DOCTOR PLUME'S TRUST

REGISTRATION NUMBER

254048

ACCOUNTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED

31ST MARCH 2026

DOCTOR PLUME'S TRUST -REGISTRATION NUMBER 254048

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES

The Trustees present their report and accounts for the year ended 31 March 2026.

Doctor Plume's Trust is an unincorporated charity governed by the terms of Charity Commission Scheme of 26 April 1901, as varied by subsequent Schemes and Amendment Orders.

The Charity was established to provide support to the teaching ministry in the parishes of Gravesend and Dartford, to provide relief by way of monetary grants to necessitous clergy in the Church of England Diocese of Rochester as constituted on 2 September 1704 and to provide for the maintenance of Doctor Plume's grave and gravestone in the Parish of Longfield.

Statement of Trustees' Responsibilities

Law applicable to charities in England and Wales requires the Trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year, which give a true and fair view of the Charity's financial activities during the year and of its financial position at the end of the year (unless the Charity is entitled to prepare accounts on the alternative receipts and payments basis).

In preparing the financial statements giving a true and fair view, the Trustees should follow best practice and:

a) select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently
b) make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent
c) state whether applicable accounting standards and statements of recommended practice have been followed, subject to any departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements
d) prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to assume that the Charity will continue in operation.

The Trustees are responsible for keeping accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy the financial position of the Charity and which enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the trust deed. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the Charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Review of Activities

During the year under review grants amounting to £9,388 were made to 3 individuals compared with grants of £12,138 to 5 individuals the previous year. Grants totalling £4,846 were also paid to the parishes of Dartford and Gravesend in support of their teaching ministry, compared with £4,598 paid during the previous year. The Charity has reported an increase in resources of £9,949 for the year ended 31 March 2026 compared with an increase of £5,971 for the previous year.

Public Benefit

The Trustees confirm that they have complied with their duty to have due regard to the Commission's guidance on Public Benefit and that they continue to ensure that the presence of the Charity is made known to clergy serving within the area of benefit with a view to ensuring that necessitous clergy might be identified and assisted as appropriate.

Reserves Policy

It is the Trustees' view that it is prudent to ensure that there are sufficient free reserves to provide financial flexibility and to enable the Charity to meet its commitments as they fall due. As at 31 March 2026 the Charity held unrestricted reserves at historic cost of £223,846 (2025: £213,897).

Investment Policy

Trustees aim to achieve a balanced mix of capital appreciation and rising income with a moderate attitude to risk and achieve this through periodical monitoring and reviews. Investments will include any combination of (1) fixed interest securities and (2) exposure to equities substantially through units in collective investments in order to take advantage of professional fund management.

DOCTOR PLUME'S TRUST

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES – Contd

Risk Management

The Trustees have assessed the major risks to which the Charity is exposed and are satisfied that systems are in place to mitigate our exposure to major risks.

Trustees

All Trustees hold Ex-Officio appointments by virtue of the Parish to which they have been appointed.

The following Trustees served during the year:

Rev M Henwood	
Rev K Clark	
Rev J Fletcher	
Rev G Herbert	
Rev N Cooper	resigned 30/09/2025
Rev T Hurst	resigned 19/03/2025
Rev P Prentice	
Rev E Young	
Rev H Reeves	resigned 19/03/2025
Rev C Lloyd-Evans	
Rev C Jones	
Rev Canon A Davie	
Rev G MacBean	as from 19/03/2025

Each Trustee is entitled to one vote and every matter is determined by a majority of the votes of the Trustees present. A meeting requires a quorum of five Trustees and in the case of equality of votes the Chairman of the meeting has the casting vote.

No remuneration was paid to the Trustees of the Charity: reasonable out of pocket expenses are reimbursed.

This Report, together with the accounts for the year ended 31 March 2026, comply with the current statutory requirements, the Governing Document and the Revised Statement of Recommended Practice, and were approved by the Board of Trustees on and signed on its behalf.

Rev M Henwood

Rev G Herbert

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT

TO THE TRUSTEES OF DOCTOR PLUME'S TRUST

I report on the accounts of the Charity for the year ended 31 March 2026, which are set out on pages 4 to 6.

Respective Responsibilities of the Trustees and Examiner

The Charity's Trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The Charity's Trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year (under Section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act) 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 Direction given by the Charity Commissioners 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 Report

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

Independent Examiner's Statement

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

(1) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements:

- to keep accounting records in accordance with Section 130 of the 2011 Act; and
- to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and to comply with the accounting requirements of the 2011 Act

have not been met; or

(2) to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

ROGER BARTON

DOCTOR PLUME'S TRUST

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2026

	2026		2025	
	£	£	£	£
RESOURCES ARISING				
Dividends and Interest from Investments				
CBF Investment Fund Shares		19,608		19,037
COIF Ethical Investment Income Units		6,498		6,311
CBF Deposit Fund Interest		1,439		1,388
Deposit				
GROSS RESOURCES ARISING IN THE YEAR		27,546		26,736
RESOURCES USED				
Grants to Clergy	9,388		12,138	
Grants in Lieu of Lectures	4,846		4,846	
Administration Expenses	3,362		3,782	
RESOURCES USED IN THE YEAR		17,596		20,765
CHANGES IN RESOURCES BEFORE TRANSFERS		9,949		5,971
REALISED GAINS AND LOSSES		-		-
NET MOVEMENT OF RESOURCES IN THE YEAR		9,949		5,971

DOCTOR PLUME'S TRUST

BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31 MARCH 2026

	UNITS	2026		2025	
		£	£	£	£
CBF Investment Fund Shares	30,203.85		72,954		72,954
COIF Investment Fund Ethical Units	71,884.49		110,251		110,251
TOTAL INVESTMENTS AT COST			183,205		183,205
CASH BALANCES					
Bank Current Account		2,591		78	
CBF Deposit		38,051		30,614	
			40,641		30,692
OTHER MONETARY ASSETS					
Debtors			-		-
TOTAL ASSETS			223,846		213,897
BALANCE OF ESTATE			80,817		80,817
Profit on Realisation of Investments			14,516		14,516
			95,333		95,333
GENERAL FUND					
Balance in Hand 1 April 2026		118,564		106,617	
Changes in resources during the year		9,949		5,955	
		128,513		112,572	
Profit (Loss) on Realisation of Investments		0		0	
Balance carried forward			128,513		118,564
			223,846		213,897

No account has been taken of a small areas of freehold wooded land owned by the Trust.

Approved by the Board of Trustees on 6 MAY 2026 and signed on its behalf.

)
Rev M Henwood)
) Trustees
)
)
Rev G Herbert

The notes on Page 6 form part of these Accounts

DOCTOR PLUME'S TRUST

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2026

1. BASIS OF PREPARATION

These accounts have been prepared in accordance with the Charities Act, the revised Statement of Recommended Practice 2005 and applicable accounting standards except for the treatment of investments, which have been shown at historical cost and not their market value at the Balance Sheet date.

2. FUND ACCOUNTING

a) The Charity has an endowment, which it is legally prevented from spending and must retain intact as part of the Charity's capital. It has invested the endowment to provide income for its activities.

b) The Charity's general funds consist of monies which the Charity may use for its purposes at its discretion.

3. INVESTMENTS

a) Investments are included in the accounts at historical cost of £183,205 (2025 £183,205). The market value of those investments at the Balance Sheet date was £815,714 (2025 £885,802).

b) Gains arising on disposal are disclosed in the statement of investment gains and credited to the profit on realisation of investments reserve.

4. ADMINISTRATION EXPENDITURE

Administration expenditure comprises all costs incurred in running the Charity which cannot be directly allocated to the Charity's projects or to fundraising. As such it includes the following:

	2026 £	2025 £
Receiver's Fee and Expenses	2.886	2,582
Trustees' Expenses	476	950
	3.362	3,532

The Charity has no employees with emoluments above £50,000