

**The Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical
Parish of Paignton
Registration Number: 1128706**

**Annual report of the Parochial Church Council for the
Year Ended 31ST December 2025**

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Aim and purposes

The Parochial Church Council (PCC), in accordance with the PCC (Powers) Measure, has the responsibility of cooperating with the incumbent, the Reverend Neil Knox, in promoting the whole mission of the Church, pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical. The PCC is also specifically responsible for the maintenance of the Churches and church halls.

Objectives and Activities

The PCC is committed to enabling as many people as possible to worship and to become part of the parish community. Committed to making Christ known, the PCC maintains an overview of worship throughout the parish and makes suggestions on how services can involve the many groups that live within the parish. The services and worship put faith into practice through prayer and scripture, music and sacrament.

We try to enable people to live out their faith as part of our parish community through:

- Worship and prayer, studying the scriptures and growing in faith and trust in Christ.
- Provision of pastoral care for people living in the parish.
- Outreach work.
- Encouraging community life.

To facilitate this work, the PCC is also specifically responsible for the maintenance and fabric of its church's and church halls.

The PCC endeavours to maintain a level of giving to missionary or charitable causes both within and outside the parish.

Significant preparatory work has been completed in 2025 for the following activities that will be completed or initiated in 2026:

- Completion of survey, schedule of works and faculty submission by the parish architect to repair the failed vestry/sacristy roof (internally and externally) and the failing stonework and windows across the full south side of the church. Work estimated to be in the region of c.£250k expected to commence in summer 2026.
- Agreement by Ecclesiastical Insurance to provide legal support up to the value of £250k to address the failed church heating and deviation from regulatory and DAC faculty requirements in the 2018 reordering activity.
- The replacement of all internal lighting within St John's church and Coverdale Hall with LED lighting began in October 2025 and is expected to complete late spring 2026.
- The preparatory work for a major reordering of the west end of the church incorporating installation of a parish office in the church, enclosed areas for children and meeting rooms, viewing balcony accessed by glass lifts and stairwells with toilets on both the ground and first floor levels was explored as a key missional activity with the DAC. The reordering was to build on and extend greater access opportunities especially in the SEND/SEMH/Disability spaces with faculty submission anticipated in Q2 2026.

Some of the parish achievements in 2025 included:

- The successful completion of an extensive end-to-end parish Mission Action Plan that meets the developing needs of the parish and church within the wider community and incorporates the early missional explorations of the parish pioneer minister.
- The clearance and subsequent sale of the St Boniface building was completed in October 2025 for the sum of £337,973 into the parish accounts.

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- Delivery of very successful and well attended Advent and Lent study groups alongside 'Breakfast with the Bible' across during both liturgical seasons.
- Hosting many successful external events in church including for the RBL Poppy appeal with Torbay Police and Community Choir and Riviera Brass band.
- Successful launch of a motorcycle fellowship group attracting Christians and non-Christians from across Torbay who met fortnightly rides out in Devon and Cornwall across the summer and autumn 2025.
- 13 members of the parish completed the Church of England LLF course.

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Parish Electoral Roll

The Parish Electoral Roll for 2025 was 80. Number of participants (attending at least once a month) rose to 136; an increase of 21 from 2024. Attendance figures increased significantly at major festivals.

Financial Review

The total receipts on unrestricted funds amounted to £421,671 and are detailed in the financial statements: designated income was £Nil and restricted income amounted to £3,553. Total income £425,224. Total unrestricted expenditure was £137,764 showing an excess of unrestricted income over expenditure of £284,407.

At 31st December 2025, fixed assets were valued at £238,067, debtors and prepayments £15,000 short-term deposits £714,913, cash at bank and in hand £5,809 with liabilities of £17,409, giving total assets of £956,461.

The diocese completed an audit in November 2025 of parish finance submissions for Occasional Office's and found the parish to be fully compliant.

Fabric Report

In accordance with the requirements of the Ecclesiastical Jurisdiction and Care of Churches Measure 2018, Section 50, the churchwardens completed an inspection of the fabric of the church and all articles appertaining to the church and reported it to the PCC.

The building failures on the south side of the parish, heating system failures and Coverdale building issues and St Boniface sale delayed the commencement of planned works to address ongoing fabric deterioration, items reaching end of life status and general equipment failure including tackling the extensive urgent items listed on the Quinquennial Inspection reports. It is planned to focus on these over Summer/Autumn 2026 as well as a completing the scheduled new Quinquennial Inspection report in autumn 2026.

Furniture and Fittings

St John's Church

- A temporary heating solution to reduce the impact of heating loss created by the failed heating system was installed under List B Faculty in November 2025.
- A List B faculty submission for the Home Office supplied replacement church burglar alarm was submitted for installation in Spring 2026. The faculty for the Home Office supplied permanent iron fence to replace the temporary iron fence is expected in early 2026.
- The church clock remains broken with no update on the repair timetable from Torbay Council.

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- The organ has suffered a significant electrical component failure which makes 7 of the 54 stops unplayable. Willis Organ builder's have indicated repair to what was already a temporary solution is impractical and a new solution is now required. Water is also leaking through the roof into several of the pipes.
- There remain several main altar frontals and several chasubles that are in need urgent repair. The PCC have approved repairs using funds from a restricted account.

St John's Vicarage

The issues of ongoing ASB in and around the Vicarage alongside the ongoing high maintenance requirements and poor insulation nature of the building led to a decision by the diocesan asset committee to sell the Vicarage and acquire a new rectory for the incumbent of St John's parish. This is expected to complete during 2026

Coverdale Hall

Options around the potential future use of the Coverdale Hall with Historic England and the local council and the possibility of potential joint venture using shared funding faltered alongside Historic England's funding of the repairs to the Vicarage Scheduled Monument Walls. Consequently, the parish determined to relocate the Parish Office from the Vicarage to the Coverdale in February 2026. Coordin8 were found new premises and ceased using the Coverdale Hall in October 2025 and AA were given notice to leave at the end of January 2026.

Churchyard and Grounds Maintenance

St John's Church

- The PCC agreed to let the churchyard areas which had been allowed to grow wild since 2023/24 to be repeated in 2025/26 in an attempt to further deter the drink/drug use and anti-social behaviour encountered in the church and churchyard during 2024. The churchwardens also used 'soft engineering tactics placing grass, ivy and hedge cuttings with fallen apples where such individuals usually congregate to good effect reducing yet further ASB incidents.
- Replacement noticeboards were erected at the front and rear of the churchyard to replace the old broken and unrepairable ones.

Safeguarding

During the period covered by this report the PCC has fully complied with its duty to have regard to House of Bishops' guidance on safeguarding children and vulnerable adults. The PCC endorses the Exeter Diocesan Policy for the Safeguarding of Children and Vulnerable Adults, appoints a Parish Safeguarding Representative(s) and requires DBS disclosure for all persons working with children or involved in regular visiting to the sick or elderly.

Deanery Synod

- There have been 3 Deanery Synod meetings all in person in April, July and November 2025.
- The first occasion was held at St Mary's Church, Brixham on Tuesday, 8th April 2025 and the meeting focussed around the help the church offers others and ourselves centred mainly around a presentation given by Revd Sam Leach and what he does in the Living Room at his church St Mags in Torquay Town Centre.
- The second occasion was on Wednesday, 23rd July 2025 at St John the Apostle, Torquay. Where in groups synod considered Bishop Mike's Five Strategic Priorities for Growth for the diocese: Missional Leadership, Missional DNA, Vocations, Children and Young People and Mixed Ecology.

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- The third occasion was on Thursday, 27th November 2025 at St George's, Goodrington with a presentation on Anna Chaplaincy followed by an opportunity for reflection, responses and questions.
- As the parish electoral roll has dropped to 80 the parish is now entitled to only two deanery synod members; we currently have one.
- The Deanery has been without a Treasurer for 36 months and is still looking for volunteers.

Report on the proceedings of the Parochial Church Council 2024

The full PCC met 7 times during the year with an average level of attendance of 85%.

Worship and Prayer

- At St John's the celebration of the eucharist was reduced from daily within the Parish to Wed, Thu, Sat and Sun to accommodate reduced resources and increased financial constraints.
- Morning & Evening Prayer continues to be offered on weekdays.
- At the Parish Church of St John the Baptist: Sunday Services included:
 - 8am Said Holy Communion (BCP)
 - 10am Family Communion service.
 - Evening services (Evensong, Benediction or Compline) take place at 6pm on several Sundays throughout the year.
- The 10am service and festival services are usually live-streamed.
- A comprehensive offering of study courses for Lent and Advent alongside bible study is offered in the Parish.

Other activities within the worshipping life of the parish include:

- A pastoral visiting team;
- A prayer group;
- A Ladies group;
- A Men's Breakfast group;
- A craft group;
- Bell ringers (including hand bells);
- Flower arrangers;
- A music group and choir;
- A monthly fabric maintenance group (Labour of Love)

Staffing

- The parish continues to be wonderfully supported each month by 4 x retired clergy with PTO.
- Revd Neil Knox resigned on 31st December 2025 and will leave post on the 31st March 2026.

Pastoral

- The church experienced the deaths of six of its long standing and active members during 2025 in addition to many more experiencing significant loss of mobility or becoming housebound which, had a noticeable impact on weekly worshipping numbers and very significant reduction in the amount regular giving.
- The parish pastoral visiting has been severely impacted by the death of one member and poor health of the three others. An attempt to recruit, authorise and train more lay people will take place in 2026 to assist the two clergy who regularly visit 11 people with Sick or Home Communion.

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Parish Communication Media and Socials

- We have an active presence on Facebook. This includes the live streaming of Zoom for the main Parish Sunday service and other Festival services as well as the posting of notifications about forthcoming events. We also report on events that have taken place to actively encourage the reader to come to future events.
- The website is updated weekly with the Parish Pew Sheet together with information about past and forthcoming events.

Mission, Evangelism & Fellowship

At St John's Mission, Evangelism & Fellowship activities included some of the following:

- Bishop Mike led worship for the Pentecost service on 8th May 2025 meeting with several members of the parish over lunch afterwards.
- Revd Neil led a service to rededicate the renovated Paignton Town War Memorial in a service organised by the RBL and town council.
- The Torbay RNA Standard was laid up in church.
- Advent & Lent Study groups and Breakfast with the Bible took place in Advent and Lent.
- Bible study as a result of the completed MAP outcomes ran during the day and evenings mid-week in October and November incorporating the completion of the Cofe LLF course
- Barn dances in the church were initiated and regular quiz nights, etc continued.
- A very successful new Christmas Fayre format was introduced alongside several very popular Christmas wreath and tree workshops.
- The new and very successful Bikers Fellowship Ride Out group was launched
- The church led the ecumenical 'Walk of Witness' throughout Paignton town.
- Ecumenical men's breakfast continued to occur and grow led by the Parish representatives.
- RBL events in church to place and led by the incumbent as RBL Chaplain.
- The monthly Labour of Love venture which maintains the fabric and beauty of the church continued to grow.

Schools

- Revd Laura McAdam has developed deeper relationships with Kings Ash, Hayes, Curledge Street and St Michael's primary schools attending each school a minimum of once a month. This has noticeably extended and increased our interaction with each school with several year groups from most schools also visiting St John's parish church each term.
- Revd Laura also assisted St Michaels in their SIAM's preparation and inspection.
- All primary schools came to St John's at Christmas, two at Easter and two at Harvest.
- Plans are underway to help several of the primary school in lesson planning to meet the demands of the RE syllabus through workshops with teachers.

Paignton Parish Choir

The choir continue to actively support and lead the singing for worship on Sundays as well as on principal feasts and festivals with Simon Dunbavand continuing as Music Director and organist and Andrew Teague acting as both Choral Director for Paignton Parish Church as well as continuing as an organist for the parish.

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Bell ringers

- The parish is blessed with an active group of and highly competent and dedicated bell ringers who always seek to build their numbers, welcome visitors and play an active part in the liturgical pattern of worship as well as contributing to events on a national basis.
- They work actively to maintain the bells and bell tower as well as contribute to its ongoing development most recently in the acquisition and installation of a new training bell system to encourage new ringers to get involved and train alongside the ringers when the practice weekly on Tuesday nights. The training bell has reduced time spent in training before participating as a fully-fledged ringer by 2-3 months.
- At the end of 2025 the bell ringers had 15 regular adult members and 2 junior members three of whom had joined at the start of 2025.

Flowers

- The wonderful and sometime spectacular contribution of the flower team across all the major church festivals is always of particular note in supporting and advancing our worship as well as showcasing God's house for the many occasional visitors we receive at Paignton parish. Parishioners and visitors alike frequently commented how it added to their appreciation of the church building.
- The team are always seeking to make new volunteers welcome.

Ecumenical Relationships

- Fr Neil continued to regularly meet with other church leaders and representatives both formally at scheduled group meetings and informally throughout the year.
- Paignton Parish initiated and continue to lead the ecumenical Men's Breakfast at Paignton Rugby club through Chris Bridge.
- The parish continues to lead/share in other joint missional outreach activities with Paignton Community Larder, Paignton Community Supermarket and Paignton Parish Charity where Fr. Neil is a Trustee in all. Revd Laura will become a Trustee in all these when Fr. Neil leaves in 2026
- Revd Laura has taken a lead in building a partnership across all socially orientated charities in Paignton and is also leading work in both The Haven and Paignton Community Larder to ensure their ongoing viability into the future.
- Revd Laura is planning to support assistant curates from Bay Church and St Mag's in their curacy by offering opportunities to assist in forms of liturgy and occasional offices readily available in Paignton Parish but not their own by virtue of their ecclesiology and churchmanship.

Volunteers

- The PCC would like to thank all the volunteers who work so hard to make our church the lively and vibrant community it is. In addition, we would wish to highlight our gratitude towards the church officers who give so generously of their time, energy and funds as they work tirelessly for the benefit of the Gospel and church itself.

Administrative Information

The Ecclesiastical Parish of Paignton includes the Parish Church of St John the Baptist situated in Church Street, Paignton and the daughter church of St Boniface situated in Belfield Road, Paignton. The correspondence address is The Parish Office, The Vicarage, Palace Place, Paignton, TQ3 3AQ. The working address for the Parochial Church Council (PCC) is Paignton Parish Church, Church Street, Paignton.

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Principal Bankers: CAF Bank Ltd, 25 Kings Hill Avenue, Kings Hill, West Malling, Kent. E19 4JQ.

Independent Examiner: Ian Barrett, Barretts Chartered Accountants, 22 Union Street Newton Abbot Devon TQ12 2JS.

PCC members (trustees) who have served from 1st January 2025 until the date this report was approved are:

Ex Officio Members

1. Incumbent: Revd Neil Knox
2. Associate Priest (Pioneer) Revd Laura McAdam
3. Robert Scarrott (Churchwarden)
4. John Jackson (Churchwarden until 18th May 2025)
5. Chris Bridge (Churchwarden from 18th May 2025)
6. Jill Davies (Deputy Churchwarden)
7. Luke Appleton (General and Diocesan Synod Rep) (Resigned 18th May 2025)

Elected Members

1. James Devonport (Lay Vice Chair and Treasurer)
2. Ruth Bridge
3. Moira Devonport
4. Jennie Litt (Died 15th February 2025)
5. Debbie Hosking
6. Roger Rayner (Deanery Synod)
7. Juliet Trapp (Resigned 24th June 2025)
8. Karen Morris (Appointed 18th January 2025)
9. Sandra Crowcroft-Chappel (Appointed 18th November 2025)

Structure, governance and management

The Parochial Church Council is a corporate body established by the Church of England. The PCC operates under the Parochial Church Council Powers Measure. The PCC was a charity excepted from registration with the Charity Commission prior to formal registration on 20th March 2009.

Churchwardens are elected annually at the Annual Meeting of Parishioners which precedes the Annual Parish Church Meeting. PCC members are appointed as set out in the Church Representation Rules (CRR) 2022. All Church attendees at the two Churches in the Parish are encouraged to register on the Electoral Roll and to stand for election to the PCC.

At the Annual Church Meeting up to two Deputy Church Wardens (under CRR M15 (1) (e) & M34) are appointed at the Parish Church. The PCC officers including the Secretary, Treasurer, an Electoral Roll Officer and Standing Committee are elected at the first PCC meeting following the Annual Parochial Church Meeting.

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The PCC meets regularly through the year. A Standing Committee, consisting of Vicar, Churchwardens Deputy Churchwarden and the Treasurer is empowered to deal with any urgent matter between meetings of the PCC.



Reverend Neil Knox
Incumbent & PCC Chair



James Robert Devonport
Lay Chair and Treasurer

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**Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of
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I report on the accounts of the charity for the year ended 31st December 2025, which are set out on pages 11 to 20.

Responsibilities and basis of the report

As the charity trustees of the Church 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 Church's accounts carried out under section 145 of The 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 giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

1. Accounting records were not kept in respect of the Church as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. The accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. The accounts do not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts & 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.

Ian Barrett FCA FCIE
Barretts
Chartered Accountants
22 Union Street
Newton Abbot TQ12 2JS

Dated 5th March 2026

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES (SOFA)

	Note	Unrestricted Funds £	Designated Funds £	Restricted Funds £	TOTAL 2025 £	TOTAL 2024 £
Income and Endowments from						
Voluntary receipts	2a	42,399	-	3,553	45,952	122,448
Activities for generating funds	2b	2,947	-	-	2,947	3,460
Church activities	2c	20,107	-	-	20,107	31,666
Investment income	2d	18,245	-	-	18,245	19,071
Other Income	2e	337,973	-	-	337,973	-
Total Income		421,671	-	3,553	425,224	176,645
Expenditure on						
Raising Funds	3a	1,127	-	-	1,127	943
Church activities	3b	136,137	-	7,114	143,251	130,586
Total Expenditure		137,264	-	7,114	144,378	131,529
Net Income/(Expenditure) before investment gains/(losses)		284,407	-	(3,561)	280,846	45,116
Net gains/(losses) on investments	5	2,656	-	(416)	2,240	5,394
Net Income/(Expenditure)		287,063	-	(3,977)	283,086	50,510
Transfer between funds		-	-	-	-	-
Net movement in funds		487,063	-	(3,977)	283,086	50,510
Total funds brought forward		480,065	-	193,310	673,375	622,865
Total funds carried forward		767,128	-	189,333	956,461	673,375

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BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2025

		Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	TOTAL 2025	TOTAL 2024
Note		£	£	£	£
	FIXED ASSETS				
	Tangible Assets	2,100	-	2,100	3,149
	Investments	225,967	10,000	235,967	233,727
		228,067	10,000	238,067	236,876
	CURRENT ASSETS				
	Debtors and prepayments	15,000	-	15,000	21,696
	Cash on deposit	535,580	179,333	714,913	408,692
	Cash at bank and in hand	5,890	-	5,890	11,405
		556,470	179,333	735,803	441,793
	CREDITORS : amounts falling due within one year	(17,409)	-	(17,409)	(5,294)
	NET CURRENT ASSETS	539,061	179,333	718,394	436,499
	TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES	767,128	189,333	956,461	673,375
	NET ASSETS	767,128	189,333	956,461	673,375

**REPRESENTED BY
PARISH FUNDS**

Unrestricted		767,128	480,065
Restricted	8	189,333	193,310
		956,461	673,375

Approved by the PCC on 14th February 2026 and signed on its behalf by



Reverend Neil Knox
Incumbent & PCC Chair



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Notes to the Financial Statements for the year ended 31st December 2025

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The Financial Statements have been prepared in accordance with the Church Accounting Regulations 2006 together with applicable standards and the Charities (SORP 2019).

The Financial Statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention, except for investment assets which are shown at market value. The Accounts include all the transactions, assets and liabilities for which the PCC is responsible in law. They do not include accounts of church groups that owe their affiliation to another body, nor those that are informal gatherings of church members.

Fund Accounting

Endowment funds are funds, the capital of which must be retained either permanently or at the PCC's discretion; the income derived from the endowment is to be used either as a restricted or unrestricted income funds depending upon the purpose for which the endowment was established in the first place.

Restricted Funds comprise (a) income from endowments which is to be expended only on the restricted purposes intended by the donor and (b) revenue donations or grants for a specific PCC activity intended by the donor. Where these funds have unspent balances, interest on their pooled investment is apportioned to the individual funds on an average balance basis.

Unrestricted funds are income funds which are to be spent on the PCC's general purposes.

Designated funds are general funds set aside by the PCC for use in the future. Project funds are designated for particular projects for administration purposed only. Funds designated as invested in fixed assets for the PCC's own use abated in line with assets' annual depreciation charges in the SOFA. Designated funds remain unrestricted and the PCC will move any surplus to other general funds.

Income

Planned giving, collections and similar donations are recognised when received. Tax refunds are recognised when the incoming resource to which they relate is received. Grants and legacies are accounted for when the PCC is entitled to the use of the resources, their ultimate receipt is considered reasonably certain and the amounts due are reliably quantifiable. Dividends are accounted for when declared receivable, interest as and when accrued by the payer. All incoming resources are accounted for gross.

Expenditure

Grants and donations are accounted for when paid over, or when awarded, if that award creates a binding or constructive obligation on the PCC. The diocese parish share expected to be paid over is accounted for when due.

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All other expenditure is generally recognised when it is incurred and is accounted for gross.

Fixed assets

Consecrated and benefice property is not included in the accounts in accordance with s.10(2)(a) and (c) of the Charities Act 2011.

Movable church furnishings held by the vicar and the churchwardens on special trust for the PCC and which require a faculty for disposal are inalienable property, listed in the church's inventory, which can be inspected (at any reasonable time). For anything acquired prior to 2000 there is insufficient cost information available and therefore such assets are not included in the financial statements. Subsequently no individual item has cost more than £1000 so all such expenditure has been written off when incurred.

Due to the age of the building, no cost information is available for the St John's Church Hall, or St Andrews Community Centre, so both properties are included at a deemed cost of £1.

Investments are valued at market value at 31 December 2025.

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2. Income and Endowments from

	Unrestricted Funds £	Designated Funds £	Restricted Funds £	TOTAL 2025 £	TOTAL 2024 £
2a Voluntary receipts					
Tax efficient planned giving	30,247	-	-	30,247	37,576
Income tax recovered	674	-	-	674	7,717
Collections at services	7,270	-	-	7,270	5,262
Legacies	-	-	-	-	7,000
Non-recurring donations and appeals	4,208	-	3,553	7,761	64,893
	42,399	-	3,553	45,952	122,448
2b Activities for generating funds					
Fundraising	2,947	-	-	2,947	3,460
	2,947	-	-	2,947	3,460
2c Church activities					
Statutory fees- weddings, funerals etc.	3,246	-	-	3,246	4,880
Gross Income - Church Centre lettings	16,861	-	-	16,861	26,786
	20,107	-	-	20,107	31,666
2d Investment income					
Bank and CBF Deposit Fund Interest	18,245	-	-	18,245	19,071
	18,245	-	-	18,245	19,071
2e Other Income					
Sale of St Boniface Church	337,973	-	-	337,973	-
	337,973	-	-	337,973	-
TOTAL INCOME	421,671	-	3,553	425,224	176,645

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3. Expenditure

	Unrestricted Funds £	Designated Funds £	Restricted Funds £	2025 £	2024 £
3a Raising funds					
Cost of fetes	1,127	-	-	1,127	943
	1,127	-	-	1,127	943
3b Church Activities					
Missionary and charitable giving					
Home :					
Choral Tradition	-	-	600	600	585
St Boniface Outreach	-	-	-	-	60
British Legion	-	-	291	291	235
Messy Church	-	-	-	-	6
Mummy and Me	-	-	-	-	690
Christian Aid	-	-	277	277	39
Flower Fund	-	-	1,070	1,070	664
Christingle (Children's Society)	-	-	16	16	-
CHSW	-	-	450	450	-
Bishops'/Archdeacon Discretionary	-	-	55	55	223
General Outreach	-	-	108	108	96
NightShelter	-	-	-	-	1,530
Churchwarden Gift	-	-	-	-	81
Ministry: Diocesan parish share	53,529	-	-	53,529	54,148
Other ministry costs	12,733	-	-	12,733	13,217
Maintenance	32,193	-	4,247	36,440	22,041
Printing and stationery	2,070	-	-	2,070	2,210
Insurance	11,831	-	-	11,831	11,861
Light, heat and water	11,990	-	-	11,990	16,608
Honorarium/admin costs	10,082	-	-	10,082	4,153
Depreciation	1,049	-	-	1,049	1,049
Examination of annual accounts & legal costs	660	-	-	660	1,090
	136,137	-	7,114	143,251	130,586
Total Expenditure	137,264	-	7,114	144,378	131,529

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4. Tangible Assets

	St John's Parish Hall	St Andrews Community Centre	Office Equipment	TOTAL
	£	£	£	£
Accrued/deemed cost				
At 1 January 2025	1	1	5,245	5,247
Disposal	-	-	-	-
Additions at cost	-	-	-	-
At 31 December 2025	1	1	5,245	5,247
Depreciation				
At 1 January 2025	-	-	2,098	2,098
Withdrawn on disposal	-	-	-	-
Charge for the year	-	-	1,049	1,049
At 31 December 2025	-	-	3,147	3,147
Net book value at 31 December 2025	1	1	2,098	2,100
Net book value at 31 December 2024	1	1	3,147	3,149

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5. Investments

	Market Value at 1 January 2025	Purchases	Disposals	Market revaluation	Market value at 31 December 2025
5682.35 Investment fund	131,393	-	-	(5,253)	126,140
3689 M & G Charitable fund	54,316	-	-	9,412	63,728
26 shares CBF investment fund	601	-	-	(24)	577
450.47 Investment fund	10,416	-	-	(416)	10,000
1375 CBF Inc Shares	31,793	-	-	(1,271)	30,522
225.23 shares Fabric Fund	5,208	-	-	(208)	5,000
	233,727	-	-	2,240	235,967

450.47 investment fund is restricted and is for the repair and maintenance of the fabric of St John the Baptist Church and churchyard. The market revaluation has been shown as restricted.

6. Debtors and Prepayments

	2025 £	2024 £
Gift Aid to claim	15,000	18,000
Other debtors	-	3,696
	15,000	21,696

7. Creditors amounts falling due within 1 year

	2025 £	2024 £
Fees due to Exeter Diocese	1,996	2,526
Sundry accruals	15,413	2,768
	17,409	5,294

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8. Restricted Funds

	At 1 January 2025	Income	Expenditure	Transfers	Investment gains/ (losses)	At 31 December 2025
Fabric	33,244	1,600	(4,247)	-	(416)	30,181
Outreach	110,384	221	(708)	-	-	109,897
Legacies	5,700	-	-	-	-	5,700
Youth	23,201	-	-	-	-	23,201
Sundry	1	1,089	(1,070)	-	-	20
Other charitable appeals	3,627	643	(1,089)	-	-	3,181
Mission	524	-	-	-	-	524
Friends of Paignton Parish Church	16,629	-	-	-	-	16,629
	193,310	3,553	(7,114)	-	(416)	189,333

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9. Staff Costs

Average number of employees

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No employee received emoluments in excess of £60,000 during the year (2024 Nil)

10. Transactions with Trustees

During 2025 the PCC received £4,656 in donations from trustees (PCC members) and their close relatives. The donors did not attach any conditions to their gifts which required the charity (PCC) to significantly alter the nature of its existing activities.

One of the charity's trustees, Karen Morris, received remuneration from employment with the charity in their capacity as the Parish Administrator. The purpose of this arrangement is to ensure the efficient day-to-day administration of the charity's activities, which was deemed to be in the charity's best interests after due consideration of alternative options and the management of potential conflicts of interest by the unconflicted trustees. The amount paid was determined to be reasonable and proportionate to the work carried out. The aggregate amount paid including salaries fees and other benefits during the year was £10,081. No remuneration was paid to any trustee during the reporting period for their services as a trustee.