely successful Victory in Europe Day 80th Anniversary celebration on 5th May; an event that brought much joy and a sense of well-being to all who attended.

We are very fortunate at St Mary's to have so many people who generously give of their time and skills to conserve and enhance the church building and churchyard and support all the social activities throughout the year. Their expertise and support are hugely appreciated as is the support of many within our local community who contributed to the Gift Day Appeal in September. We are also fortunate to have a church family that is welcoming and outward looking, caring for one another, ready to embrace newcomers and visitors and support our neighbours near and far.

We are a team that includes everyone at St Mary's and in 2025 we had much to celebrate and be thankful for.

Simon Smith and Jennifer Stearn – Building and Fabric group, Jennifer is the Coordinator, Liz Roodhouse, Churchwarden

Safeguarding report for the year 2025

At St. Mary's we continue to review and embed good Safeguarding practices. Safeguarding is everyone's responsibility. The PCC, Marion and myself as Parish Safeguarding Officer, have continued throughout the year, to make sure St. Mary's Safeguarding policies, procedures and practices are regularly reviewed, updated and adapted.

In October we again allocated a Sunday service as Safeguarding Sunday where, supported by Marion, I gave a talk around Adult Vulnerability to help the congregation further understand how we all can, at some stage in our life, become vulnerable and how by embedding good safeguarding procedures at St. Mary's and further

awareness amongst us all, helps to keep everyone safe.

Safeguarding Training - as well as all Clergy, Lay Readers and Safeguarding Officer at St. Mary's, all members of the PCC and all Leaders of Children's or Vulnerable Adult's groups, need to undertake Safeguarding Training which needs to be revised every three years. I, the Parish Safeguarding Officer, continue to monitor that all individuals keep their training up to date.

We continue to work safely in all that we do at St. Mary's where safeguarding is regularly reviewed, as this plays an important part in protecting all who are part of St. Mary's and our various Group activities.

Andrea Swearman, Parish Safeguarding Officer

Financial Review

(For full details of the 2025 accounts and Operating Reserve Policy see enclosed separate document)

Treasurer's report for the year 2025

Once again, with the generous regular donations from our kind-hearted parishioners and local community, new regular giving being set up throughout the year and through various fundraising activities (supported by our faithful and hard-working congregation and community) we managed to raise the necessary funds for the continued running and ministry of the church during 2025. A fantastic achievement considering the continuing cost of living crisis we all find ourselves affected by. The fundraising events raised over £7,750 during the year: an amazing accomplishment, and, again, an increase on last year's brilliant effort. Well done everyone. A huge thank you to everyone who was involved in helping St Mary's raise these essential funds. Everyone's help in accomplishing this is enormously appreciated.

During the first quarter of 2025, we had the completion of the heating project which saw the switch from gas and electric heating to solely electric and with this came a period of necessary testing of the new electric heaters. As a result, our electricity bills for the first quarter of the year were quite a bit higher than usual which meant we were not able to pay the full amount of share requested for the year (£47,894). However, we met (and exceeded) our revised share commitment of £40,000 (by £486.78). This was a great achievement by everyone, especially with the higher electricity bills. Thank you. The revised share commitment for 2026 has been agreed upon at £42.000 and we should, hopefully, achieve this with everyone's continued efforts. We have also been able to cover all of our running costs for the year despite the continued high costs in energy and overall increase in costs generally.

The Diocesan share for each parish is calculated by the application of a formula which, in our case, generates an anomalous, very high figure. This has been recognised by the Diocese resulting in the revised figures agreed upon for 2025 and 2026, mentioned above. The Diocese is due to meet with members of the PCC at some point this year to discuss the share requests in person and we will continue to offer to work with them going forward. We have been grateful for the engagement with us of Diocesan finance staff through this process.

I would like to say an enormous thank you to everyone who has helped to support St Mary's, whether financially or in any other way, and continues to do so. Without you we would not be able to continue the vital support, service and ministry we offer our local and wider community.

St Mary's continues to be closely involved in the Parish Giving Scheme with the Diocese of Leeds. The scheme

continues to prove extremely beneficial to the fundraising for St Mary's, with new members continuing to join. This scheme continues to be very well received by our parishioners and supporters who have found it to be extremely easy and straight forward to set up and use. If you would like further information on this, please ask either myself, Marion or Liz, or alternatively, visit the Parish Giving Scheme website: https://www.parishgiving.org.uk.

St Mary's has a history of giving generously to charity and in total we have paid over £46,700 to various mission organisations and charities chosen by the congregation and the PCC over the last 15 years (an average of over £2,460 per year). We were able to uphold our commitment to support local, national and international mission charities again this year, due to our very generous parishioners and community. We supported 10 mission charities during 2025, paying to them over £3,250 in total.
No Bursary Grants were made in 2025.
My thanks go to everyone at St Mary's for helping us achieve our financial goals in 2025 despite the continuing and changing challenges we all faced, and still face today, and for your support in helping me in my role as Treasurer. And many thanks to Richard Watson for helping to check our accounts.

Jenny Johnson, Treasurer

Energy Foot printing Tool:
The Energy Foot printing Tool for the Church Buildings return for 2025, has been completed.

Jenny Johnson, Treasurer

Gift Aid Officer's Report 2025
For everyone's information, I have now taken over the role of Gift Aid Officer from Justin. Many thanks to Justin for doing this vital role for so long.

For 2025, we received a total of £8,530.37 through tax relief on gift aided donations to St Mary's. This amount includes £1,695.15 from regular and one-off non-Parish Giving Scheme donations and £6,835.22 from donations through the Parish Giving Scheme. A huge thank you to everyone who is able to donate with Gift Aid for doing so. As you can see, it really gives a boost to our fundraising efforts.

If you donate to St Mary's (either regularly or on a one-off basis), and pay tax, please do consider donating with Gift Aid. It really does help us. If you would like to know how, please contact me.

If you are currently donating to St Mary's with Gift Aid and no longer pay tax, please let me know so that I can remove you from any schedules submitted. Thank you.

Jenny Johnson, Gift Aid officer

Church Governance, Structure and Management
PCC meetings were conducted in person during 2025/2026. Meetings were held either in St Mary's Church or The Vicarage. The full PCC has met on six occasions since the 2025 APCM with an average attendance of 75%.

The method of appointment of PCC members is as set out in the Church Representation Rules 2022 including recent updates by the General Synod. The membership of the PCC at St Mary's consists of the Vicar, Associate Priest, Churchwardens, Treasurer, Deanery Synod representatives and Lay members elected by those

members of the congregation who are on the ecclesial electoral roll. All those within our congregation are encouraged to register on the Electoral Roll and stand for election to the PCC.

PCC members are responsible for making decisions on all matters of general concern and importance to the parish, including deciding how the funds of the PCC are to be spent.

Sarah Steeples (APCM/APM Secretary)

Standing Committee

The Standing Committee consisting of PCC members, was formed with PCC approval on 7th May, 2025 following the APCM. The committee included Revd Canon Marion Russell, Revd Tim Calow, Liz Roodhouse (Churchwarden), Jenny Johnson (Treasurer), Helen Hargreaves, Christine Terry. Their main remit was to oversee finances and budget for the PCC and undertake tasks as delegated by the PCC.

The Committee has met three times since the last APCM. The average attendance at the meetings was 89%.

Sarah Steeples (APCM/APM Secretary)

Administrative information

The Church of St Mary the Virgin provides for the villages of Embsay and Eastby in the Skipton Deanery of Ripon Area within the Diocese of Leeds.

The PCC is a body corporate and a registered charity (No. 1166269).
The correspondence address is: The Vicarage, 21 Shires Lane, Embsay, Skipton BD23 6SB

Members of the Parochial Church Council in 2025/2026

Vicar (Chair)	Revd Canon Marion Russell	
Associate Priest	Revd Tim Calow	
Churchwarden(s):	Liz Roodhouse (Joint Lay Vice Chair)	2025 - 2026
Deanery Synod Reps:	Lesley Higson	2023 - 2026
	Peter Edwards	2023 - 2026
	Helen Hargreaves	2023 - 2026
Elected members:	David Jones	2023 - 2026
	Christine Stewart-Jones	2023 - 2026
	Ann Rawson	2024 - 2027
	Christine Terry	2025 - 2028
	Sarah Steeples (PCC Minute Secretary)	2025 - 2028
	Simon Smith (Joint Lay Vice Chair)	2023 - 2026
	Jenny Johnson (Treasurer Elected member of PCC)	2023 - 2026

Andrea Swearman 2025 - 2028
(Parish Safeguarding Officer)

PCC Secretary David Stansfield (Non PCC Member)

Parish Reports for year 1st Jan to 31st Dec, 2025;

School Governor's Report

Georgina Hodgson (Deputy Headteacher) stepped up as acting Headteacher whilst we advertised for a new Headteacher, with Charlotte Million-Hicks starting in early in 2026. Both Marion Russell stepped down from her ex-officio role, being replaced by Tim Calow and Helen Ralph did not re-stand for her role of Foundation Governor. Regular maintenance carries on of the school building and grounds and new IT upgrades and equipment has been acquired. To secure our financial position, various measures, including staffing structures were adapted. There has been an increase in governor visits to school to strengthen the links between governors and the school. The school had an Ofsted inspection in March 2025 and has proceeded with its good rating.

Jennifer Stearn (Foundation Governor), Helen Ralph (Foundation Governor), Tim Calow (Co-opted/ex-officio) and Rev. Canon Marion Russell (ex-officio)

Hot Chocolate Club 2025



Hot Chocolate Club is a youth group for Primary School children in years 4, 5 and 6. The group meets each Friday night in term time and has been in existence for several years, originally through the Methodist Church, it is now facilitated by St Mary's Church.

Joanne Lloyd holds the position of leader, organising weekly activities, ably assisted by Peter Hargreaves and Roxanne Davies.

At the end of this year, there were 15 children on the register, after a number of the children left for Secondary School in September.



Each week children take part in a different activity, as well as games and refreshments. We have made Christmas wreaths and Christmas cakes, been ten pin bowling, celebrated Easter & Mothering Sunday, had a beetle drive, baked buns, decorated biscuits, made pancakes and had a trip to Coffee & Clay. We try to get outside to Embsay Park, the woods and other outdoor spaces when the weather and light nights allow.
As we move into 2026, we have many more exciting activities planned, which the children are all very excited about!

Joanne Lloyd, Hot Chocolate Leader

Report for Smiley Faces 2025

Smiley Faces is our group for babies, toddlers and pre-school children, their parents, grandparents and carers. We meet during term time on Friday afternoons in church from 1.30pm to 3.15pm. There are lots of toys for the children to play with and always a craft table where the older children can be creative. There's dancing before and after the Bible story and prayer at the end of our time together. The adults seem to enjoy the afternoon as much as the children.

2025 was a year of change. The impact of recent government policy (i.e. provision of more hours of free childcare for pre-school children), and the necessity of both parents being in work due to the increased cost of living meant that many of the carers were grandparents. One family sometimes come with great grandma!

In September, after years of charging £2 per session to cover our costs, and after consulting the parents/grandparents we increased their contribution to £3 to reflect the rising price of heating and the smaller number of families regularly attending.



A successful Easter Workshop in Holy Week was an opportunity for older children to join us. Present and past families came along for an afternoon of craft activities and the retelling of the Easter story.

During the Christingle Nativity on Christmas Eve children who were once part of the Smiley Faces family as well as current ones took an active role in the service creating a Nativity tableau which included a young wise man who made everyone smile as he repeatedly jumped off the chancel step and rolled on the floor!

Five children left us in the summer and are now in school or nursery. All of them were the youngest children in their family and we were sad to say goodbye not only to them but also their mums and grandparents who had been with us for many years - in one case six years. We always invite them to drop in for a cuppa when they are able. Several took up our invitation.

What thrills us is that children don't forget us when they move on and neither do their parents, grandparents, and carers. Children are our future leaders and Sue, Lesley and I feel privileged to spend our Friday afternoons with them – Sue even drives over from her new home in Langho to help. To the children the church is Smiley Faces, a place where they are happy and cared for. Please pray for us and the families who join us on Friday afternoons.

Liz Roodhouse, Smiley Faces Leader, Sue Davies and Lesley Higson

Disability report for 2025

As in previous years we cater for all disabilities very well indeed. We have an excellent sound system and a ramp for wheelchairs.

Would people who use the microphones and headphones please be aware that if the mouthpiece is not by your mouth it is of no help and does not amplify anything. Please adjust the mouthpiece to your mouth before you talk. Thank you!

I attend the "Torch" online meetings to keep up with resources for those with sight problems.

These are some of the items we cover on these meetings:

- "Go therefore and make disciples..." – Accessible ways to share the joy of Easter
- An online lifeline for Christian fellowship
- Running with endurance: a challenge for Becky and Lydia!
- Could you be a Torch Ambassador?
- Sharing fellowship in Malawi
- Sight Loss Sunday
- Christmas Carol Service – a big thank you!
- Dates for your diary

As of a recent online meeting I attended nothing new to report per se.

Information can be seen at Torch Sight Loss Friendlyhttps://www.torchtrust.org/ if anyone would like to look further into this.

Jane Eastwood, Disability Secretary

Eco Group report for 2025

Having achieved the Gold Eco Church Award in May 2023, we continued to work on environmental projects in the church as well as encouraging others, churches, other organisations and individuals, to consider ecological issues.

The Eco Group in 2025 group comprised Mary Dibb, Lesley Higson, Daphne Jepps, Diana Linford, Liz Roodhouse, David Stansfield and Sue Stearn. The vicar, Revd Canon Marion Russell, often attended or contributed to meetings.

We held 5 meetings in 2025, with the Group meeting's minutes always going to the PCC. We are always keen to welcome new members and suggestions!

Two major policies were drawn up during the year:

I. Revised **Environment Policy** approved by PCC in March 2025, which included annexes listing work already achieved by the group and future plans;
II. **Climate Resilience Plan** drawn up by the group (this addresses possible risks and measures in place to alleviate these, risks including flooding, heavy rain, strong winds and extreme heat). Plan was slightly amended and approved by members of the Fabric Buildings Group and was approved by PCC in September 2025.

Other eco activities during 2025 included:

I. 'Cut the Carbon Project': We believe that we achieved our target to be carbon neutral by 2025 – details in the report of the Net Zero Group;
II. Biodiversity monitoring: Great British Birdwatch (24-26 January); spring biodiversity monitoring study in the churchyard and church car park verges (1 March), 70 different species were identified; Churches Count on Nature (June), including 3 classes from the village school and a local expert; autumn count (October), focusing in particular on fungi as well as autumn fruits and flowers;

III. We had a representative at the village Eco Afternoon in April 2025, including children's activities in making things from household waste items; two representatives attended the village environment group's visit to Bradley Village Environment Group (July); and we took part in the village event 'Waste not Wednesday – Take Away Thursday (August);
IV. Peter Edwards gave a Lent talk at Ripon Cathedral in April 2025 about changing our heating system and getting to net zero; and our carbon reduction work was mentioned in the Ripon Cathedral Environment Newsletter Spring 2025;
V. Support given to St Andrew's, Kildwick and St Cuthbert's, Pateley Bridge on churchyard management to promote biodiversity and about running the Count on Nature monitoring;
VI. The Vicar and Parish Environment Officer took part in an ecumenical event 'Faith and the Environment' at a legal firm in Leeds (June 2025), including a display of our Gold Eco Church 'Small steps' wall hanging;
VII. Lots of bulbs (tulips, crocus, wild daffodils) planted in the car park verges, particularly for bees and other insects;
VIII. Recycling: pharmaceutical blister packs – four Terracycle boxes bought and filled (around £200 per box); Eco Group wrote to the pharmacies in Skipton asking them to consider providing their own recycling boxes; we also collected pens and other stationery, stamps and foreign coins; ink cartridges were sent to a recycling scheme which raises money for Rett UK;
IX. Dave Cherry, Diocesan Eco Missionary Enabler visited on 22 January;
X. We held a number of smaller meetings, to review the new Eco Church Award scheme questionnaire, although we are not yet required to re-apply for our Gold Award;
XI. Creationtide 2025: again, all services in this period had an eco-focus. The third Sunday service was designed and led by the Eco Group, and included congregational activities; Vicar invited to preach at Ripon Cathedral (September);
XII. Members of the group attended online Gold Eco Church forums, run by A Rocha;
XIII. Other continuing activities include the inclusion of an eco-tip in the parish newsletter; use of fairtrade products and fairtrade stalls, collections are taken to the food bank in Skipton (with a list of what items are needed in the parish newsletter); seed swap in the church porch open to the whole community during the spring and summer; recycled paper and 'eco coal' bought in bulk.

We believe that St Mary's Embsay with Eastby continues to be seen as a congregation with a real passion for addressing social justice and environmental concerns and action, within the parish, the diocese and more widely.

Diana Linford, Parish Environment Officer

St Mary's Carbon Zero Report for 2025

The Church of England called for all parts of the Church to be net carbon zero by 2030. Here at St Mary's, back in 2022, we drew up a plan to achieve net carbon zero status by 2025 using a template provided by the Diocese of Leeds.

Each year, we submit our energy use readings to the Diocese, using the Energy Footprint Tool (EFT) as part of the annual Parish Returns system. The EFT is an online tool provided by the Church of England.
Having installed our new electric heating system in 2024, we achieved our aim of being net carbon zero for

energy by 2025. This, however, does not address our other carbon emissions.

At St Mary's, we also complete the '360carbon' analysis of carbon emissions. This very comprehensive analysis helps churches to calculate their carbon footprint. It is run by Climate Stewards, part of the A Rocha group, who run the Eco Church Scheme. The analysis includes energy, travel, office, food, waste and water. The tool indicated that we were emitting 3.08 tonnes of carbon in 2025. We do not believe that we can reduce these emissions further. The Eco Group recommended to PCC that we pay to offset these carbon emissions. Carbon offsetting is the funding of projects which reduce or remove an equivalent amount of carbon elsewhere.

We took advice from several experts to see if there were any local carbon offsetting schemes. We were advised that our mature trees, as well as the many other plants in the churchyard, sequester a significant amount of carbon. Once we had estimated the amount of carbon sequestered by the biodiversity in the churchyard, we were able to work out the amount of carbon for which we needed to pay to offset our remaining carbon emissions in order to become net carbon zero. In 2025, we paid £50 To Carbon Stewards to offset 2 tonnes of carbon. In 2025, and without setting a precedent, this payment was made from the eco budget.

Having changed our heating and paid to offset the carbon emissions which we cannot further reduce, we believe that we achieved our target to be net carbon zero by the end of 2025.

Further tweaks were made to the running of the heating system throughout 2025, to optimise usage and reduce waste. In addition, we started to plan for the installation of draught-proofing around the main church door. We also started to investigate possibilities for reducing the draught at the back of the church from the tower area. Both of these projects will continue in 2026. In the third quarter of the year details were prepared for the final stage of replacing the old heating, with the removal of the boiler and four fan-assisted radiators. A bid was submitted to the Diocesan Buildings Fund for a grant to assist with this as well as the draught-proofing. St Mary's was fortunate to be awarded £3000 from that source in December. The work was scheduled for the first quarter of 2026.

We continue to support other churches in their own journeys to net carbon zero. Several visits were made to see our carbon zero electric heating during 2025, mostly hosted by PE. We updated our Carbon Net Zero Parish Plan. The plan was shared with the Eco Group at Ripon Cathedral in April at a talk given by PE about our carbon reduction work at St Mary's. This plan, together with the Heating Trial Report, our 'Cut the Carbon Case Study' and a number of flow charts which are aimed to help churches who are at the early stage of decision making, are all available to download from the church website.

Work on monitoring our carbon emissions has now passed to the Eco Group, with the Net Zero Group being disbanded at the end of 2025.

Diana Linford and Peter Edwards

Fair Trade at St Mary's 2025



The Fairtrade Foundation's theme for 2025 was 'Do it Fair' and this is continuing in 2026 with a simple focus – **People. Planet. Pay. Do it Fair.**

As a Fairtrade church we use Fairtrade and fairly-traded products wherever and whenever possible and integrate Fair Trade into the life of St Mary's in a variety of ways. As in previous years the congregation were able to purchase Fairtrade food and drink, and fairly traded gifts monthly after the Sunday morning service. Fair Trade was integrated into sermons and intercessions throughout the year and during Fairtrade Fortnight. Fairtrade wine and Fairtrade soft drinks were provided at fundraising events, e.g. quiz nights, a Beetle Drive and concert. Fairtrade mini eggs were a feature of the Easter Workshop during Holy Week and given out on Easter Day.

Fairtrade provided an opportunity for community engagement at church and community events. For example, the Lent Lunch, the Village Fete, Classic Cars at the Cavendish, and the Christmas Fair. Sales at these amounted to almost £700 with profits passed on to the Fairtrade Foundation and Transform Trade.

Supporting other churches and local businesses continued. St John's Methodist Church in Settle, and Bolton Priory sourced several food items for their Fairtrade stalls. Linton Parish Church and Holy Trinity, Skipton invited me to take the stall to them, and I was given the opportunity to address the congregation at Linton.

Two members of St Mary's are part of the village Fairtrade group, and two others regularly helped with Fairtrade events in 2025. All of us believe that we are choosing a better future for people and planet when we do it fair and choose Fairtrade. Please don't stop!

Liz Roodhouse

Fundraising Committee

Another very busy and successful year. We raised, after expenses were paid £6,777.98.

We tried a few different things this year and met regularly throughout the year to plan and review events. Any feedback from those attending was always welcomed.

We held the following events:

- Friday 31st January Family Beetle Drive
- Wednesday 12th March Coffee Morning
- Friday 4th April Quiz evening
- Saturday 14th June Vicarage Garden Party
- Thursday 24th July Coffee morning
- Saturday 19th July Swing City Big Band Concert
- Friday 15th August Barbecue at the Vicarage
- Saturday 23rd August Stall at Burnsall Feast and Sports
- Thursday 18th September Coffee Morning
- Saturday 11th October Ceilidh
- Friday 7th November Quiz
- Saturday 29th November Christmas Fair

- Thursday 4th December Christmas Garland demonstration
- We also supported assisted at the following:
- Saturday 22nd March Lent Lunch for Christian Aid
- Monday 5th May Village VE80 celebrations
- Saturday 7th June Open Gardens

We have a very full programme planned for 2026 with some new events and always welcome suggestions for new events. As in 2024 and 2025 we continue to liaise with other village organisations to ensure fund raising events do not clash .

A very big thank you to everyone who supported our events and contributed to the baking , donations of raffle and tombola prizes.

Ann. Chris, Helen, Liz, Pat and Pam who joined in 2025.

Band Report 2025

A huge thank you to Helen Ralph for standing in for me this year when I could not lead the band for AAW, it's not easy being a player AND leading the band. My appreciation and thanks also go to Diana who with Helen ensures all goes well, adapting and making the music work for our services. The bands' thanks also go to our wonderful congregation who are so supportive, it is a pleasure playing for you.

St Marys band is based on the principles of family comes first, friendship, inclusion encouragement and adaptability. These principles are embedded into the band, even if sometimes it is a challenge balancing the needs of the band with the needs of the service. With 14 musicians regularly playing, many of whom play in other ensembles, we make it work and members regularly find themselves playing musical chairs or adapting their music on a Sunday morning. They are an amazing group of people and great fun to be with.

We are fortunate to have our young musicians Georgia and Martha play with us when they can, both making huge progress. St Marys has for many years mentored young people either through the band or as young organists.

As a footnote, I started to try and work out how long there has been a band at St Marys, I have been involved with the band either as musician, conductor and latterly arranger, for 20 years! With Its early incarnation as Jubilate, the band will be nearer to 25 years. Other members have also been with the band for many years, Malcolm with support from Shirley will have been with us nearly 15 years. Jennifer has probably been with the band even longer, this achievement is a testament to St Marys congregation and leadership teams present and past.

Due to circumstances and other commitments, we have not played many additional gigs this year, but many of us have enjoyed supporting band members at their other concerts. December saw us play once again for the Winterburn carol service which is fun, and the start of Christmas for many of us, the lovely feedback from the congregation was very touching. You know it has gone well when the audience listen to our end of service pieces rather than rushing for the mulled wine!

Yvonne Cleminson, Band Director

St Mary's Singing Group report for 2025

Nine of us continue to sing regularly in the Group leading the Congregational singing on the 2nd, 3rd, 4th and 5th Sundays. John is brilliant and sends out Youtube recordings, where possible, of the unfamiliar hymns a week or so before a Sunday Service to help us learn the tunes. We continue to have a short rehearsal before a service. Thanks to John our confidence has grown. At the Carol service in December we again sang two carols by ourselves one 'Carol of the Light', a carol unknown to us with very meaningful words and the well-known 'See amid the winter snow' both sounded lovely and we received many well deserved compliments. We have also been able to sing some hymns acapella if we have no organist! that is a mark of how we have developed as a group.

New members always welcome speak to any group member.

Many thanks, to John Midgley our regular organist, also to Yvonne Cleminson, Olav Rees, Jennifer Stearn and David Ralph (key board) who stand in when John is away.

Sue Stearn on behalf of the Singing Group

Skipton Churches branch of the Mothers' Union

The most significant event of 2025 was the loss of Sheila Scott, leader for many years initially of the Holy Trinity branch in Skipton and subsequently of the Skipton Churches branch. The congregation at her funeral at Holy Trinity represented the many different aspects, in addition to Mothers' Union, of her long, faithful and fulfilled life.

We held the Wave of Prayer (which celebrates the Mothers' Union around the world, with a special emphasis on the dioceses linked with Leeds Diocese) in January. We have continued to meet most months on the first Tuesday afternoon of the month and, despite ill-health affecting attendance, we have enjoyed getting together regularly for prayer and fellowship.

At meetings during the year: we have had a Lenten meditation and heard about VE Day celebrations in Leeds from Jacqueline and Jill's visit to India - with special reference to Mother Teresa's work in Kolkata. Also in June, we had craft stalls at both the Diocesan Council meeting at Christ Church – for which we also provided fairly traded refreshments – and at St Mary's Vicarage Garden Party at Embsay in aid of the Mothers' Union AFIA (Away From It All) caravans which provide respite holidays at Primrose Valley on the Yorkshire coast.

In July, instead of a meeting, we had a day trip to Ripon to see *Threads Through the Cross*, the third section of Jacqui Parkinson's wonderful series of embroidered textile panels. We were joined by Margaret Crawford (Ripon Area President) for some midday prayers in the Cathedral and then enjoyed lunch and a look round the nearby shops.

Several of us also went to a special Provincial MU Service at York Minster in the summer. Although there weren't a huge number of northern members there (we were possibly one of the larger contingents – certainly as a percentage of our membership), there were many MU banners, for the constituent dioceses, on display. When they were all arranged at the front, Archbishop Stephen (who's not very tall) joked that he was struggling to be seen except when he was in the pulpit. It was a, second, lovely day out for branch members.

September saw us return to Holy Trinity Church for our Welcome and Re-commitment Service, led this time by Rev Doug Rice-Bowen. In October we welcomed 3 residents of Ashfield Care Home, 2 carers (one of whom

was Tilly, Shirley's granddaughter) and the minibus driver to St Mary's (Embsay) for afternoon tea and a brief tour of the church kindly provided by Sue Stearn. In November we had a very busy meeting collectively finishing off felt Christmas trees for our craft stall at St Mary's Christmas Fair at the Embsay Village Institute. With additional, hand-crafted items, these raised a further £160 for AFIA. In December, after special prayers for the 16 Days of Activism Against Gender-based Violence, we reflected on Jesus' birth by hearing the story of Mary, as described in Paula Gooder's book *Women of the Nativity*, and then shared some of our own favourite Christmas readings and music.

We look forward to 2026 when the Mothers' Union will celebrate 150 years as a world=wide organisation and many activities are in hand at all levels. A new branch banner is is being made by members to reflect the multi-parish base of the Skipton Churches branch. It will be dedicated at St Mary's, Embsay with Eastby, on 21 June when Margaret Crawford will speak about the work of the organisation at the 9.30 am service – all welcome. New members and visitors are always welcome at our meetings. Please contact me for details for specific dates.

Lesley Higson, Branch Leader

Village Institute report 2025

The Institute had another active year, with a number of different community and private events held throughout the year. The hall floor has been refurbished and is now maintained under a servicing contract, in the hopes of keeping it going for longer. We are planning on re-doing the whole pavement outside the hall, in the most effective and constructive way and are once again, actively looking at solar panels on the roof, now that the technology has improved. The Institute thanks all of the groups who regularly use the hall and supper room, as without them we would not have amenity that we do today.

Jennifer Stearn, elected member of Village Institute committee and representative of St. Mary's church

Zoom Tuesday Teas report 2024

The Tuesday Teas meetings continue to meet on Zoom most Tuesday afternoons for an hour from 2.15 apart from 1st Tuesday of the month.
The regular attendees number 3 with occasional visitors

Sylvia (Zoom Host)

St Mary's Church, Embsay with Eastby - Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 December 2025

Receipts and Payments Account

	Unrestricted Funds Current Account	Restricted Funds Savings Account	Restoration Account	Nominated Project Account	Bursary Account	Operating Reserves Account	Total 2025	Total 2024
RECEIPTS								
Voluntary Giving								
Regular Giving (see note 4a)	36,039.30	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	36,039.30	35,342.65
Collections at Services	2,355.29	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	2,355.29	3,508.96
All Other Giving & Voluntary Receipts	3,094.05	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	3,094.05	3,356.88
Gift Aid recovered	8,530.37	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	8,530.37	10,629.92
Legacies	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	620.32
Grants (including VAT recovered)	20.30	0.00	0.00	4,094.54	0.00	0.00	4,114.84	45,498.81
Total Voluntary Giving	50,039.31	0.00	0.00	4,094.54	0.00	0.00	54,133.85	98,957.54
Activities for Generating Funds								
Fundraising Activities (see note 4b)	7,760.14	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	7,760.14	12,229.69
Income from Investments								
Investment income	0.00	55.11	118.92	0.00	9.17	241.60	424.80	564.52
Church Activities								
Fees retained by PCC (funerals/weddings/etc)	3,809.60	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	3,809.60	7,626.55
Other Incoming Resources								
Other voluntary receipts (see note 4c)	5,339.39	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	5,339.39	4,217.70
TOTAL RECEIPTS	66,948.44	55.11	118.92	4,094.54	9.17	241.60	71,467.78	123,596.00
PAYMENTS								
Cost of Generating Funds								
Costs of Fundraising Activities (see note 5a)	1,024.97	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,024.97	1,557.90
Church Activities								
Mission giving & donations	3,259.52	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	3,259.52	3,691.15
Diocesan Parish Share Contribution	40,486.78	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	40,486.78	43,540.00
Salaries, wages & honoraria (see note 5b)	3,040.08	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	3,040.08	3,878.32
Clergy & staff expenses	512.44	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	512.44	499.87
Church Expenses								
Mission & evangelism costs (see note 5c)	1,115.15	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,115.15	1,460.29
Church running expenses (see note 5d)	6,532.79	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	6,532.79	10,813.96
Church utility bills	5,097.79	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	5,097.79	3,270.73
Major Capital Expenditure								
Major repairs	6,090.00	0.00	0.00	2,413.08	0.00	0.00	8,503.08	3,600.00
Other Expenditure								
Other payments (see note 5e)	1,320.98	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,320.98	59,644.63
TOTAL PAYMENTS	68,480.50	0.00	0.00	2,413.08	0.00	0.00	70,893.58	131,956.85
Transfers into account	12,507.19	6,441.35	5,766.01	666.49	0.00	0.00	25,381.04	16,487.03
Transfers out of account	11,000.13	6,609.42	6,756.49	1,015.00	0.00	0.00	25,381.04	17,833.20
Transfer of Legacies to Restricted Account	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	374.15
Transfer of Grants to Restricted Account	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Difference	1,507.06	-168.07	-990.48	-348.51	0.00	0.00	0.00	-1,720.32
Excess of Receipts over Payments	-25.00	-112.96	-871.56	1,332.95	9.17	241.60	574.20	-10,081.17
Balance brought forward 1st January 2025	2,525.00	4,011.63	14,181.98	1,672.05	901.84	5,338.60	28,631.10	38,712.27
Balance carried forward 31st December 2025	2,500.00	3,898.67	13,310.42	3,005.00	911.01	5,580.20	29,205.30	28,631.10
Statement of Assets								
Current Account	2,500.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	2,500.00	2,525.00
Operating Reserves Account	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	5,580.20	5,580.20	5,338.60
Restoration Account	0.00	0.00	13,310.42	0.00	0.00	0.00	13,310.42	14,181.98
PCC Nominated Project Account	0.00	0.00	0.00	3,005.00	0.00	0.00	3,005.00	619.92
Savings Account	0.00	3,898.67	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	3,898.67	4,011.63
Bursary Account	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	911.01	0.00	911.01	901.84
	2,500.00	3,898.67	13,310.42	3,005.00	911.01	5,580.20	29,205.30	28,631.10

The following notes form part of these financial statements

Approved by the PCC on: 23/04/2026

And signed on their behalf by:

The Revd Canon Marion Russell Marion Russell

Mrs Jenny Johnson (PCC Treasurer) JR Johnson

I confirm that the above accounts have been examined and found to be correct and in accordance with the accounting records and information and explanations received.

R.M.Watson FCA
Independent Examiner See attached signed letter

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17th March 2026

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Richard Watson FCA
Independent Examiner