THE PILLARS OF ST MICHAEL'S BETCHWORTH CIO

ANNUAL REPORT AND ACCOUNTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 28TH FEBRUARY 2026

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REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 28TH FEBRUARY 2026

The Pillars of St Michael's Betchworth (**the Pillars**) is a Charitable Incorporated Organisation and was registered with the Charity Commission of England and Wales on 6th October 2022. The Registered Charity Number is 1200594. The structure of the organisation and significant information is set out below: -

TRUSTEES
The Charity Trustees who served during the year were: -

David Arthur Rodin (Chair)
Andrew Patrick Lynch (Treasurer)
Johanna Maria Hamilton (Secretary)
Pamela Armitage (PCC representative)
Martin John Higgins
Charles William Smith
Lesley Jane Bolton
Sally Norah Cronk

The trustees form the Committee of the Pillars.

OBJECTS AND POWERS

The objects of the Pillars are for the public benefit, the repair, maintenance, preservation, restoration, replacement, and improvement of the fabric of St. Michael's Church, Betchworth and its churchyard, along with the monuments, fittings, fixtures, stained glass, furniture, ornaments, and chattels by making grants from the money collected to the St. Michael's Betchworth Parochial Church Council ("the PCC").

In furtherance of these objects but not otherwise, the trustees shall have power:

(1) to encourage people to become members of the pillars and pay the membership fee thereof;

(2) to raise money by any lawful means for the repair, maintenance, preservation, restoration, replacement and improvement of the fabric of St. Michael's Church and its churchyard;

(3) to implement new ideas for community fundraising in support of the repair, maintenance, preservation, restoration, replacement and improvement of the fabric of St. Michael's Church and its churchyard;

(4) to make grants from the money collected to the St. Michael's Betchworth Parochial Church Council ("the PCC") for the repair, maintenance, preservation, restoration, replacement and improvement of the fabric of St Michael's Church and its churchyard following specific requests from the PCC Treasurer for assistance; and

(5) to collect and disseminate information and to raise awareness on all matters affecting these objects.

The Pillars will not raise money to fund any clergy costs or charitable giving by St. Michael's Church .

The Pillars shall be independent of the PCC.

MEMBERSHIP

Membership of the Pillars shall be open to all who are interested in furthering the work of the Pillars and who have paid the membership fee as determined by the Committee.

Honorary members may be appointed at the discretion of the Committee. Honorary members shall not be entitled to vote.

Every member over the age of 18 years, apart from Honorary Members, shall have one vote at all meetings.

The third Annual General Meeting of the Pillars will be held on 25th April 2026 in St Michael's Church.

REVIEW OF ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE FOR THE YEAR

The Pillars membership in the year generated subscription income of £695 (2025 £ 1,375) and received donations of £1,517 (2025 £1,640)

It also ran four successful fundraising events, a bridge tea raised a net profit of £1,123, a concert in the church raised a net profit of £688, a village cookbook event and book sales raised a net profit of £3,032, and a Carol Concert at Betchworth House raised a net profit of £1,722. We incurred costs of £76 on a cancelled bridge lunch and £184 in relation to a 26/27 event.

The final Surplus for the year was £8,193 (2025 £Deficit (£ 6,418)) and reserves to carry forward to next year were £11,571 (2025 £3,378)

FINANCIAL REVIEW

During the year, the Pillars received subscriptions from 19 (2025: 37) members at the following subscription rates:
Couples £40 – 10 Pillars (2025 :23 Pillars)
Single £25 – 7 Pillars (2025 :11 Pillars)
Corporate £60 – 2 Pillars (2025 :3 Pillars)

The Pillars did not award a Grant to the St Michael's Betchworth PCC fabric fund in the year. (2025 £15,000)

FUTURE COMMITMENTS

There were no future commitments as at 28th February 2026.

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RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 28TH FEBRUARY 2026

	2026	2025
	£	£
RECEIPTS		
Income from Membership Subscriptions	695	1,375
Income from Donations	1,517	1,640
Income from Fundraising Events	10,393	9,055
TOTAL RECEIPTS	**12,605**	**12,070**
PAYMENTS		
General Expenses	324	47
Grants to St Michael's Betchworth PCC fabric fund	-	15,000
Expenses incurred on Fundraising Events	4,088	3,441
TOTAL PAYMENTS	**4,412**	**18,488**
Excess /(Deficit) of Income over Expenditure for the year	**8,193**	**(6,418)**
REPRESENTED BY:		
MONETARY ASSETS		
Balance at Bank brought forward	3,378	9,796
Excess/ (Deficit) of Income over expenditure for the year	8,193	(6,418)
Balance at Bank on 28th February 2026	**11,571**	**3,378**

The above accounts and report have been approved by the Trustees on 25th April 2026 and signed on their behalf by:

David Rodin ……***David Rodin*** ……..…..……. Chair

Andrew Lynch FCA …***Andrew Lynch*** ……..……Treasurer

Independent Accountants report

The above accounts have been prepared from the books and records of the **Pillars** and I hereby certify they are in accordance therewith.

Signed ……***Chris Braidwood***…….. Mrs Chris Braidwood FCA

Date : 25th April 2026