Annual Report and Financial Report

The Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish

St. Michael and All Angels Church, Withyham



with All Saints Church, Blackham



For the year ended 31 December 2025

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Annual Report 2025

Aims and Purposes

The Parochial Church Council (PCC) has the responsibility of co-operating with the incumbent, the Revd Canon James Campbell, in:

- The promotion of the gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ according to the doctrines and practices of the Church of England;
- Promoting in the parish the whole mission of the church, pastoral, social, evangelistic and ecumenical;
- To know Jesus better and make him better known;
- Practical support and care for people in the parish and the wider church community, from the youngest to the eldest, irrespective of level of need;
- Providing financial support for those in need and to other organisations with similar objectives.

Structure and Governance and Management

The PCC is registered with the Charity Commission and is governed by the Parochial Church Councils (Power) Measure 1956.

During the year 2025/2026, the following were PCC members:

Ex Officio members

Rector	Revd Canon James Campbell	Chairman (from July 2016)
Churchwarden	Jill Pardey	(from May 2021)
Churchwarden	Gillian Halcrow	(from May 2023) (PCC from April 2013)
Reader	Donald Yonge	(PCC from April 2005) Parish Safeguarding Officer
Deanery Synod reps	Jill Pardey	(PCC from May 2023)
	Alison Hunnan	(PCC from May 2023) Hon. Secretary
	Janet Funnell	*(resigned November 2025)*
Elected Members	Anne Barker	(PCC from April 2005) Hon. Treasurer
	Robert Clark	(from April 1996)
	Sue Cooper	*(resigned September 2025)*
	Richard Lindsay	(PCC from May 2023)
	Jane Osman	(PCC from May 2023)
	Anne Radford	(PCC from May 2025)
	Imogen Wedd	(PCC from May 2025)

Membership of the PCC is determined under Church Representation Rules and consists of certain ex-officio members - the Incumbent, Reader, the Churchwardens and members of the Deanery Synod - together with members of the Church elected at the Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM).

Achievements during the Year

The Rector

At the beginning of July James Campbell will have worked in the Parish for ten years, having been inducted as the Rector by the Bishop of Chichester on 6th July 2016. On 8th April he became 70. His licence was extended for a year to 7th April 2026, and again until 7/4/2027.

On 26th April 2026 he announced his retirement on a date to be finalised, not before mid-September and not later than the expiry of his current licence.
As this Report relates principally to the Calendar Year 2025, the repercussions of this will be delt with later on the Agenda – 'The Future'.

Sunday Worship

After all the disruptions of the early 2020's during the Coronavirus Pandemic, Parish life returned to normality.

The pattern of services remained largely unchanged. The principal service at 11.00am (weekly Matins, apart from Holy Communion on the first Sunday) continued. It was preceded by a service on Zoom on first and third Sundays at 9.45am. Evensong was held on first and third Sunday evenings during British Summertime, but just monthly on the first Sunday during British Wintertime. On fifth Sundays, Matins was normally held at Blackham. The monthly Service of Wholeness & Healing, introduced during Autumn 2024, continued most months.

There was the familiar pattern of special services held through the year: Plough Sunday; Mothering Sunday; Passover Meal on Maundy Thursday (held in the Kings' Hall), Good Friday and Easter Day including an early service at 8.00am; Rogation Sunday (mainly outside); a Pet Service; Harvest Festival was followed by a lunch; Remembrance Sunday Service; and the Christmas services including Carol Services in both Churches and carol singing at Buckhurst Park, the Outdoor/'Real' Nativity, Crib Service and Midnight on Christmas Eve, and the Christmas Day service.

Those who were devotees of the main 11 o'clock continued to attend regularly, with numbers normally ranging from late-20's - mid-40's. A faithful group of up to 8-12 households continue to value the Zoom services. However, the lack of children attending regularly remains a major issue.

We remain indebted to our Organist Sue Stone, Assistant Organist Peter Ellefsen who deputises when Sue is away and who also plays at Evensong; Bob Hessey is also available for other services. The Choir faithfully lead the worship at 11.00am, singing an anthem and leading the singing of the psalm and canticles at Matins; the majority return for Evensong.

The Bishop of Lewes, Will Hazlewood led the service and preached on 23rd November. Donald Yonge led various services as Reader in the Rector's absence. The Rev. Nigel Hinton, who is retired and worships at Hartfield, led two Communion services.

The Rector's Sunday sermons continue to be emailed to c. 60 on the Parish list, together with the Midweek Bulletin which is normally issued every Wednesday and circulated to c. 90 electronically, and a further number receive it by post.

Blackham

Regular worship continued to be held on three 5th Sundays in the month (excluding December). In addition, there was an evening Harvest Festival service, the Act of Remembrance by the Lychgate, together with a Carol Service.

Church Electoral Roll

In 2025 the Electoral Roll was completely revised, with 89 names. Two names have been added and none deleted, bringing the total to 91 of whom 31 (34%) are resident in the Ecclesiastical Parish of Withyham whilst the remaining 66% live outside, mainly in neighbouring villages and in Crowborough.

Mission and Outreach

Anne Radford and Mary Campbell carried out an Embroidery Project at St. Michael's Primary School, Withyham with every child contributing to a 2m x 1.25m banner of the Village, taking inspiration from the Withyham landscape and featuring a number of the better-known houses and sights. It was displayed in Church at Harvest Festival as part of the celebration of the feast day of St. Michael and All Angels at the end of September.

Parish Personnel

Jill Pardey and Gilly Halcrow worked together as **Churchwardens**, with Jill being responsible for the Churchyard and Gilly for the Church building. Anne Barker continued as Hon. Treasurer and Ali Hunnam Hon. Secretary.

Bridget Clayton continued as the Church Administrator, usually working three and a half hours per week at The Rectory on Tuesday mornings, as well as assisting with the other matters including for the Treasurer.

Teaching & Nurture

The Incumbent places an emphasis on preaching and teaching in his ministry.

The Church Buildings

St. Michael and All Angels Church, **Withyham** is a fine Grade One building. It has a long association for over 800 years with the Sackville family, owners of the surrounding Buckhurst Estate.

The Church was open again from 9.00am daily until dusk. The floodlights were on for two-three hours during the darker evenings.

The work to finish the **re-plastering of some of the Chancel roof**, halted while a Faculty had to be obtained, was concluded in April. However, unfortunately it was discovered that the **main beam** on the East End was rotten on the left-hand side – undetected water ingress that had occurred between the Church and Chapel roofs, almost certainly many years ago. A

small scaffolding tower was erected to support the beam. This work has been done very recently since Easter – April being one of the bat-friendly 'windows'; all the necessary consents have been obtained.

Tim Wells from J. D. Clarke, Architects carried out the Quinquennial Inspection on 17th April. The major item is lower part of the **Lady Chapel roof** on the South Side of the Church. This work will necessitate a further Bat Survey prior obtaining 'List B' consent from the Diocese and is likely to take place in mid-September - October.

The damaged **stained-glass panel** in the screen separating the Nave from the Belfry was restored by Chapel Studios, Norwich and put back in place during the summer.

Georgina Crouch continues as the **Church Cleaner**, supervised by Anne Radford who continues to ensure the appropriate supplies are in place.

The **Flower** Guild continues to be co-ordinated by Jill Pardey. The number of those assisting has decreased steadily in recent years; there are now six people willing to help. Kath Stillwell retired at the end of the year after many years' service. In the future, all wedding couples will be asked to make their own arrangements, though the majority have done so in recent years anyhow.

Regarding the **Bellringers,** the Church remains without a formal Tower Captain following Julie Richardson's move to Suffolk in 2024. However, one of the regular ringers, Roberta Weatherly from Fordcombe continues to ensure that bells are usually rung on the 2nd and 4th Sundays in the month, as well as for weddings; there is also a monthly practice on Wednesdays. Visiting ringers continue to be welcomed, Roberta liaising with Gilly Halcrow. Experienced bell-ringing contacts of Roberta carried a safety check of the bells in the Autumn.

All Saints Church, Blackham remained locked when not in use but was normally open at weekends.

During the summer a new step at the entrance of the Church was installed, together with wrought-iron support rails on either side, making access much easier.

The Quinquennial Inspection took place on 7th May this year.

Churchyards

Withyham

McNaughton's continued to mow and strim the **grass** each week under Jill Pardey's supervision. They gave notice early in 2026 and the work is now being done by Karl Kleinschmidt and his team from Hever Landscapes Ltd who already do Blackham.

The annual Spring and Autumn **Churchyard Clear ups** took place in March and November again.

The old car park – below the Churchyard – suffered from fly-tipping twice during the year, and then the main car park did just before Christmas. As in previous year's, the gate to the main car park is therefore kept locked closed except for services.

Blackham
The **grass mowing** was again done by Hever Landscapes, as above.

Baptisms, Weddings and Funerals

There were five **Baptisms**, the same number as in 2024.

There were seven **Weddings**, six at Withyham and one at Blackham, together with a Service of Blessing and one Thanksgiving Service**,** both at Withyham, compared to five weddings in 2024 all at Withyham.

Six **Funerals** took place, compared with 10 in 2024, all at Withyham, together with two at the Crematorium**; t**hree services in Church were followed by a burial in the Churchyard. There were two burials only at Withyham, together with five interments of ashes.

During the year, Elizabeth Parish (Carden) died. Her contribution to the life of Withyham Church was outstanding, both with her first husband Richard whilst he was Incumbent here from 1997 until his untimely death in December 2004, and subsequently as a Reader, Choir member and so much else.

Special Parish Events

The annual **Church & Village Fete** took place on the Buckhurst Cricket Ground on 5th July.

Pastoral Care

James Campbell continued to visit a number of elderly members of the congregation at home and in care homes, as well as the residents of the Elizabeth, Countess De La Warr's Almshouses where he is one of the trustees.

St. Michael's Primary School, Withyham

James Campbell continued to take regular assemblies, often fortnightly. Numbers at the School are in the 70's and Mrs Katie O'Shea continues as the Headteacher. The Embroidery Project referred to above involved the whole School.

Safeguarding

Donald Yonge continued as our Parish Safeguarding Representative; there was little to report and our policies up to date. Any training was done online.

Health & Safety

Risk Assessments are routinely carried out for special services and events.

Data Protection

The Parish has continued to attempt to comply with the legal requirements.

Support for the wider Church and Community

Family Support Work

The parish remains active in supporting this Diocesan-run work particularly with gifts at Christmas and Harvest; it is co-ordinated locally by Miriam Boobier.

Crowborough Foodbank

Those who donate items tend to do so at supermarkets or collection points in the town, so the collection facility in Church has become redundant.

The Parish Magazine

Robert Veitch continued as **Editor**. The November issue was the first to be produced in colour.

Janet Funnell continued to co-ordinate the **distribution** (with about 20 volunteers), and Meg Stafford responsible for the **advertising**. Approximately 375 hard copies are printed each month (with the double issue in December/January); a small number receive it by post and the online version which is also available via the Church's website.

Church Web Site (withyhamchurch.org)

As part of her role as Parish Administrator, Bridget Clayton continues to maintain the website, including the weekly Midweek Bulletin and Calendar of Services and much else; there is a link to the Parish Magazine. Over a period of just one month quite recently, it appears that the site was viewed by more 200 different individuals.

Kings' (Village) Hall Activities

Although not specifically a Church initiative, a number of Church members regularly help with the monthly Thursday lunches, the weekly 'Soup Group' held during the winter, the monthly Friday Club and the periodic Quiz's.

Withyham Parish Charity

The Charity was established with the Charity Commission in 1981, being the amalgamation of various older small village charities; it is independent of the PCC. The Rector and Churchwardens are trustees together with two representatives from the Parish Council. Currently however, only the Rector and Churchwardens are trustees; Jill Pardey is also as Parish Counsellor.

The Charity's remit covers Withyham Civil Parish which includes the Ecclesiastical parishes of New Groombridge (St. Thomas') and St. John's, Crowborough.

Grants are principally available to assist those under the age of 25 with training for a profession, trade or business, or to further their education in other ways, as well as those suffering hardship or distress.

Financial Summary 1st April 2025 – 31st March 2026

Income (Dividends)	*£ 653*		
less Expenditure			
*Withyham Parish Council**	*£1,000*		
Closing Balance at 31 March 2026			
Investments		*£20,323*	
Cash		*£ 5,664*	*£25,987*

NOTES: Accounts not audited.
**a contribution for the CCTV cameras to be installed in Beech Green Lane.*

Deanery

Rotherfield Deanery extends from Coleman's Hatch in the west to Flimwell in the east and includes Mayfield as well as Crowborough. Canon Julie Sear, Vicar of Hartfield & Coleman's Hatch continued as the **Rural Dean** during 2025, but she retired from both posts at the end of April this year.

On 21st January 2025 a special Deanery event was held at St. Mary's, Hartfield to launch the Diocese's 'Year of Faith' attend by both bishops.

During 2025, **St. John's, Crowborough** and **Ticehurst & Flimwell** were filled; **Rotherfield & Mark Cross** remains vacant after more than two years, and **Mayfield** also became vacant in September.

Rotherfield **Deanery Synod** met three times during 2025:

- 12th March at All Saints, Crowborough: the principal item was a talk on the Diocesan Investment Programme by Melissa Davies.
- 24th June at Mayfield: the principal item was 'Encouraging Children and Young People in Faith' led by Rev's Brendan Martin and Michael Asquith.
- 15th October at All Saints, Crowborough: the annual Finance Meeting with a presentation of the Diocesan finances by the Chairman of the Finance Committee and the Diocesan Secretary;
  with a follow-up meeting on Zoom on 25th November.

Diocese

The **Bishop of Chichester** since 2012, Rt. Rev. Martin Warner announced his retirement in February this year and will leave the Diocese at the end of May.
The Suffragan **Bishop of Lewes** since 2020, Rt. Rev. Will Hazlewood, continued in office; he will take over the Diocesan Bishop's responsibilities until a new bishop is appointed.
A new **Archdeacon of Hastings**, Russell Dewhurst, was appointed in June. He and his family will live in Eastbourne; the previous Archdeacon lived in Crowborough.

James Campbell retired as the Companion Links Officer of the **Diocesan Overseas Counsel** in May last year and from the Committee in October.

The National Church

A new Archbishop of Canterbury was appointed one year after the resignation of Justin Welby. Sarah Mullally, previously the Bishop of London and the first woman to hold the post, formally began her work earlier this year.

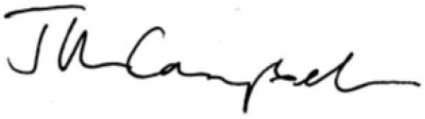
The divisive issue that has dominated the C of E in recent years, the 'Living in Love and Faith' process, remained unresolved but continues. There is much good work carried out by many hard-working individual clergy across the country. Unfortunately, a succession of episodes have featured in the press concerning clergy wrong-doing, often related to unlawful relationships or inappropriate financial activity. Whilst all would agree that issues such as the Slave Trade was horrendous, many feel that the focus on reparations for Slave Trade and other matters has been a distraction from the core Gospel objectives of the Church.

The Rectory

The Diocese carried out some minor works.

The internal decoration of all the windows was carried out by John Brooks from Blackham during the Summer; and a new Sitting Room carpet was laid during the Autumn – both paid for by the PCC.

The Parish continues to share some of the running costs of the Rectory, making contributions toward the cost of electricity and oil.



James M. Campbell
Rector

Financial Statement for the Year 2025

The 2025 PCC Accounts are attached as appendices.

Report by Anne Barker (Hon. Treasurer)

Another expensive year for repairs to the church, but thankfully we have the Ottley Fund to cover this. I would like to thank everyone who has supported us financially through the Parish Giving Scheme, the plate or the card reader. Total receipts are down slightly, but this is inevitable with an aging congregation, but I am grateful to those who have increased their contribution. We increased our Parish Share in support of members of the Deanery who cannot afford their contribution.

There was an increase in money spent on the Rectory; all the inside windows were repainted and new carpet laid in the Sitting Room.

The money invested with the CCLA and Rathbones have done well this year. Although we have shown a deficit over the year, money is there to be transferred but is earning more than transferring it to the current account.

Charitable Donations. The Charities we have supported during the year were:-
Christian Aid; Church Mission Society; College of St Barnabas; Chichester Association for Family Support Work; Friends of Chichester Cathedral; Friends of Crowborough Hospital; Hospice in the Weald; Open Doors; Acts 435; First Responders; the Kings' Hall and St. Michael's School. Blackham Church made donations to Blackham Village Hall and The Royal British Legion. In addition, £500 was given to the Royal British Legion from Withyham as well as money from the Poppy sales.

Thanks are also are due to Alison Hunnam, who collects and banks all the money and Bridget Clayton, the Parish Administrator, who has been a great support.

A note from the Rector

The Parish is extremely fortunate to have the OTTLEY FUND – the proceeds of the sale of the Gerini pictures in 2012 – a fund that has grown very significantly during the ensuing period. During the past 18 months:

i) It has been clarified that the income may be spent on the Churchyard as well the Fabric, in line with the PCC Resolution of September 2012.
ii) The Chancellor of the Diocese has provisionally approved expenditure of up to 20% on any year's income on the Rectory and garden (currently c. £9,000).
iii) In future, the accounts will reflect the specific expenditure from the Fund.

The 2025 PCC Accounts were approved by the Standing Committee on behalf of the PCC and signed by

12th May 2026

Rev. Canon James Campbell (PCC Chairman)

Appendix 1 - St. Michael & All Angels Church, Withyham

1A - Receipts and Payments Accounts, for the Year Ending 31 December 2025

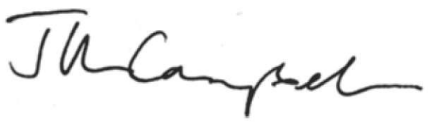
Recipts and Payments Accounts

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	TOTAL 2025 £	TOTAL 2024 £
RECEIPTS				
Voluntary receipts:				
Parish Giving Scheme	16,800	0	16,800	18,696
Gift Aid Donations	250	0	250	3,100
Service Collections	6,333	0	6,333	7,184
Other Miscellaneous Donations	2,675	0	2,675	2,358
Legacies	0	0	0	0
Grants	0	0	0	0
Gift Aid recovered	4,039	0	4,039	4,604
	30,097	0	30,097	35,942
Activities for generating funds:				
Investment income:				
Bank & CCLA Deposit Interest	13,050	0	13,050	14,132
Dividends on CCLA Investment Funds	4,252	25,320	29,572	28,882
Dividends on Rathbone Investment Funds	0	19,568	19,568	17,997
Church activities:				
PCC Fees	5,531	0	5,531	5,688
Other receipts:				
Magazine/Literature	4,281	0	4,281	4,602
Fete	3,114	0	3,114	4,895
Other Fundraising	1,323	0	1,323	1,424
Total receipts	61,648	44,888	106,536	113,562
PAYMENTS				
Church activities:				
Diocesan Parish Share	34,980	0	34,980	31,800
Clergy Fees	1,373	0	1,373	1,201
Clergy Expenses	472	0	472	528
Rectory Costs	19,315	0	19,315	10,013
Church Utilities	3,196	0	3,196	3,365
Choir & Music	2,310	0	2,310	2,140
Services Upkeep	1,164	0	1,164	766
Magazine/Literature	4,208	0	4,208	4,167
Insurance	3,487	0	3,487	3,384
Administration	4,511	0	4,511	3,206
DBF Fees	0	0	0	0
Bank Charges	107	0	107	0
Fund Raising	0	0	0	0
Miscellaneous	0	0	0	863
Mission giving and donations	3,635	0	3,635	3,830
Major church repairs & maintenance	19,227	0	19,227	29,424
Churchyard Upkeep	4,936	0	4,936	7,034
Church & Organ Upkeep	5,310	0	5,310	10,350
Total payments	108,231	0	108,231	112,071
Excess of receipts over payments	(46,583)	44,888	-1,695	1,491
Transfer	40,000	(40,000)	0	0
Sale of CCLA Accumulation Shares	0	0	0	0
Purchase of CCLA Income Shares (Management Trust Fund)	0	0	0	0
Transfer to Blackham Church	0	0	0	308
	(6,583)	4,888	-1,695	1,183
Cash at bank and in hand at 1 January	68,386	243,233	311,619	310,436
Cash at bank and in hand at 31 December	61,803	248,121	309,924	311,619

1B – Statement of Assets and Liabilities, for the Year Ending 31 December 2025

	Restricted			
	General Fund £	Ottley Fund Fabric £	Totals 2025 £	2024 £
Monetary assets				
CBF Deposit Fund	48,767	248,121	296,888	292,000
Bank current accounts	14,196	0	14,196	19,619
Less: Income received in advance	-1,160	0	-1,160	0
Cash in hand	0	0	0	0
	61,803	248,121	309,924	311,619
Investments at valuation				
CBF Investment Fund - Income shares	146,907	874,810	1,021,717	1,064,264
Investments with Rathbones	0	667,482	667,482	613,849
CBF Investment Fund - Accumulation shares	0	0	0	0
	146,907	1,542,292	1,689,199	1,678,113
Other Assets at cost				
Due from HMRC Gift Aid	0	0	0	0
Total assets	208,710	1,790,413	1,999,123	1,989,732
Liabilities				
Due for payment in 2025	0	0	0	0
Total liabilities	0	0	0	0

The 2025 PCC Accounts were approved by the Standing Committee on behalf of the PCC and signed by



12th May 2026

Rev. Canon James Campbell (PCC Chairman)

1C – Notes to the Accounts, for the Year Ending 31 December 2025

1 The financial statements for the PCC have been prepared in accordance with the Church Accounting Regulations 2006 using the Receipts and Payments basis.

2 The investments are shown at mid-market value on 31st December 2025.

3 The movements in the restricted funds during the year were:

	Bal b/fwd	Receipts	Payments	Transfer	Bal c/fwd
Ottley Fund - CBF Deposit	243,233	44,888	0	(40000)	248,121
	243,233	44,888	0	(40000)	248,121

The Ottley Fund was created from the proceeds of the sale of pictures in 2016.
Other investments are shown at market valuation as at 31 December 2025 on the statement of Assets & Liabilities
The Ottley Trust Investment with the CBF Investment Fund was purchased in October 2013 with £480,000 and amounts to 39,408.87 shares. During the year there no changes to this holding.
The account with Rathbones was opened in October 2013 with a transfer amounting to £450,000

4 No payments were made to PCC members or connected persons.

1D – Independent Examiner's Report

The Independent examiner's report to the PCC of St Michael and All Angels, Withyham

I report on the accounts of the PCC for the year ended 31 December 2025, which are attached to this report.

Respective responsibilities of the PCC and the examiner

As members of the PCC you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. You consider that the audit requirement of the Church Accounting Regulations and Section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 ("the Act") do not apply.

It is my responsibility to:

- Examine the accounts under the Church Accounting Regulations and Section 145 of the Act,
- To follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions of the Charity Commission under Section 145(5)(b) of the Act, and
- To state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of this Report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General directions given by the Charity Commission and to be found in the Church guidance. That examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the PCC and a comparison of the accounts with those records. It also includes considering any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts and seeking explanations from you as Trustees concerning any such matter. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a true and fair view and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

Independent Examiner's Statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the PCC as required by Section 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records.

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Charles Lamb
Chartered Accountant
3, Blacklands Crescent
Forest Row
East Sussex, RH18 5NN

8 May 2026

Appendix 2 – All Saints Church, Blackham

2A - Receipts and Payments, for the Year Ending 31 December 2025

General (Unrestricted) Fund Receipts and Payments Account

	2025		2024	
	£	£	£	£
Receipts				
Voluntary Receipts				
Planned Giving	450		450	
Collections and other Giving	340		574	
Income Tax Recovered	113		113	
		903		1137
Other Voluntary Receipts				
Donations	0		0	
Legacies	0		0	
		0		0
Receipts from Church Activities				
Fees (Gross)	388		1,186	
		388		1,186
Receipts from Investments				
Bank Interest & Dividends	487		549	
		487		549
Other Receipts				
Grant	800		800	
		800		800
TOTAL RECEIPTS		£2,578		£3,672
Payments				
Church Activities				
Charitable Giving		25		50
Diocesan Parish Contribution		0		0
Church Upkeep		1,587		616
Church Running Expenses - Utilities		386		445
Insurance		958		928
Bank Charges		9		0
Miscellaneous		50		0
Church Fabric		0		0
Organ & Music		0		0
Churchyard Upkeep		1,363		806
Upkeep of Services		0		116
		£4,378		£2,961
Excess of Receipts over Payments		-1,800		711
Bank Current and Deposit Accounts at 1 January		17,031		16,320
Bank Current and Deposit Accounts at 31 December		15,231		17,031

2B – Assets and Liabilities, for the Year Ending 31 December 2025

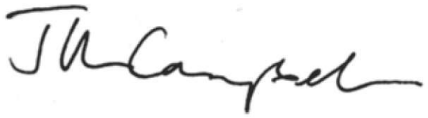
	General Fund £	Fabric Fund £	Totals 2025 £	Totals 2024 £
Monetary Assets				
CBF Deposit Fund	11,692	16,416	28,108	26,937
Bank Current Account	3,539	0	3,539	5,826
	15,231	16,416	31,647	32,763
Investments at Valuation				
Investments	0	0	0	0
	0	0	0	0
Other Assets at Cost	0	0	0	0
TOTAL ASSETS	15,231	16,416	31,647	32,763
Liabilities	0	0	0	0
Total Liabilities	0	0	0	0

Notes

1 The financial statements of the PCC have been prepared in accordance with the Charities Act 2011 and the Church Accounting Regulations 2006, using the Receipts and Payments basis

2 No payments were made to PCC members or connected persons

The 2025 PCC Accounts were approved by the Standing Committee on behalf of the PCC and signed by



12th May 2026

Rev. Canon James Campbell (PCC Chairman)

2C – Fabric Fund, for the Year Ending 31 December 2025

Fabric Fund - Restricted Fund

	2025 £	2024 £
Receipts		
Deposit Interest	684	770
Legacy	0	0
	£684	£770
Payments		
Expenditure	0	0
	£0	£0
Excess of Receipts over Payments	684	770
Bank deposit account at 1 January	15,732	14,962
Bank deposit accounts at 31 December	16,416	15,732

2D – Independent Examiner's Report

The Independent examiner's report to the PCC of All Saints, Blackham

I report on the accounts of the PCC for the year ended 31 December 2025, which are attached to this report.

Respective responsibilities of the PCC and the examiner

As members of the PCC you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. You consider that the audit requirement of the Church Accounting Regulations and Section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 ("the Act") do not apply.

It is my responsibility to:

- Examine the accounts under the Church Accounting Regulations and Section 145 of the Act,
- To follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions of the Charity Commission under Section 145(5)(b) of the Act, and
- To state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of this Report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General directions given by the Charity Commission and to be found in the Church guidance. That examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the PCC and a comparison of the accounts with those records. It also includes considering any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts and seeking explanations from you as Trustees concerning any such matter. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a true and fair view and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

Independent Examiner's Statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the PCC as required by Section 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records.

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Charles Lamb
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8 May 2026