Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From	Period start date			To	Period end date		
	01	January	2025		31	December	2025

Section A Reference and administration details

Charity name	Bar Hill Church
Other names charity is known by	Bar Hill Church Single Congregation Local Ecumenical Partnership
Registered charity number (if any)	1170176
Charity's principal address	Hanover Close
	Bar Hill
	Cambridge
	Postcode CB23 8EH

Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

	Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year	Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)
1	Wendy Wale	Chair		Members of the charity
2	Ian Horne	Secretary		Members of the charity
3	Eleanor Tod	Treasurer		Members of the charity
4	Ann Chappell	Lay Moderator		Members of the charity
5	Andrew Ingle		Until 15/05/2025	Members of the charity
6	Lesley Bennett		Until 15/05/2025	Members of the charity
7	Robert Chappell			Members of the charity
8	Hannah Wright			Members of the charity
9	Pam Vendy			Members of the charity
10	Sue Hilson			Members of the charity
11	Rosemary Pryke			Members of the charity

12	Jonathan Chatfield	Ex officio		Members of the charity
13	Jane McLeod		From 15/05/2025	Members of the charity
14	Ian Foot		From 15/05/2025	Members of the charity
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	Names of the trustees for the charity, if any, (for example, any custodian trustees)	
	Name	**Dates acted if not for whole year**
	None	

Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

Type of adviser	**Name**	**Address**
None		

Name of chief executive or names of senior staff members (Optional information)

Section B Structure, governance and management

Description of the charity's trusts

Type of governing document (eg. trust deed, constitution)	Constitution
How the charity is constituted (eg. trust, association, company)	Un-incorporated Charity
Trustee selection methods (eg. appointed by, elected by)	Elected by Church Members

Additional governance issues (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include additional information, where relevant, about:

- policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees;
- the charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works;
- relationship with any related parties;
- trustees' consideration of major risks and the system and procedures to manage them.

The charity is a Local Ecumenical Partnership (LEP) of the five founding denominations: the Baptist Union, the Church of England, the Methodist Church, the United Reformed Church and the Society of Friends. In 1990 the original LEP expanded to include the Roman Catholics who remain in association with the LEP.

It was a charity linked to Shared Churches Ely until 2016 when it re-registered in its own right. The church buildings are owned by Shared Churches Ely Ltd but all maintenance is the responsibility of the Charity. The arrangement is governed by two Sharing Agreements dated 1976 and 1990.

Management of the Charity is carried out by the minister and trustees who are also members of the Church Leadership Team (CLT) which is the executive leadership body (its senior officers are the Minister, Lay Moderator, Church Secretary and Treasurer).

The trustees are responsible for all decisions on matters of general concern and importance to the church including deciding on how the funds of the church are to be spent. They are elected by the church members at annual congregational meetings in accordance with the constitution.

An appointed trustee is responsible for the church buildings but day to day they are managed by the Church Centre Manager who reports to a Trustee. The Centre Manager is the main point of formal contact of the Church with users, hirers and local agencies. Supported by a small property committee, the manager administers daily property matters (bookings, cleaning etc.) and coordinates use of the buildings.

Section C Objectives and activities

Summary of the objects of the charity set out in its governing document	To advance the Christian faith in the area of benefit in accordance with the principles and practices of the participating churches. In achieving its purpose, the charity will engage in a range of activities, either on its own or with others, including (but not restricted to): A) The celebration of public worship; B) The teaching of the Christian faith; C) Mission and evangelism; D) Pastoral work, including visiting the sick and the bereaved; E) The provision of facilities with a Christian ethos for the local community, including (but not restricted to) the elderly, the young and other groups with special needs; and F) The support of other charities in the UK and overseas
Summary of the main activities undertaken for the public benefit in relation to these objects (include within this section the statutory declaration that trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit)	Having regard to the Commission's guidance on public benefit and, in particular, the specific guidance on charities for the advancement of religion we see our mission to be: *"As servants of Christ, we commit ourselves to worship, work and witness together in his name to establish his kingdom in our village and beyond."* [Church Profile 2011] As a community that is open to God and everyone in our surrounding villages, we organise services for adults, children and young people on a regular basis, following a pattern of traditions and styles richly resourced by material from our founding denominations and in keeping with our ecumenical roots. We also enable our communities to celebrate and thank God at the milestones of their journeys through life. Through baptism we thank God for the gift of life, in marriage public vows are exchanged with God's blessing and through funeral services friends and family express their grief and give thanks for the life which is now complete in this world and to commend the person into God's keeping. This work is supported by our pastoral team who make prayer chain offers and provide prayer support to anyone requesting it. There are usually regular activities organised by Bar Hill Church for the benefit of its members and surrounding villages. The building is widely used for community activities such as a community market, exercise classes, pre-school children's groups, several uniformed groups and our local school. It is also often the venue

for local concerts and occasionally conferences, as well as one-off commercial and community organisation hire.

Rising initially out of the Covid-19 pandemic, our Community Hub provides 'wellbeing for all' through a Coffee Stop, advice service, Foodbank, Carers Café, Parish Council Surgery, Health and Wellbeing group and Evergreens (for those experiencing memory problems); providing weekly engagement at the heart of our community.

Helping those in need and contributing to the wider community is a demonstration of our faith, and the Church also supports the regional activities and missionary work of our founding denominations.

Additional details of objectives and activities (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include further statements, where relevant, about:

- policy on grantmaking;
- policy programme related investment;
- contribution made by volunteers.

Section D Achievements and performance

Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year

Services of worship have been held on every Sunday throughout 2025, along with a small number of weekday services. Those services have continued to be delivered through hybrid worship, with the majority of attendees in person, but with those unable to attend in person still able to join most services online (accessed through the church's website). Sunday Services have a growing average attendance of around 100 adults and up to 30 young people and are ably supported by the Stewards, Worship Group and Refreshment Team as well as those who plan and lead our services.

Every single one of our services has been blessed by wonderful music and the opportunity to praise God with our voices, hearts and minds, thanks to our dedicated musicians. There has been much appreciation for the return of drums in worship and for the addition of a drum shield and new speakers to enable greater balance. A generous legacy has enabled us to purchase an additional screen for the back for the back of the Worship Hall, which has been very much appreciated.

We have continued our monthly service pattern to include denominational communion services and All-Age Worship plus Café Church, with Quaker meetings on the fifth Sundays. We hold mid-week communion each month and a monthly informal evening service, Encounter, on the first Sunday. These services have become a powerful space to reflect, pray and worship for all who attend, which often includes people from beyond the village. We are thankful and grateful to the Worship Planning Team and service leaders who meet regularly to plan and review all of our services.

We held our usual Easter services, including the annual pilgrimage to Lolworth for an Easter sunrise service, a Rogation Ramble around the parish, a harvest service in October, our annual Pet Service and Time to Remember Service and a Remembrance Day Service in November, fully attended by the village's uniformed groups. We held our usual special Christmas services, such as the Gift and Crib Nativity Service, the candle-lit Carol Service and the Christingle Service. The school were invited into the church for Experience Easter, engaging with a series of activity stations, in small groups, relating to the Easter story. The nativity story was presented to local playgroups, as well the youngest children at the school, using our handmade, wooden nativity characters. Wendy has continued to regularly lead the school's weekly Collective Worship, and we have welcomed classes into the church to discover more about the role of the church in the local community.

In July we celebrated our curate's ordination into the Priesthood; Jonathan is now halfway through his training, and we appreciate his wise and gifted presence among us. It has been an honour to continue to welcome the ministry of our Ecumenical Partners, with visiting speakers during the year from all denominations. We are also richly blessed by (and grateful for) our own licensed Ministry Team.

Bar Hill Church continued to warmly welcome and support asylum seeker families housed within the village hotel in a variety of ways; each focused on enabling them to feel their quest for safe sanctuary was understood and embraced. Several of the hotel guests became regular worshippers and participated in a wide range of church and community activities. However, the hotel ceased to be used as asylum accommodation part way through the year, and as a result we have sadly said goodbye to a number of members and friends as they have moved away to other parts of the country.

Meeting in smaller groups can provide opportunities to deepen relationships, grow in discipleship and explore faith in different ways. During the course of the past year, we have run an Advent and a Lent Course. The Advent Course explored themes of Hope for the Journey, Peace in Troubled Times, Love in the Promises and Joy in the Making. For the Lent Course we followed a study based on the film 'The Kings Speech' (2010 historical drama film based on how King George VI learned to lead with his speech disorder), making use of the screens and technology, alongside discussion and reflection. There is a small but faithful prayer group that meets on Saturday mornings, seeking to encourage the church with words and pictures they sense are given by God as they seek him in prayer. A week-day morning prayer meeting takes place online from Monday to Friday and is led by a different member of the congregation each day, using liturgy from the Northumberland Community, Common Worship and other sources. There is a Prayer WhatsApp group that circulates requests for any situation, without comment or question, to a prayerful, confidential group of intercessors. We have continued to hold Quiet Days in the Hertfordshire countryside as well as a Quiet Morning in the Worship Hall, providing opportunity to take a pause from the routines of life and spend time in prayer, reading and contemplation. We currently have four small groups that meet regularly in people's homes; some groups meet in person, some continue to meet online, and one is hybrid. Each group chooses its own material to study, based on the needs and desires of the group members.

The Church continues to mainly communicate with its members and congregation via electronic methods; a weekly email lists upcoming services and notices, and regular postings on Facebook, where there are both public and community pages, passes on our latest news. Information about the church can also be found on the website (with upcoming events on a news page) and on a full page in the Bar Hill News, which is distributed monthly. Printed notice sheets are now only produced occasionally, as most attendees access the information electronically. However, a list of services is displayed in the front window where it is clearly visible from the spine path.

The Annual Congregational Meeting (ACM) was held in May with voting for the Church Leadership Team (CLT) and Church Wardens. We re-elected trustees and welcomed two new Trustees, retaining a full complement of CLT members. CLT has met ten times over the year with a good proportion of time spent on the necessary administration of the Church's business, particularly regarding safeguarding, property and finances, including final implementation of a new hirers' agreement, significant property work (see below) and associated grant claims, as well as the continuing work on updating polices and safeguarding procedures and processes. To ensure meetings are not only focused on administration, we hold a wider meeting once a quarter which also includes our ministry team, taking the opportunity to discuss mission and vision. Our membership roll for this year stands at just over 110 after an update to members' contact details.

Safeguarding for all remains a priority for the church as a whole and is a significant and integral part of trusteeship. Safeguarding is now embedded into all church activities ranging from pastoral support to finance as well as children's activities and vulnerable adults. Our children and young people have been taught about what it means to be safe at church through playful sessions. This has been run in parallel to safeguarding reports at congregational meetings and Safeguarding Sunday, as well as other reports back to adult run groups. The church continues to strive to meet the high expectations as laid down by the Church of England and we are constantly reviewing policies, procedures and other aspects of safeguarding to ensure safer practices are being followed. Like many other parishes, we receive visits from the Diocese safeguarding team both in person and online to help all aspects of church life be as safe as possible; we are grateful for their ongoing support. We are grateful to now have a new DBS service provided by the Diocese which should be an easier system to access.

We continue to use the online dashboard system to guide us with all our tasks and job list, including completing the necessary paperwork for safer recruitment and undergoing safeguarding training. Our ongoing development this year has been the embedding of the Church of England National Safeguarding Standards. They are a set of statements that we audit ourselves against to then make improvements to our practice. With work always to be done, 100% compliance is near impossible, but we hover around 80-90% complete. All DBSs are up to date, and all church activity groups have role descriptions for those in a leadership role and risk assessments for the activity. We wait to see the new 'House of Bishops Safeguarding Statement' due to be published in draft format in early 2026 to determine how we use this alongside all of the other tools that parish safeguarding officers can access.

We have been without a pastoral care link this year. Despite this, the Church has remained a caring and supportive place for many people. We have been able to offer home communions, cards to celebrate and show support, home and hospital visits as well as regular listening ears in many different forms. With the increase of new people joining our church, we are aware that information and systems about available help need to be made more transparent so that access is increased for all.

Our Knit and Natter group meet regularly, supporting a local group called 'Aglow' based in Huntingdon and run by maternity nurses to provide basic outfits and blankets for new babies for mothers in need. Prayer blankets are also made on request. In addition, the group offers some simple movement exercises designed for older and less mobile people to keep them supple and moving. The team also provide enrichment activities regularly during the year and mark the seasons with craft activities (offering opportunities to try things familiar and things new), tea parties and some entertainment.

The Olive Tree Bereavement Care group meets every month in the Octagon, also offering individual appointments before the group session. Three of the voluntary leaders are "CRUSE" trained. Individuals come to the group from Bar Hill and surrounding villages, as people who have been bereaved often find it difficult to get the specialist help that they require elsewhere. Each month the group focuses firstly with member's needs to assist them in finding the path through their grief and secondly a topic for them to engage in and share. As part of our work and service to our members, we keep in touch with similar groups and other organisations in the area, and exchange ideas and support one another.

The church continues to support fair trade through a stall at the church.

There are now around 30 children and young people attending children's activities on a regular basis, aged from toddlers to mid-teens, led by a small team of dedicated volunteers on a rota basis. The provision varies from week to week, with one Sunday a month having up to three separate groups to cater for the wide age range and increased numbers. However, the age distribution has changed so on some Sundays, TotZone and the younger KidZone group are often merged. Four times a year on the fifth Sunday, instead of morning activities, we often provide a 'Games Afternoon' aimed at both adults and children, with games and other activities.

YouthZone Plus for the older youngsters continues, now twice a month, on a Sunday evening. This provides an hour of games and social activities followed by a short reflection and is regularly attended by a group of teenagers. We have also arranged other social activities, such as bowling and a mobile meal around the village and hope to do more of these moving forward.

We have also started a new mid-week under 5s group, Little Treasures, to support and welcome pre-school children and their families into the church on a weekly basis during term time. Each session starts with refreshments, followed by a Bible story explored through movement and song. Activities are provided which relate to the story and include crafts and sensory play. The children (and their adults) are given opportunities to offer simple prayers. On average there are up to 10 under-five children and babies with their adults attending and nearly all are not regular Bar Hill church attenders.

The Community Hub launched in September 2021, on the back of the Covid-19 Support Scheme. This runs every Monday morning, where people can access a wide range of services:

- Coffee Stop draws around 40-50 villagers each week, providing a focal point for people to meet over coffee and cakes. We have welcomed a number of visitors to engage on relevant topics or activities, including Hope Active (indoor curling) and Coffee with a Cop with our neighbourhood police officers. We also had a successful coffee morning with a cake sale in support of the MS Society.
- Citizens Advice has been a key part of the life of the Hub since its inception, advising approximately 300 clients on a range of issues.

Unfortunately, due to ill health, this support ended in May 2024, however it is due to restart in a more informal advice capacity in early 2026, offering assessment and guidance on benefits, debt, employment, housing, relationship, legal, finance and consumer.

- The foodbank has a small but regular number of people who are provided with our food bags, as well as those who drop in occasionally. This is a self-referral system with no vouchers needed. The food parcels contain non-perishable staples and toiletries and require a Tesco shop every couple of months to restock.
- The Carer's Café is run in partnership with the Maple Surgery. The café is for informal carers of family members and meets once a month. The surgery receptionist helps schedule a programme of informative speakers and is able to answer questions about the Practice and provide feedback to the Practice Manager.
- The Evergreens group was set up in Spring 2024 for people with memory problems to attend with family, a friend or a carer. The session runs once a month, starting with coffee, cake and conversation and then moves on to a themed activity. The session concludes with seated exercises and sometimes singing or listening to some music. The mornings are fun, relaxed and aim to provide a safe and supportive environment for both carers and those that they support.
- The Parish Council surgery runs weekly with a representative from the Council, often attended by the Chair of the Parish Council.
- The Health and Wellbeing Group meets twice a month, with a regular group of people enjoying exercise and focusing on a healthy lifestyle.

Community lunches under the banner 'Meet & Eat' have continued on an occasional basis during the past year, as a legacy of the Europe Challenge initiative, 'Meet, Eat, Art'. Each lunch has been well supported by the community, with at least 40 meals served. The lunches have provided the opportunity to meet and chat in a relaxed informal setting, with established and new community members joining in.

We have continued to undertake several pieces of regular maintenance and repair work to our buildings; the most significant pieces of additional work this year were removing an extremely large beehive from the church roof, replacing the Octagon boiler and further repairs to both roofs. We also concluded the work part-funded by the FCC (and successfully received the £9k grant), renovating the floor in the Octagon and replacing the curtains.

The church bell is still not working, but it is thought a more fundamental repair is required to the hardware equipment; this will require scaffolding so we intend to coincide investigations with other work that will require scaffolding.

The Quinquennial Report was carried out in September 2023 on the Worship Hall and repairs need to be scheduled over the next five years; however, the architect commented on how well the building has been maintained. The most significant work that still remains from the report relates to the main church roof, window frames and guttering. We have some further plans to enable our buildings to become as energy efficient and environmentally friendly as possible. This is a long-term project, and we will start to consider plans for it next year.

Over the year the church's activities were supported financially by 68 households that gave regularly. Most contributions were direct monthly payments to our account. Our mission is dependent on faithful giving that can be relied on. It provides the underpinning for our activities, encompassing ministry and worship, building repairs and maintenance, internet costs, safeguarding, supporting those in need, teaching resources, and essential supplies. Though our denominational contributions, we also support wider concerns. Those who pay income tax are encouraged to complete Gift Aid declarations so that what they give becomes worth 25% more.

The church's annual giving of around 10% of our regular income to charitable causes remains reinstated. Nominations for charities to receive this money were requested early in 2025 and contributions paid over to the respective charities during the year. We have continued to support other charities on a more ad hoc basis throughout the year, through prayer, and specific activity such as collections during Christian Aid week, donating harvest goods to foodbanks, providing Christmas gifts and vouchers to Jimmy's Night Shelter, and Women's Refuge, collecting items for Christmas Shoeboxes and undertaking a collection for the Children's Society.

Section E Financial review

Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves	The Trustee's policy is to maintain at least three months of unrestricted/general funds, circa £30,000, to meet operational variations in minor repairs, invoices, salaries and direct debits plus an additional sum for major repairs. It is the Treasurer's opinion that our reserves are sufficient for general operating costs including minor repairs, plus essential identified major repairs. However, they are not necessarily sufficient to replace our heating systems with net zero replacements; therefore, this work will only be undertaken if match funded grant funding can be secured.
Details of any funds materially in deficit	None

Further financial review details (Optional information)

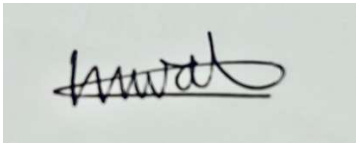
You **may choose** to include additional information, where relevant about: • the charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising); • how expenditure has supported the key objectives of the charity; • investment policy and objectives including any ethical investment policy adopted.	The Church is managed within an annual budget agreed with the congregation. Sub-budgets for various areas of responsibility are delegated to the Centre Manager and several trustees. The finances are reported annually at a Congregational Meeting, with periodic updates throughout the year to trustees and congregation. The financial team of a Bookkeeper and Regular Giving Secretary is led by the Treasurer. Income for the year totalled £171,468, of which £20,045 was restricted to specific purposes as detailed in the Financial Statements. Income increased in 2025 compared with 2024 as a result of specific grants and legacies received during 2025; regular giving and other funding sources in 2025 remained largely in line with 2024. Expenditure was lower than income at £158,750, and a decrease from 2024, mainly due to the cost of installing the ventilation system in the prior year. This was off-set by a one-off reduction in denominational contributions in 2024, due to correction of prior year overpayments that were resolved during 2024; this payment has been reinstated to the full amount in 2025. As a consequence, reserves increased to £133,107. The trustees agreed to move a further £21,346 from general reserves, £19,759 to replenish

the designated property fund in order to fund the remaining large building maintenance costs and £1,587 to replenish the designated audio-visual equipment reserve. £65k of the Church's reserves are held in a CCLA interest bearing account, with a further £57k in a Business Reserve.

Section F Other optional information

Section G Declaration

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.
Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)		
Full name(s)	Reverand Wendy Wale	Eleanor Tod
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	Chair	Treasurer

Date 31/10/2026

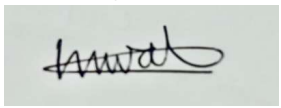
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FINANCIAL STATEMENTS YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2025

Statement of Financial Activities

	Note	General Funds £	Designated Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Sub Accounts £	This Year 2025 Total £	Last Year 2024 Total £
Income from:							
Donations and Legacies	A1	118,151	0	7,305	0	**125,456**	**109,582**
Charitable Activities	A2	278	0	133	6,720	**7,130**	**7,913**
Other trading activities	A3	21,620	0	0	543	**22,163**	**19,381**
Investments	A4	2,736	0	0	0	**2,736**	**4,177**
Other income	A5	1,376	0	12,608	0	**13,984**	**2,293**
TOTAL		144,160	0	20,045	7,263	**171,468**	**143,346**
Expenditure on:							
Raising Funds	B1	777	0	0	497	**1,274**	**962**
Charitable Activities	B2	100,387	20,016	18,961	3,011	**142,374**	**154,518**
Other Expenditure	B3	12,564	0	2,538	0	**15,101**	**11,382**
TOTAL		113,727	20,016	21,499	3,508	**158,750**	**166,861**
NET INCOME / (EXPENDITURE)		**30,433**	**-20,016**	**-1,453**	**3,755**	**12,719**	**-23,515**
Transfers between funds		-19,461	21,346	2,238	-4,123	**0**	**0**
NET MOVEMENT IN FUNDS		10,972	1,330	785	-368	**12,719**	**-23,515**
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS:							
TOTAL FUNDS b/fwd 1 January		44,791	56,670	17,660	1,267	**120,388**	**143,903**
TOTAL FUNDS c/fwd 31 December	E4	**55,763**	**58,000**	**18,445**	**899**	**133,107**	**120,388**

APPROVED by the Trustees on 31/10/2026 and signed on their behalf



The notes on pages 2 to 11 form part of this financial statement

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2025

Balance sheet

	Notes	31/12/2025	31/12/2024
		£	£
Current assets:			
Debtors	E2	4,580	47,517
Cash at bank and in hand	E1	149,293	100,742
Total current assets		**153,873**	**148,259**
Liabilities			
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	E3	20,767	27,871
Total net assets		**133,106**	**120,387**
The funds of the charity			
General funds	E4	56,661	46,057
Designated funds	1, E4	58,000	56,670
Total unrestricted funds		**114,661**	**102,727**
Restricted funds	2, E4	18,445	17,660
Total charity funds		**133,106**	**120,387**

TREASURER'S STATEMENT

I have prepared the financial statements on pages 1 to 11 for the year ended 31 December 2025 from the accounting records of the church.

Mrs E Tod

31/10/2026

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NOTES

ACCOUNTING POLICIES

BASIS OF PREPARATION OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their financial statements in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (Effective 1 January 2019) - (Charities SORP (FRS 102)), the financial reporting standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) and the Charities Act 2011.

Bar Hill Ecumenical Church meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS 102. Assets and liabilities are initially recognised at historical cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant accounting policy note(s).

The trustees consider that there are no material uncertainties about the charity's ability to continue as a going concern.

The trustees do not consider that there are any sources of estimation uncertainty at the reporting date that have a significant risk of causing a material adjustment to the carrying amounts and liabilities within the next reporting period.

FUND ACCOUNTING

General Funds: may be used by the church for any of its ordinary purposes.

Designated Funds: unrestricted funds set aside for specific, designated purposes. They can be transferred back into general funds.

Restricted Funds: represent income which may be expended only on those restricted objects provided in the terms of a trust or bequest, or donations or grants received or invited for a specific purpose. These funds can only be spent on the specific purpose for which they were given. Any balance remaining unspent must be carried forward as a balance on that fund for future expenditure on that specific purpose, or returned; it cannot be absorbed into general funds.

Sub-accounts: are cash floats, managed by church groups.

At the year end, budget holders report on transactions during the year. Income and expenditure within the sub accounts are reported gross. Transfers from the sub account are absorbed into general funds but closing balances are carried forward as a balance on that sub account.

See notes 1 to 3 on page 11 for reports on these funds. Values are rounded to the nearest £.

INCOME

Incoming resources are recognised in the year in which the charity is entitled to the receipt, and the amount can be measured with reasonable certainty. Income is only deferred when the charity has to fulfil conditions before becoming entitled to it or where the donor has specified that the income is to be expended in a future year.

EXPENDITURE

Expenditure is recognised on an accruals basis as a liability is incurred. Expenditure includes any VAT which cannot be fully recovered, and is reported as part of the expenditure to which it relates.

DEBTORS

Trade debtors and other debtors are recognised at their settlement amount due after any discounts. Prepayments are valued at the amount prepaid net of any trade discount due.

CREDITORS AND PROVISIONS

Creditors and provisions are recognised where the charity has a present obligation resulting from a past event that will probably result in the transfer of funds to a third party and the amount due to settle the obligation can be measured or estimated reliably. Creditors and provisions are normally recognised at their settlement amount after allowing for any trade discounts due.

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2025

NOTES continued

	INCOME FROM:	General Funds £	Designated Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Sub accounts £	2025 Total £	2024 Total £	Notes
A1	**Donations and Legacies**							
	Planned giving (RGP)	83,702				**83,702**	**81,408**	
	Offerings	1,571				**1,571**	**1,453**	
	Donations	923		705		**1,628**	**3,022**	2
	Tax recovered through Gift Aid	17,154				**17,154**	**18,975**	
	Legacies	10,900		6,600		**17,500**	**824**	2
	RC Contribution	3,900				**3,900**	**3,900**	
	Total	**118,151**	**0**	**7,305**	**0**	**125,456**	**109,582**	
A2	**Charitable Activities**	(for costs see Note B2.4; for net figures see Note 4)						
	Adult and Evangelism	0				**0**	**0**	4
	Art Group				579	**579**	**1,581**	3,4
	Craft Group	50			0	**50**	**169**	3,4
	Senior Fellowship				3,293	**3,293**	**2,776**	2,3,4
	Community Hub incl Coffee stop			133	2,444	**2,577**	**3,020**	2,3,4
	Olive Tree				306	**306**	**206**	3,4
	Meet and Eat				97	**97**	**160**	3,4
	CYP	228				**228**	**0**	3
	Total	**278**	**0**	**133**	**6,720**	**7,130**	**7,913**	
	Community Hub was previously included in note A5							
A3	**Other trading activities**	(for costs see Note B1; for net figures see Note 4)						
	Lettings (after deducting catering income)	19,206				**19,206**	**16,698**	
	Bible Notes	351				**351**	**136**	4
	Bookstall	0				**0**	**0**	4
	Conference catering (see lettings)	0				**0**	**0**	
	Church event catering inc.	913				**913**	**945**	4
	Flowers				543	**543**	**599**	3,4
	Fundraising	1,150				**1,150**	**1,002**	4
	Total	**21,620**	**0**	**0**	**543**	**22,163**	**19,381**	
A4	**Investments**							
	Deposit account	87				**87**	**116**	
	CCLA COIF account	2,649				**2,649**	**4,061**	
	Total	**2,736**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**2,736**	**4,177**	
A5	**Other income**	(for costs see Note B3)						
	Charitable collections (see note 2)							
	Charitable giving			1,644		**1,644**	**30**	2
	Christian Aid					**0**	**30**	
	Christmas collections			389		**389**	**500**	2
	Collection at A Smethurst funeral					**0**	**51**	
	Photocopying income	65				**65**	**75**	
	Weddings, funerals & baptisms	1,311				**1,311**	**1,178**	
	Collections for leaving and other gifts			505		**505**	**0**	2
	Grant income			9,070		**9,070**	**0**	2
	Miscellaneous			1,000		**1,000**	**0**	2
	Miscellaneous - interest on gift aid					**0**	**459**	
	Total	**1,376**	**0**	**12,608**	**0**	**13,984**	**2,293**	
	Community Hub now included in note A2							

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	INCOME FROM:	General Funds £	Designated Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Sub accounts £	2024 Total £	2023 Total £	Notes
A1	**Donations and Legacies**							
	Planned giving (RGP)	81,408				**81,408**	**82,707**	
	Offerings	1,453				**1,453**	**916**	
	Donations	1,478		1,545		**3,022**	**7,346**	2
	Tax recovered through Gift Aid	18,975				**18,975**	**17,922**	
	Legacies	0		824		**824**	**0**	
	RC Contribution	3,900				**3,900**	**3,900**	
	Total	**107,213**	**0**	**2,369**	**0**	**109,582**	**112,791**	
A2	**Charitable Activities**	(for costs see Note B2.4; for net figures see Note 4)						
	Adult and Evangelism	0			0	**0**	**0**	4
	Art Group	0			1,581	**1,581**	**1,040**	3
	Craft Group	0			169	**169**	**87**	3
	Senior Fellowship	0			2,776	**2,776**	**3,399**	2,3,4
	Holiday at Home	0				**0**	**0**	4
	Community Hub incl Coffee stop	0		999	2,021	**3,020**	**6,766**	
	Olive Tree	0			206	**206**	**158**	
	Meet and Eat	0			160	**160**	**0**	
	CYP	0				**0**	**0**	2,3,4
	Total	**0**	**0**	**999**	**6,914**	**7,913**	**11,451**	
	Community Hub was previously included in note A5							
A3	**Other trading activities**	(for costs see Note B1; for net figures see Note 4)						
	Lettings (after deducting catering income)	16,698				**16,698**	**16,221**	
	Bible Notes	136				**136**	**351**	4
	Bookstall	0				**0**	**47**	4
	Conference catering (see lettings)	0				**0**	**0**	4
	Church event catering inc.	945				**945**	**802**	2,4
	Flowers	62			537	**599**	**520**	3,4
	Fundraising	1,002				**1,002**	**1,054**	3,4
	Total	**18,844**	**0**	**0**	**537**	**19,381**	**18,995**	
A4	**Investments**							
	Deposit account	116				**116**	**15**	
	CCLA COIF account	4,061				**4,061**	**2,773**	
	Total	**4,177**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**4,177**	**2,788**	
A5	**Other income**	(for costs see Note B3)						
	Charitable collections (see note 2)							
	Christian Aid	0		30		**30**	**0**	
	Kigali collection					**0**	**182**	
	Christmas collection (Women's	0		500		**500**	**465**	
	Christmas collection (Refugee					**0**	**96**	
	Collection at A Smethurst funeral	0		51		**51**	**0**	
	Photocopying income	75				**75**	**50**	3
	Weddings, funerals & baptisms	1,178				**1,178**	**1,593**	
	Collections for leaving gifts	0				**0**	**113**	
	Miscellaneous - interest on gift aid	459				**459**	**0**	
	Total	**1,712**	**0**	**581**	**0**	**2,293**	**2,499**	
	Community Hub now included in note A2							

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	EXPENDITURE ON:	General Funds £	Designated Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Sub accounts £	2025 Total £	2024 Total £	Notes
B1	**Raising Funds**	(for income see note A3; for net figures see Note 4)						
	Bible Notes	168				**168**	**235**	4
	Bookstall	0				**0**	**0**	4
	Conference catering	0				**0**	**35**	
	Church Catering	224				**224**	**210**	4
	Flowers				497	**497**	**481**	3,4
	Fundraising Activities	385				**385**	**0**	3,4
	Total	**777**	**0**	**0**	**497**	**1,274**	**962**	
B2	**Charitable Activities**							
B2.1	**Sponsoring Denominations**							
	Diocese of Ely inc. house costs	32,947				**32,947**	**12,764**	
	Baptist Union Ministry share	4,236				**4,236**	**6,638**	
	Diocese of Ely - ministry share	4,236				**4,236**	**0**	
	Methodist Church - ministry share	4,236				**4,236**	**6,703**	
	URC Ministry share	4,236				**4,236**	**2,515**	
	Total	**49,889**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**49,889**	**28,620**	
B2.2	**Ministerial Costs**							
	Minister's expenses	952				**952**	**1,056**	
	Discretionary fund	150				**150**	**0**	
	Visiting Ministers	115				**115**	**307**	
	Total	**1,217**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**1,217**	**1,364**	
B2.3	**Cost of Worship**							
	Licences and Music	1,243				**1,243**	**1,378**	
	Worship software and small equipment	30				**30**	**196**	
	Audio-Visual Equipment					**0**	**948**	
	Other costs incl wine, candles etc	253				**253**	**0**	
	Worship/prayer materials	155				**155**	**253**	
	Total	**1,681**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**1,681**	**2,775**	
B2.4	**Church Activities**	(For income see note A2; for net figures see Note 4)						
	Adult and evangelism					**0**	**0**	
	Art Group				567	**567**	**582**	3, 4
	Craft Group				0	**0**	**42**	3, 4
	Senior Fellowship				1,999	**1,999**	**1,647**	2, 3, 4
	Community Hub incl coffee stop			1,586	305	**1,891**	**3,049**	2, 3
	Olive Tree				139	**139**	**211**	3, 4
	CYP	665				**665**	**518**	3
	Meet and Eat				0	**0**	**54**	3, 4
	Total	**665**	**0**	**1,586**	**3,011**	**5,262**	**6,103**	
	Community Hub was included in note B3							

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Continued EXPENDITURE ON:

		General Funds £	Designated Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Sub accounts £	2025 Total £	2024 Total £	
B2.5	**Running costs**							
	Electricity	2,918				**2,918**	**3,508**	
	Gas	7,154				**7,154**	**6,587**	
	Water rates	1,421				**1,421**	**1,917**	
	Insurance	1,851				**1,851**	**1,837**	
	Cleaning/caretaking	1,234				**1,234**	**1,248**	
	Office expenses	585				**585**	**584**	
	Photocopier	1,331				**1,331**	**1,146**	
	Communications (inc. Christmas card)	0				**0**	**444**	
	Salaries and HR	21,519				**21,519**	**21,293**	
	Telephone/website	1,023				**1,023**	**907**	
	Accounts software and examination	659				**659**	**634**	
	Bank Charges	4				**4**	**1**	
	Training	216				**216**	**1,014**	
	Total	**39,914**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**39,914**	**41,119**	
B2.6	**Maintenance**							
	Maintenance	3,909				**3,909**	**5,886**	
	Minor works / repairs	3,111				**3,111**	**1,425**	
	Major works		19,429	10,775		**30,204**	**67,227**	2, 3
	Equipment		587	6,600		**7,187**	**0**	2
	Total	**7,020**	**20,016**	**17,375**	**0**	**44,411**	**74,538**	
B2	**TOTAL EXPENDITURE ON CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES**	**100,387**	**20,016**	**18,961**	**3,011**	**142,374**	**154,518**	
B3	**Other Expenditure**	(for income see note A5)						
Charitable collections (see note 2)								
	Christian Aid					**0**	**30**	
	Solar for Sach					**0**	**98**	
	A Smethurst Funeral collection					**0**	**51**	
	Charitable Giving	10,668		1,644		**12,312**	**10,500**	2
	Christmas collections			389		**389**	**500**	2
	Miscellaneous	210				**210**	**40**	
	Weddings, funerals & baptisms	1,603				**1,603**	**163**	
	Leaving/retirement gifts	83		505		**588**	**0**	2
	Total	**12,564**	**0**	**2,538**	**0**	**15,101**	**11,382**	

Community Hub now included in note B2.4

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	EXPENDITURE ON:	General Funds £	Designated Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Sub accounts £	2024 Total £	2023 Total £	Notes
B1	**Raising Funds**	(for income see note A3; for net figures see Note 4)						
	Bible Notes	235				**235**	**262**	4
	Bookstall	0				**0**	**34**	4
	Conference catering	35				**35**	**0**	3,4
	Church Catering	210				**210**	**83**	2,4
	Flowers	0			481	**481**	**437**	3,4
	Fundraising Activities	0				**0**	**0**	3,4
	Total	**481**	**0**	**0**	**481**	**962**	**815**	
B2	**Charitable Activities**							
B2.1	**Sponsoring Denominations**							
	URC Ministry and Mission Fund	2,515				**2,515**	**0**	
	Diocese of Ely inc. house costs	12,764				**12,764**	**46,778**	
	Baptist Union Ministry share	6,638				**6,638**	**65**	
	Diocese of Ely - ministry share					**0**	**0**	
	Methodist Church - ministry share	6,703				**6,703**	**0**	
	URC Ministry share					**0**	**4,188**	
	Total	**28,620**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**28,620**	**51,031**	
B2.2	**Ministerial Costs**							
	Minister's expenses	1,056				**1,056**	**887**	
	Discretionary fund					**0**	**0**	
	Visiting Ministers	307				**307**	**575**	
	Total	**1,364**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**1,364**	**1,462**	
B2.3	**Cost of Worship**							
	Licences and Music	1,378				1,378	1,231.36	
	Worship software and small equipment	196				**196**	**0**	
	Audio-Visual Equipment	450		498		**948**	**4,986**	
	Worship/prayer materials	253				**253**	**885**	
	Total	**2,277**	**0**	**498**	**0**	**2,775**	**7,102**	
B2.4	**Church Activities**	(For income see note A2; for net figures see Note 4)						
	Adult and evangelism	0				**0**	**0**	
	Art Group				582	**582**	**905**	3, 4
	Craft Group				42	**42**	**54**	3, 4
	Senior Fellowship				1,647	**1,647**	**1,556**	2, 3, 4
	Holiday at Home					**0**	**0**	
	Community Hub incl coffee stop	0		2,800	249	**3,049**	**5,241**	2
	Olive Tree				211	**211**	**108**	3, 4
	CYP	452		67		**518**	**263**	2, 3
	Meet and Eat				54	**54**	**0**	
	Total	**452**	**0**	**2,867**	**2,785**	**6,103**	**8,126**	
	Community Hub was included in note B3							

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Continued EXPENDITURE ON:

		General Funds £	Designated Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Sub accounts £	2024 Total £	2023 Total £	
B2.5	**Running costs**							
	Electricity	3,508				3,508	3,823	
	Gas	6,587				**6,587**	**9,628**	
	Water rates	1,917				**1,917**	**486**	
	Insurance	1,837				**1,837**	**1,795**	
	Cleaning/caretaking	1,248				**1,248**	**1,380**	3
	Office expenses	584				**584**	**749**	
	Photocopier	1,146				**1,146**	**1,201**	
	Communications (inc. Christmas card)	444				**444**	**434**	
	Salaries and HR	21,293				**21,293**	**20,229**	
	Telephone/website	907				**907**	**207**	
	Accounts software and examination	634				**634**	**480**	
	Bank Charges	1				**1**	**20**	
	Training	1,014				**1,014**	**236**	
	Total	**41,119**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**41,119**	**40,668**	
B2.6	**Maintenance**							
	Maintenance	5,616		270		5,886	3,329.56	
	Minor works / repairs	1,425				**1,425**	**5,010**	3
	Major works	0	55,330	11,897		**67,227**	**0**	3
	Total	**7,041**	**55,330**	**12,167**	**0**	**74,538**	**8,339**	
B2	**TOTAL EXPENDITURE ON CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES**	**80,872**	**55,330**	**15,532**	**2,785**	**154,518**	**116,729**	
B3	**Other Expenditure**	(for income see note A5)						
Charitable collections (see note 2)								
	Christian Aid			30		**30**	**0.00**	
	Solar for Sach			98		**98**		
	A Smethurst Funeral collection			51		**51**	**0.00**	
	Kigali collection					**0**	**182.00**	
	Charitable Giving	10,500				**10,500**	**0.00**	
	Christmas collection (Women's Refuge)			500		**500**	**465**	
	Christmas collection (Refugee presents)					**0**	**95**	
	Miscellaneous	40				**40**	**486**	
	The Lounge					**0**	**0**	
	Weddings, funerals & baptisms	163				**163**	**607**	
	Leaving/retirement gifts					**0**	**161**	
	Total	**10,703**	**0**	**679**	**0**	**11,382**	**1,996**	

Community Hub now included in note B2.4

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C Investments held for Church Purposes

Bar Hill Church has funds invested in the CCLA COIF account and has a Santander Business Reserve account, both of which pay interest.

Interest paid to the church is detailed in section A4 as operating income.

D Assets Used for Church Purposes

Bar Hill Church does not own any land or buildings. The church and its associated buildings are vested in Shared Churches Ely and the minister's house at 108 Stonefield is owned by the Diocese of Ely.

The church buildings are insured by the church in accordance with its agreement with Shared Churches Ely.

Buildings and contents are insured with a loss limit of £7,320,000.

The trustees of the charity have a policy of not capitalising assets under £1,000.

Routine additions, repairs and replacements to contents are charged to current expenditure.

E1 Monetary Assets

The church monies are not held in segregated accounts, but for the sake of these financial statements the total of each account is allocated appropriately over the various funds.

	General Funds £	Designated Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Sub accounts £	2025 Total £	2024 Total £
Cash	454				**454**	**218**
Santander current account	26,194				**26,194**	**14,247**
Santander Business Reserve	45,301	11,805			**57,106**	**23,020**
CCLA COIF account		46,195	18,445		**64,640**	**61,991**
Sub Accounts				898	**898**	**1,266**
Total	**71,949**	**58,000**	**18,445**	**898**	**149,293**	**100,742**

E2 Debtors and prepayments

Lettings	1,978				**1,978**	**3,390**
RGP					**0**	**0**
Offerings					**0**	**0**
Donations					**0**	**0**
Catering					**0**	**0**
Bible notes	59				**59**	**0**
Diocese	2,214				**2,214**	**43,867**
Funeral Fees	234				**234**	**0**
Taxation					**0**	**0**
Fundraising					**0**	**0**
Charitable donations					**0**	**0**
Licences					**0**	**0**
Website	95				**95**	**260**
Minor Works					**0**	**0**
Total	**4,580**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**4,580**	**47,517**

E3 Creditors and Liabilities

Charitable donations	10,847				**10,847**	**10,598**
Minister's Expenses	60				**60**	**-263**
Funeral fees	711				**711**	**971**
Accounts	515				**515**	**0**
Consumables and catering	166				**166**	**110**
Bible Notes	210				**210**	**65**
Baptists	6,569				**6,569**	**6,569**
Methodists					**0**	**6,703**
URC					**0**	**2,515**
Utilities	1,289				**1,289**	**211**
Bible notes					**0**	**209**
Photocopier	-126				**-126**	**126**
Minor works					**0**	**37**
Gifts	300				**300**	**0**
Catering	21				**21**	**0**
Worship	206				**206**	**22**
Total	**20,767**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**20,767**	**27,871**

E4 To reconcile cash at year end against funds carried forward

E1	Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the reporting period	71,949	58,000	18,445	898	149,293	100,742
E2	Debtors and prepayments	4,580		0	0	4,580	47,517
E3	Creditors and liabilities	-20,767		0	0	-20,767	-27,871
	Total funds c/fwd	**55,763**	**58,000**	**18,445**	**898**	**133,106**	**120,387**

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See page 3 for descriptions of the various funds and accounts.

1 Designated Funds:

Fund name & purpose:	Balance b/fwd £	Receipts in year £	Payments in year £	Transfers for year £	Balance c/fwd £	Notes
Ecclesiastical Prize Money 2016	2,000				**2,000**	
Property Fund	49,670		19,429	19,759	**50,000**	B2.6
Equipment Fund	5,000		587	1,587	**6,000**	B2.6
	56,670	**0**	**20,016**	**21,346**	**58,000**	

2 Restricted Funds:

Fund name & purpose:	Balance b/fwd £	Receipts in year £	Payments in year £	Transfers for year £	Balance c/fwd £	Notes
Community Hub*	16,589	133	1,586	2,238	**17,373**	A2, B2.4
Senior Fellowship**	247				**247**	
Christmas Collections	1	389	389		**1**	A5, B3
Charitable Collections	0	1,644	1,644		**0**	A5, B3
Bee removal	0	705	705		**0**	A1, B2.6
Gift Collections	0	505	505		**0**	A5, B3
Grant Income	0	9,070	9,070		**0**	A5, B2.6
Insurance Income	0	1,000	1,000		**0**	A5, B2.6
Legacy	824	6,600	6,600		**824**	A1, B2.6
Total	**17,660**	**20,045**	**21,499**	**2,238**	**18,445**	

** the brought forward balance has been restated due to a missing transfer figure for 2024*

*** £147.38 donation plus £100 legacy*

3 Sub-accounts are cash floats, managed by church groups.

Sub account	Balance b/fwd £	Receipts in year £	Payments in year £	Net Transfers for year £	Balance c/fwd £	
Art Group *	601	579	567	-300	**312**	A2, B2.4
Church office petty cash	50				**50**	
Coffee Stop	144	2,444	305	-2,238	**45**	A2, B2.4
Craft Group	125	0	0	-125	**0**	A2, B2.4
CYP Float	82				**82**	
Flowers Float	92	543	497	-109	**30**	A3, B1
Senior Fellowship	146	3,293	1,999	-1,194	**246**	A2, B2.4
Olive Tree	25	306	139	-60	**132**	A2, B2.4
Meet and Eat	0	97	0	-97	**0**	A2, B2.4
Total	**1,266**	**7,263**	**3,508**	**-4,123**	**898**	

4 Activities with some self-funding

Certain groups generate funds as part of their activities. Income and expenditure within the activity are reported gross within the main accounts but a net figure is shown here to indicate the net surplus/cost for each activity.
Surplus income is absorbed into general funds, whilst expenditure in excess of self funding is met from general funds.

Activity	General Income £	Restricted Income £	Total Income £	Payments in year £	Net Income £	Notes
Adult and Evangelism	0		**0**	0	**0**	
Art Group	579		**579**	567	**11**	3, A2, B2.4
Craft Group	50		**50**	0	**50**	3, A2, B2.4
Community Hub inc Coffee Stop		2,577	**2,577**	1,891	**686**	3, A2, B2.4
Senior Fellowship	3,293		**3,293**	1,999	**1,294**	3, A2, B2.4
Olive Tree	306		**306**	139	**167**	3, A2, B2.4
Bookstall and Bible Notes	351		**351**	168	**183**	A3, B1
Catering - church events	913		**913**	224	**689**	A3, B1
Flowers	543		**543**	497	**47**	3, A3, B1
Fundraising	1,150		**1,150**	385	**765**	3, A3, B1
Meet and Eat		97	**97**	0	**97**	3, A2, B2.4
Total	**7,185**	**2,674**	**9,860**	**5,871**	**3,989**	

5 Trustees

None of the trustees received any remuneration in respect of their role as a trustee, nor did they receive any expenses.

6 Related Party Transactions

There were no related party transactions in the year that required disclosure.