Christ Church Ore, Parochial Church Council

Trustee Annual Report for 2025

Structure, Governance & Management

Charity Number: 1200404

Structure, Governance and Management

The PCC is a charity but is excepted from registering with the Charity Commission within the meaning of the Charities Act 2011.

During the year the following served as members of the Parochial Church Council:

Incumbent:	Revd Tim Bell - followed by a vacancy*
Ex Officio members:	
Wardens:	Veronica Burt
	Sue Worthing
Deanery Synod:	Lucille West (Safeguarding Officer)
	Rob Worthing (Health and Safety Officer/ Lay Chair of PCC)
Treasurers:	Peter Bailey (advisory)
	Jennifer Summers-Day (advisory)
Representatives of the Laity:	
	Sally Smith
	Carina Cruttenden
	Glen Russell (PCC Secretary)
	George Ford

*Part time interim priest in charge Rev Caroline Morrison is to be appointed in Spring 2026

The Church Wardens are elected annually. Membership of the PCC is determined under the Church Representation Rules and consists of certain ex-officio members - the incumbent, the churchwardens and members of the Deanery, Diocesan or General Synod and up to 9 members of the church who are elected at the Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM). Electoral Roll members are warmly encouraged to stand for election to the PCC and we try to ensure a balance of skills and experience where possible. New members are elected annually at the APCM, for a period of 3 years.

Aims and Purposes

The primary objective of Christ Church Ore PCC is the promotion of the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to the traditions of the Church of England and The Bible. The PCC has the responsibility of co-operating with the incumbent in promoting, in the ecclesiastical parish, the whole mission of the Church - pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical.

Objectives

For this year we discussed and planned the following objectives and activities to fulfil our aims:

- Enabling as many people as possible to worship at our church
- Enabling as many people as possible to become part of our parish community
- Teaching, baptising and nurturing new and existing believers
- Maintaining an overview of worship throughout the parish
- Considering how services can involve the many groups that live within the parish
- Putting faith into practice, through prayer and scripture, music and sacrament
- Offering worship and prayer, learning about the Gospel, in small group situations
- Assisting people from all walks of life to develop their knowledge of, and trust in, Jesus
- Provision of pastoral care for people living in the parish
- Reaching out to the unchurched through provision of various ministries and events held throughout the year.

To facilitate this work it is important that we maintain the fabric of Christ Church and the hall building as well as ensuring sound management structures and processes.

Achievements and Performance

Church Attendance

Electoral roll report 2025

The year started with 52 members. Of these 2 passed away, making the 2025 year-end total 50 members.

The 2026 full update of the electoral roll was reported on at the 2025 APCM and the new total is the number that was submitted to the Diocese, 39.

The average weekly Sunday service attendance counted 35 during October with numbers greatly increasing at times such as Christmas, Easter, Remembrance Day etc. There was 1 wedding and 3 funerals in total.

We have two less formal services - the 4pm and Lunch Fellowship, detailed below.

Review of the Year

One offs -

In September we opened and staffed the church for a week of prayer focus/quiet contemplation with prayer stations set up around the church. We had passersby from the community who came in to see what was going on.

In October we were blessed to have Janika Menni, leader of Faith in Action Ministries and pioneer of New Wine India to come and share with us at a special event. She told us about planting over 100 churches across Andhra Pradesh, India as well as a breadth of social action ministries. We were able to bless her with financial giving for her work.

Other achievements -

Since September we have resumed the practice of having prayer ministry available for those who want it after our Sunday service. We are indebted to the continuing volunteers who continue to commit to being on various rotas and serving in different capacities in the church: singing in the choir, cleaning, arranging flowers, gardening and clearing up, polishing brass, doing admin in the office. All these background roles help to keep our services running, our building and grounds inviting and available. As a result, we have seen an uptake in hall bookings which earns us valuable revenue and keeps our facilities open to our local community..

Since losing our incumbent and pulling away from our close relationship with St Helens with St Barnabas in September we have re-established our church office on our site - currently adjacent to the lower hall of the church hall building which is staffed by volunteers for 4 mornings a week. We have also organised ourselves into a number of teams to oversee building maintenance and improvement, provide the office with admin cover, pastoral care to meet prayer needs and individual needs, as well as all the Sunday rota-d provision. A conservative estimate for volunteer hours spent in the office is around 22 hours per week, and about 6 hours per week in the garden and grounds around.

We are pleased to have our Defibrillator re-registered and new pads bought so this is now up and running for the benefit of the community. We plan to have an annual fundraiser to sustain this for the community.

Annual events (not detailed below):

In September we participated in the Diocesan Ride and Stride event in aid of historical church buildings (of which we are one), we raised about £300 and then the Diocese supported us with a generous gift towards repairing our building for taking part.

At our Harvest celebration in September we collected gifts to go to our local Salvation Army Foodbank and the Diocesan appeal for their chosen charity. Also in September we did our annual Shoebox appeal for Hope International. 15 boxes were prepared and sent out in time to go for Christmas delivering essential items to children and families in need across Eastern Europe, we also raised an additional £90 in support.

Our PCC held a vision day in October at which we were able to brainstorm various themes, hopes and dreams for our Church. This was an encouraging day for all those who attended and we seek to continue implementing some of the goals identified such as making our Sunday services more intergenerational and looking afresh at our liturgy and music.

In October we offered Safe Space on 31st, local folk were able to access it as an alternative to other 'celebrations' on that evening. We offered treats in the church grounds -hot chocolate, sweets, glow sticks and an opportunity to light a candle. About 100 people attended.

Our Remembrance Day service held jointly with the other churches in Ore in November was attended by 140 people and raised £65 for the Royal British Legion.

In December we held our annual Christmas Fair which was well attended by our local community and members of the church. It was split between the hall and the church with the church predominantly hosting stalls for games such as guessing the sweets in the jar (6 in all) and the hall had 11 stalls for selling plus the very popular tea and coffee area. We had Christmas crafts available for children to make supervised by our Children and Families Worker. We raised over £750 for the church and were able to invite members of the community to our Advent and Christmas events.

Our annual Christmas services were well attended this year - the Christingle (in aid of the Children's Society, we raised £112) had 62 parents and children, and the Crib Service, held on Christmas Eve was attended by 100 in total.

Buildings -

We have benefitted hugely from the guidance, expertise and involvement of a friend to the church and retired engineer, Simon Jones, in facilitating ongoing maintenance of our Victorian church building. We are almost watertight and, although we have yet to deal with all the rot and potentially falling plaster, are much safer than we were. With Simon's considerable help we have been able to address some of the concerns of the Diocesan Architect raised in the Quinquennial Report done in April.

The part re-rendering of the outside of the building has lifted its look and prevented water ingress. Some of the ancient guttering has been replaced.

Whilst still many challenges remain, we are up to date with all inspections, tests etc. and are compliant. It is hoped that inclusion in the Churches at Risk register (compiled by Historic England) will help our fundraising for matters going forward.

Work has begun on our outside space to open it up, make it more accessible and make it a fantastic community facility. We hope the new planting will go some way to addressing the drainage issues on site and curtail the rising damp.

We have had meetings with representatives from the Diocese with a view to beginning the process of re-ordering in the church to include toilets, a functioning kitchen and replacement of the old oil heating system. This will revamp the building for continuing community use.

Our church hall has had the roof repaired with felt and flashing and received a clear asbestos report.

We continue to host uniform groups of Squirrels, Beavers, Cubs, Scouts and Brownies in our hall. We also host WI once a month and have been able to offer our facilities to other groups such as Men's Shed.

Safeguarding report 2025

We work to the Diocesan Safeguarding Policy.

All Diocesan training is undertaken as required.

DBS checks are monitored and renewed as necessary.

The parish website has a prominent safeguarding link on the title page which links to contact details for the parish. There is also a link to the safeguarding policy.

Health and Safety is on the agenda for each PCC meeting.

Risk assessments have been undertaken for all church and hall activities and all special services

Childrens, Youth and Families Activities

Happy Feet

Happy Feet is a stay-and-play group for under 5s and their parents, carers, or guardians. Average attendance is around 20 families which can mean around 30 children. Each week there is messy play, craft, singing time (with a short prayer) and plenty of toys. The group provides an opportunity for adults to socialise and catch up with each other over refreshments. Increasingly we are seeing families attend this group engage with other events that are happening at church, such as Messy Church, Alpha and the monthly 4pm service.

Youth Group

Youth group is held on a Monday during term time. It provides a free social space with a Christian ethos for secondary age young people to meet. There is a variety of activities on offer each week which include cooking, craft, table tennis, football, Wii, board games, snacks and much more. The average attendance is 15-20 each week. We have seen this group grow through the outreach of Christ Church Café and Treasure Seekers.

Christ Church Café

Is a free, drop-in café open to all ages on a Tuesday afternoon. People are invited to stop by for company, chat, games, craft and activities, while enjoying a drink and/or a snack . The attendance at this varies greatly each week from around 20 to 50+. The link this group provides between the community and other church ministries is clear with people joining 4pm services, youth group and other events.

Treasure Seekers

Held for one week during August each year for 8-11 year olds. A Christian summer holiday club with bible stories, games, craft, outings and more. In 2025 the week was attended by 28 children.

Messy Church

Held each school holiday with a variety of themes and activities. The numbers vary depending what is on offer. Through Messy Church we have had three families make

enquiries about Baptism for their children. We have also seen families link in to the 4pm monthly service.

Children's Church

Is held each Sunday at the back of church during the main service, with activities linked to the reading set for the day. Numbers vary from two children to eight children and ages two years to twelve years, so the programme of activities has to be very flexible, to quickly change easily to those in attendance. It has been lovely during 2025 to see new faces joining this group and attending regularly.

4pm

During the course of 2025 the 4pm service moved from meeting each Sunday to once a month (on the first Sunday). Since doing so we have seen an increase in attendance from around ten each time to thirty or more. 4pm are intergenerational services that have different themes or activities (i.e. November saw a service around a Bonfire and in December we held a Carol-Oke). Each service is always followed by a meal together.

Schools outreach

During 2025 our relationships with our two local primary schools in the parish have developed further. We have seen several classes from both schools come to the churches for visits and explore certain topics such as marriage or why God sees everyone as special. We have been invited into schools to speak at Assemblies at Harvest and Easter. OVPA held a Christmas Carol Service in the church for KS2 and their families before Christmas. Reflection space was held for one week in both schools during the summer term and mini reflection space is held once a term at OVPA which has replaced the JAFFA (Jesus Friend For All) sessions we used to offer. We also hosted two different classes to visit from a special needs school (from outside the parish).

Links with uniform organisations

We held a St Georges day service for the Beavers, Cubs and Scout groups that meet in our hall. They attended various services during the year including Remembrance and Christingle.

Brownies held sleep over in the hall.

Brownie volunteers who also volunteer at 4pm.

Morning Prayer

A small group gather for a short service of morning prayer weekly at 9.00am on a Wednesday, This joins with the collective prayers of other Christians through the use of the C of E daily prayer app. They pray for the world, the community and the ministries at the Church.

Monthly Prayer Meeting

This is held once a month on a Wednesday or Thursday evening (at 7.30pm in the Church) and is a great opportunity for the Church to refocus on God and hand the coming month to Him in prayer.

Home Communions

During the last year we have established regular monthly Home Communions for two housebound individuals. A total of 14 Home Communions have been served.

A team of 3 trained Church Members has also been formed who can be called on to serve those, or others, requesting one off communions during illnesses etc. For Safeguarding purposes each team member is accompanied by another Church member on these visits.

Lunch Fellowship

Lunch Fellowship, now in its seventh year, was established to provide friendship, fellowship and worship for all who live and eat alone (while also warmly welcoming everyone). We enjoy a short time of worship followed by a Lunch outing to Cafe, Tearoom, Pub or Garden Centre, or a Lunch brought in from the local Cafe or Chippy. Transport is arranged for those with a need for this. We meet twice monthly, apart from August when we only met once for a Ploughman's Picnic in George's Garden; which this year was attended by 36. Our Average attendance for 2025 was 24.

Sue Worthing
Warden
On behalf of the PCC



26 March 2026

Financial Review

1. The deficit on unrestricted funds for the year was £(17,303) (2024: deficit £(20,812)).
2. As a result, unrestricted reserves at the end of the year were £1,853 (2024: £19,156). This small balance on unrestricted reserves is of great concern as continuing in a deficit situation will utilise all the funds in less than a year.
3. Unrestricted income was £42,508 (2024: £42,798).
4. Regular giving of £20,954 (2024: £16,878) has increased and gift aid benefited from a prior years claim.
5. Unrestricted expenditure amounted to £59,811 (2024: £63,610). Parish contribution, utilities and staff salary continue to be our highest regular costs.
6. Restricted income of £142,272 (2024 £16,971) was mainly for building refurbishment of which £69,418 (2024 £11,721) came from one off donations.
7. Restricted expenditure of 117,487 (2024 £14,405) was mainly for building refurbishment.
8. Restricted funds amount to £28,535 (2024: £3,750). These can only be used for the purposes the funds were given.
9. £31,208 (2024: £25,636) is held in bank accounts, the majority of which relate to restricted funds.
10. Total net assets are £30,388 (2024: £22,906).
11. The church received a legacy of £149,834 in February 2026 which has strengthened the balance funding position significantly.

Statement of Financial Activities

For the year ended 31 December 2025

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	2025 total	2024 total
Income				
Donations and planned giving	33,263	69,418	102,681	31,091
Grants and VAT recovered	-	72,854	72,854	10,370
Income from charitable activities	4,078		4,078	2,672
Other trading activities	4,653	-	4,653	14,829
Investment income	514	-	514	807
Total income	**42,508**	**142,272**	**184,780**	**59,769**
Expenditure				
Expenditure on charitable activities	59,811	117,487	177,298	78,015
Total expenditure	**59,811**	**117,487**	**177,298**	**78,015**
Net surplus/(deficit)	**(17,303)**	**24,785**	**7,482**	**(18,246)**
Reconciliation of funds				
Total funds brought forward	19,156	3,750	22,906	41,152
Total funds carried forward	**1,853**	**28,535**	**30,388**	**22,906**

Balance Sheet	2025	2024
Current assets		
Natwest bank balance	31,208	9,437
CBF Church of England deposit fund	-	16,199
Prepayments	1,080	670
	32,288	**26,306**
Current liabilities		
Creditors: amounts falling due In one year	1,900	1,900
	1,900	**1,900**
Net current assets less current liabilities	**30,388**	**24,406**
Creditors due after one year		
Balance of Diocesan loan	-	1,500
	-	**1,500**
Total net assets less liabilities	**30,388**	**22,906**
Represented by		
Unrestricted - general funds	**1,853**	**19,156**
Restricted		
Ad hoc small appeals	105	-
Church buildings grants & donations	5,898	3,750
Church garden	5,676	-
CPAS youth worker grant	11,250	-
Discretionary	620	-
Ore Church Mice children's work	4,986	
Total restricted funds	**28,535**	**3,750**
Total funds	**30,388**	**22,906**

Approved by the PCC and signed on their behalf by the chairman, Rob Worthing.

Signed  26 March 2026 Date

1. Accounting Policies

Basis of Preparation

The PCC is a public benefit entity within the meaning of FRS102. The financial statements have been prepared under the Charities Act 2011 and the Church Accounting Regulations 2006, in accordance accounting standards and the current Statement of Recommended Practice, Accounting and Reporting by Charities, (SORP (FRS 102)).

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention. The financial statements 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 affiliation to another body, nor those which are informal gatherings of church members.

Funds Accounting

Funds held by the PCC are classified as unrestricted or restricted.
Restricted funds
Restricted funds are subject to donor-imposed restrictions and may only be used for the purpose for which they were given.
Unrestricted funds
These may be used for ordinary PCC purposes.

Donations & Legacies

Collections are recognised when received.
Planned giving is recognised when received.
Gift Aid recovered is recognised when the income to which it is attached is received.
Grants & legacies are recognised when the formal offer in writing of the funding, is received.

Charitable Activities

Statutory fees for weddings and funerals are recognised when received.

Other Trading Activities

Trading activities are where income is receivable in return for selling goods or providing services. Income from trading is recognised when received.
Rents from hall hire are recognised in accordance with the rental agreements when received.

All Other Income

All other income is recognised when received.
Gift Aid is accounted for in the year it is claimed.

Expenditure
Expenditure is recognised when paid.

Grants
Grants and donations are accounted for when received.

Church Activities
The diocesan parish contribution is accounted for on an annual basis, reflecting the allocation set by our Deanery. Any parish contribution unpaid at the 31 December is provided for in these accounts as an operational (though not a legal) liability and is shown as a creditor in the balance sheet.

Fixed Assets
Tangible Fixed Assets
Consecrated and beneficed property of any kind is excluded from the accounts by c.10(2) of the Charities Act 2011. The church hall and other tangible assets have not been valued and therefore are not included in these accounts.
Moveable church furnishing held by the Vicar and Churchwardens on special trust for the PCC and which require a faculty for disposal, are accounted as inalienable property unless consecrated. They are listed in the church's inventory which can be inspected but are not included in the financial statements. For other property acquired prior to 2019 there is insufficient cost information available and therefore the cost of such assets is not stated in the financial statements.
All expenditure on consecrated or beneficed buildings and individual items costing under £1,000 are written off in the year they were incurred.

Depreciation
There are no fixed assets to depreciate.

Current Assets
Amounts owing to the PCC at the 31 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 the CBF Church of England Funds, or at the bank.

2. Analysis of Income

	Unrestricted	Restricted	2025	2024
Donations				
Planned giving	4,395	-	4,395	4,500
Parish giving scheme	12,242	-	12,242	8,821
Open plate collections	4,317	-	4,317	3,557
	20,954	**-**	**20,954**	**16,878**
Gift aid	11,762	2,820	14,582	1,939
Donations & appeals	547	1,277	1,824	699
Restricted donations	-	65,321	65,321	11,575
Total donations	**33,263**	**69,418**	**102,681**	**31,091**
Grants				
Buildings grants	-	38,550	38,550	3,750
VAT recovered on buildings	-	16,354	16,354	-
Youth worker grant	-	16,250	16,250	-
Other grants	-	1,700	1,700	6,620
Total grants	**-**	**72,854**	**72,854**	**10,370**
Income from charitable activities				
Youth and children's activities	1,946	-	1,946	1,826
Other groups and activities	817	-	817	772
Wedding & funeral fees	1,315		1,315	74
Total income from charitable activities	**4,078**	**-**	**4,078**	**2,672**
Other trading activities				
Hall hire	4,440	-	4,440	12,291
Fund raising events	213	-	213	2,538
Total other trading activities	**4,653**	**-**	**4,653**	**14,829**
Investments				
Investment income	514	-	514	807
Total investment income	**514**	**-**	**514**	**807**
Total income	**42,508**	**142,272**	**184,780**	**59,769**

3. Analysis of Expenditure

	Unrestricted	Restricted	2025	2024
Youth and children's activities	1,846	1,124	2,970	3,951
Youth worker costs	10,055	5,000	15,055	5,789
Church worship and hospitality	1,447	160	1,607	2,155
Church worship organ costs	1,920	139	2,059	2,351
Discretionary fund	-	130	130	555
Other church activities and groups	362	-	362	585
Parish contribution	9,530	-	9,530	9,530
Staff administrator costs	7,791	-	7,791	13,105
Broadband & telephone	949	-	949	804
Office subscriptions and consumables	2,307	510	2,817	704
Examining accountant	900	-	900	1,020
Clergy expenses	4,298	5,369	9,667	4,992
Church maintenance	928	-	928	991
Church major repairs	-	100,365	100,365	14,002
Quinquennial costs	-	951	951	0
Hall maintenance	913	-	913	2,235
Hall major repairs	1,426	3,415	4,841	0
Church garden	-	324	324	0
Cleaning	418	-	418	3,719
Insurance	4,566	-	4,566	4,416
Church light, heat & water	4,962	-	4,962	3,709
Hall light, heat & water	5,193	-	5,193	3,402
Expenditure on charitable activities	**59,811**	**117,487**	**177,298**	**78,015**

4. Parish share paid to the diocese

The church paid the diocese its Parish Contribution of £9,530 (2024: £9,530)

5. Staff Costs

Christ Church Ore PCC participates in the Pension Builder Scheme section of the Church Workers Pension Fund (CWPF) for lay staff. The scheme is administered by the Church of England Pensions Board, which holds the assets of the schemes separately from those of the Employer and the other participating employers.

The CWPF has a section known as the Defined Benefits Scheme, a deferred annuity section known as Pension Builder Classic and a cash balance section known as Pension Builder 2014.

6. Payments to clergy

Clergy support costs for both the vicar and curate were:

Council Tax: £5,543 (2024: £7,010)

Environmental/ Water Charges: £1,618 (2024; £1,534)

Mobile/ Travel: £888 (2024; £1,308)

The above costs are shared equally between St Helen's and Christ Church Ore.

Clergy hardship payment from restricted donation £5,000 (2024 nil).

No person received remuneration in excess of £30,000.

7. Transactions with PCC members and related persons

Other than clergy, disclosed separately (note 6), there were no payments or reimbursements to trustees during the year.

A close family member of two trustees (being the spouse of one trustee and the daughter of another trustee) was employed as youth worker during the year

From 1st January to 31st July 2025, the youth worker was employed by St Helens Church and Christ Church reimbursed St Helens for salary and associated employment costs totalling £4,746 (2024: £5,789).

From 1 August 2025, the Youth Worker was employed directly by Christ Church. Salary paid from that date to 31 December 2025 totalled £9,040.

The appointment and remuneration were approved by the PCC, and the trustees concerned did not participate in discussions or decisions relating to the employment.

Some trustees and related parties may have also made voluntary donations to the church, including through the Parish Giving Scheme. Such donations are made in a personal capacity and do not constitute related party transactions requiring separate disclosure.

No other related party transactions requiring disclosure occurred during the year.

8. Transactions with Related Charities

There were no related charities

9. Governance

Independent examination from Manningtons came to £xxx (2024: £1,020) including VAT.

10. Transfers Between Funds

Funds	Fund Balances b/f	Incoming resources	Outgoing resources	Transfers	Fund Balances c/f
Restricted					
Ad hoc small appeals	-	887	782	-	105
Church buildings grants and donations	3,750	106,654	104,506	-	5,898
Church garden grants	-	6,000	324	-	5,676
Clergy hardship fund	-	5,000	5,000	-	-
CPAS youth worker grant	-	16,250	5,000	-	11,250
Defibrillator fund	-	460	460	-	-
Discretionary fund	-	750	130	-	620
Ore Church Mice children's fund	-	5,321	335	-	4,986
Youth work	-	950	950	-	-
Total restricted funds	**3,750**	**142,272**	**117,487**	-	**28,535**
Unrestricted					
General fund	19,156	42,508	59,811	-	1,853
Total unrestricted funds	**19,156**	**42,508**	**59,811**	-	**1,853**
Total funds	**22,906**	**184,780**	**177,298**	-	**30,388**

Restricted funds comprise:

Ad hoc small appeals – minor collections for local charitable or seasonal projects.

Church buildings – donations and grants towards refurbishment of the church building.

Church garden grant – grants towards development of church grounds, including ecological and community projects.

Clergy hardship fund – to support clergy in exceptional circumstances.

CPAS youth worker grant – multi-year grant to support the cost of youth work.

Defibrillator fund – donations to purchase defibrillator for church premises.

Discretionary fund – support for individuals in hardship.

Ore Church Mice children's fund – residual funds from previous nursery activities now applied to children's work.

Youth Work – small grants and donations to support youth activities within the parish.

All restricted funds are carried forward if unspent and may only be applied for the purpose for which they were given.

Unrestricted funds are not subject to any donor restrictions and can be spent as the PCC decides. The unrestricted fund includes the general fund that has not been designated to any purpose.

11. Fixed Assets

There are no fixed assets.

12. Debtors

Debtors of £1,080 (2024: £670) relate to a balance due from St Helen's Church.

13.Creditors: Amounts falling due within and after one year

The Archdeacon's loan of £3,000 received in 2021 was due for repayment in 2024. The terms of the loan were renegotiated in 2024 so that £1,500 is due in 2026 and included in current liabilities. The loan is interest free. There are other short term liabilities of £400.

Independent examiner's report to the PCC of Christ Church, Ore

This report on the accounts of the PCC for the year ended 31 December 2025, which are set out on pages 10 to 18, is in respect of an examination carried out in accordance with the Church Accounting Regulations 2006 ('the Regulations') and s.145 of the Charities Act 2011 ('the Act').

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 Regulations and section s.144 of the Act do not apply. It is my responsibility to issue this report on those accounts in accordance with the terms of Regulations.

Basis of this report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act and to be found in the Church guidance, 2006 edition. 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 matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently I do not express an audit opinion on the view given by the accounts.

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 Trust as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

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.

Signed..... Date: 09/04/26

Mrs R T Walsh FCCA
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