St Mary's Church, Rickmansworth
Report of the trustees for the year ended 31 December 2025

The trustees present their report and financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2025. The financial statements comply with current statutory requirements and follow this report. Individual church groups have provided reports which are contained in a separate document which is available to all from the Church Office.

Aims and objectives

The primary objective of St Mary's Church is to promote the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to the doctrines and practices of the Church of England. To achieve this, the Parochial Church Council (PCC) works with the Vicar, the Revd Gary Norman, to promote in the parish the whole mission of the Church, pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical.

Our Mission Action Plan was reviewed during the year and summarised our vision to be:

- a spiritual, prayerful and dynamic church
- a welcoming, inclusive and accessible church
- a joyful church serving the whole community

We identified five key areas on which to focus:

- Welcome and invitation
- Engaging youth and children's work
- Music
- Deepening faith and sharing gifts
- Sound finances and teaching on generosity and giving

Our aims are summarised by our mission statement: *Welcoming and serving the whole community with the love of God*

We have a duty to have due regard to the public benefit requirement of the Charities Act. We achieve this by ensuring that all ecclesiastical services are available to all. We also provide appropriate services for occasional services (baptism, weddings and funerals) and the Church Centre is in constant use by community groups.

Activities during the year

The significant amount of work done by the members of the church is detailed in a separate report, available from the church office. Highlights include:

- The appointment of a new Director of Music who, as well as being the organist, is also working to develop the contribution of the choir to services as well as community events such as the 'Come & Sing' sessions
- Increased engagement with the community through the faith stall at the monthly Batchworth Community Council market in the High Street
- Increased numbers of children engaging through Children's Church at the Sunday 10.00am service
- Increased engagement with St Mary's School
- The installation of a new sound system with better provision for relaying services online
- A wide range of community events including the annual poppy display, Christmas Tree Festival, Parish Pantry, Welcome Day and children's craft mornings
- Regular sessions to maintain the church, church centre and churchyard.

Communications: A weekly pewsheet is sent to everyone on the church's mailing list and is also available online. Additionally, the Vicar compiles a newsletter every couple of months or so to keep people informed of events and news.

It is important to note the significant contribution of members of the congregation in enabling us to accomplish so much. All members of the congregation give their time voluntarily and we are truly grateful to everyone who works to build and maintain our church community through so many different channels. The congregation is growing and we continue to build good working relationships with local schools, neighbouring churches and local community organisations.

Achievements and performance

There has been an increase in the number of special services held during the year:

	2024	**2025**
Baptism	6	12 children, 1 adult
Marriage	1	4
Funeral (church)	3	8
Funeral (crematorium)	2	2
Funeral (graveside)	1	

Attendance at major festivals has also seen an increase:

	2024	**2025**
Carol service	163	165
Crib service	189	189
Midnight Mass	93	109
Christmas Day	109	90
Easter Day: 8.00am	21	26
Easter Day: 10.00am	128	163

Finance

The church's day-to-day financial situation continues to be a concern with a budgetary shortfall predicted for the coming year. Incoming funds are provided by members of the congregation, mostly under the Parish Giving Scheme which also reclaims Gift Aid on our behalf. A campaign is planned for next year to highlight this situation to the congregation and enlist their support.

We have been fortunate to receive substantial legacy income during the year which, at the donor's request, has been ear-marked for mission work.

The PCC determines the amount of desired free reserves, being unrestricted funds not otherwise designated, as £62,087, calculated as 4 months day-to-day expenditure from the 2025 accounts. This is in accordance with our Reserves Policy which states:

> *The Parochial Church Council has agreed that the level of free reserves, that is to say the funds held which are neither restricted nor endowment funds, should be equivalent to four months of regular expenditure together with those further known and necessary items of future expenditure.*

At the end of the financial year the charity held free reserves of £265,056. This is higher than the level of desired free reserves of £62,087. We are aware of needing to undertake a number of pieces of work to the fabric of the church in order to meet the requirements of the latest Quinquennial Inspection and it is both positive and prudent that we hold more than the desired level of free reserves referred to in our Reserves Policy.

Looking ahead

As well as continuing our current programme of services and activities, a number of projects and plans are on the drawing board for the coming months.

We were delighted to welcome back Revd Scott Talbott to the ministerial team in 2025. In 2026 he will be joined by Revd Fiona Souter (PTO) and Chris O'Hara who will be ordained deacon in July 2026.

Work has been ongoing to improve access to the church building. Options include the creation of a new porch to the north of the church building with ramped access from the churchyard into the nave. The creation of a drop-off layby is also being considered.

A generous benefactor has offered to fund the recasting and rehanging of the existing bells into a new peal of 12 bells.

Structure, governance and management

The Parochial Church Council is a corporate body established by the Church of England. The PCC operates under the Parochial Church Council Powers Measure. The appointment of PCC members is governed and set out in the Church Representation Rules. All members of the PCC are trustees of the charity.

The PCC met regularly during the year, supported by the Standing Committee (Incumbent, Lay Vice Chair, Churchwardens, PCC Secretary and PCC Treasurer).

All members of the PCC served on a sub-committee/team:

- Community & Events
- Fabric & Churchyard
- Mission & Outreach
- Stewardship & Finance

The terms of reference of these teams were reviewed during the year. Major decisions, particularly those incurring expenditure above the designated limit for the team, are referred to the PCC.

Safeguarding is embedded in everything we do. We are fortunate to have an excellent safeguarding team which ensures that all the relevant checks and training are undertaken.

The Church Administrator and Director of Music receive a salary which is reviewed annually by the Stewardship & Finance Committee and ratified by the PCC. Increases are usually recommended in line with RPI.

Administrative information

The Parish Church of St Mary's, Rickmansworth:

Address: Church Street, Rickmansworth WD3 1JB

Registered charity no 1201244.

PCC members from 1 January 2025 to 9 March 2026:

Revd Gary Norman (Vicar & Chair)
Jane Earl (Lay Vice-Chair)
Alison Coster (Secretary)
Adam Shiels (Treasurer)
Gillian Bayley
Andrew Bond
David Carruthers
Jean Dodds
David Gilbert
John Glidden
Martyn Gowing
Petra Hedges
David Hibbert
Judith Haigh
Susan Hillier
Maxine Platzman (to 27/1/26)
Hilary Stevenson
Alison Vincent-Edwards
Roger Willett

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Vicar, St Mary's Church, Rickmansworth

9 March 2026

ST MARY'S RICKMANSWORTH

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for the year ended 31 December 2025

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PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF ST MARY'S RICKMANSWORTH

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
For the 12 Months ended 31 December 2025

	Note	Unrestricted Fund £	JM Mission Fund £	Restricted Fund £	Endowment Fund £	TOTAL FUNDS 2025 £	2024 £
INCOMING RESOURCES							
Incoming resources from donors	2a	128,804	130,000	0	0	258,804	353,060
Ancillary income	2b	42,450	0	0	0	42,450	33,968
Income from investments	2c	9,157	2,772	4,481	0	16,410	11,431
TOTAL INCOMING RESOURCES		180,411	132,772	4,481	0	317,664	398,459
RESOURCES USED							
Charitable giving	3a	4,492	0	0	0	4,492	4,436
Activities directly relating to the work of the church	3b	163,703	0	39,514	0	203,218	169,000
Church management and administration	3c	18,065	0	0	0	18,065	14,645
TOTAL RESOURCES USED		186,260	0	39,514	0	225,774	188,082
NET INCOMING RESOURCES		-5,849	132,772	-35,034	0	91,890	210,378
GAINS AND LOSSES ON INVESTMENTS -unrealised		6,909	0	1,163	-4,301	3,771	6,633
NET MOVEMENT IN FUNDS		1,060	132,772	-33,870	-4,301	95,661	217,011
BALANCES BROUGHT FORWARD AT 1 JANUARY		263,592	100,500	88,298	107,590	559,980	342,969
BALANCES CARRIED FORWARD AT 31 DECEMBER		264,652	233,272	54,428	103,289	655,641	559,980

The notes on pages 4 to 12 form part of these accounts

PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF ST MARY'S RICKMANSWORTH

BALANCE SHEET AT 31 DECEMBER 2025

	Note	2025 £	2024 £
FIXED ASSETS			
Investment assets	6		
Diocese Plate Fund		103,289	107,590
Epworth Investment Fund		377,623	306,538
		480,912	414,128
CURRENT ASSETS			
Debtors	8	5,379	5,040
Short term deposits		7,522	7,196
Cash at bank and in hand		172,552	142,293
		185,453	154,529
LIABILITIES: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR	9	-10,724	-8,676
NET CURRENT ASSETS		174,729	145,853
NET ASSETS		655,641	559,980
FUNDS	7		
Unrestricted		264,652	263,592
JM Mission		233,272	100,500
Restricted		54,428	88,298
Endowment		103,289	107,590
		655,641	559,980

The notes on pages 9 to 17 form part of these accounts. These accounts were approved by the PCC and signed on their behalf by :

A.SHIELS

Adam Shiels, Treasurer
10/APR/2026

PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF ST MARY'S RICKMANSWORTH

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
For the 12 Months ended 31 December 2025

ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Church Accounting Regulations 2006 and in compliance with Financial Reporting Standard 102 (September 2015) as applicable for Small Entities. The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention except for the valuation of investment assets, which are shown at market value.

Funds

General funds represent the funds of the PCC that are not subject to any restrictions regarding their use and are available for application on the general purposes of the PCC. Funds designated for a particular purpose by the PCC are also unrestricted. The accounts include all transactions, assets and liabilities for which the PCC is responsible in law. They do not include the accounts of church groups that owe their main affiliation to another body nor those that are informal gatherings of church members

Incoming Resources

Voluntary income and capital sources

Collections are recognised when received by or on behalf of the PCC.

Planned giving receivable under covenant is recognised only when received.

Income tax recoverable on gift aid donations is recognised when the income is recognised.

Grants and legacies to the PCC are accounted for as soon as the PCC is notified of its legal entitlement and the amount due.

Funds raised by events and income from the sale of the parish magazine are accounted for gross.

Other ordinary income

Rental income from the letting of church premises is recognised when the rental is due.

Income from investments

Dividends and interest are accounted for when receivable. Tax recoverable on such income is recognised in the same way.

Gains and losses on investments

Unrealised gains or losses are accounted for on revaluation of investments at 31 December.

Resources used

Charitable giving

Donations are accounted for when approved for payment by the PCC.

Activities directly relating to the work of the Church

The diocesan quota or parish share is accounted for when payable. Any quota unpaid at 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

Consecrated land and buildings and movable church furnishings

Consecrated and beneficed property is excluded from the accounts by s.10(2)(a) of the Charities Act 2011.

No value is placed on movable church furnishings held by the churchwardens on special trust for the PCC and which require a faculty for disposal since the PCC consider this to be inalienable property. All expenditure incurred during the year on consecrated or beneficed buildings and movable church furnishings, whether maintenance or improvement, is written off as expenditure in the SOFA and separately disclosed.

Other fixtures, fittings and office equipment

Equipment used within the church premises is depreciated on a straight line basis over 4 years. Individual items of equipment with a purchase price of £3000 or less are written off when the asset is acquired.

Investments

Investments are valued at market value at 31 December.

Current assets

Amounts owing to the PCC at 31 December in respect of fees, rents or other income or prepayment of expenses are shown as debtors less provision for amounts that may prove uncollectible.

Short-term deposits include cash held on deposit either with the CBF Church of England Funds or at the bank.

Domicilary

St Mary's PCC is registered with the Church of England, within the diocese of St Albans, at St Mary's Church, Church Street, Rickmansworth, Hertfordshire, England, WD3 1JB, and with the Charity Commission for England & Wales.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (continued)

For the 12 Months ended 31 December 2025

2 INCOMING RESOURCES

		Unrestricted Fund	JM Mission Fund	Restricted Fund	Endowment Fund	TOTAL FUNDS 2025	2024
		£	£	£	£	£	£
2a	*Incoming resources from donors*						
	Planned giving:						
	Under Gift Aid	82,089	0	0	0	82,089	81,609
	Not under Gift Aid	7,743	0	0	0	7,743	7,117
	Collections at services & online, gift aid envelopes, donated via sum-up devices	13,875	0	0	0	13,875	11,528
	Additional donations outside regular giving	80	0	0	0	80	100,500
	Legacies and bequests	3,000	130,000	0	0	133,000	128,477
	Gift Aid on Planned Giving	20,438	0	0	0	20,438	21,432
	Gift Aid on Other Giving	1,579	0	0	0	1,579	2,396
		128,804	130,000	0	0	258,804	353,060
2b	*Ancillary income*						
	Church Hall Lettings	19,805	0	0	0	19,805	23,640
	Church Lettings	0	0	0	0	0	90
	Fees	10,403	0	0	0	10,403	3,880
	Grant : Listed Places of Worship Scheme	1,899	0	0	0	1,899	648
	Insurance claim for the Church Centre floor	2,945	0	0	0	2945	0
	Events & Other Income	7,398	0	0	0	7,398	5,711
		42,450	0	0	0	42,450	33,968
2c	*Income from investments*						
	Dividends and interest including any reclaimed tax	9,157	2,772	4,481	0	16,410	11,431
	TOTAL INCOMING RESOURCES	180,411	132,772	4,481	0	317,664	398,459

3	RESOURCES USED	Unrestricted Fund	JM Mission Fund	Restricted Fund	Endowment Fund	2025	2024
3a	*Charitable giving*	£	£	£	£	£	£
	Mission and charitable giving	0				0	0
	Balance to be disbursed by the Charitable Giving Committee	4,492				4,492	4,436
		4,492	0	0	0	4,492	4,436
3b	*Activities directly relating to the work of the Church*						
	Ministry: Parish Share	91,728				91,728	93,428
	vicar/staff expenses	1,682				1,682	923
	Services: sanctuary inc silverware	1,687				1,687	1,289
	books, music	638				638	2,094
	Organists & bellringers	12,963				12,963	5,804
	Easter, Wreath, Christmas	657				657	1,169
	Community, Outreach & Christian education	1,449				1,449	660
	Church & Church Centre running expenses						
	insurance	6,339				6,339	5,871
	heating, lighting and water	12,620				12,620	17,023
	church maintenance	15,222				15,222	6,013
	church centre maintenance	4,067				4,067	8,565
	cleaning	7,106				7,106	6,324
	Cost of fee generating activities	5,764				5,764	1,609
	Major repairs / improvements	0		39,515		39,515	18,087
	Homeless Kits	0				0	-943
	Sundries	1,781				1,781	1,086
		163,703	0	39,515	0	203,219	169,000
3c	*Church management and administration*						
	Parish Administrator	12,465				12,465	8,823
	Printing, Post, Stationary & Other Admin	1,961				1,961	2,041
	Telephone, Broadband, Website & Zoom	1,256				1,256	1,472
	Publicity	1,073				1,073	968
	Office equipment	1,310				1,310	1,340
		18,065	0	0	0	18,065	14,645
	TOTAL RESOURCES USED	186,260	0	39,515	0	225,775	188,082

4 STAFF COSTS

Wages and salaries	12,465
	8,823

During the year the PCC employed a parish administrator & director of music, both of whom who did not earn £60,000 p. a. or more.

5 SITE & FABRIC EXPENDITURE INCLUDED ABOVE

New Sound System	35,987
North Porch	3,527

6 FIXED ASSETS FOR USE BY THE PCC

6 Investment assets

6a 4,653 shares in the CBF's Investment Fund - historical cost £6,357.
Valuation at 31 December 2025 £103,289 (2024 £107,950).

6b WF Epworth Investment Fund including dividends	Equity	Corporate Bonds	Cash Plus Deposit	Total
Market valuation at 31 December 2024	£78,050	£0	£228,488	£306,538
Purchase / Deposit			£50,000	£50,000
Redemption / Withdrawal				£0
Re-invested Dividend Income / Interest	£2,408		£10,605	£13,013
Unrealised Gain (including dividends)	£8,072			£8,072
Market valuation at 31 December 2025	£88,530	£0	£289,093	£377,623

7 ANALYSIS OF NET ASSETS BY FUND AT 31/DEC/2025

	Unrestricted Fund £	JM Mission Fund £	Restricted Fund £	Endowment Fund £	TOTAL 2025 £	TOTAL 2024 £
Investments	220,423	102,772	54,428	103,289	480,912	414,127
Current Assets	54,953	130,500	0	0	185,453	154,529
Current Liabilities	-10,724	0	0	0	-10,724	-8,676
	264,652	233,272	54,428	103,289	655,641	559,980

2024 COMPARATIVE (31/DEC/2024)

	Unrestricted Fund £	JM Mission Fund £	Restricted Fund £	Endowment Fund £	TOTAL 2024 £	TOTAL 2023 £
Investments	218,240	0	88,298	107,590	414,127	249,465
Current Assets	54,029	100,500	0	0	154,529	104,333
Current Liabilities	-8,676	0	0	0	-8,676	-10,830
	263,592	100,500	88,298	107,590	559,980	342,969

8 DEBTORS

	2025 £	2024 £
Income tax recoverable on gift aid	5,190	4,851
Other debtors and prepayments	189	189
	5,379	5,040

9 LIABILITIES: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

Charitable giving	4,492	4,436
Creditors for goods and services, etc.	6,232	4,240
	10,724	8,676

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (continued)
For the 12 Months ended 31 December 2025

10 FUND DETAILS

	Purpose	2025 c.f	Income	expenditure	gain / loss on investments	transfers	2024 c.f	income	expenditure	gain / loss on investments	transfers	2023
Unrestricted												
Charitable giving	General use of the church, identified for charitable giving	885	0	0			885	0	0			885
Vicar's discretionary	General use of the church, identified for Vicars discretionary payments	1,000	0	0			1,000	0	0			1,000
General Unrestricted Fund	General use of the church	178,146					178,146					178,146
Accumulated surplus / (deficit)	General use of the church	84,621	180,411	-186,260	6,909		83,561	291,935	-170,938	3,007		-40,442
		264,652	180,411	-186,260	6,909	0	263,592	291,935	-170,938	3,007	0	139,589
Joan Martin Mission Fund		233,272	132,772				100,500	100,500				0
Restricted												
Chair Fund	To be spent on the Fabric of the Church	217	18	-160	5		354	21	-70	5		398
Myers Bequest (Fabric)	To be spent on the Fabric of the Church	44,997	3,770	-33,244	979		73,492	4,275	-14,423	1,026		82,614
Carter Bequest (Fabric)	To be spent on the Fabric of the Church	2,008	168	-1,484	44		3,280	191	-644	46		3,687
Accumulated interest from Endowment Fund (Fabric)	To be spent on the Fabric of the Church	6,263	525	-4,627	136		10,229	595	-2,007	143		11,499
Category 2 Homeless Fund		943					943	943		0		0
		54,428	4,481	-39,514	1,163	0	88,298	6,025	-17,144	1,219	0	98,198
Endowment	See footnote (below)	103,290			-4,301		107,591			2,407		105,184
Total		655,641	317,664	-225,774	3,771	0	559,980	398,459	-188,082	6,633	0	342,969

The endowment fund comprises the Fabric Maintenance Fund, also known as the Church Plate Fund, which represented the net proceeds of the sale of the Church Plate.

11 Charitable Giving, Collections and Fundraising

	£
Charitable Giving	
Emergency Appeals	£0
Sum set aside from Planned Giving Income for disbursement by the Charitable Giving Committee	£4,492
	£4,492
Amount raised for Third Parties from special collections	£1,428
Amount raised for St Mary's Church from Fundraising events	£6,612

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (continued)
For the 12 Months ended 31 December 2025

12 CAPITAL COMMITMENTS AT 31-DEC-2025

Quote £	VAT £	Total £
		£0
		£0
£0	£0	£0

LEASE COMMITMENTS AT 31-DEC-2025

less 1 year £	1 to 5 years £	> 5 years £
£0	£0	£0

PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF ST MARY'S RICKMANSWORTH

OLD YEAR 2024 ACCOUNTS FOR COMPARISON

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

	Note	Unrestricted Fund £	JM Mission Fund £	Restricted Fund £	Endowment Fund £	TOTAL FUNDS £
INCOMING RESOURCES						
Incoming resources from donors	2a	252,560	100,500	0	0	353,060
Ancillary income	2b	33,968	0	0	0	33,968
Income from investments	2c	5,407	0	6,025	0	11,431
TOTAL INCOMING RESOURCES		291,935	100,500	6,025	0	398,459
RESOURCES USED						
Charitable giving	3a	4,436	0	0	0	4,436
Activities directly relating to the work of the church	3b	151,856	0	17,144	0	169,000
Church management and administration	3c	14,645	0	0	0	14,645
TOTAL RESOURCES USED		170,938	0	17,144	0	188,082
NET INCOMING RESOURCES		120,997	100,500	-11,119	0	210,378
GAINS AND LOSSES ON INVESTMENTS -unrealised		3,007	0	1,219	2,407	6,633
NET MOVEMENT IN FUNDS		124,004	100,500	-9,900	2,407	217,011
BALANCES BROUGHT FORWARD AT 1 JANUARY		139,589	0	98,197	105,183	342,969
BALANCES CARRIED FORWARD AT 31 DECEMBER		263,592	100,500	88,298	107,590	559,980

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (continued)

Note 14 : Expenses paid to members of the Parochial Church Council

In 2025, no member of the PCC received any payment for expenses, with the exception of the vicar, who's expenses received in the discharge of their activities are declared in note 3b

Note 15 : Related Party transactions with members of the PCC

In 2025 the amount donated to St Marys by members of the PCC was **£22,315**

This excludes cash collected anonymously during services & any other anonymous donations.

Payments to Sue Hillier as fees for acting as Verger at weddings & funerals = £495.

Note 16 : Reserves Policy

The Parochial Church Council has agreed that the level of free reserves, that is to say the funds held which are neither restricted nor endowment funds, should be equivalent to four months of regular expenditure together with those further known and necessary items of future expenditure

Independent Examiner's Report to the Members of the Parochial Church Council of St Mary's Rickmansworth

I report on my examination of the Accounts of the Parochial Church Council (PCC) for the year ended 31st December 2025.

This report is made solely to the PCC, as a body, in accordance with the Charities Act 2011. My work has been undertaken so that I might state to the members of the PCC those matters I am required to state to them in an independent examiner's report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, I do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the PCC and the members of the PCC as a body, for any work, for this report, or for the opinions I have formed.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As members of the PCC, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ("the Act") and the Church Accounting Regulations. You consider that an audit is not required for the year under the Church Accounting Regulations and section 144 (2) of the Act and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under the Church Accounting Regulations and section 145 of the Act;
- follow the procedures laid down in general Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 144(2) of the Act; and
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of the independent examiner's report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the general Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the PCC 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 you as members of the PCC 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 matter has come to my attention:

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

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11 April 2026