ANNUAL REPORT 2025

ALL SAINTS CHURCH, WICK.

Giving thanks for all the Lord has done

What we achieved and how we positively impacted beneficiaries' lives

Every year the PCC is required to write a report of our activities in accordance with the Charity Commission guidance. This is a formal document, but it is also a chance for us to look back with thanks for all that the Lord has done and commit the current and future years to His service. In addition to this report, there are financial and other reports available through the Church and on our website. The format required by the Charity Commission determines the formality of the report, but I hope that you will be encouraged as you read it. Thank you for all that you do as part of our Church family, and may the glory go to God!

Reverend Lisa Fairman-Brown, Priest in Charge of All Saints, Wick

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Compliance

Our incumbent and the PCC have considered the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit and, in particular, on 'charities for the advancement of religion.' The PCC has complied with section 5 of the Safeguarding and Clergy Discipline Measure 2016, recognising its duty to have due regard to House of Bishops' guidance on safeguarding children and vulnerable adults.

Our aims and purposes as a Church and religious charity

The PCC has the responsibility of co-operating with the Incumbent 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.
- Practical support and care for people in the parish, from the youngest to the eldest, irrespective of level of need or any other situation or circumstance.
- Providing financial support for those in need and to other organisations with similar objectives.
- These are summarised in the diocesan vision statement for people to 'Know, Love and Follow Jesus.'

How we sought to achieve those aims and purposes

For people to come to know Jesus as Lord, Saviour and friend:

- By inviting as many people as possible to become part of our worshipping community.
- By sharing the good news of Jesus and nurturing new believers.
- Through the offer of prayer ministry to those inside and outside our congregation.

For people to grow in love for Jesus, through getting to know Him better:

- By seeking to lead worship services that allow everyone to hear from God's word, exalt Christ and share together in worship.
- By meeting together in small groups – reading the Bible together, praying for one another and encouraging each other.
- Growing our faith in our everyday lives as we deepen our knowledge and faith.

For people to follow Jesus out to be a blessing and benefit to our community:

- Through the provision of pastoral care for those in need.
- Making donations to missions and charitable organisations.
- Maintaining the fabric of the church building and Wick Hall for the benefit of the wider parish.
- Encouraging all church members to live out their beliefs in word and deed.

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Priest in Charge's Report: Rev'd. Lisa Fairman-Brown

Our Vision

Becoming Spirit-filled disciples who deeply know, love and follow Jesus; releasing his Kingdom in our community.

Our Why

We long to see people:

- Living in the joy and freedom found in knowing Christ as Lord and Saviour.
- Encountering the immeasurable love of the Father through the Holy Spirit.
- Following Jesus and sharing this new life with others.

God's Word shapes our teaching, we want to hear it, obey it and be transformed by it. We did this in our gathered worship by rooting our preaching in the Bible and shaping several of the sermon series around the Chichester Diocese Year of Faith beginning with a three-part preach on baptism, holy communion and being ministers of our God. Then in this 1,700th anniversary year of the Council of Nicaea, we took a deep dive into the Nicene Creed to understand how these declarations of the Christian faith have sustained missionaries, been recited by martyrs, guided disciples of Christ in every generation and still in 2025 build our faith. Our intergenerational summer services featured 7 heroes of faith from the Bible.

In view of the Church of England's Living in Love and Faith project I led a three-part teaching series on Jesus, marriage and relationships. The aim was to help us think through these matters theologically and to keep in balance both radical Christian inclusion where everyone is truly welcome, can feel loved, discipled and cared for well as well as radical Christian holiness where we sit under the clear authority of the Bible and receive it's teaching. These two strands are not contradictory, that is what Jesus did and as followers of Christ, we are called to do so too. We concluded 2025 in an Advent series on how to be ready for the return of Jesus our King.

We expect the Holy Spirit to act. So we actively welcome his presence and his authority as we pray before each service and after God's Word has been unpacked, we have a time of ministry to respond to all the Holy Spirit may wish to do in and among us.

We are all sorts of saints who belong to one another as the family of God and I am inspired as week by week so many of you serve one another in many different ways to enable our gathered worship to happen and for everyone, whether new or established here, to be welcomed, cared for and brought in.

I want to warmly thank our Church Wardens for their hard work, consistent support and wisdom. Ann Macaulay continued in this role throughout 2025 bringing invaluable experience and light-

heartedness. At the APCM in April Clare Purdom stepped down after serving two terms plus a year (7 in total). At the start of the year she had helpfully prepared an extensive list of all the roles which she and Jon were relinquishing. Clare certainly went above and beyond in all of these tasks, and was why I was glad to make a clergy nomination for her to be awarded the Order of St Richard, recognising exceptional contribution to local life. Jane Hicks was appointed at the Vestry Meeting as our new Church Warden and she rapidly took on a wide range of tasks. It's been invaluable having a Church Warden principally at each of our worship sites. All three Church Wardens are a delight and I want to register my sincere appreciation to Ann, Clare and Jane.

Our PCC members are committed and faithful to the task of trusteeship, their input, contributions and advice are invaluable in ensuring we go forward with the mission entrusted to us in Wick.

With the quantity of tasks needed to enable gathered worship at Wick Hall, duties are now more widely shared out so as not to burden any one person. I am thankful to our service enablers (duty wardens) who each oversee one Sunday. They are all ably and cheerfully supported by our welcome, hospitality, reading, intercessory, AV/tech, communion and set up/pack down teams. My thanks to you all. A central part of our gathered worship at 10.30 is our children's and youth provision, this vital ministry is detailed later.

In June 2025, Revd. Glenn McWatt, already a member of our 9am congregation, received PTO status. This enables him to minister in the benefice, I am so glad that Glenn can once again exercise ordained ministry and he leads and presides on the 3rd Sunday and covers at other times. His ministry has been welcomed and valued by both congregations. I too am appreciative of his support. The Archdeacon advertised the post of House for Duty Minister for the benefice on two occasions, prior to and after the summer holidays, but no candidates were forthcoming.

Several of the congregation have undertaken training under the diocesan Authorised Lay Ministry programme and following their commissioning next year, we will see our ministry enriched and strengthened in a variety of ways from pastoral, to mission, preaching and worship.

I also want to acknowledge my sincere thanks to Janis Myers, our treasurer, who continued in this role to ensure continuity in my first year as your Priest in Charge. Janis has carried this role with skill and integrity for sixteen years and as she stands down at the 2026 APCM, I know we will all want to express to her our immense gratitude.

As an active and growing church, many of our activities fall under the oversight of our Parish Safeguarding Officer, Julia Eastaugh and I want to recognise and thank her for all she does for us in this regard. In 2025 Julia implemented the new dashboard system and thanks to her sustained work, our church is amongst those who have made the most progress in the diocese. The role has a wide remit and she has taken on additional work to establish our authorised lay ministers.

Alison Manester

The whole church was grieved to hear of Alison Manester's unexpected death on 31st December. I would like to conclude my report with the tribute from her Celebration of Life Service on behalf of All Saints:

What may I say about Alison?

From the day she and her dear father moved from her beloved Fulham to Wick in the early 1990s, she gave herself wholeheartedly to All Saints and to this community. Part of her heart remained in Fulham. 'Fulham was her home.' But today we say with greater hope, 'Heaven is her home' until the Lord makes all things new.

Reverend Stephen Hudson told me that Alison was an invaluable Churchwarden and said that he used to joke that after every Sunday service she would "bustle" around, making sure everything was just right. Thirty years on, I say the same: Alison bustled about loving Jesus and loving people. She genuinely thanked Jesus every time she took communion, it was a touching moment at the Holy Table.

Her gift of hospitality was extraordinary. Planning groups met in her home for years, and every time we were welcomed as honoured guests. There were scones, crumbles, Victoria sponge, Christmas cakes (she apparently made eight to give to different people for Christmas 2025) as well as celebration cakes for special birthdays and anniversaries. But more than the food, there was warmth. In her home, over cups of tea and much laughter, we glimpsed the generous heart of God.

She was at the centre of church social life, especially where food was involved, working tirelessly so others could relax and enjoy themselves. Summer afternoons in her garden with its fish pond and flamingo lights. She shared its fruits - plums, tomatoes, runner beans and rhubarb, they all felt like small foretastes of the kingdom.

Alison had a special heart for children and young people. She led the Sunday children's work, joining them on their journey of faith. Stephen remembers how much his son John loved those times talking about Jesus, and he is now Rector of Basingstoke. Through Rainbows, her faithfulness as key-holder at the Guide Hall, and her knitting of baby cardigans and those famous little octopuses, she quietly invested in the next generation.

The young people's collage says it all: welcoming hugs, cups of tea, roses, crafting, Christingle, the communion cup, cruise ships, Sainsbury's bags, fruit cake, flamingos and the pond and above all, her love of Jesus and of people. That was the thread running through everything.

She loved her sister June and John, loved holidays and cruises, loved this town but supremely, she loved Jesus. She served Him in the ordinary, unseen ways that keep a church alive: setting out communion, washing up, unlocking doors, turning up, praying faithfully.

As her pastor, I can say her life made my ministry lighter and my heart fuller. She loved her Saviour, she loved His church, she loved His people and in loving them, she reflected Him. Thank you, Alison. Well done, good and faithful servant.

Church Wardens' Report and Fabric, Fixtures and Fittings Report: Jane Hicks & Ann Macaulay

My first year as Churchwarden set me on a steep learning curve and I am grateful to both Ann and Clare for their advice and guidance. It has been a privilege to support Lisa and to serve the congregations of All Saints and Wick Hall.

Apart from the many regular duties that needed to be carried out, my main focus this year has been on All Saints Church. Firstly, we held a **Clean & Clear** week during the summer and a working party of willing volunteers gave their time and effort to clearing rubbish, deep cleaning the church and painting walls and radiators. **Two new oak handrails** have been installed in the church, the **lobby ceiling** was replaced and walls repaired and repainted. You will have noticed at Christmas that scaffolding was erected on the exterior west wall of the church to enable necessary **repointing**. Now complete, this will enable the interior of the west wall in the church to dry out and it can then be repaired and painted. We also obtained permission from the Diocese to replace the ancient boiler located in the cellar of All Saints Church with a **new boiler,** and the church is warmer as a result. Work will be ongoing in 2026 to box in and paint the unsightly pipes above the café area. In order to try and offset some of the cost of these works, we have held some fundraising events and these will continue to occur in the coming year.

I thank all those in the two congregations who have been so encouraging to me and look forward to working together in the Lord's service next year.

PCC Secretary Report: Liz Brooks

The PCC met regularly on a bi-monthly basis throughout the year in the Garden Room. Each meeting started with a Bible reflection and prayer from our Priest in Charge, Lisa, in her first full year with us.

It is a pleasure to work with the members of the PCC who are all dedicated to All Saints reflecting God's love to our community. Their willingness to listen to each other's perspectives, wisdom and hard work, especially when researching options, has ensured the right decisions are being made for each situation.

Janis Myers, our outstanding treasurer made sure we complied with our statutory obligations following on from becoming a charity and she will be greatly missed when she steps down at our next APCM meeting. Thank you Janis for all you have done over so many years. You're going to be a hard act to follow!

On behalf of the church family, my thanks also go to our Church Wardens and all our PCC members, as well as to Lisa for their commitment to All Saints in this new phase of our church life.

Electoral Roll Report: Rev'd Lisa Fairman-Brown

In 2025 our electoral roll was started again and all members were asked to reapply. Alison Manester was our electoral roll officer and oversaw the establishment of this new electoral roll. We registered 139 members which was nine down on the previous electoral roll. 29 were resident in the parish and 110 non-resident. It is with great sadness that I am writing this part of the report as the role of Electoral Roll Officer was held by Alison Manester.

CARE

Safeguarding: Julia Eastaugh, All Saints, Wick Parish Safeguarding Officer

Safeguarding in the Church of England is the protection of all those in our church communities who could be deemed to be particularly susceptible to abuse; our children, our youth and vulnerable adults.

The Parish Safeguarding Officer (PSO) is the link between the diocese and the parish concerning Safeguarding matters. My remit as PSO, involves two main areas, the oversight of all training, DBS checks, administration of safeguarding policies etc and being one of the main 'go to' people should any safeguarding incident occur. I am ably supported by the Diocesan Safeguarding Team, Lisa, our priest-in-charge, the churchwardens and PCC.

During the past year, I have been getting to grips with the diocesan Dashboard tool which enables me to ensure that we are following the diocesan safeguarding policies and procedures. During this time, we have progressed to the top level 3 and I will now need to be concentrating on the Use of Social Media and Data Protection and Retention among other things. I have just started to trial the diocesan Safeguarding Hub, which will enable me to keep a secure record and check of all DBS checks, training and Safer Recruitment.

Confidentiality is an essential part of my role and any conversations or advice-seeking are on a strict need to know basis. Absence of general discussion does not imply absence of safeguarding incidents! However, my main message is that Safeguarding is the responsibility of all of us, not just me.

Ministry

People coming to know Jesus (coming to faith)

The first part of our aim is to help people come to know Jesus. At All Saints, we are passionate about people coming to know Jesus, because this is why Jesus came. And when we have that relationship with God through Jesus, we begin to be transformed by Him and are equipped to make a difference in Wick and beyond. Of course, this happens throughout the week as we get involved in our community in a whole range of different ways, but here are some examples of how we, as a church family, have made a difference.

Knit & Natter: Fliss Jay

Knit and Natter has had a very special year where we have seen three new members and one returning member. One of our new members will be attending the 2026 Alpha Course with her sister. We partnered with Lyminster School to create a beautiful poppy display, made a Knitivity to be used to tell the Christmas Story at the Crib Service, bless the Tots on Tuesday Christmas Session and brighten the Garden Room. We have also supported each other through grief and exploration of our faith.

Pastoral Fund: Rev'd. Lisa Fairman-Brown, Ann Macaulay & Jane Hicks

A number of local individuals and families have been helped by this fund during the year.

Men's Ministry: Dave Sax & Nigel Charman

We have had several events this year: A Breakfast talk on Alzheimer's and Dementia by Andrew Morgan Watts was very popular. Nigel Charman shared his testimony at another event. A Cheese & Wine evening with a testimony by David Green and Joe Gisbey gathered a higher than average number of attendees, but we have between 12 and 24 men attending on average. More speakers are planned for 2026.

Our aim is to offer a safe place for men to meet, share fellowship and grow relationships with each other. We try and honestly tackle the issues men don't like to face in a loving, compassionate environment and with the empathy worthy of our Saviour Christ Jesus.

We'd particularly like to express our thanks to Dave as he stepped back at the end of 2025.

Ladies Group: Viv Jones & Jenny Tillman

We meet on the first Friday of the month from 7-9pm. This last year we have had several different activities: flower arranging, a French evening, walk along the river side with fish and chips, Harvest meal, Christmas social with quiz, with up to twelve ladies. These gatherings are always a good time of fellowship, chatter and laughter.

We had been meeting at Alison's home for a number of years, but due to her passing we will be meeting at Viv's home in 2026.

All Ladies are welcome, so please see Viv for a Programme card for 2026.

Women's Breakfasts: Maryann Gillett

The Women's Breakfasts took place 5 times in 2025 and attracted around 30 people each time. They are 'Bring and Share' events that have tea and coffee provided by the church. In 2025, they alternated between the church and the Small Wick Hall.

WORSHIP AND DISCIPLESHIP

All Saints Services on Sundays & Wednesdays: Jenny Tillman, Viv Jones and Ron Jones

The 9am service is a more traditional communion service where we can have up to 40 people attending. It is usually led by Lisa, with Glenn taking on the third Sundays when Lisa is at Lyminster. Either Lisa, Glenn or our Lay Readers take the sermon.

With a mix of traditional and modern songs, Jane and Heather take it in turns to lead the worship, assisted by George, Clare and Steve. Either Viv, Janice, Jane or George minister the chalice and there is a rota for reading the bible passage and for intercessory prayer during the service.

Prayer ministry is offered at the end of the service and there is always coffee, tea, biscuits and fellowship too.

Midweek Communion Service – Wednesdays 9.30am. Some say this is their favourite service of the week and the congregation has grown to 20-25. It was a delight to have a renewal of baptismal vows in March for one of our regular members and then an adult baptism in December, followed by fellowship with the largest Victoria Sponge imaginable!

Easter: Rev'd Lisa Fairman-Brown

Our Easter Garden returned to Wick Hall. In Holy Week, we had Easter reflections from Monday to Wednesday (led by members of our Reader team), and there was a spoken word at the communion service on Maundy Thursday, followed by a time of watch in the Garden Room.

We joined with Lyminster Church for a Good Friday service. On Easter Sunday All Saints Wick held one joint celebration service with holy communion at Wick Hall. Many enjoyed having the opportunity to worship as one united congregation.

Advent & Christmas 2025: Rev'd Lisa Fairman-Brown

'Christmas starts earlier every year…'. This year, while praying in early July, the phrase 'Let every heart, prepare Him room' from the carol Joy to the World was repeatedly laid on my mind and I kept the lyrics to hand to discern if this was relevant for our Christmas plans.

So it was that our Christmas 2025 invitations proclaimed**: Joy to the world!** Along with this promise from Psalm 94:19 (CSB translation) 'When I am filled with cares, your comfort brings me joy.'

> Joy to the world; the Lord is come;
> Let Earth receive her King;
> Let ev'ry heart prepare him room,
> And heav'n and nature sing.

Many people are longing for hope in hard times. This line reminds us that joy is not based on how we feel, but on the truth that Christ has come.

Liz Brooks took the initial street mapping work prepared by Marian Ayres, extended it and 5,000 Christmas card invitations were printed and almost all delivered to homes right across the benefice. It was marvellous to see the enthusiasm with which so many in the congregations delivered these invitations. At all our Christmas Services we saw many people join us and when greeting people at the door, person after person said they had come in response to the invitation they received through their door.

There was a tangible joy among us at all our Christmas events and services, for which we give thanks to God. This joy spread from Wick Christmas Lights On, to Christingle, and then Carols for

Everyone and the Christmas Day Celebration service at All Saints, as well as a service of Nine Lessons and Carols and the Midnight Communion at Lyminster. Huge thanks to each team involved in making these lovely services a blessing to all who came.

Arundel and Bognor Deanery Synod Annual Report 2025: Janice Betson, one of All Saints' Deanery Synod reps

Each diocese is split up in to deaneries and each deanery in to parishes. Every parish has a parochial church council (PCC) which sends representatives to the Deanery Synod. The Deanery Synod is the council for the Deanery. It usually meets three or four times a year, in various churches in the Deanery.

I find it good and interesting to meet up with people from other parishes in different churches. At a meeting there is usually some official business, such as finance, or voting on an issue which may have come down from the General or Diocesan Synod, and there is usually an interesting talk. There is also a short service, perhaps a song, a reading and prayers.

This last year, there was a meeting on 17 July at Holy Cross, North Bersted, where the Managing Chaplain at HMP Ford, Andy Kerr, gave a talk about the chaplains' work at the prison. There was a Finance Meeting in November at St Andrew's, Ferring.

Home Groups: Roger Purdom

The past 12 months have seen a couple of groups cease for various reasons. This leaves 9 groups. Some groups meet during the day, while some meet in the evening, one group meets online and another meets at the church. One group meets twice a month. The numbers attending vary but, on average, there would be between 60-70 each week.

Groups enjoy pastoral care over a cup of tea/coffee + biscuits and/or cakes. Sometimes this happens before and after the study time spent together. The time for friendship and fellowship is an important aspect of each group each week. This enables us to pray with and for each other.

The majority of the groups make use of the study notes and questions which are prepared for them week by week as a follow-on to the sermon on the previous Sunday morning. There are two groups who use different study materials which is more appropriate for them.

This enables the groups to study both Old and New Testaments.

Some comments we've received on the study sessions:

- "The notes provide a springboard for wide-ranging discussion and searching the Scriptures. We always include a time of sharing and prayer."
- "We will be looking to grow the group carefully with the right mix of characters!"
- "We sometimes listen to a worship song or watch a DVD clip with background information."
- "The study notes can generate some interesting conversations."
- "Thank you for the notes and study questions"
- "We have been following the sermon series with lively discussions."

As in previous years, the groups are an opportunity to get to know fellow church people and to encourage each other to grow in our Christian journey. If you are not already part of a home group and would like to be in one for a season, please be in touch with Roger or Lisa.

Life Events (Baptisms, weddings, funerals): Rev'd. Lisa Fairman Brown

Thanksgiving, baptisms, weddings and funerals give us a wonderful opportunity to support, encourage and share through the highs and lows how Jesus impacts the journey we go on in our relationships as families. We sadly conducted two funeral services in 2025.

We began the year at the Church by baptising an infant on the same Sunday as the preach on the significance of baptism. In the Spring, we held a renewal of baptismal vows, then, following the Alpha Course we baptised a child and two adults. At the end of the summer, and as part of a joint benefice service on 31st August, we baptised a child and an adult in the sea at East Beach. We also dedicated two infants to God and hosted a thanksgiving service for another. The year ended with an adult baptism at the Midweek Service. Thanks be to God.

Three adults from All Saints were confirmed in May by Ruth, Bishop of Horsham at a service in Middleton on Sea and two in the autumn by Will, Bishop of Lewes at Ferring. Confirmation is a wonderful opportunity to confirm the vows made at baptism and to receive the anointing of the Holy Spirit.

Littlehampton Church Leaders: Rev'd. Lisa Fairman-Brown

Four of the Littlehampton Church Leaders have met termly in 2025 to pray for one another, our churches and the advance of the kingdom of God right across the area. Congregations from across Littlehampton joined together for a Walk of Witness in the town centre on Good Friday, ending with hot cross buns at Trinity Church.

Prayer Meeting: Rev. Glenn McWatt

The monthly (in person) prayer meeting has continued on the third Sunday evening at 6pm in the Garden Room. However, as a church with two combined congregations in excess of 150 people, an average attendance of twelve is certainly not representative of a praying church.

If we mean business with the Lord, and long to see revival in our midst and a change in the climate in our neighbourhood and the country, then we will need to take the matter of prayer seriously.

As the old hymn says:
Prayer is the soul's supreme desire expressed in thought or word; the burning of a hidden fire, a longing for the Lord.
Prayer is the church's glorious song, her task and joy supreme;
we name our Lord in every tongue, And praise is all our theme.

People growing in their love for Jesus (deepening faith)

The second part of our vision is to help people grow in love for Jesus and all that He has made.

Readers/Preachers' Report (Wick Hall Sunday Services & additional ministries):, Revd. Glenn McWatt, Rod Ostler, Roger Purdom, Eileen Ross, Janet Webb

We are a group of leaders and preachers, with various backgrounds, made up of a mix of Lay Ministry and Ordained Ministry. Our team at the start of 2025, as well as Lisa our Priest in Charge, was Roger Purdom, Eileen Ross, Rod Ostler and Janet Webb. In the Autumn we were joined by Glenn McWatt, a real blessing to us all. Our differing backgrounds and strengths lead to a variety of styles, that benefit the diverse congregation that we serve.

Our role is to support Lisa. We contribute to the leadership of the church at Wick, in cooperation with the PCC, for the benefit of the parishes that we serve. Specifically, we are involved in leading services and preaching, but also in providing other ministry as appropriate – pastoral care, funeral ministry, sung worship, outreach to local schools, distribution of Holy Communion in homes and hospitals, supporting Home Groups, supporting the ministry at St Mary Magdalene, Lyminster etc.

We grow closer together by meeting regularly, with care and prayer for each other, giving opportunity to share and discuss any issues. We are not afraid to present differing viewpoints and to explore together what God is calling us to do.

There are people in the congregation who are training to preach and lead and will join us in 2026, maintaining the strength and diversity of this group. We expect Jeannette Sax and Lea Stavrou to become part of the rota soon. More importantly, we look forward to their input, wisdom, spiritual gifts and fellowship as they join the team.

Livestreaming:

Alongside the services in the buildings, we continued to livestream our 10:30am service in Wick Hall. Our online worship engagement has remained significant, but has reduced compared to 2024. It remained important to us to positively impact the lives of those who wanted to access Christian worship but who weren't able to attend in person; they can still join in. It also enables those leading our Super Saints and Youth groups or our Priest in Charge when she is serving in Lyminster to still watch the service later in the day. We also know that people look at our online service to get a taste for what it is like before they come in person.

0-3s

The 0-3 year olds met in the small hall, alongside the Super Saints.

Super Saints: Rev'd. Lisa Fairman-Brown

Along with our Youth, Super Saints is a central part of our Sunday morning gathered worship provision. Super Saints for primary-aged children takes place in the Small Hall after we have sung a first worship song together. Super Saints meets every Sunday except the first when we all worship as one at the All Together Service.

In March, Ellie Horne agreed to take on the lead for Super Saints and in a very short time in this role she was able to implement a new online resource, Energise from Urban Saints, as well as the start of an improved registration system. With regret, she had to step back from Super Saints during the summer.

The dedicated but small team continued with the teaching scheme Ellie set in place. In the early part of the year Alison Manester stepped back from some of her duties but returned later in the year when she saw the need. Her warm-hearted presence will be missed by the children and the team.

As we go into 2026, let's be thanking God for our wonderful team, for our current children and families and those who God will call to join Super Saints in the year ahead. Please also be praying for a strengthening of our team and that we would be able to welcome more children and their families in 2026 and beyond.

With heartfelt thanks to all the team who love and disciple our youngest members.

All Together Service (formerly Splat!): Flix Gillet & Fliss Jay

This service takes place on the first Sunday of the month and attracts all ages, just as intended. There is a short Bible passage explained in a way appropriate for all ages to access, followed by a time of creative prayer.

Youth: Youth Team

Youth Group has two new members in the morning this year and also another new friend in the evening for Pizza and Prayer.

In the summer we enjoyed a special time at a weekend retreat, sleeping over in Lyminster Church, to explore our identity and who God made us to be.
We supported each other through the loss of Alison by creating a memorial collage.
One young person was also baptised this year!

7pm Service: Rod Ostler

The Monthly Evening Service in the Hall, was started over three years ago. Its primary purpose was to provide an opportunity to praise, reflect and wait on the Lord. Worship of our Lord in song is the prominent aspect of the service with a short talk/testimony, normally by a member of one of the congregations. At present around thirty people come, mostly from All Saints, however some Christians from the surrounding area also attend. We changed the start time at the beginning of the year from 8pm start to 7pm as it was felt that ending at 9pm was not desirable or practical for most

of those who came. Throughout the year there have been many good times of worship, prayer and input where the Holy Spirit moved amongst us all, and people were encouraged in their faith. We look forward to seeing God continue to bless and build His people up, throughout 2026.

Worship Music: Steve Bridgeman

The Worship Team is excited about leading the congregations into a place of worship at the 9 and 10.30 services. We are always keen to welcome new members to the team. We are also looking at creative ways of leading worship on the occasions when there may not be a worship leader available. We are very grateful to all who have contributed to this and who continue to do so.

Mission

EVANGELISM

Alpha: Rev'd Lisa Fairman-Brown

A priority for us is to be bringing Jesus to people to make up their own minds and to be curious about the purpose of life and faith. In 2025 we ran two fruitful courses concurrently on Wednesday evenings and Thursday mornings. We were overjoyed to baptise and confirm 3 adults who had taken part in Alpha. Guests in the morning continued on a discipleship pathway and at the end of the year that discipleship group numbered 17 people. They continued to deepen their understanding and love of Jesus week by week as they engaged in The Bible Course, which gave them a broad overview of the arc of Scripture, then a deeper dive into the book of Philippians using the Discipleship Explored course.

At the end of 2025 preparations were made for a new Alpha invitation campaign over the Christmas season for the Alpha Course in 2026. In prayerfully seeking God, it was decided that there would be one evening course in the next season.

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

Football: Joel Horne

The football group continues to meet on a Tuesday evening and attracts 8-15 players each week.

Friday Coffee Morning: Viv & Ron Jones and Jenny Tillman

The Friday coffee morning started here in the church in March 2017 and has been continually running every Friday, except for a 2 week break at Christmas and 1 week break at Easter. The number of people coming has risen, and is usually around 40+.

This is a safe place for people to come and find friendship with plenty of chatter and laughter and enjoying eating of cakes, pastries and scones, drinking coffee and tea, and a tombola. There is a good mix of church and non-church people, some come every week and others occasionally.

During the year we have special mornings raising money for charities. For the two weeks before Easter, we collect for The Snowdrop Trust (based in Warburton) which cares for terminally ill children in their own homes and raised £550. In September, we held our annual Macmillan Big Coffee Morning and raised £600. October's Wear it Pink for Breast Cancer collected £260, while our Christmas theme over the first three weeks in December in aid of St Barnabas raised £500.

At each of the charity mornings there are many more people coming in, they are very well supported. The total amount raised in 2025 for charity was £1,910 and during the year we also gave £1,100 to All Saints. Money is raised by donations for the drinks and food, and the tombola which is £1 for 5 tickets

Alison, who sadly passed away last year, was part of the Friday team since we started in 2017.

Prayer Ministry at 9am Service: Viv Jones

We have the following in the Prayer Ministry Team at the 9am Service: Viv Jones, Glenn McWatt, Anna Fairs, Jane and George Hicks.

We pray in twos for people who want prayer for specific needs at the end of the service. We know God's blessings and the presence of the Holy Spirit with us as we pray.

Garden Room Café: Carol Groves

Once a month on the first Tuesday of the month, from 10 am to 12 noon, around seven of us meet for board games, (normally Rummikub). It is light-hearted and fun to be together. We also have a Scrabble set if others would like to start up another games table.

Schools Mission: Roger Purdom and Rev. Lisa Fairman-Brown

We have two very local primary schools within walking distance of the church.
There are 9 primary schools in the family group of schools in our area and one of our church members accepted an invitation from each school to take whole school assemblies. In the 20-30 minutes (depending on the school) we have been able to tell a Bible story and have a prayer with the whole school. This is a very important input into these schools and they are grateful.

Although the other schools in the family group are outside the 'boundaries' of the church, this church member visits each school each term. He has been doing this for about 20 years. These are wonderful opportunities – long may they last.

One of the two schools nearest the church came to the church for a Christingle service at the of the Autumn Term. It was an opportunity to welcome children, staff and parents and share the Christmas story. We had 3 sessions across the age groups and it was well received. We hope to keep inviting these two schools in the coming year. Long may these contacts continue.

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In addition to Roger's faithful school's work, Lisa was invited to Lyminster School before and after Easter to share the whole Easter story and to award prizes for the brilliant Easter bonnets the children had made. Glenn and Lisa each took an assembly in White Meadows School. Lisa helped in TLA's prayer week and led students in a summer and Christmas communion service in the chapel.

Tots on Tuesday: Angela Maddox

Firstly I would like to thank Jeanette Sax for the amazing work she did leading Tots on Tuesday. Due to work commitments she stepped down in September and I took over - a hard act to follow! It has been a great few months with an average of 15-20 families attending.

We now have more men attending with their children/grandchildren which is a great benefit to them and the group. We have had a couple of visits from the Arun family hub outreach team who provided helpful advice and information for the parents. With the help of a grant we have invested in some really great resources which the children are enjoying very much.

We have a singing session and story time at the end with both children and adults joining in enthusiastically. At Christmas we sang a few carols and told a very simple version of the nativity story using the characters knitted by Fliss' mum. I think maybe next time we should rehearse a bit more, but with much laughter we shared the message of Christmas. It was lovely to see some of the families attend the Christingle service and our aim is to promote the All Together services more.

I would like to thank all the team for their support and the brilliant work they do. They have created a safe, welcoming group for families. If anyone feels called to join the team please speak to me or Lisa

People following Jesus out to love our community (living out our Faith)

The third part of our vision as a church is to live out the faith we have in Jesus by loving our neighbours, the community around us in Wick and making a positive impact in people's lives.

Wick Action Group: Clare Purdom

The group comprises of local councillors. a community champion and the church to promote and establish positive opportunities for the people of Wick. During 2025, the group held two film afternoons, which Wick Hall hosted for families under the name of 'Wick Flicks'. Each of these events gave opportunities to get to know members of our community.

Wick Hall User Groups & Hire: Lisa Myers

Hall Booking Online continues to serve as an effective platform for managing bookings and invoicing. Our subscription was renewed in July 2025. Over the past year, we accommodated 11 regular hirers and 96 one-off bookings, an increase from 83 in 2024. Many clients returned, reflecting positive experiences. Events hosted included parties, baby showers, charity functions, dance practices, and meetings for local businesses, notably care homes holding their Residents' Christmas Parties.

The hall remains a preferred venue for community events, such as the RNLI Christmas Fair and Lyminster Church's Christmas Quiz. Outreach has been made to previous organisers to encourage future bookings. A regular hirer who paused in 2024 due to health reasons has resumed, now offering twice-weekly dance classes. Following the passing of Alison Manester, leadership of the 1st Wick Rainbows will transition to Donna, who will merge the two Rainbow groups.

While administrative duties have occasionally been challenging due to other commitments, I remain committed to managing bookings and invoices. Special thanks go to Clare Purdom for key management and to Janis Myers for payment communications, ensuring efficient booking approvals. We ask for continued support and prayers that Wick Hall remains a venue of choice for local celebrations, fostering community engagement for years to come.

Support

Treasurer's Report – Janis Myers

The charity used to be an excepted charity but was registered with the Charity Commission on the 21.11.2023. The accounts were prepared for the financial period 1.01.2025 to 31.12.2025 based on the Charity Commission's advice.

• The total receipts on general unrestricted funds were £113,686 for Church and Wick Hall. Full details can be found in the 2025 Financial Statement and Accounts.

• The total expenditure from general unrestricted funds was £109,855 for Church and Wick Hall together.

• The largest expenditure to the PCC was the sum of £52,885 paid to the Diocese towards the cost of our ministry. This goes towards the cost of the training, housing, stipend and pension costs of clergy, diocesan central costs, departments at Church House and a contribution to the national church.

• Wick Hall generated an income of £26,846, and general expenditure of £29,828. The net result for the year was an excess of receipts over payments of £2,981, part of this figure was a repayment of the Arch Deacons Loan of £10,000 which was given as a donation towards the replacement of the roof. The balance in the major works fund is £9,168 which has been incorporated to the Wick Hall account.

• The Wick Information Centre has been renamed as Garden Room Cafe but this was closed at the end of 2024 and remaining fund incorporated into the Church account.

Reserve Policy

• It is the PCC policy to try and maintain a balance on the general unrestricted funds which equates to an average of 3 months' unrestricted payments. This is equivalent to £15,000. It is held to smooth out fluctuation in cash flow and to meet emergencies.

• The cash balance of £16,008 held in the Deposit Account at the end of the year is therefore considered sufficient at the present time. These funds are held in CCLA Church of England Deposit Fund.

• (Full copies of the Financial Statement and Accounts will be available on All Saints Church website)

Independent Examiner of Accounts

Independent Examiners Ltd have been appointed to examine the 2025 accounts.

ALL SAINTS CHURCH, WICK
ANNUAL ACCOUNTS FOR YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2025

Parochial Church Council of All Saints Wick

Receipts and Payments for the year ended 31st December 2025

	Notes	Unrestricted Fund £	Designated Fund £	Restricted Fund £	Total all Funds 2025 £	Total All Funds 2024 £
Receipts						
All Saints Wick Church	*7*	86,838	0	20	86,858	86,157
Wick Hall	*9*	26,847	0	0	26,847	22,884
Garden Room Café	*11*	0	0	0	0	1,035
Total receipts		**113,685**	**0**	**20**	**113,705**	**110,076**
Payments						
All Saints Wick Church	*8*	80,027	0	450	80,477	71,902
Wick Hall	*10*	17,988	11,841	0	29,829	21,735
Garden Room Café	*12*	0	0	0	0	1,363
Total Payments		**98,015**	**11,841**	**450**	**110,306**	**95,000**
Net of Receipts/(Payments)		**15,670**	**-11,841**	**-430**	**3,399**	**15,076**
Transfer between funds		0	0	0	0	0
Cash funds last year end		66,604	21,010	1,954	89,568	74,492
Cash funds this year end		**82,274**	**9,169**	**1,524**	**92,967**	**89,568**

ALL SAINTS CHURCH, WICK
ANNUAL ACCOUNTS FOR YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2025

Parochial Church Council of All Saints Wick

Statement of Assets and Liabilities for the year ended 31st December 2025

	Unrestricted Fund £	Designated Fund £	Restricted Fund £	Total Funds 2025 £	Total Funds 2024 £
Assets					
All Saints Church					
Bank Current Account	47,149	0	1,524	48,673	42,826
Deposit Account	16,008	0	0	16,008	15,315
Wick Hall					
Bank Current Account	19,118	9,169	0	28,287	31,269
Garden Room Café					
Bank Current Account	0	0	0	0	159
Total cash funds	**82,274**	**9,169**	**1,524**	**92,967**	**89,568**
Other Monetary Assets					
All Saints Church					
Gift Aid Recoverable	3,056	0	0	3,056	2,532
Total Other Assets	**3,056**	**0**	**0**	**3,056**	**2,532**
Liabilities					
All Saints Church					
Independent Examiner's Fee	1,176	0	0	1,176	1,140
Admin costs	829	0	0	829	0
Wick Hall					
Arch Deacon Loan Liability	0	10,000	0	10,000	20,000
Total Liabilities	**2,005**	**10,000**	**0**	**12,005**	**21,140**

This Financial Report for the year ended 31st December 2025 including the notes following was approved by the PCC and signed on its behalf by:

Signed

Date 17 March 2026

Rev L Fairman-Brown

ALL SAINTS CHURCH, WICK
ANNUAL ACCOUNTS FOR YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2025

All Saints Church

Receipts and Payments for the year ended 31st December 2025

	Unrestricted Fund £	Designated Fund £	Restricted Fund £	Total all Funds 2025 £	Total All Funds 2024 £
Receipts					
Donations and legacies	85,489	0	20	85,509	84,894
Investments	693	0	0	693	689
Other Transactions	656	0	0	656	574
Total receipts	**86,838**	**0**	**20**	**86,858**	**86,157**
Payments					
Raising Funds	50	0	0	50	897
Charitable activities	79,977	0	450	80,427	71,005
Total Payments	**80,027**	**0**	**450**	**80,477**	**71,902**
Net of Receipts	**6,811**	**0**	**-430**	**6,381**	**14,255**
Transfer between funds	0	0	0	0	0
Transfer from Garden Room Café	159	0	0	159	0
Cash funds last year end	56,187	0	1,954	58,141	43,886
Cash funds this year end	**63,157**	**0**	**1,524**	**64,681**	**58,141**

ALL SAINTS CHURCH, WICK
ANNUAL ACCOUNTS FOR YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2025

Wick Hall

Receipts and Payments for the year ended 31st December 2025

	Unrestricted Fund £	Designated Fund £	Restricted Fund £	Total all Funds 2025 £	Total All Funds 2024 £
Receipts					
Income from Hall hire	26,847	0	0	26,847	22,884
Utility	0	0	0	0	0
Donation	0	0	0	0	0
Total receipts	**26,847**	**0**	**0**	**26,847**	**22,884**
Payments					
Cost of charitable activities	17,988	11,841	0	29,829	21,735
Total Payments	**17,988**	**11,841**	**0**	**29,829**	**21,735**
Net of Receipts	**8,859**	**-11,841**	**0**	**-2,982**	**1,149**
Transfer between funds	0	0	0	0	0
Cash funds last year end	10,259	21,010	0	31,269	30,119
Cash funds this year end	**19,118**	**9,169**	**0**	**28,287**	**31,268**

ALL SAINTS CHURCH, WICK
ANNUAL ACCOUNTS FOR YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2025

Garden Room Café

Receipts and Payments for the year ended 31st December 2025

	Unrestricted Fund £	Designated Fund £	Restricted Fund £	Total all Funds 2025 £	Total All Funds 2024 £
Receipts					
Trading & Donations	0	0	0	0	205
IT Reimbursement	0	0	0	0	830
Total receipts	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**1,035**
Payments					
Cost of Charitable Activities	0	0	0	0	1,363
Total Payments	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**1,363**
Net of Receipts/(Payments)	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**-328**
Transfer between funds	0	0	0	0	0
Transfer to All Saints	-159	0	0	-159	0
Cash funds last year end	159	0	0	159	487
Cash funds this year end	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**159**

Parochial Church Council of All Saints Wick

Notes to the Accounts for the year ended 31st December 2025

1 The financial statements of the PCC have been prepared in accordance with the Charities Act 2001 and the Church Accounting Regulations 2015, using the Receipts and Payments basis.

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

3 Liabilities £10,000 - Arch Deacon Loan (2024: £20,000)

4 Gift Aid is recoverable on donations received up to the year end, since the last claim was submitted on the 30th of September 2025, covering donations up to this date. Gift Aid claim for donations received in October to December were claimed after year end and the amount is mentioned as other monetary assets.

5 Payments to PCC employees were:

	2025	2024
Gross Pay	£3,226	£3,031

6 No payments were made to PCC members or connected persons.

All Saints Church

Notes to the Accounts for the year ended 31st December 2025 (continued)

7. Receipts

	Unrestricted Fund £	Designated Funds £	Restricted Fund £	Total all Funds 2025 £	Total all Funds 2024 £
Donations and Legacies					
Planned giving	64,267	0	0	64,267	61,917
Plate Income	1,939	0	0	1,939	2,547
Gift Aid Recovered	10,967	0	0	10,967	10,386
Donations	455	0	0	455	207
Mission/Evangelism	3,975	0	20	3,995	4,215
Clergy Reimbursement	178	0	0	178	4,429
Fundraising	1,273	0	0	1,273	0
Vicarage Reimbursement	2,435	0	0	2,435	488
Leaving Gift	0	0	0	0	705
Donations and Legacies	85,489	0	20	85,509	84,894
Other trading activities					
Fees for Weddings etc	656	0	0	656	574
Charitable activities	0	0	0	0	0
Investments					
Bank Deposit Interest	693	0	0	693	689
Other Receipts	0	0	0	0	0
Total receipts	**86,838**	**0**	**20**	**86,858**	**86,157**

All Saints Church

Notes to the Accounts for the year ended 31st December 2025 (continued)

8. Payments

	Unrestricted Fund £	Designated Fund £	Restricted Funds £	Total all Funds 2025 £	Total All Funds 2024 £
Charity Grants/Donations	0	0	0	0	566
Parish Contribution	52,885	0	0	52,885	51,445
Clergy Costs	1,931	0	0	1,931	4,424
Church Ministry	2,511	0	0	2,511	2,064
Missions/Evangelism	3,543	0	450	3,993	4,086
Vicarage Costs	5,104	0	0	5,104	1,308
Insurance	1,042	0	0	1,042	1,011
Printing/IT costs etc	2,153	0	0	2,153	897
Utilities	2,647	0	0	2,647	2,300
Church Maintenance	7,021	0	0	7,021	1,119
Examiners Fees	1,140	0	0	1,140	1,080
Leaving Gift	0	0	0	0	705
Cost of charitable activities	79,977	0	450	80,427	71,005
Fees	50	0	0	50	897
Other Payments	0	0	0	0	0
Total payments	**80,027**	**0**	**450**	**80,477**	**71,902**

Wick Hall

Notes to the Accounts for the year ended 31st December 2025 (continued)

9. Receipts

	Unrestricted Fund £	Designated Funds £	Restricted Fund £	Total all Funds 2025 £	Total all Funds 2024 £
Hall Hire	26,847	0	0	26,847	22,884
Total receipts	**26,847**	**0**	**0**	**26,847**	**22,884**

10. Payments

	Unrestricted Fund £	Designated Fund £	Restricted Funds £	Total all Funds 2025 £	Total All Funds 2024 £
Salaries	3,226	0	0	3,226	3,031
Insurance	2,056	0	0	2,056	1,995
Utilities	9,566	0	0	9,566	9,193
General Maintenance	2,126	1,841	0	3,967	1,602
Internet	523	0	0	523	490
Returned Deposit	30	0	0	30	40
Major Works	0	0	0	0	0
IT etc	120	0	0	120	120
Charges	341			341	264
Arch Deacons Loan	0	10,000	0	10,000	5,000
Total payments	**17,988**	**11,841**	**0**	**29,829**	**21,735**

Garden Room Café

Notes to the Accounts for the year ended 31st December 2025 (continued)

11. Receipts

	Unrestricted Fund £	Designated Fund £	Restricted Funds £	Total all Funds 2025 £	Total All Funds 2024 £
Trading	0	0	0	0	205
Printing Charge	0	0	0	0	830
Total receipts	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**1,035**

12. Payments

	Unrestricted Fund £	Designated Fund £	Restricted Funds £	Total all Funds 2025 £	Total All Funds 2024 £
General Maintenance	0	0	0	0	0
IT Printing etc	0	0	0	0	1,363
Total payments	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**1,363**

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT ON THE ACCOUNTS

Report to the trustees/members of Parochial Church of All Saints Wick on the accounts for the year ended 31st December 2025.

RESPECTIVE RESPONSIBILITIES OF TRUSTEES AND EXAMINER

The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year (under section 144 (2) of the Charities Act 2011) and that an independent examination is needed.
It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts (under section 145 of the 2011 Act),
- to follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commission (under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act), and
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

BASIS OF INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S STATEMENT

My examination was carried out in accordance with General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the organisation and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from the trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair view' and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S STATEMENT

In the course of my examination, no matter has come to my attention

1. which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in, any material respect, the trustees have not met the requirements to ensure that:

- proper accounting records are kept (in accordance with section 130 of the Act); and

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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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