St Mary the Virgin, Shipton under Wychwood

2025 Trustees Annual Report

Presented at the APCM 19 April 2026

CHURCH WARDENS' REPORT

During the period there were five funerals, one marriage, three baptisms and one burial of ashes. There was a special confirmation service in mid -June attended by eight young people and seventy one adults.

A regular service at 6pm on the first Sunday of each month is now well established. These services are fairly well attended and have never been below twenty with sometimes over forty for certain dates. Those attending enjoy having a whole Sunday for their own activities before coming to church.

Services are held for certain age groups of the Wychwood School at different times of the year. The Easter service had 180 under sixteen and 14 adults. The Leavers service in July had 90 leavers and 50 adults. Corresponding figures for the school Harvest were 140 and 115, and 50 with 82 for the Christmas school worship.

The congregation on Sundays is fairly steady in terms of numbers. Luckily, despite the fact there are only a few heaters working, it has not been too cold in the church especially in the middle section. Often the best attended services are those which are joint between Shipton and Milton. Fifield and Idbury are also included and one or two do attend from those churches. The best church attendances tend to occur around key festival times. As always there was good attendance for the Memorial service with 90 adults and 35 young people. There were 56 adults and 2 young people for Palm Sunday with corresponding figures of 70 and 12 for Easter Day. Church services near Christmas seem to be the best attended. Hence, the Christmas Carol service had 150 adults and 20 children. The Crib Service on Christmas Eve afternoon proved ever poplar with 120 adults and 50 children. The figures for Christmas Day were 72 adults and 8 children.

Everyone attending the church is aware how cold a destination it is. This deters some individuals form coming. A while ago the people representing Church House rejected our proposed heating suggestions. A great deal of time and effort has been expended recently to provide an alternative proposals. It is hoped that these new proposals with find favour which will allow the church to proceed to install effective heating.

James Walmsley

SAFEGUARDING

Liz Watts continues as Parish Safeguarding Officer and reports to the PCC. Training and DBS checking are up-to-date and there have been no incidents to report. We must however all remain vigilant to ensure our church is a safe place. Liz Watts

TREASURER'S REPORT FOR 2025

It costs over £1,000 a week to run our church without considering the need for repairs and improvements. Our current regular income needs to increase by at least forty percent to achieve this. The reason that our finances are as good as they are is that we have been blessed to receive legacies totalling £105,000 between 2016 and 2023.

Our electoral roll went down last year from 69 to 39 and is now 43. Of these 15 have not set up a regular gift.

Our regular expenditure of £57k is far more than our regular income of £41k. The gap is increasing year on year. Clearly this is not sustainable. We have 38 regular donors through the PGS giving an average of £56 before gift aid. Of these 16 have opted to not increase their giving with inflation. If we had 45 regular givers giving an average of £80 per month before gift aid, we would have income of £54k. This is what we need to aim for.

In addition, of course we need to raise funds to cover the capital works required and the fund raising committee continue to do sterling work with a profit of £7k in 2025 from events and the draw. We hope to raise more by fundraising in 2026 but this will still not solve the problem of regular giving being insufficient.

At the end of December 2025 we had total funds of £80k. Six months regular expenditure is circa £28k which means that we have only approximately £52k that we can put towards heating and other capital projects. We have been promised a grant of £20k from the Oxfordshire Historic Churches Trust. This year and next we will need to fundraise and apply for grants in order to be able to proceed.

I urge you all to either join the PGS or if you already give this way to review the amount you give. The best way to find out about the PGS is on their website : https://www.parishgiving.org.uk/donors/how-it-works/

There is a number to ring if you want to do it over the phone or if you want to set it up online choose "find your parish" on the left hand side. Our parish code you can enter to find St Mary's is: 270627092.

As in previous years, the accounts of the PCC have been prepared in the required format and independently examined. The independent examiner, David van de Poll very kindly provides this service without charge. A one page summary has again been prepared including details of the expenditure by the Benefice. I can supply copies of the detailed accounts on request and a copy will be placed on the noticeboard.

Hilary Matthews Treasurer

REPORT ON BUILDINGS AND MAINTENANCE David Ensor

Church Heating.
This is an update on the vexed question of how to heat our church. Since the last APCM, we have engaged the services of Environmental Engineering Partnership, a professional consulting firm who are professionally qualified to advise and design heating systems. The consultant engineer acting for the church has experience in designing overhead electrical infrared heating systems. A present his proposed design is to have three chandelier type infrared heaters hanging from the nave roof together with linear heaters hanging from both roofs of the north and south aisles. In addition panel infrared heaters will be installed in the clergy vestry. The proposed designed is at present being considered by the diocese and once an acceptable solution has been agreed a faculty application will be made to receive a formal consent go ahead with the installation. There is no need for heating in the choir vestry at the West End of the church as there is adequate electric heating already available and neither is there any need for Heating in the choir as the choir stalls have heated

cushions. As yet there is no time scale to report because this very much depends upon when the diocese is able to consider the proposals and then provide a consent for the work.

South Aisle Roof.
We are aware that the timbers to the roof structure of the South aisle are indeed of repair and replacement. The cost of this work at the last estimate in July 2023 was of the order of £180,000. The church has not sufficient money to even contemplate this work at the present time and grant applications, donations and an appeal fund is the only way that the church is going to raise such a large sum of money.

Reordering of the interior of the Church
A re-ordering scheme for the interior of the church was designed in 2021 and further refined in 2023. This was to include provision for toilets that could be accessed by the disabled, a kitchen/servery area at the West End of the south
aisle and the renewing of the floor areas where the existing tiles are disintegrating. In addition provision was to be made to enable the heavy pews in the south aisle to be moved easily to provide an area that could be used for various community activities. Such a scheme is just not achievable at the present time given that the church has no money for such plans.

Funding
Grant applications have been made to the Benefact Trust in respect of both the chancel roof repair, the heating system and the south Aisle roof but because of the huge demand for funds we were only awarded £7750 against an application for £50,000. An further application was made to the National Churches Trust in respect of the repair to the chancel roof and again due to the high demand for funds the trust was not able to make a grant to us. An application was also made to the Oxford Historic Church Trust in respective the cost of a new heating system and the trust have made a grant available of £20,000 towards the cost of the Heating.

Maintenance.
The lightning conductor has been tested and complies with the relevant British standard. Portable appliance tests have been undertaken on all the portable electrical equipment used in the church. All the equipment meets the recommended standards and has been passed. As the electrical installation was renewed in 2023 there is no requirement for it to be tested until 2028 Gutters to the roofs have been cleaned out, and these are cleaned on a quarterly basis. In addition the drains around the church are cleaned on a regular basis enabling the water from the gutters to drain away. The trees in the grounds of the old church yard and those surrounding the church have been surveyed and appropriate work has been undertaken to either take trees down where they were found to be unsafe or have them cut back to prevent damage to the church roofs.

Quinquennial inspection.
The quinquennial inspection has been undertaken ,by Henry, Sanders, the church architect. We await his report.

Electoral Roll Sue Robinson
At the time of going to print the number on the electoral roll was 42

BELLRINGING

Wednesday practices continue to be well supported with an average attendance of 9, with an age range of 15 to 90+ the majority of whom are over or approaching retirement age. This reflects the situation throughout the country, so unless more younger ringers are recruited the sound of church bells will gradually disappear from the sound scape of England. If there is anyone out there who would be interested in taking up bellringing, or is a lapsed ringer who is considering a return to ringing, please contact Mike Brooks at mikeandjoy18@gmail.com.

Additional practices are held on the last Saturday of the month for more advanced ringers. These are well supported attracting ringers from the surrounding area.

Shipton bells were rung for the following: after the Thanksgiving Service for Matin Davies, on 8th May to commemorate the 80th anniversary of VE Day, half muffled before the Remembrance Day Service, before the Advent Carol and Nine Lessons and Carol services, and the traditional Carols Around the Christmas Tree on Green on Christmas Eve.

We also rang the bells for one weddinging and hosted three bands of visiting ringers during the year.

Quarter peals, featuring Shipton ringers, were rung on our tower bells; two to celebrate significant anniversaries of some of our ringers and before most of the once a month 6:00pm evening services.

Many thanks to our team of ringers and those from neighbouring parishes how have assisted us with the above during the year.

Mike Brooks

SACRISTAN'S REPORT

The linen and communion vessels, (chalice, ciborium, paten and cruets), are in good condition.

Alter frontals are showing signs of wear owing to age and damage by mice, chasubles are also showing signs of wear.

A big thank you to all the people who administer the chalice at communion services. If anyone would like to do this, please ask. Also, if anyone would like to help set up the Communion Table before the service on Sundays your help would be very welcome.

It has been a pleasure to assist the clergy during services in church and in Old Prebendal House during the past year.

Joy Brooks

CHURCH AND BRASS CLEANING

The volunteers have been helping with our cleaning sessions roughly every 6-8 weeks.

We continue to remove cobwebs, bat poo, dead wood lice and dust. All the sessions include us polishing and hoovering all the pews. The choir stalls and high altar area gets a good clean and polish. The choir vestry gets a hoover and dust if there are more than 4 of us on the day.

The facing ends of each pew needs a really good clean but cannot be done at these sessions as it's too time consuming but we do intend to have some visits to tackle these and get rid of some of the inground dirt to improve their appearance doing 4 or 5 at a time until we have them all done. Date to be arranged.

The toilet is cleaned but the room itself never really looks any different. Renewal of the pipe insulation would be one way of making the room look cleaner. It won't be expensive. A new table cover is overdue as the red one is old and very tired looking.

A few replacements for the children's area needs a sort out too and some books need to be got rid of as they are in a poor state. Any suggestions for reading books in that area always appreciated.

The carpet will be cleaned on 13th April and will need a further couple of days for it to dry out. Mary Drainer

Brass

Our brass cleaners, Sandra Darnell and Jenny Meredith, have, when personal circumstances allowed, kept the brass sparkling.

Mike Brooks 21/04/2025

SERVICE DUTY ROTA

Thank you to all our sidespersons, readers and intercessors on behalf of the congregation and ministry team, for their contribution to our services in St Mary's.

The rota covers a period of two months at a time, and I try to issue it a month in advance to give people time to plan their Sundays or to arrange to swap duties if they are unavailable on a particular Sunday.

We could do with a few more people to lead intercessions and would welcome new recruits to this important roll. Anyone who feels that they could offer their services for this please talk to Rev. Sarah.

Also, we are in need of additional sidespersons. Sidespersons are elected officers of the church, and as such must be members of the Church Electoral Roll and are elected at the APCM. If you feel that you could offer your services for this duty, please speak to myself or to Churchwardens David Ensor or James Walmsley.

Mike Brooks

REFRESHMENTS REPORT 2025

I would like to thank everyone on the coffee rota - Hilary Matthews, Peter Wilkinson, Jenny Meredith, Vicki Pike, Christine Crossley, Mary Drainer, Jackie Gillespie, Mike & Joy Brooks, Liz & John Shannon, Richard Smith, Jess Wyer, Sue Robinson and Kay Shortland. They not only continue to provide coffee on Sundays after the morning services but are now providing coffee after Evensong on the first Sundays in the month. They also provide food and help on other occasions. Such occasions in the past year have been refreshments following the Confirmation Service with Bishop Gavin, refreshments for the Church Fete where they were helped by the WI, wine and canapes following the Harvest Songs of

Praise, refreshments following the All Souls Service, Tea and cake following a choir taster session before Choral Evensong, tea and cake following Christingle, Mulled wine and mince pies following the 9 lessons and Carols Service and again following Epiphany Carols. More help is always welcome. The rota is flexible and those on the rota are happy to swap duties as necessary. If you would like to join us please call Claire Bell on 07973157693.

Claire Bell

VICARS REPORT

In 2025 the new service rota began. Congregation sizes remained steady or increased and we have seen different people attend the 6pm service at which we are now serving refreshments. The choir have worked really hard and recruited two younger members into the junior choir. Thank you to Dan. We held our first BIG Thank You service before our APCMs last year which drew in a good congregation from all those who support the church but may not regularly attend.

In Lent we had soup lunches in the Paddocks after the Monday discussion group and before the Wednesday discussion group. These were generally attended only by those who were at the discussion groups. An evening Lent course in the benfice rooms was unsuccessful. Shipton hosted the Maundy Thursday service and Good Friday began at Shipton church door with a prayer walk through to Milton. On Easter morning the service began with the lighting of the Easter candle outside. The benefice took part in Great Big Green Week which began on Pentecost Sunday. In June Bishop Gavin came to take a confirmation service in which six members of the benefice including two from Shipton were confirmed. We were joined by two candidates from Hook Norton Beneifce. In the summer and early autumn Milton hosted the benefice songs and stories around the fire pit which is worth pursuing this year. At Christmas time we separated out the Christingle from the crib service. This worked well and has potential to grow.

Care Homes
On Maundy Thursday the church was invited to the Old Prebendal to give a service of blessing as they re-opened after the flood. Relationships between the two establishments have blossomed. We take a service in the Old Prebendal every month and residents attend our services in church and join in with our fundraising events. We also provided a stall at their Christmas market. Anne takes communion to Tall Trees monthly and I have attended several of their community events.

Children and Young People
School: The Wychwood school has three foundation governors; myself as ex officio, Victoria Martin and Iain Russell-Jarvie. The Church leads a school assembly once a week either me as the vicar or with the Open the Book Team. This academic year I have tweaked the Open the Book Material to provide a more over-arching story of salvation. The focus of RE week was creation. This is very labour intensive so thank you to all those who gave up their time.

With Easter falling quite late the school had their two week break before Easter and the church ran two Easter Experience mornings, one in Shipton for the younger half of the school and one in Milton for the older children. The event was heavily supported by committed members of the congregation but unfortunately families did not support this. We

held a film afternoon in October half term following the theme of our assemblies which was also very poorly attended.

Fundraising
Fundraising got off to a good start with the quiz and supper night in January. In July we had our cream teas in the church yard. It was our turn to run the village fete and, despite bad weather we raised good money especially through our raffle sales. In September Gospel Bell came to give us a concert. We ran a small event at the Christingle service.

LAY CHAIR REPORT ON THE YEAR 2025 IN THE CHIPPING NORTON DEANERY

The Chipping Norton Deanery is in the Dorchester Archdeaconry of the Diocese of Oxford, covering the Counties of Berkshire, Buckinghamshire, Milton Keynes and Oxfordshire – which by geography and population is one of the largest in England and Wales but nevertheless includes many smaller parish with populations of 500 – 700 or less - at least 68 have a population under 200.

We continue to thank God for the many blessings bestowed upon us, for the beautiful place in which we live, for our homes, our families and our churches, for the peace in which we live when much of the world is stricken by war, and above all for God's love that surrounds us every day in every way.

The Deanery Synod has had a busy year, meeting three times: 6th March, 11th June and 4th November. At the March Synod Safeguarding was one of the major issues, as indeed was the case at General Synod – where we had asked our Representative to put forward our choice among the motions proposed. There have been changes to the Safeguarding Team at Church House: Advisors are now called Officers to enable them to meet the clergy on equal terms. The change in monitoring is continuing – it is better to get it right, than to rush – and in Deanery Synod we use the approach that it is a mission rather than a burden. The March Synod heard reports from the Parishes on Engaging with Children and Young People.

The June Synod was held in a different venue, meeting at Bruern Farm Café, part of the Bruern Farm Estate, as guests of Henry Astor, who spoke to the meeting honestly from the heart about farmers and the farming community and how fearful and lost they feel, beset by changing political agendas, an ageing population (farmers on average are 61/62 years) and climate change. At the moment some 80% of all farming in this country is run by 5 companies – monopolies propped up by welfare from tax payers. Henry spoke of his wish to feed the community and build biodiversity, working with adjoining farmers. He is planting trees, putting in a 70-year hedgerow plan, growing heritage grain (better for the land and the climate), has introduced longhorn cattle and a rotating flock of sheep (better for the land and for the environment). He encourages Scouts and Brownies to camp on his land, and hopes the Café will become a community hub with events. At the same time, he is increasing the amount of wheat he mills, which in 2025 supplied 60 of the 170 branches across the country of Gails Café. Farming is a lonely and stressful life and the problem of increasing industrialisation makes it all the harder.

Following Henry's talk the Synod heard from Hannah Mann, Oxford Diocesan Environment Officer, who spoke about the Church of England's environmental policies. 2 churches in the Deanery, Fifield and Charlbury, are registered as "eco churches", with 9 more taking some action for biodiversity. 77% have completed the energy footprint tool and 4 with old boilers are looking at plans to replace them.

The June Synod was David Salter's last as Area Dean and he was thanked for all his work – which he began when we were in Covid Lock-down (his installation had to take place online). He was presented with a hand-made garden pot and a book token and a presentation was also made to Samantha Shaw, as Deanery Administration. The new Area Dean is Revd Canon Sarah Sharp of the Wychwood Benefice.

Our final Synod of 2025 , held on 4th November at the Hook Norton Brewery heard an enthralling talk from James Clarke, the great-great-grandson of the Brewery founder, John Harris, who came to Hook Norton in 1849 as a farmer and maltster. In those days every community had a brewing facility and people drank beer because drinking water was not safe. Over the years the brewery expanded, helped bring the railway through and gave employment to hundreds of navvies. But then two wars and the depression, at the same time as consumption of beer halved after the successful temperance movement

to reduce the strength of beer, things were more difficult. James's also spoke about the Ukraine Project which started with an appeal in Banbury for transport and volunteers take ambulances, medical aid, two fire engines and a refrigerated van to Ukraine. Now each week a team of retired nurses pick and pack medical items to send and receive reports back from the volunteers who deliver the gifts and are in a position to know what and where support is needed and used.

Much of our concern through the year has been the Parish Share ,payment of which is increasingly difficult for the smaller parishes. Non-payment does have consequences not only for the parish in question but for the whole Deanery. If your parish is really in trouble, do speak to the Area Dean or the Lay Chair.

My Lay Chair Report for 2024 recorded the resignation on 12th November of Archbishop Justin Welby, but it took until 3rd October 2025 for us to hear that his successor is to the Rt Revd and Rt Hon Dame Sarah Mulllly DBE, who will be installed, appropriately. on Lady Day - 25th March, 2026.

Thank you to all who take office in the Church, accepting considerable responsibility. I repeat from my Annual Report f for the last 4 years and urge all Churchwardens, PCC Secretaries and indeed all PCC members and everyone who volunteers for roles, to keep well acquainted with the Church Representation Rules, to attend raining and information days organised by the Diocese, and to fully understand your roles – challenging misconceptions where necessary. It remains surprising to realise how much we don't know about the roles we hold, sometimes after holding office for many years, and if you are going into a Vacancy, you need to know exactly what you will be responsible for when your incumbent has left for pastures new. Above all training days show you that you are not alone, many others round the Diocese face similar difficulties and there will always be someone at Church House who is willing to help. Church House Oxford continues to bring in new computer programmes to help, but these assume that we are all fully au fait with all the different computer programmes and have at our fingertips detailed technical knowledge. That might be the case in a few years' time, but not yet.

Bishop Gavin is currently on sabbatical, but returns in March and in July when Bishop Steven goes into well-earned retirement, will hold the reigns during the Vacancy in See. Archdeacon David goes on Sabbatical from 1st April. The long-promised revision of the Area Dean and Lay Chairs handbook may come to fruition this year.

David Salter and I made various 3-year Inspections, in the summer, on behalf of the Archdeacon. As always, talking to Churchwardens and others about the work they do was a

pleasure. My thanks go to David, to Nick Case (our Treasurer), to Sam Shaw, our Deanery Administrator, and to Sarah our new Area Dean (particularly for all the car lifts). Lay Chairs serve for 3 years at a time and the present term comes to an end on 30th June 2026, meaning there will be elections in the summer across the Diocese to fill the posts..

On a personal level writing the annual Report on the year just passed, reliving the Synods, noting all the work that has been done in the Deanery Parishes, and remembering all the hopes and plans for the future is a pleasure. I have continued to write Lay Chair letters to try to keep everyone in touch between Synods, and, I hope, encourage everyone in all their endeavours and I am very grateful for the many lovely messages of thanks I receive. This Report will be on APCM Agendas - I do hope you will have a good attendance, that you will be able to fill all your Offices, and that you are looking towards the challenges of 2026 with joy

Catherine Hitchens – Lay Chair, Chipping Norton Deanery. February 2026

Shipton-u-Wychwood PCC
Statement of Financial Activities
For the period from 01 January 2025 to 31 December 2025

	Unrestricted funds	Bell fund	Roof fund	Total funds	Prior year total funds
Income and endowments from:					
Donations and legacies	40,857	150	37,184	78,192	96,463
Income from charitable activities	2,048	-	-	2,048	4,467
Other trading activities	-	-	7,273	7,273	9,120
Investments	830	-	-	830	871
Total income	43,736	150	44,458	88,345	110,922
Expenditure on:					
Raising funds	120	-	2231	2351	3861
Expenditure on charitable activities	56,775	-	73,317	130,093	113,945
Other expenditure	-	-	-	-	3,204
Total expenditure	56,896	-	75,548	132,445	121,011
Net income / (expenditure) resources before transfer	(13,161)	150	(31,091)	(44,100)	(10,090)
Transfers:					
Gross transfers between funds - in	-	-	-	-	375
Gross transfers between funds - out	-	-	-	-	(375)
Other recognised gains / losses					
Gains/losses on investment assets	-	-	-	-	-
Gains on revaluation, fixed assets, charity's own use	-	-	-	-	-
Net movement in funds	**(13,161)**	**150**	**(31,091)**	**(44,100)**	**(10,090)**
Reconciliation of funds					
Total funds brought forward	56,344	60,654	7,292	124,291	134,380
Total funds carried forward	**43,184**	**60,804**	**(23,799)**	**80,191**	**124,291**

Shipton-u-Wychwood PCC

Balance Sheet (Church of England)

	As at 31/12/2025	As at 31/12/2024
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Current assets		
Debtors	1,736	2,683
Cash at Bank	78,454	121,607
	80,191	124,291
Liabilities		
	-	-
Net current assets less current	80,191	124,291
Total assets less current liabilities	80,191	124,291
Total net assets less liabilities	80,191	124,291
Represented by		
Unrestricted		
Unrestricted - General Funds	43,184	56,344
Designated		
Bells	1,617	1,467
Building	16,455	16,455
Marjorie Murray Memorial	40,000	40,000
Organ Restoration	2,731	2,731
Roof Repairs	(23,799)	7,292
Fund Totals	80,191	124,291

APPROVED BY THE PCC ON 19 April 2026 AND SIGNED ON THEIR BEHALF BY Rev Sarah Sharp, Vicar AND Hilary Matthews, PCC Treasurer.

Sarah Sharp

H.J. Matthews

Sarah Sharp

Hilary Matthews

Shipton-u-Wychwood PCC
For the period from 1 January 2025 to 31 December 2025

Independent examiner's report on the accounts

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

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

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the Charities Act,
- to follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission (under section 145(5)(b) of the Charities Act, and
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent examiner's statement

My examination was carried out in accordance with general Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from the trustees concerning any such matters. 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

In connection with my examination, no material matters have come to my attention which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act or
- the accounts do not accord with the accounting records I have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Signed D de M **Date** 02/04 **2026**

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Accounting Policies

These accounts have been prepared under the historic cost convention and in accordance with the Church Accounting Regulations 2006.

Shipton-u-Wychwood PCC

Analysis of income and expenditure
Selected period: 01 January 2025 to 31 December 2025

		Unrestricted Funds	Bell Fund	Roof Fund	This year	Last year
Income and endowments from:						
Donations and legacies						
	Gift Aid - Bank	25,337	-	-	25,337	24,290
	Other planned giving	1,700	-	-	1,700	-
	Loose plate collections	4,412	-	-	4,412	4,808
	Giving through church boxes	1,255	-	-	1,255	917
	One-off Gift Aid gifts	1,179	150	-	1,330	3,945
	Donations appeals etc	623	-	152	775	1,170
	Monthly Draw	-	-	2,447	2,447	2,167
	Tax recoverable on Gift Aid	6,348	-	-	6,348	8,274
	Non-recurring one-off grants	-	-	34,585	34,585	49,790
	Other funds generated	-	-	-	-	1,100
Donations and legacies Totals		40,857	150	37,184	78,192	96,463
Income from charitable activities						
	Fees for weddings and funerals	2,048	-	-	2,048	4,467
Income from charitable activities Totals		2,048	-	-	2,048	4,467
Other trading activities						
	Fund Raising events	-	-	6,899	6,899	9,120
	Card sales - fund raising	-	-	374	374	-
Other trading activities Totals		-	-	7,273	7,273	9,120
Investments						
	Bank and building society interest	530	-	-	530	571
	Rent from lands or buildings	300	-	-	300	300
Investments Totals		830	-	-	830	871
Income and endowments Grand totals		43,736	150	44,458	88,345	110,922

		Unrestricted Funds	Bell Fund	Roof Fund	This year	Last year
Expenditure on:						
Raising funds						
	Costs of stewardship campaign	-	-	-	-	394
	Costs of Fund raising events	-	-	2,231	2,231	3,347
	Bank charges	120	-	-	120	120
Raising funds Totals		120	-	2,231	2,351	3,861
Expenditure on charitable activities						
	Giving to missionary societies	-	-	-	-	25
	Secular charities	-	-	-	-	235
	Ministry parish share etc	29,636	-	-	29,636	27,640
	Benefice costs	9,516	-	-	9,516	9,405
	Church running - insurance	5,048	-	-	5,048	5,225
	Organ / choir costs	6,368	-	-	6,368	3,725
	Church maintenance	2,031	-	-	2,031	2,771
	Cleaning	-	-	-	-	251
	Upkeep of services	910	-	-	910	671
	Upkeep of churchyard	-	-	-	-	1,670
	Administration	322	-	-	322	1419
	Church running - electric	1,815	-	-	1,815	2,944
	Church running - gas	705	-	-	705	897
	Cards to sell costs	421	-	-	421	-
	Church major repairs - roof	-	-	73,317	73,317	57,063
Expenditure on charitable activities Totals		56,775	-	73,317	130,093	113,945
Other expenditure						
	Church major repairs -heating	-	-	-	-	3,204
Other expenditure Totals		-	-	-	-	3,204
Expenditure Grand totals		56896	-	75,548	132,445	121,011

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Statement of Financial Activities
For the period from 01 January 2025 to 31 December 2025

	Unrestricted funds	Bell fund	Roof fund	Total funds	Prior year total funds
Income and endowments from:					
Donations and legacies	40,857	150	37,184	78,192	96,463
Income from charitable activities	2,048	-	-	2,048	4,467
Other trading activities	-	-	7,273	7,273	9,120
Investments	830	-	-	830	871
Total income	43,736	150	44,458	88,345	110,922
Expenditure on:					
Raising funds	120	-	2231	2351	3861
Expenditure on charitable activities	56,775	-	73,317	130,093	113,945
Other expenditure	-	-	-	-	3,204
Total expenditure	56,896	-	75,548	132,445	121,011
Net income / (expenditure) resources before transfer	(13,161)	150	(31,091)	(44,100)	(10,090)
Transfers:					
Gross transfers between funds - in	-	-	-	-	375
Gross transfers between funds - out	-	-	-	-	(375)
Other recognised gains / losses					
Gains/losses on investment assets	-	-	-	-	-
Gains on revaluation, fixed assets, charity's own use	-	-	-	-	-
Net movement in funds	**(13,161)**	**150**	**(31,091)**	**(44,100)**	**(10,090)**
Reconciliation of funds					
Total funds brought forward	56,344	60,654	7,292	124,291	134,380
Total funds carried forward	**43,184**	**60,804**	**(23,799)**	**80,191**	**124,291**

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Balance Sheet (Church of England)

	As at 31/12/2025	As at 31/12/2024
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Current assets		
Debtors	1,736	2,683
Cash at Bank	78,454	121,607
	80,191	124,291
Liabilities		
	-	-
Net current assets less current	80,191	124,291
Total assets less current liabilities	80,191	124,291
Total net assets less liabilities	80,191	124,291
Represented by		
Unrestricted		
Unrestricted - General Funds	43,184	56,344
Designated		
Bells	1,617	1,467
Building	16,455	16,455
Marjorie Murray Memorial	40,000	40,000
Organ Restoration	2,731	2,731
Roof Repairs	(23,799)	7,292
Fund Totals	80,191	124,291

APPROVED BY THE PCC ON 19 April 2026 AND SIGNED ON THEIR BEHALF BY Rev Sarah Sharp, Vicar AND Hilary Matthews, PCC Treasurer.

Sarah Sharp

H.J. Matthews

Sarah Sharp

Hilary Matthews

Shipton-u-Wychwood PCC
For the period from 1 January 2025 to 31 December 2025

Independent examiner's report on the accounts

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

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

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the Charities Act,
- to follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission (under section 145(5)(b) of the Charities Act, and
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent examiner's statement

My examination was carried out in accordance with general Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from the trustees concerning any such matters. 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

In connection with my examination, no material matters have come to my attention which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act or
- the accounts do not accord with the accounting records I have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Signed D de M **Date** 02/04 **2026**

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Accounting Policies

These accounts have been prepared under the historic cost convention and in accordance with the Church Accounting Regulations 2006.

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Analysis of income and expenditure
Selected period: 01 January 2025 to 31 December 2025

		Unrestricted Funds	Bell Fund	Roof Fund	This year	Last year
Income and endowments from:						
Donations and legacies						
	Gift Aid - Bank	25,337	-	-	25,337	24,290
	Other planned giving	1,700	-	-	1,700	-
	Loose plate collections	4,412	-	-	4,412	4,808
	Giving through church boxes	1,255	-	-	1,255	917
	One-off Gift Aid gifts	1,179	150	-	1,330	3,945
	Donations appeals etc	623	-	152	775	1,170
	Monthly Draw	-	-	2,447	2,447	2,167
	Tax recoverable on Gift Aid	6,348	-	-	6,348	8,274
	Non-recurring one-off grants	-	-	34,585	34,585	49,790
	Other funds generated	-	-	-	-	1,100
Donations and legacies Totals		40,857	150	37,184	78,192	96,463
Income from charitable activities						
	Fees for weddings and funerals	2,048	-	-	2,048	4,467
Income from charitable activities Totals		2,048	-	-	2,048	4,467
Other trading activities						
	Fund Raising events	-	-	6,899	6,899	9,120
	Card sales - fund raising	-	-	374	374	-
Other trading activities Totals		-	-	7,273	7,273	9,120
Investments						
	Bank and building society interest	530	-	-	530	571
	Rent from lands or buildings	300	-	-	300	300
Investments Totals		830	-	-	830	871
Income and endowments Grand totals		43,736	150	44,458	88,345	110,922

		Unrestricted Funds	Bell Fund	Roof Fund	This year	Last year
Expenditure on:						
Raising funds						
	Costs of stewardship campaign	-	-	-	-	394
	Costs of Fund raising events	-	-	2,231	2,231	3,347
	Bank charges	120	-	-	120	120
Raising funds Totals		120	-	2,231	2,351	3,861
Expenditure on charitable activities						
	Giving to missionary societies	-	-	-	-	25
	Secular charities	-	-	-	-	235
	Ministry parish share etc	29,636	-	-	29,636	27,640
	Benefice costs	9,516	-	-	9,516	9,405
	Church running - insurance	5,048	-	-	5,048	5,225
	Organ / choir costs	6,368	-	-	6,368	3,725
	Church maintenance	2,031	-	-	2,031	2,771
	Cleaning	-	-	-	-	251
	Upkeep of services	910	-	-	910	671
	Upkeep of churchyard	-	-	-	-	1,670
	Administration	322	-	-	322	1419
	Church running - electric	1,815	-	-	1,815	2,944
	Church running - gas	705	-	-	705	897
	Cards to sell costs	421	-	-	421	-
	Church major repairs - roof	-	-	73,317	73,317	57,063
Expenditure on charitable activities Totals		56,775	-	73,317	130,093	113,945
Other expenditure						
	Church major repairs -heating	-	-	-	-	3,204
Other expenditure Totals		-	-	-	-	3,204
Expenditure Grand totals		56896	-	75,548	132,445	121,011