St Michael and All Angels, Ocklynge, Eastbourne
Trustees' Annual Report for 2025

Our aims and purposes as a charity

The PCC has the responsibility of co-operating with the incumbent, the Revd Ben Sleep, in:

- The promotion of the gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ according to the doctrines and practices of the Church of England
- Promoting in the parish the whole mission of the church, pastoral, social, evangelistic and, ecumenical
- Helping people to know Jesus better and making Him better known
- Practical support and care for people in the parish, from the youngest to the oldest, irrespective of level of need or ability to pay
- Providing financial support to those in need and to other organisations with similar objectives

What we planned to do to achieve our charitable objectives

When planning our activities for the year, our incumbent and the PCC have considered the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit and, in particular, the specific guidance on 'charities for the advancement of religion'.

The PCC has complied with the duty under section 5 of the Safeguarding and Clergy Discipline Measure 2016, fully recognising its duty to have due regard to House of Bishops' guidance on safeguarding children and vulnerable adults.

For 2025, the following list outlines our 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 different groups that live within the parish
- Putting faith into practice, through prayer and scripture, music and sacrament
- Offering worship and prayer, and learning about the Gospel, in small group situations
- Assisting people from all walks of life to develop their knowledge of, and trust in, Jesus
- Providing pastoral care for people living in the parish
- Providing assistance to the poor and needy of the parish
- Giving donations to missionary organisations
- Maintaining the fabric of the church building as a historic centre and focus of life in the parish
- Providing a safe and supportive environment for the young people in our parish
- Supporting families, and particularly young families

What we achieved and how we affected beneficiaries' lives

Attendance at worship

The church family welcomes visitors from within as well as outside the parish boundary. Visitors attend by personal choice and it is our great pleasure to welcome anyone from all walks of life to take part in the life of the church. We contend that voluntary attendance to worship the Lord Jesus Christ is a major demonstration of the public benefit of our activities, particularly since this is reflected by a growth in regular attenders.

At the end of 2025, the worshipping community of St Michael and All Angels Church stood at 470 and continues to grow. Sunday morning attendance has increased steadily throughout the year, and by the end of 2025 averaged around 175. Around 23 attended the fortnightly 7pm service and attendance at the midweek communion service was usually around 10.

We have continued to see a huge growth in the number of children and young people coming to church Sunday by Sunday, with a weekly average at the end of the year of around 45 across the age-range, and around 100 under-sixteens attending the church regularly. We look to encourage the deepening of faith for all ages, and alongside our services there is an extensive programme for young people from Crèche (0-3) and Seekers (4-7) to Voyagers (7-11) and Odyssey (11-18). Once a month, on a Saturday afternoon, we hold a Messy Church service for families with children aged approximately 0-10. This gathering includes worship songs, Bible readings and teaching, with themed craft activities and refreshments. Average Messy Church attendance over 2025 was 50+. Our Sunday morning crèche now has dedicated activities (following a Bible story theme), a snack and a more appropriate location, all of which work well to cater for the needs of the growing numbers of toddlers at St. Michael's. A further new venture has been craft and activity stations around the church for children to access during All-Age services at Easter and Christmas.

A huge new development this year has been the purchase of two portacabins to provide additional space for our children's groups on Sunday morning – as well as hosting Santa's Grotto for Mega Messy Christmas. The added flexibility these spaces offer will greatly enhance our opportunities to provide events for our church family and the wider community.

At Easter, we saw a large number of families attending 'Messy Easter' (268 people altogether) and there was strong attendance at various events held during Holy Week. On Easter Sunday we welcomed a large congregation, including a lot of visitors coming to share the occasion with their extended families.

Over the summer holiday period, we held an 'all-in' style Sunday School on the Hub Garden, using the Cheeky Pandas' resources for worship and storytelling, then splitting into age groups for age-appropriate craft and application. The older children/youth were invited to come and help if they wanted to, or stay in the service. This gave the teachers a welcome break from preparation each week, whilst still ensuring family-friendly options were available.

Christmas is a very special time of celebration where over 1000 people from many sections of the community came together to join in the services. The church was extremely busy,

including 'Mega Messy Christmas', with 308 people joining us from the wider community for Christmas craft, a Nativity story and talk, tea and Santa's grotto. We also held a Christingle Service, Family Nativity, a Carol Service and a Family Christmas Morning Service.

During the year our clergy have conducted three church funerals and three funerals at other venues, such as the crematorium.

Teaching, baptising and nurturing new and existing believers

An ever greater number of the church family have been involved in leading various aspects of worship, offering great encouragement to all those involved, and we continue to extend the opportunities for the exercise of ministry and gifts within the wider life of our St Michael's community.

A network of Home Groups continues to play a very important part in the life of the church. All members of the congregation are encouraged to join a Home Group and there are seven groups meeting regularly. In addition to bible study, discussion and prayer, these groups provide important support and friendship to their members. We have recently launched a Youth Home Group, which already has a small group of regular attenders.

Our church encourages members to explore their faith and consider baptism and/or confirmation as an expression of their commitment. During the year three adults and two infants were baptised and one thanksgiving service was held for the birth of a child.

Evangelism and outreach

Throughout the year we have offered a wide range of events which reach into the wider community of the parish and beyond.

At Easter and Christmas we now hold Mega Messy Church. The bumper attendance at each (308 at Christmas) is testament to their popularity and to the success of advertising and promotion on social media. We see many families returning again and again to these events, often bringing along friends and extended family members, and several express an interest in joining our other church activities. Other events have included a Light Party on 31st October, as an alternative to Hallowe'en, which is proving to be very popular. Our end-of-summer Youth Event, 'HillFest', included inflatables and games, a barbecue, photo booth, disco, karaoke and a chance to hear some of our young church members share what being a Christian means to them. Arrows Youth Group has provided a safe space for youth to meet on Friday evenings, which was much needed in our community, and this group has fed into the Duke of Edinburgh programme: 13 children from St. Michael's took part, completing expeditions, physical skills and a volunteering requirement. In November the young people joined with other groups in the diocese to give presentations to the assessors, based on their experiences completing the award. All our candidates passed their bronze DofE award.

The Children's and Youth ministries have been supported by activities during the week, including a daytime parent-toddler group, the evening Youth Club (*Arrows*), and the monthly Messy Church on a Saturday afternoon. Our relaunched mid-week toddler session, renamed Jellybeans, now meets in the church building and includes soft play equipment and refreshments, alongside bible-based activities. Numbers are growing (currently 40+) as word

spreads of this free provision for our community. A few days before Christmas, in between the various Nativities and Carol services, we held a Pyjama Cinema evening in church, where over 40 people - armed with pillows, duvets and cuddly toys - enjoyed watching 'The Santa Clause' on the big screens. Some of the young people from the Arrows Youth Club on a Friday evening come along to church on a Sunday morning.

A 'Crafts and Laughs' group meets weekly, offering fellowship and coffee alongside crafting of many kinds, with craft sales for charities held twice a year; the 'Walk and Talk' group gathers weekly, providing further outreach opportunities in beautiful local settings. The Wednesday night football session continues to attract players from outside the church, as well as members of the church family, and a new ministry for women in the church has been launched. Known as 'Ember', its aim is to offer various social activities such as pottery painting, a meal out or seasonal craft, and develop fellowship across the age range. Each month, we hold 'Who let the Dads out?', a Saturday morning session for Dads and their children. This attracts up to a dozen Dads, often sent by partners who have spotted the event on social media!

In July, we held a very successful Summer Ball raising almost £3000 for our mission partner, Matthew 25 Mission (see p.5 below). This event drew in over 100 guests, many of whom were not members of St Michael's.

The Alpha Course, held at St Michael's during October/November, was once again a huge success. Two courses were run - one in the daytime, one in the evening - guided by members of our lay leadership team, with the support of our clergy, as well as our catering and tech volunteers. Real friendships developed in the small groups, and it was encouraging to journey together and see lives transformed for Jesus; new Christians have come into the church as a result.

Other outreach activities have included the PARCHE Annual Service and Tea-Party, a Picnic in the Park, Lunch and the Autumn Harvest Lunch. 'Tea-on-the-Hill', aimed at more mature members of the local community, continues to meet several times during the year, and a new lunch club has been added, which usually attracts 20-30 people in its 'Lunch and Laughs' slot following mid-week BCP Communion.

Provision of the church building for people to enjoy

Our church continues to be appreciated by our parishioners and many others, as a space where life events are celebrated with joy and thanksgiving.

As we explore ways in which the church building can be used for events in addition to services, we have continued to develop our relationships with schools in the parish, hosting concerts, end-of-year services, and GCSE examinations. An ongoing programme of renovation of the church fabric and improvements to the facilities continue to enhance general accessibility and overall safety (see below).

St Michael and All Angels' Church exists through the very generous giving of its members, and we have, with God's help, succeeded in paying our pledged Parish Share in 2025. The Church Family have been very generous throughout the year, taking forward God's work and meeting our expenses and commitments.

Provision of tangible support to the poor and needy

As a church, we support several local charities and one overseas. Year-round, we collect tinned and packaged goods for distribution by Family Support Work, who help needy families within the Eastbourne Deanery. An extra effort was made at our Harvest Festival to collect a large amount of food and other necessities for distribution. In November we also held a Toy Service at which donations suitable for Christmas presents were given to Family Support Work. In May a fundraising tea and talk took place, with interesting news from Peru People and in September, a church member completed a sponsored walk from London Victoria to Eastbourne in aid of Matthew 25. The Crafts and Laughs group hold sales of their wonderful creations at Easter and Christmas, which this year raised £910 for our chosen charities.

St Michael's continues to give 10% of general income to those charities which we support, namely:

- Peru People (registered charity no. 1138049)

and 3 local charities:

- Family Support Work (registered charity no. 285337)
- Matthew 25 Mission (registered charity no. 1163389)
- Beachy Head Chaplaincy Team (registered charity no. 1098885)

Other charitable involvement

There are many charities and organisations in Eastbourne which are actively supported by members of our congregation:

- **Family Support Work** provides help and encouragement to needy families in Eastbourne, and is actively backed by the congregation through the donation of foodstuffs, other necessities and also financially.
- **Eastbourne Foodbank** is supported by members of congregation who volunteer regularly to help with this vital network.
- **District General Hospital Chaplaincy** shows the caring and loving face of Jesus to patients and staff at the hospital, which is in our parish, through the work of the Chaplaincy Team. Members of the congregation who are part of that team talk and listen to patients and administer Communion when required.
- **Beachy Head Chaplaincy** is a vital ministry offering skilled crisis intervention to anyone who needs it. Several members of St Michael's are members of the team offering 24-hour/7-days-a-week cover on Beachy Head, and Rev Ben Sleep is also Chaplain and Trustee to the BHC team.
- **Support for vulnerable and marginalised people in our town** - members of the church family work for the charity *Matthew 25 Mission*, which we actively support.

Management of risks and their mitigation

The PCC has an ongoing task of reviewing the major risks which impact the work of the church in the parish. The steps taken to mitigate such risks are outlined below.

Safeguarding

With regard to Safeguarding, the PCC has complied with Section 5 of the Safeguarding and Clergy Discipline Measure 2016 (duty to have due regard to the House of Bishops' Guidance on Safeguarding Children and Vulnerable Adults).

General Health and Safety

- Health and safety within the church building:
    - The Church Architect, Tim Wells, completed our Quinquennial Inspection in October 2024, and we are continuing to work in close collaboration with him to address those issues concerned with the renovation and refurbishment of some of the stonework and leaded windows.
    - The two portacabins installed on the church site in September 2025 were refurbished in accordance with the terms of the EBC Planning Permissions/Church Faculty permission. Full fire safety and first aid protocols have been put in place.
    - Heating: the gas boiler installed in 2024, along with the additional convector fan heaters and upgraded electrics has improved the general levels of heating in the church building as well as overall safety. It is also helping to dry out the damp in the walls and the Tower.
    - Electrics: we have continued to modernise and maintain the electrics in the church, the Hub (our church hall) and in the new portacabins. Up-to-date Electrical Safety certificates for both the church and the Hub have been obtained.
    - Fire safety protocols, fire extinguisher maintenance and PAT testing have continued to be undertaken in accordance with best practice, including in the new portacabins.
    - Asbestos: a full asbestos safety inspection was completed, and residual traces of asbestos found in the basement were safely removed and disposed of in accordance with legal requirements.
    - We have continued to oversee general maintenance of the church fabric and grounds, including major clearing of guttering and gullies.
    - The PCC has adopted a range of Health and Safety (H&S) and Human Resources (HR) policies to comply with legal requirements, manage risks, and maintain a safe, welcoming environment for staff, volunteers, and worshippers. These are subject to regular review.

Growth and Mission

- We are continuing to find laity and volunteers with the appropriate skills, time and commitment to support church growth and ministry. All appropriate DBS checks are carried out, in accordance with our Safeguarding responsibility as outlined above.
- We support growth through the innovative use of available space on the church site. The PCC seeks to manage potential risks and uncertainties by regularly reviewing its

Mission Action Plan and its plans for the use of the church buildings, as well as ensuring risk assessments are in place for every event and activity. We aim to maintain our properties to a high standard and to carry out the recommendations of the Quinquennial Inspection Report as required.

Income and Finances

- We endeavour to hold contingency funding for unexpected costs associated with the maintenance of the church buildings, including electrics and heating as mentioned above, and ongoing fabric repairs to address water ingress and damp problems.
- As the church congregation continues to grow, so does the need for additional income both to underpin the work of mission and the expansion of ministries and outreach, and also to fund the costs associated with the maintenance of the site as a whole.
- The church leadership continues to act responsibly to manage all resources at the church's disposal. These include, for example, generating additional income from letting the Hub (our church hall) as well as offering the church itself for community events and other hirers, when appropriate.
- We are deeply encouraged by the growth in committed stewardship from the church membership, as well as more general charitable giving from the church family as a whole.

Structure, governance and management of the charity

The Parochial Church Council (PCC) is registered with the Charity Commission as required by the Charities Act 2011. Charity number: 1205515 (The Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish of St Michael and All Angels, Eastbourne). Its governing document is the Parochial Church Councils (Powers) Measure 1956.

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

Ex-Officio members		
Incumbent:	The Revd Benjamin Sleep	Chairman
Curate:	The Revd James Lashwood	
Elected Members	Jane Pendry	*Churchwarden*
	Nicholas Manning	*Churchwarden*
	Avis Bourdon	*Treasurer (until 14/5/25)*
	David Brown	(*until 14/5/25)*
	Audrey Bushnell	
	Andrew Clements	*Deanery Synod (until 14/5/25)*
	Ann Croghan	*(until 14/5/25)*
	Hazel Delamere	
	Martyn Delamere	
	Jeanette Goodman	*Deanery Synod from 14/5/25*
	Charlotte Moore	*Treasurer from 14/5/25*
	Sam Hailes	(*from 14/5/25)*
	Hollin Preston	*Deputy Treasurer 14/5/25*
	Colin Wood	
	Marilyn Wood	
	Stephanie Wooldridge	*PCC Secretary*

Membership of the PCC is determined under the Church Representation Rules and consists of certain ex-officio members (the incumbent/priest-in-charge, curate, the churchwardens and members of the Deanery, Diocesan or General Synods), and 10-12 members of the church who are elected at the Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM). Members are warmly encouraged to stand for election to the PCC and we try to ensure a balance of skills and experience where possible.

- This Trustees' Annual Report was approved by the PCC and signed on their behalf by The Revd Benjamin Sleep, Vicar

Signed:



The Revd Benjamin Sleep

Date: 22nd April 2026

Finance Report

St Michael and All Angels Church, Ocklynge, Eastbourne
Annual Financial Review for the Year Ending 31st December 2025

Incoming unrestricted resources

Our general giving during 2025 was £92,924, an increase of 19% over last year. This is a great encouragement and reflects the continued generosity of the church family as the congregation grows and ministries expand.

In addition to this, we were able to claim Gift Aid from HMRC amounting to £26,753, which continues to make a significant difference to the financial health of the church. We are very grateful to all those who give regularly and sacrificially, enabling the ongoing work of St Michael's in the parish.

During the year we also received some amazing general donations (mostly from our congregation) amounting to £14,761, including £4,010 of restricted giving. These additional gifts have helped us meet both the increasing day-to-day running costs of the church and to continue developing our mission and outreach.

We also received £2,400 through our Portacabin Appeal, which will support future improvements connected to facilities and ministry needs.

Income from hiring the Hub was £3,799, which continues to be an important additional source of income, helping us to use our buildings effectively and sustainably. Car parking income was £540, which also contributed to the general running costs of the church.

We received £1,957 from bank interest, mostly from funds held in the CBF Deposit Account.

Overall, our unrestricted income position has remained strong during the year, and we are deeply thankful for the faithful giving that makes our ministry and mission possible.

Income restricted and designated resources

During the year we received grants amounting to £34,120, including £15,000 of restricted grants and £19,120 of general grant income. This grant funding has been extremely valuable in supporting areas of ministry that are particularly important to the life of the church, especially where additional staffing and resourcing is required.

In addition to this, we received further restricted income, including:

- £10,000 into the Child Charity Trust Grant fund
- £5,000 through a Spring Harvest Grant
- £4,010 towards the cost of supporting a Children and Youth Worker
- £2,400 towards the Portacabin Appeal

This restricted income has allowed the PCC to continue supporting children's and youth ministry, as well as supporting improvements that will help ensure our facilities remain fit for purpose as the church continues to grow.

Outgoing unrestricted expenditure

As in previous years, our Parish Share has continued to be our biggest expense. In 2025 we paid £68,520 to the Diocese. The Parish Share pays for clergy's stipend and pension costs, together with training and very valuable support in many areas including safeguarding, legal help and much more.

The PCC remains committed to meeting our Parish Share obligations as a vital part of our partnership with the Diocese and the wider Church of England.

Most of our other costs have risen during the year, due mainly to inflation, increased ministry activity, and the continuing growth of our congregation.

One significant cost in 2025 was our church utilities bills, which totaled £11,773, reflecting the ongoing increases in energy costs and the increased use of our buildings throughout the year. This year included new internet installation in the church building totalling £4,000. Despite this, we continue to seek ways to be responsible and efficient in how we manage our utilities and building usage.

We also continued to invest in the maintenance and upkeep of the church site. During the year we spent £8,174 on church maintenance and redecoration..

These ongoing costs reflect both the responsibility of caring for a historic building and the PCC's desire to ensure the church and its facilities remain safe, welcoming, and suitable for worship and community use.

In addition, during 2025 we began work connected with the Regeneration Project, which cost £4,626 during the year. This reflects the PCC's continued commitment to long-term planning, ensuring that St Michael's buildings and facilities can continue to support the church's mission in the years ahead.

We also incurred further costs across staffing support, church services, mission and outreach activity, and the general running of the church, all of which are required to support the life of an active and growing church.

Charitable giving

We continue to give 10% of our general giving away to local and international charities, reflecting our commitment to mission both within our community and beyond. During 2025 we gave £10,000 through our designated 10% giving fund. In addition to this we also made other charitable donations amounting to £3,460. The PCC remains committed to ensuring that St Michael's continues to be a generous church, supporting those in need and working in partnership with organisations who share our desire to bring hope and practical support to others.

Staffing

During 2025 the charity employed staff at a cost of £27,750, including wages and salaries.

Staffing continues to be a vital part of enabling ministry at St Michael's, supporting the pastoral and practical needs of the church, as well as supporting the growing children's, youth, and outreach ministries. As the congregation grows, the PCC recognises the increasing importance of ensuring that key areas of ministry remain properly supported and sustainable.

Restricted funds
Restricted funds continue to play an important role in enabling specific projects and areas of ministry to be funded appropriately, ensuring that grants and designated donations are used for their intended purpose.
Church Building Repairs – During the year we spent £13,653 from this fund.
Children's accommodation/Youth Worker – During the year we spent £17,835 from this fund.
Children and Youth Worker – During 2025 we received £4,010 into this fund and spent £11,010, reflecting the PCC's continued commitment to supporting the ministry with children and young people.
Youth Mission Grant – We spent £184 from this fund during the year.
Child Charity Trust Grant – During 2025 we received £10,000 into this fund and spent £8,547, leaving a balance of £1,453.
Spring Harvest Grant – During 2025 we received £5,000 into this fund and spent £4,745, leaving a balance of £255.
Portacabin Appeal – During 2025 we received £2,400 and spent £271, leaving a balance of £2,129.
At the end of the year our restricted funds totalled £3,837.

Balances
At the end of 2025 we had in our unrestricted general fund £45,041, in our designated fund £7,732. Our restricted funds totalled £3,837.
At the end of the year our balances were:-

- Metro Current Account: £24,251
- CAF Current Account: £17,200
- CBF Deposit Fund: £15,159

Giving us a grand total of £56,610.
Our balance sheet shows total net assets, less liabilities, of £31,555 after allowing for the requirement to repay the Archdeacon's loan.
The PCC continues to monitor our financial position carefully, particularly as costs rise and future repair and development needs remain ongoing. However, we remain grateful for the strong financial support of the church family and for the way God has provided through generous giving, grants, and careful stewardship.
Charlotte Moore (Treasurer) and Hollin Preston (Deputy Treasurer)

- This Annual Financial Review was approved by the PCC and signed on their behalf by The Revd Benjamin Sleep, Vicar



Signed: Revd Benjamin Sleep (Vicar)

Date: 11th February 2026

Church Accounts for 2025

Notes to the Annual Financial Report 2025

1. The financial statement of the PCC have been prepared in accordance with the Charity Act 2011 and current Church Accounting Regulations, using the Receipts and Payments basis.

2. The following assets are recognised but not valued in the Statement of Assets and Liabilities.
Movable church furnishing held by the churchwardens on special trust for the PCC, which require a faculty for disposal.

3. Analysis of total:

	Unrestricted General Funds	Designated Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowed Funds	Total All Funds 2025	Total All Funds 2024	Notes
	£	£	£	£	£	£	
Planned giving (excl. tax refunds)	83,632	9292			92,924	77860	
Planned giving (no tax refunds)	13,275	1475			14,750	20427	
One-off and adhoc donations	9,397	1354	4010		14,761	15976	4
Special Appeals			2400		2,400	9560	5
Gift Aid Recovered	24,078	2675			26,753	25645	
Grants	19,120		15,000		34,120	18000	6
Archdeacons Loan					0	30000	
Donations and Legacies					**185,708**	**197468**	
Fees for Weddings and Funerals	1270				1270	132	
						132	
Charitable activities							
Craft sale	905				905	850	
Car parking	540				540	780	
Room/hall hire	3799				3799	6475	
Hillfest income	240				240		
Summer Ball	4406				4406	3808	
					11160	**11913**	
Other trading activities							
Bank and CBF deposit interest	1957				1957	1730	
Investments					**1957**	**1730**	
Other Receipts						0	
Total received on all funds	162,619	14796	21410		**198,825**	**211243**	

4 - £4010 donation to help pay for a Youth Worker

5 - Donation for decorating the Portacabins and helping furnish them.

6 - A grant of £10,000 was received from the Child's Charity Trust, a grant of £5000 was received from Spring Harvest and £19120 was received from The Kindling Network.

7. Analysis of total paid

	Unrestricted General Funds £	Designated Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Endowed Funds £	Total All Funds 2025 £	Total All Funds 2024 £	Notes
Cost of fundraising the Ball	1611					1,160	
Cost of raising funds	**1611**				**1611**	**1,160**	
Charitable donations (10% giving)		10,000			10,000	10,000	**8**
Charity donations (other)	3460				3460	4,237	
Parish share to Chichester Diocese	68,520				68,520	61,716	
Salaries and honoraria incl NI	16,740		11,010		27,750	18,852	
Clergy and other people's expenses	9238				9238	9,077	
Outreach	5227				5227	3,651	
Childrens/Youth Ministry	1054		8731		9785	4,833	**9**
Cost of church services	3054				3054	3,199	
Music/sound/IT	2242		4745		6987	7,155	**10**
Photocopying	819				819	650	
Church utilities bills	11773				11773	4,562	**11**
Other regular church running costs	4263				4263	2,930	
Church maintenance & redecoration	8174				8174	5,339	
Grounds maintenance	159				159	442	
Portacabins	2,472		18106		20,578	0	**12**
Church repairs	228		13653		13881	57,497	**13**
Regeneration Project	4626				4626		
Insurance	6435				6435	6,373	
Repaying Archdeacons Loan	4320				4320	1,080	
Bank fees	118				118	55	
Charitable costs	**152,922**	**10,000**	**56245**		**219,167**	**201,648**	
Hall maintenance & redecoration						2,988	
Church Hall utilities	1905				1905	2,403	
Church hall running costs (other)							
Trading costs	**1905**				**1905**	**5,391**	
Other payments	**904**				**904**		**14**
Total paid on all funds	**157,342**	**10,000**	**56,245**		**223,587**	**208,199**	

8. Charitable donations from our 10% giving includes £2500 to The Matthew 25 Mission, £2500 to Beachy Head Chaplaincy Team, £2500 to Family Support Work and £2500 to Peru People
9. £8547 spent from Child's Charity Trust and £184 spent from Youth Mission Grant from 2024
10. £4745 spent from Spring Harvest Grant
11. £4000 spent on installation of internet to the church
12. £17835 spent from 2024 donation for Childrens accommodation and £271 spent from special appeal
13. £13653 spent from previous donations
14. Payments to the Diocese for fees

Notes to the Annual Financial Report

Staff Costs

	2025	2024	notes
	£	£	
Wages, salaries and honaria	27750	13,599	
Employer National Insurance		1,092	
Employer Pension contributions	0	136	
	27750	**14,827**	

Since 2024 the charity has employed a part tine administrator, youth worker and facilities manager.

Notes to the Annual Financial Report					
Statement of Funds					
	Balances b/fwd			**Transfers, other gains**	**Balances c/fwd**
	01-Jan-25	**Income**	**Expenditure**	**and losses**	**31-Dec-25**
	£	**£**	**£**	**£**	**£**
Restricted Funds					
Hub Improvement	0				0
Church Building Repairs	13,653		13,653		0
Childens accommodation/Youth Worker	17,835		17,835		0
Youth Mission Grant	184		184		0
Children and Youth Worker	7,000	4010	11,010		0
Child Charity Trust Grant	0	10,000	8,547		1,453
Spring Harvest Grant	0	5,000	4,745		255
Portacabin Appeal	0	2400	271		2,129
Total of all restricted funds	**38672**	**21410**	**56,245**		**3837**
Unrestricted funds					
General fund	39,764	162,619	157,342		45,041
Designated	2,688	310			2,998
Designated 10% giving fund	248	14486	10000		4734
Total of all unrestricted funds	**42,700**	**177,415**	**167,342**		**52,773**
Total funds	**81,372**	**198,825**	**223,587**		**56,610**

Statement of Assets and Liabilities							
	Unrestricted				Total	Total	
	General	Designated	Restricted	Endowed	All Funds	All Funds	
	Funds	Funds	Funds	Funds	2025	2024	No
	£	£	£	£	£	£	
Assets							
Bank current Account (Metro)	20414		3837		24251	21,162	
Bank current Account (CAF)	9468	7732			17200	16,962	
CBF Deposit Fund	15159				15159	43,248	
Total bank and deposit accounts	**45041**	**7732**	**3837**		**56610**	**81,372**	
Deposit due back	200				200		
Hub hire outstanding	180				180		
Gift Aid recoverable						1,252	
Debtors	**380**				**380**	**1252**	
Total Assets						**82,624**	
Liabilities							
Electricity since last bill						200	
Gas used since last bill	835				835	600	
Loan Payments due within one year	4320				4,320	4,286	
Loan Payments due after one year	20280				20,280	24,634	
Total Liabilities	**25435**				**25435**	**29720**	
Total Net Assests less liabilities					**31555**	**52,904**	

Charlotte Moore (Treasurer)

- These financial statements were approved by the PCC and signed on their behalf by The Revd Benjamin Sleep, Vicar.

Signed:  Revd Benjamin Sleep (Vicar)
Date: 11th February 2026

Independent examiner's report on the accounts

Section A Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees

Charity Name
The Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish of St Michael and All Angels, Eastbourne

On accounts for the year ended	31 December 2025	**Charity no (if any)**	1205515

Set out on pages: Trustees report, Receipts and payments accounts, statement of assets and liabilities and notes to the accounts.

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31/12/2025.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity's trustees, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ("the Act").

I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination, I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

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 which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; or
- the accounts did not accord with the accounting records; or
- the accounts did 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: [signature] **Date:** 15/04/2026

Name: COLIN DADSWELL

Relevant professional qualification(s) or body (if any): FCA

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Section B	Disclosure
	Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight material matters of concern (see CC32, Independent examination of charity accounts: directions and guidance for examiners).
Give here brief details of any items that the examiner wishes to disclose.	

- These accounts and notes to the Annual Financial Report have been audited by the Independent Examiner, approved by the PCC and signed on their behalf by The Revd Benjamin Sleep, Vicar

Signed: Revd Benjamin Sleep (Vicar)
Date: 22nd April 2026

Independent examiner's report on the accounts

Section A Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees

Charity Name
The Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish of St Michael and All Angels, Eastbourne

On accounts for the year ended	31 December 2025	**Charity no (if any)**	1205515

Set out on pages

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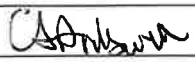
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