ANNUAL REPORT

AND

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

OF THE

PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL

OF THE

ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH

OF

ST MARY EDWINSTOWE

Registered Charity Number 1171553

YEAR ENDED

31ST DECEMBER 2025

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Annual Report

Mission Statement

We seek to join with God's mission to place **love at the heart of life** in three dimensions:

UP towards God – Helping people in Edwinstowe to recognise and respond to **God's love at the heart of life** through Spirit-led worship **[Worship]**

IN towards each other – Growing disciples of Jesus Christ who put **love for each other at the heart of life [Discipleship]**

OUT towards the world – together we will put **love for the world at the heart of life**, through proclamation of the Gospel, loving service, challenging injustice and protecting God's creation. **[Mission]**

Structure, Governance and Management

Parochial Church Council

Members of the PCC are either ex officio or elected each year at the Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM).
During the year, there have been 6 PCC meetings with an average attendance of 79% (2024 69%).
Sub-committees of the PCC met several times during the year: Children and Young People's leaders and the Church Rooms Management Committee

Leaders from Edwinstowe also join with Perlethorpe and Clipstone to form the "Three Churches Forum" who meet every Monday for Prayer and a diary meeting.

Standing Committee

This is the only committee required by law. It has power to transact the business of the PCC between its meetings, subject to any directions given by the PCC. The Standing and Finance committee meet every other month.

Electoral Roll

At the Annual Parochial Church Meeting 84 (108 in 2024) parishioners were members on the Electoral Roll following the full revision.

Safeguarding

The PCC has worked closely with Pete Edwards, the Parish Safeguarding Officer, to ensure we have complied with our Safeguarding Policy & Action Plan. The documentation and procedures are under regular review and revised as necessary.
All the identified members have undergone appropriate training for their role.

Reference and Administration

Members of the PCC are either ex officio or elected by the Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM) in accordance with the Church Representation Rules. They are also Trustees of the church charity.

Priest in charge:	Revd Claire Melless	From October 2023
Wardens:	Richard Neely Vacant	
Deanery synod:	Hilary Cheshire Matthew Storor Vacant	Treasurer & Diocesan synod
Reader representative:	Pete Edwards	
Elected members:	Margaret Share Walter Daglish Brian Evans Sue Ford Denise Poole Linda Foster Terry Ashton Harold Green Jane Knight Darren Knight	 To APCM To APCM To APCM
Safeguarding	Pete Edwards	

Objectives and Activities

St Mary's PCC has the responsibility of co-operating with the Priest in Charge, in promoting the whole mission of the church, pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical, for all who reside in the ecclesiastical parish and all who worship at St Mary's. It also has responsibility for maintaining the fabric of the Church and the Church Rooms. The PCC is body corporate (PCC Powers Measure 1956, Church Representation Rules 2011) and **Registered Charity Number 1171553.**
These objectives could not be achieved without the time and talents of many volunteers to whom the PCC extends its thanks.

Achievements and Activities (Including future plans)

Vicar's Report

Worship, Discipleship & Mission

The regular Sunday morning service that takes place at 11.15am – has an average attendance of around 43 adults (35 in 2024), with 7 children (5 in 2024). However, our regular worshipping community is made up of approximately 59 adults (49 in 2024) and 20 under 18's (15 in 2024).

'Sunday @6' is a contemporary worship service and continues to be a space for people to come and soak in the presence of God through worship, prayer, scripture and word. This takes place on the 4th Sunday of every month at 6pm. Held at St Mary's but for anyone from across The Churches of Sherwood and beyond. On average there are about 16 people each month, however this is often a different combination of people each time so there have been more in total. Huge thanks also go to our readers (LLM's) Lorna and Pete who preach and lead services regularly and to Revd. Richard Ford and Revd. Sue Caddy who cover services when needed.

Parish communion is held on most Sundays with a 'Worship for Everyone' service being held on the 3rd Sunday of the month. We are very thankful to Steve Roddison who plays for approximately two Sundays a month and we use the sound system to accompany our worship on other Sundays. Occasionally John Pope or Robert Davies play the organ and we are grateful to them too.

During the week 'Thy Kingdom Come' (a global ecumenical prayer initiative which takes place between Ascension Day and Pentecost) Revd. Claire was joined by others as she prayer walked around the three parishes. Walking and pausing to pray at various points in and for the different communities.

At Pentecost it was good to gather together as a church family from across the churches of Sherwood Forest for a Pentecost picnic in the vicarage garden…thankfully the weather held out!

The leaders of all our children's and youth groups do a fantastic job of nurturing the young and we are very thankful for them and their gifts and skills. One Way Club met on the 2nd and 4th Sunday of the month at 10.30am. We said a big thank you to two of our longstanding OWC leaders at the end of 2024, we are very grateful to Emma and Margaret for their many years of service.

Our pre-school offering "The Ark" continues and welcomes babies, toddlers and their carers from within the community and the foundation children from St Mary's school each month.

At Easter it was great to welcome many children and families into church on Good Friday for our 'Good Friday Special'. In August a 'Children and Families' picnic with activities was held on the Vicarage garden.

The Youth group "Illuminate" continues to meet on the 1st Sunday of every month 6-7.30pm. The group consists of a core group of 6- 8 young people and there is representation from Edwinstowe and Clipstone.

An Alpha course took place from Feb – May 2025, this was held at All Saints Clipstone but

was for anyone from across the Churches of Sherwood Forest. There was a group of 12 who enjoyed meeting together to share in fellowship and to explore or deepen their faith. A home group developed out of the Alpha group and meets regularly to study, discuss and pray together. In the Summer and Autumn, the group explored the parables in depth.

Occasional Offices	**2025**	2024
Baptism	8	7
Funerals in Church	20	15
Service at Crematorium	3	2
Weddings	4	3

Our vital relationship with St. Mary's C of E Primary School continues to be important. In the Autumn of 2025 Hilary stepped down as chair of governors, she continues to be vice chair, and Linda Foster became chair of governors. Revd. Claire is a governor and other foundation governors are Steve Roddison, Glenn Hickman & Sara Coupe, with the addition of Brian Evans in late 2025. Revd. Claire delivers Collective worship on a regular basis (approx. every 2 weeks) and Steve and Ruth Roddison go in regularly to deliver singing sessions. Curriculum visits to St Mary's Church with Revd. Claire take place too.

We continue to enjoy a good relationship with King Edwin Primary School, Revd. Claire occasionally delivers an assembly at the school.

Both schools attended church for Easter, Harvest and Christmas specials.

Thoresby Vale school opened in September 2025 and links have started to be established, Revd. Claire visited in October and also delivered a Christingle assembly at the school before Christmas.

The Christmas tree festival was, once again, a great occasion. The wonderful trees represented groups from across the wider community and many people came in to view the trees. Huge thanks go to Tee Ailward who coordinates and plans this ensuring that all runs smoothly.

The carol service, Christingle and midnight communion attracted many people from across the community. The numbers all being higher than the previous year. It is always great to welcome many people in from the wider community and to proclaim the good news of the Christmas message.

We have links with the local care homes Nightingale and Sherwood Grange. We hold a monthly service for residents at Nightingale every month. We don't have a regular

commitment at Sherwood Grange but links have been established and the residents enjoyed a small group of ‘carol singers’ visiting to sing with them just before Christmas.

The church continues to be open for visitors on many days throughout the year as and when the stewards are able to facilitate this. We are hugely thankful for the dedication & interest of our small band of stewards, Denise, Harold, Peter, Terry, Marilyn and Revd. Richard. This meant we were able to welcome many visitors to enjoy our church history & explore the legend that is Robin Hood. Visitors are always very appreciative of the ‘tours’ they are given. ‘InfoPoint’ and the bid for this is still being worked on and it is hoped, if the bid is successful, that this will help to enhance the visitors’ experience alongside the stewards.

The ‘hidden’ jobs are just as important and thanks to all who do them - all on the PCC and especially Richard Neely whose dedication as Church Warden is incredible as always and our treasurer Hilary Cheshire who does a great job at ensuring the finances are in order. We thank Emma Farrier for her continued work in the paid role of cleaner. Our thanks also go to the wonderful band of volunteers who have diligently and beautifully decorated the church for festivals led by our verger Jo Rose.

Jayne Mawby our administrator is still unwell and unable to work. We continue to pray for her recovery. Alice Curry continues to work 10 hours each week. It is great to have her on board.

The Village Exchange shop continues with the core volunteers co-ordinating the day to day running and management of the shop in liaison with Revd. Claire, our church warden and treasurer. The VX is thriving, it is not only a shop but a place where people can drop in for a chat too. The VX continues to provide pre-loved goods and is appreciated as the cost of living continues to rise. Our HUGE thanks go to the Core volunteers and the growing team of general volunteers for all they do, and all who donate goods for sale.

Future plans

In 2026 we will be continuing to work with the many aspects of mission, discipleship, outreach and ministry and will be seeking to deepen our own discipleship and to grow disciples with confidence, compassion and courage.

Future plans include but are not limited to

- Learning and praying together as we seek to join with God’s mission to place love at the heart of life
- Our hope is that St Mary’s will continue steadily to change and develop numerically and spiritually to reflect the age and social profile of the local community
- Continuing to work with community groups to further support those in need
- Creating a culture of radical generosity and financial sustainability
- Supporting existing groups and encouraging leaders in them
- Engaging with schools and other organisations working with children and young people, looking for new opportunities to disciple the young
- Enabling pathways of nurture for new believers and existing members

- Enjoy fellowship and fun over the 3 parishes

We will strive to develop the above as we continue to meet the different priorities of our Growing Disciples plan (this is a working document that is subject to change as God moves and works within our lives and within the Churches of Sherwood Forest)

· **Inspiring worship**:	Increase our reach and attract new worshippers. Continue with our regular services and further embed and grow the new Sunday@ 6 service
· **Reaching younger**:	Increase our reach to children and families across the three churches through building on the Worship for Everyone service, development of existing children's and young people's groups - The Ark, One Way Club/ Messy Church and Illuminate. Investigate the scope and practicalities of an after-school church/ messy church linked to St Mary's School – possibly late 2026?
· **Enabling Commitment:**	encourage the discipleship of adults by offering nurture courses (another ALPHA 2026, home groups) and other avenues deeper into God, such as baptism and confirmation preparation, and recruitment to discipleship groups.
· **Nurturing Prayer:**	deepen and develop the prayer life of the church to underpin all the above with prayer. Establish a community of people who pray.
· **Growing leaders:**	Develop teams across all areas
· **Encouraging Generosity:**	To establish a community of giving across the three churches.
· **Inspiring worship:**	investigate the scope and practicalities around developing a forest/outdoor church at Sherwood Forest which would become a NWC (new worshipping community) by the end of 2026/27.

I look forward to all that lies ahead in this year and the years to come. I believe there are exciting opportunities for mission and growth here in The Churches of Sherwood Forest. I pray that as we enter the next year, we will continue to build on what we do well, to pray together more, worship together and work together to grow disciples with confidence, compassion and courage as we join with God's mission to place love at the heart of life here in The Churches of Sherwood Forest. Thank you everyone for all that you are and all that you do.

Revd. Claire

Other reports

Church Rooms

With much dedicated & continuous support from members of the Management Committee, 2025 turned out to be another year of seeking to stabilise our financial base. Although the year ended with a small trading deficit, we saw a good level of usage both by regular hirers & occasional users across the year showing an increase in letting income on 2024. To support the Church Rooms the PCC was able to pass on an external grant of £3k. Insurance costs & wages were slightly up on 2024 but outlay on gas & electricity was a little lower. Maintenance/repair costs were c£3k higher as the external of the building was repainted. For the first time some unpaid hire fees were written off as 'bad' debts.

All these items taken together resulted in a small deficit but the real reward was that our community continued to have a great resource at an affordable cost.

The Management Committee met 4 times during the year. Following the resignations of Pauline & Walter Daglish at the end of last year, the Management Committee endeavoured, without success, to encourage people to fill the 2 vacancies. Efforts will continue to recruit 2 volunteers.

The terms & conditions of hire were amended in March '25 and further amendments will be made in 2026 to take account of the introduction of the remote front door digital locking system & some firming-up of clauses relating to safety & fire preventative matters.

Negotiations continued regarding the renewal of the Rooms lease.

Edwinstowe in Bloom, helped by young people from St Mary's Church, used the ground at the front railings again this year to brighten up the area with various flowering plants.

The remote digital locking system was introduced in late '25. It has promoted a more streamlined system for hirers & helped to reduce administration.

When finances allow, we still intend to introduce LED lighting into the main hall which will improve our carbon footprint & further lower running costs.

'Thankyou' to all the continuing committee members for their interest & service throughout 2025. Special thanks go to Hilary Cheshire for her assuming the Booking Officer role & to Emma Farrier for cleaning the premises & ensuring they were ready for our customers .

The Management Committee looks forward to 2026 with confidence.

Richard Neely
for St Mary's Church Rooms Management Committee

Fabric

This Report comments on the upkeep of the church fabric & our churchyard and ornaments & furniture together with some detail of maintenance work that has been done throughout 2025.

Internally the ornaments & furniture are all accounted for & in good condition [allowing for 'wear & tear'].

The usual service & maintenance works have been carried out during the year encompassing the organ, the gas boilers, the CCTV system, the emergency lighting, the fire extinguishers, PAT testing and the external water goods. We are grateful to those firms whose expertise enables these facilities to operate as well as they do. We are continuing to monitor the heating & lighting to control costs whilst seeking to maintain a reasonable ambience for the congregation and the organ. There were occasional minor water incursions when the weather was particularly inclement from the southwest. We thank Tap & Tile [who have helped us for several decades] for reseating slipped lead sheets & fixing lead flashings.

The church clock & the chime have not run during the year owing to a major failure of the 2 aged auto-winders. We have been in consultation with our contractor and the Diocese to progress matters. Hopefully all will be up & running in 2026. .

As foreshadowed in last year's report the 2 benches in the Children's Section have been replaced [with the help of a section 106 grant from The Thoresby Vale housing development. Also a surge protection system was added to the lightning system to protect the church's electrics. A new bolt was added to the porch door making it safer & easier to lock/unlock. Rolfe Electricals replaced the roof lights which had fused owing to the ingress of water. All the ironworks etc round the church & churchyard were repainted as part of our ongoing fabric maintenance programme.

Newark & Sherwood DC has regularly cut the grass & hedging pursuant to their statutory duty. It has yet to carry out the expected . review of all the trees in the churchyard with a view to drawing up a plan for future maintenance. Our young people again joined with Edwinstowe in Bloom to plant more flowers and bulbs & tend to a raised flowerbed. We continue to work on the wilding of the churchyard with the aim of achieving the gold ECO award from La Rocha.

We would also like to thank all those who have helped & supported us over the year in a myriad of ways including those who have given of their time as stewards to welcome our many visitors & tourists.

Future plans

The PCC still has plans to electrify the church clock & to digitalise the Memorial Book. They have also arranged for a review of the church bells as the Tower captain has recommended certain works, given that no major remedial action has been taken since the 1930's. Depending upon the quotations it is planned to instigate works which will ensure the bells continue to peal satisfactorily into the next century. A small step has already been taken in ordering new bell ropes [we are hopeful of the help of a grant from the section 106 monies associated with the Thoresby Vale housing development].

As we have changed our utility supply arrangements across all our sites - to achieve keener prices - we will be swapping (free of charge) all the electric & gas meters.

The PCC have been working on a faculty application for a drop down screen at the Chancel with a fixed projector & 3 complementary screens in the aisles. We are looking forward to receiving the faculty and the grant that has been allocated for this from the Diocese Growing Disciples Fund in 2020. This will be a tremendous step forward in the presentation of our services.

Our next quinquennial inspection will be in 2027 so we look forward to a visit from Carl Andrews, our church architect in late 2026.

Finance

There was global economic uncertainty in 2025 as the war in Ukraine continued along with the conflict in Israel and Gaza. General inflation fell from the high of 10% however there continues to be concern over the cost-of-living.

We are grateful to The Sir Hugh & Lady Sykes foundation for their continued support and for the two generous legacies we received.

The Card reader has been a good addition as many people no longer carry cash, it generated donations of £2,542 over the year, exceeding cash donations (£2,051) in the "black box" for the first time.

The Village Xchange provided nearly 50% of the total income for 2025 enabling us to pay our Parish share (£37,953) in full and continue our commitment to give away (£13,832) 10% of income to other charities.

We have been saddened by the deaths of several of our stalwart congregation who have been faithful financial supporters for many years including Margaret Woodhead who was on the PCC for more than 50 years and a Reader for 25 years.

We continue to pray that we show wisdom and generosity in our stewardship of all gifts. Everything we have belongs to God to be used for His glory. We would like to thank once again all organisations and individuals that give their financial support.

Report on the proceedings of the Mansfield Deanery Synod 2025

During 2025, Deanery Synod met twice, once via zoom and once in person.

Pete Edwards and John Allister challenged us to consider our welcome as we Enhance Diversity. They encouraged us to reflect our communities and consider whether we may inadvertently make people who are different from ourselves uncomfortable and consider whether people with inclusion needs are fully heard in our congregation.

We also encouraged each other sharing stories of our successes and challenges as we worked on the seven focal points of Growing Disciples of Christ with Compassion, Confidence and Courage.

Ian Boothroyd circulated reports from General Synod and attended meetings to answer any questions and share a flavour of General Synod.

Revd. Zoe Burton our Area Dean continues to be supported by Lay Chair David Ince alongside Hilary Cheshire as Treasurer.

We organised a thank you afternoon tea for retired clergy, which was a lovely occasion.

The leadership team joined the clergy on a deanery retreat day of worship and reflection.

Collectively Mansfield Deanery Parishes were able to pay Parish Share of £459,843 which was 94% of the requested £488,424. (2024 was 100%)
The whole diocese collected 88.9% of the total requested. (2024 was 92.5%)

We also held Gatherings, informal meetings where each parish had the opportunity to share the good things that were going on, and any challenges they faced. We were able to spend time praying for each other.

Report written by Portia Newling (Deanery administrator)

Financial Statements

Statement of Financial Activities

for the year ended 31 December 2025							
		Notes	General fund	Designated fund	Restricted fund	2025	2024
Incoming resources			£	£	£	£	£
Voluntary income:							
	Planned giving		25,884	-	-	25,884	27,157
	Collections, donations & other giving		11,744	3,200	1,418	16,361	12,107
	Income tax recovered		8,772			8,772	8,689
	Legacies		7,500		500	8,000	-
Activities for generating funds							
	Church Room Lettings			6,641		6,641	6,424
	Village Xchange		73,363			73,363	67,616
	Other trading		250			250	250
	Income from other Properties					-	-
	Fund Raising Events		158		682	840	315
Investment income:							
	Interest & dividends		1,159		535	1,693	-
Income from charitable activities:							
	Parochial fees		4,889		540	5,429	4,169
Other incoming resources:							
	Insurance claims					-	-
	Gain on disposal of fixed assets					-	-
	Reimbursment of costs from other parishes		2,100			2,100	1,184
	Write off Bad Debt			(766)		(766)	-
Total incoming resources		2	135,817.65	9,074.75	3,674.68	148,567.08	127,911

Resources expended							
Charitable activities:							
	Donations/Grants to charities		(12,033)		(1,799.80)	(13,833)	(12,093)
	Mission & Evangelism					-	-
	Parish Share		(37,953)			(37,953)	(36,060)
	Clergy expenses		(519)			(519)	(431)
	Provision of Services		(665)		601.02	(64)	301
	Church running expenses		(19,075)	(6,883)	(2,642.40)	(28,600)	(19,422)
	Children/Youth work costs		(658)		(207.99)	(866)	(587)
	Cost of raising funds		(12,378)	(1,729)	-	(14,106)	(21,023)
Administration							
	Training/Support					-	-
	Administration costs		(15,004)	(338)	-	(15,341)	(10,544)
	Other		(915)	(689)		(1,604)	(117)
Governance costs			(53)			(53)	(68)
Major expenditure							
	Repairs to church buildings					-	-
	Depreciation				-	-	-
Total resources expended		3	(99,252.47)	(9,637.98)	(4,049.17)	(112,939.62)	(100,045)
Net (outgoing)/ incoming resources			36,565.18	(563.23)	(374.49)	35,627.46	27,867
Transfers between funds			-	-	-	-	-
Net incoming/(outgoing) resources before gains			36,565	(563)	(374)	35,627	27,867
Gains on investment assets			-	-	-	-	-
Net movement in funds			36,565	(563)	(374)	35,627	27,867
Funds brought forward at 1 Jan 2025			50,485	4,255	17,507	72,246.56	44,380
Funds carried forward at 31 Dec 2025			87,050	3,691	17,133	107,874.02	72,246.54

Balance Sheet

as at the 31 December 2025			
	Notes	**2025**	*2024*
		£	*£*
Tangible assets	5a	-	-
Investments	5b	-	-
Fixed Assets		-	-
Debtors amounts falling due after one year		-	-
Debtors amounts falling due within one year	6	5,662.14	*9,439*
Cash at bank and in hand		114,680.90	*77,258*
Current Assets		**120,343.04**	*86,698*
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	7	**(12,467.70)**	*(14,451)*
Net Current Assets		**107,875.34**	*72,247*
Total Assests less current liabilities		**107,875.34**	*72,247*
Credits: amounts falling due after one year		-	-
Net Assets		**107,875.00**	**72,247**
Restricted funds	8	**17,132.50**	*17,507*
Designated Funds (unrestricted)	8	**3,691.39**	*4,255*
General Fund (unrestricted)	8	**87,050.13**	*50,485*
Reserves		**107,874.00**	**72,247**
Approved by the PCC on 10th March 2026 and signed on its behalf by			
Revd Claire Melless Priest in Charge		Hilary Cheshire Treasurer	

Notes to Financial Statements

1 Policies

The financial statements have been prepared under the Charities Act 2011 and in accordance with the Church Accounting Regulations 2006 governing the individual accounts of the PCC, together with applicable accounting standards and the Statement of Recommended Practice, Accounting and Reporting by Charities SORP (2015 FRSSE). The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention except for the valuation of investment assets, which are shown at market value.

Funds
General funds represent the funds of the PCC that are not subject to any restrictions regarding their use and are available for application on the general purposes of the PCC. Funds designated for a particular purpose by the PCC are also unrestricted. The accounts include all transactions, assets and liabilities for which the PCC is responsible in law. They do not include the accounts of church groups that owe their main affiliation to another body or those that are informal gatherings of church members.

Incoming Resources - Voluntary Income and capital sources
Collections are recognised when received by or on behalf of the PCC. Planned giving receivable under Gift Aid is recognised only when received. Income tax recoverable on Gift Aid donations is recognised when the donation is received. Grants and legacies to the PCC are accounted for as soon as the PCC is notified of its legal entitlement, the amount due is quantifiable and its ultimate receipt by the PCC is reasonably certain. Funds raised by fund raising events are accounted for gross. Sales of books and magazines are accounted for gross.

Income from Investments
Dividends are accounted for when due and payable. Interest entitlements are accounted for as they accrue. Tax recoverable on such income is recognised in the same accounting year.

Gains and losses on Investments
Realised gains or losses are recognised when investments are sold. Unrealised gains or losses are accounted for on revaluation of investments at 31st December.

Resources Used

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

Activities directly relating to the work of the church
The diocesan parish share is accounted for in the period to which it relates. Any parish share unpaid at 31st December is provided for in these accounts as an operational (though not legal) liability and is shown as a creditor in the Balance Sheet

Fixed Assets

Consecrated property and moveable church furnishings

Consecrated and beneficed property of any kind is excluded from the accounts by s.10(2)(a) and (c) of the Charities Act 2011
Moveable church furnishings are listed in the church's Inventory which can be inspected (at any reasonable time). They are capitalised at cost and depreciated in the accounts over their currently anticipated useful economic life (initially over 4 years) on a straight-line basis.
All expenditure incurred in the year on consecrated or beneficed buildings, individual items under £1,000 or on the repair of moveable church furnishings acquired before 1st January 2003 is written off. Heating System replacement 2020 not capitalised due to the nature of the project.

Equipment used within the church premises is depreciated on a straight line basis over 4 years except computer equipment which is over 3 years. Individual items of equipment with a purchase price of £1,000 or less are written off when the asset is acquired.

Investments
COIF Charity Fund Investments were cashed in November 2020

Current Assets
Amounts owing to the PCC at 31st December in respect of fees, rents or other income are shown as debtors less provision for amounts that may prove uncollectable. Short-term deposits include cash held on deposit either with National Savings or National Westminster Bank. The PCC will periodically review where our investments are held to gain the best return.

Reserves
Unrestricted funds.
It is the policy of this church to work towards keeping at least six months running costs in reserve to cover unforeseen emergencies.

Designated funds are set aside for a particular purpose with an identified time frame. In view of the nature of the historic building the PCC will also aim to add £5k to designated reserves each year to cover work arising out of quinquennial inspections.

Restricted funds are kept and only used for their intended purposes

The PCC understands its responsibility to ensure that the reserves are used to gain the maximum benefit for the parish in its pursuit of the whole mission of the church. This policy will be reviewed annually prior to the APCM.

2 Incoming Resources

	2025	2024
Tax efficient planned giving	25,378.36	26,510.93
Other planned giving	506.00	646.00
Other collections at services	4,082.26	2,733.93
Occasional Gift Aid Envelopes	1,868.60	715.60
Other Giving & Donations - Non-Recu	7,110.54	5,190.99
Special Appeals		466.30
All tax recovered through Gift Aid	8,771.71	8,689.46
Legacies received	8,000.00	-
Non-Recurring Grants	3,300.00	3,000.00
Fund Raising Events	839.50	315.00
Dividends & Interest	1,693.45	-
Total Parochial Fees Income	5,429.00	4,169.00
Coffee, Memorial book, Magazine etc	250.00	250.00
Village Xchange	73,362.91	67,616.39
Hall Lettings	6,640.75	6,424.00
Insurance Claims		
Reimbursement of costs by other Pari	2,100.00	1,183.70
Sale of Fixed Assets		
Other Income/(Bad Debt Write off)	(766.00)	
Total Income	**148,567.08**	**127,911.30**

3 Resources Expended

	2025	2024
Donations/Grants to Charities & Miss	(13,832.80)	(12,093.06)
Parish Share	(37,953.00)	(36,060.00)
Salaries & Wages	(12,414.14)	(12,076.73)
Clergy Expenses	(519.14)	(431.24)
Children/Youth Work costs	(866.15)	(587.33)
Insurance costs	(7,546.07)	(7,336.38)
Cleaning costs	(414.21)	(45.38)
Minor Repairs/Routine Maintenance	(12,815.21)	(4,186.80)
Administration costs exc salary	(8,117.38)	(8,502.01)
Other Church Expenses/Provision of S	2,340.56	1,886.36
Fund Raising Costs	(755.75)	(561.48)
Heating & Lighting costs	(7,608.78)	(5,663.84)
Water Rates	(215.57)	(84.44)
Costs of Trading - rooms	(433.80)	(3,519.50)
Costs of Trading - VX	(10,131.54)	(10,597.62)
Costs of Trading - misc		
Governance Costs	(52.58)	(68.37)
Depreciation		-
Non capitalised asset purchase	(1,604.00)	(116.94)
Major Repairs/Redecoration to Church Buildings		-
Total Expenses	**(112,939.56)**	**(100,044.76)**

4 Staff Costs (including Pension)

	2025	2024
Administrative Assistant	7,223.94	1,587.62
Village Exchange Manager	-	6,314.62
Vergers	1,010.00	510.00
Bell Ringers	360.00	360.00
Organists	1,035.00	715.00
Cleaner (Church & Church	2,785.20	2,589.49
Total Staff Costs	**12,414.14**	**12,076.73**

5 Assets for use by the PCC

Tangible Fixed Assets	**Church Equipment**	**Church Rooms Equipment**	**Total**
COST at 1/1/25	16,809.66	3,333.60	20,143.26
Addition		-	-
Disposal	-	-	-
Cost at 31/12/25	**16,809.66**	**3,333.60**	**20,143.26**
DEPRECIATION at 1/1/25	16,809.66	3,333.60	20,143.26
Charge for year	-	-	-
Released on Disposal	-	-	-
DEPRECIATION at 31/12/25	**16,809.66**	**3,333.60**	**20,143.26**
NET BOOK VALUE at 1/1/25	-	-	-
NET BOOK VALUE at 31/12/25	**-**	**-**	**-**

6 Debtors

	2025	**2024**
HMRC Gift Aid tax	4,590.27	7,672.51
Church Rooms	166.00	1,156.50
Funeral	894.00	494.00
other debtors		0.00
Online Giving (JustGiving/Stripe)	11.87	0.00
Uncleared receipts - zettle card		0.00
Uncleared receipts - cash in safe/shop		0.00
VAT	0.00	116.35
Other	0.00	
Sequestration	0.00	0.00
Total	**5,662.14**	**9,439.36**

7 Creditors

	2025	2024
Ministers Fees	£2,520.00	£591.00
Away Giving	£7,768.22	£11,355.56
Suppliers	£1,165.56	£1,196.27
Church Rooms Key deposits	£70.00	£60.00
HMRC & Pensions Payable	£93.92	£198.10
Wedding Deposits	£850.00	£1,050.00
Total	**12,467.70**	**14,450.93**

Parochial Fees Note

The PCC received parochial fees as detailed below during the year. Part is made up of statutory fees due to the PCC or the DBF, as prepared by the Archbishops' Council under the Ecclesiastical Fees Measure 1986. The balance relates to charges as fixed by the PCC, for extras such as bells, flowers and special heating, or paid to visiting ministers, Readers or Non-Stipendiary Ministers as set out in the DBF's Parochial Fees policy

Of these fees only the amount due to the PCC (statutory & non-statutory) is shown above as legally the amount due to the DBF and other ministers (as set out in the DBF policy) should not be treated as PCC income

During the year, the PCC received parochial fees totaling	£9,173.00	
Statutory Fees due to the PCC totalled	£3,964.00	
Statutory Fees due to the DBF totalled	£4,993.00	
Statutory Fees paid to visiting ministers/Readers/NSMs totalled	£216.00	
The PCC also received/(used) Deposits for the following year totalling	(£200.00)	
		Balance owed at year-end (inc. in Creditors)
In total the PCC repaid the following Fees during the year		
Payment to DBF of Statutory Fees	£4,993.00	*£2,520.00*
Payment to visiting ministers/Readers/NSMs	£216.00	*£0.00*
(This excludes fees for Sunday Services)		

8 Fund details

Fabric Fund - donations given specifically for the restoration and upkeep of the building

Church Rooms - Hall lettings and income designated for the upkeep of the fabric of the building

The Bell Fund - donations given specifically for the restoration and upkeep of the bells and ringing chamber

Tourism – Grants and donations to enhance the visitor experience.

Music – To be able to resource musical needs of the church

Growing Disciples – Funding received for mission

Eco Church – Funding received to Care for God's creation

Youth Fund - Grants and donations for the benefit of the Children and Young people of St Mary's

FUNDS		
	2025	2024
Unrestricted General Fund	**87,050.13**	**50,484.93**
Fabric	189.01	2,623.01
Fabric - Sound System		-
Fabric - Clock		108.40
Bells Fund	12,232.42	11,017.54
Charity Donations	1.07	1.07
Growing Disciples	657.53	657.53
Eco Church	634.34	634.34
Tourism	57.15	57.15
Music	3,361.02	2,400.00
Children & Young People	-	7.99
Total Resticted excluiding Fixed Asse	**17,132.54**	**17,507.03**
Assets from restricted fabric funds (Ne	-	-
Total Restricted Funds	**17,132.54**	**17,507.03**
Church Rooms Designated	3,691.39	4,255.06
Total Designated	**3,691.39**	**4,255.06**
Total Funds	**107,874.06**	**72,247.02**

Independent Examiner's Report

Respective responsibilities of the Trustees and Independent Examiner

The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 Act;
- Follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act; and
- State whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of Independent Examiner's Statement

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commission.

My examination included a review of the accounting records to ensure records are kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also included consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in a full audit, and consequently I do not express an audit opinion on the accounts.

Independent examiner's statement

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

1) Which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements
   a) To keep accounting records in accordance with s.130 of the 2011 Act; or
   b) To prepare accounts which accord with these accounting records have not been met; or
2) To which in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

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27th January 2026