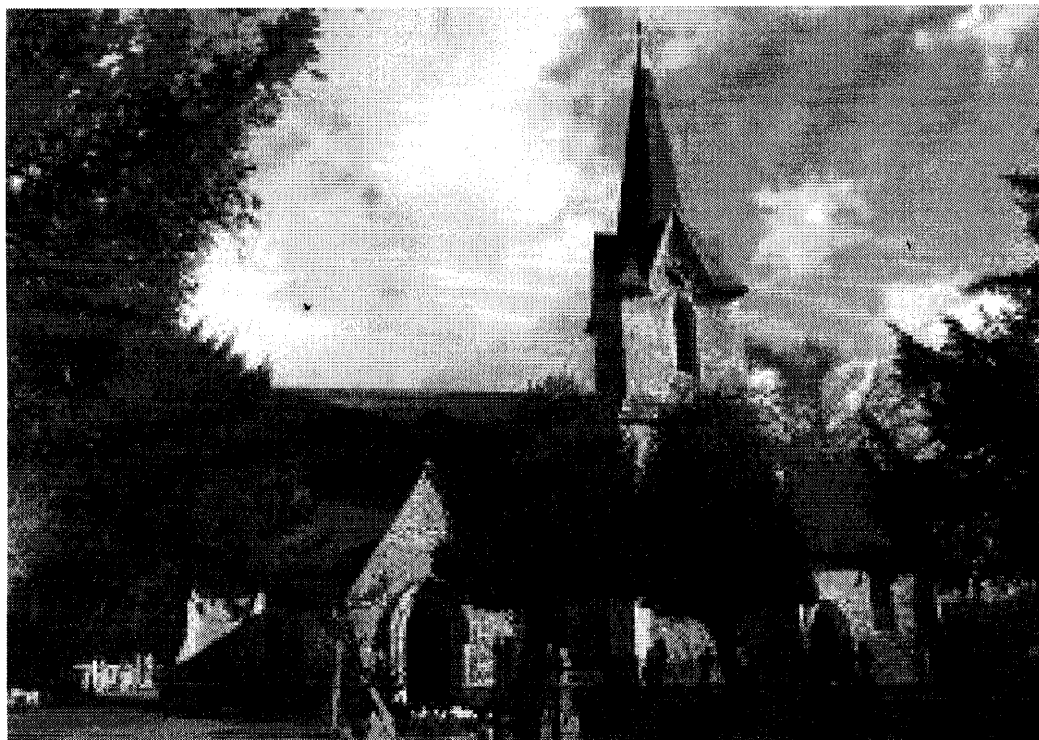


**The Parish of Blendworth,
Holy Trinity**



**FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st DECEMBER 2025**

Priest in Charge: The Revd Joy Windsor

Benefice Office: The Church Centre, Blendworth Lane,
Horndean, Hants, PO8 0AB

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PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF HOLY TRINITY, BLENDWORTH
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

For the year ended 31 December 2025

		Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	TOTAL FUNDS	
				2025	2024
	Note	£	£	£	£
INCOMING RESOURCES					
Incoming resources from donors	2(a)	29,317	6,291	35,609	31,961
Other voluntary incoming resources	2(b)	2,091	4	2,095	5,533
Income resources from operating activities					
- to further the Council's objects	2(C)	29,329	0	29,329	23,466
- to generate funds	2(d)	6,396	0	6,396	8,929
Income from investment	2(e)	1,026	0	1,026	891
Other ordinary incoming resources	2(f)	240	0	240	75
TOTAL INCOMING RESOURCES		68,399	6,295	74,694	70,855
RESOURCES EXPENDED					
Costs of generating funds	3(d)	1,565	0	1,565	2,258
Grants	3(a)	1,145	0	1,145	1,128
Activities directly relating to the work of the church	3(b)	11,850	3,873	15,723	80,096
Church management and administration	3(C)	2,852	-	2,852	1,971
TOTAL RESOURCES EXPENDED		17,412	3,873	21,285	85,453
NET INCOMING/(OUTGOING) RESOURCES		50,987	2,422	53,409	(14,598)
GAINS/(LOSSES) ON INVESTMENTS	5(b)		(613)	-613	1,502
NET MOVEMENT IN FUNDS		50,987	1,809	52,795	(13,096)
BALANCES BROUGHT FORWARD					
AT 1 JANUARY 2025 amended		(5,757)	57,858	52,101	65,197
BALANCES CARRIED FORWARD					
AT 31 DECEMBER 2025		45,230	59,667	104,896	52,101

PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF HOLY TRINITY, BLENDWORTH
BALANCE SHEET AT 31 DECEMBER 2025

	Note	2025 £	2024 £
FIXED ASSETS			
Tangible Fixed Assets	5(a)	2,760	0
Investment Assets	5(b)	<u>30,427</u>	<u>31,040</u>
		<u>33,187</u>	<u>31,040</u>
CURRENT ASSETS			
Debtors	7	3,556	3,929
Cash at Bank and in hand		<u>70,718</u>	<u>54,990</u>
		<u>74,273</u>	<u>58,919</u>
LIABILITIES: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE			
Creditors	8	(1,711)	(36,916)
Accruals		<u>(852)</u>	<u>(942)</u>
		<u>(2,563)</u>	<u>(37,858)</u>
NET CURRENT ASSETS		<u>71,710</u>	<u>21,061</u>
NET ASSETS		<u>104,896</u>	<u>52,101</u>
FUNDS			
Equipment	6		0
Unrestricted		45,230	(5,757)
Restricted		<u>59,667</u>	<u>57,858</u>
		<u>104,896</u>	<u>52,101</u>

Approved by the Parochial Church Council and signed on its behalf by:

Gill Hill (Church Warden)

Rev J Windsor (Priest in Charge)

Date

PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF HOLY TRINITY, BLENDWORTH

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
For the year ended 31 December 2025

1 ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The financial statements have been prepared under the Charities Act 2011 and in accordance with Church Accounting Regulations 2006 together with the Charities Statement of Recommended Practice (Charities SORP (FRS102)) and Financial Reporting Standard 102 (FRS 102), standards and the Charities SORP.

2 INCOMING RESOURCES

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	TOTAL FUNDS	
			2025 £	2024 £
2(a) Incoming resources from donors				
Planned giving:				
Gift Aid donations	16,730		16,730	16,340
Income tax recoverable	5,890		5,890	5,636
Other planned giving	821	-	821	1,384
Collections (open plate) at all services	3,896	-	3,896	3,806
Gifts		-	0	0
Sundry donations	1,981	6,291	8,272	4,794
	<u>29,317</u>	<u>6,291</u>	<u>35,609</u>	<u>31,960</u>
2(b) Other voluntary incoming resources				
Grants	1,000	0	1,000	905
Miscellaneous	0		0	500
Donations, appeals etc	1,091	4	1,095	1,128
Legacies	0	-		3,000
	<u>2,091</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>2,095</u>	<u>5,533</u>
2(C) Income from operating activities: to further the council's objects				
Church Centre lettings	25,182	-	25,182	22,188
Fees	4,147	-	4,147	1,278
	<u>29,329</u>		<u>29,329</u>	<u>23,466</u>
2(d) Income from operating activities: to generate funds				
Magazines and books	0	-	0	49
Draw	1,656	0	1,656	
Fetes, bazaars, other fund-raising events	3,714	-	3,714	7,821
Xmas Cards/Cakes	0	-	0	0
Coffee Shop	1,027		1,027	1,049
Produce Stall/Cards/Receipe Books	0	-	0	10
	<u>6,396</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>6,396</u>	<u>8,929</u>
2(e) Income from investments				
Dividends and interest including any reclaimable tax	1,026		1,026	891
2(f) Other ordinary incoming resources				
Insurance voucher scheme		-	0	0
Insurance claims	0	-	0	0
Flowers	240	-	240	75
	<u>240</u>		<u>240</u>	<u>75</u>
TOTAL INCOMING RESOURCES	<u>68,399</u>	<u>6,295</u>	<u>74,694</u>	<u>70,854</u>

PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF HOLY TRINITY, BLENDWORTH

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

For the year ended 31 December 2025

3 RESOURCES EXPENDED

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	TOTAL FUNDS 2025 2024 £ £	
3(a) Grants				
Missionary and charitable giving:				
Church overseas:				
- Missionary Societies / Relief				
- and Development Agencies	50	0	50	0
Home Missions and other Church Societies	<u>1,095</u>		<u>1,095</u>	<u>1,128</u>
	<u>1,145</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>1,145</u>	<u>1,128</u>
3(b) Activities directly relating to the work of the Church				
Ministry Diocesan Parish Share	-16,187	-	-16,187	39,722
Clergy Expenses	252	-	252	0
		-	0	0
Church running expenses	7,946		7,946	7,091
Church maintenance	1,224	3,873	5,097	1,726
Sunday Club costs	0	-	0	0
Costs of Magazines and Books	0	-	0	0
Upkeep of churchyard	1,408	-	1,408	1,301
Church Centre running costs	16,223	-	16,223	29,378
Coffee Shop	0		0	
Social Group Purchases/ Donations	0		0	0
Magazine Donations	0		0	0
Organ, Choir and Music	983		983	878
Church Restoration Fund			0	0
	<u>11,850</u>	<u>3,873</u>	<u>15,723</u>	<u>80,095</u>
3(c) Church Management and Administration				
Administration :				
Printing and stationery	1,208	-	1,208	722
Staff costs	1,644	-	1,644	1,250
Depreciation of Assets	0	-	0	
	<u>2,852</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>2,852</u>	<u>1,972</u>
3(d) Costs of generating funds				
Fetes, bazaars, other fund-raising events	1,565	-	1,565	2,258
	<u>1,565</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,565</u>	<u>2,258</u>
TOTAL RESOURCES EXPENDED	<u>17,412</u>	<u>3,873</u>	<u>21,285</u>	<u>85,453</u>
4 STAFF COSTS (included in 3(c) above)				
Wages and Salaries incl. Employer's N.I.	<u>1,644</u>		<u>1,644</u>	<u>1,250</u>

PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF HOLY TRINITY, BLENDWORTH
NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)
For the year ended 31 December 2025

5 FIXED ASSETS FOR USE BY THE PCC

	2025 £	2024 £
5(a) Freehold land and Buildings	0	0
5(a) Equipment after Depreciation	2,760	0
ESTIMATED BOOK VALUE	<u>2,760</u>	<u>0</u>

The parish owns the Church Centre situated at Blendworth Lane, but there is a pre-emption right on the land which would revert to the original donor in the event of the parish no longer having a use for it. In the light of this the PCC cannot place any value on this asset.

5(b) Investment fixed assets

	£
Movements in the year:	
Market value - 1 January 2025	31,040
Purchases at cost, less disposals	0
Net gains on disposals and annual revaluation	<u>-613</u>
Market value - 31 December 2025	<u>30,427</u>

Holdings at 31 December 2025

* 1370.67 shares in the CBF Church of England Investment Fabric Fund

* 0 shares in the CBF Church of England Fixed Interest Securities Fund

* 0 shares in the CBF Church of England Investment Fund

6 ANALYSIS OF NET ASSETS BY FUND

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total £
Investments	2,760	30,426	33,186
Debtors	3,556		3,556
Cash at Bank and in Hand	41,477	29,240	70,718
Accruals	(852)		(852)
Creditors	(1,711)		(1,711)
Funds Balance	<u>45,230</u>	<u>59,667</u>	<u>104,896</u>

PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF HOLY TRINITY, BLENDWORTH

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

For the year ended 31st December 2025

7 DEBTORS

	2025	2024
	£	£
Income tax recoverable	1,130	1,620
Vat refund claim		
Pre-payments and accrued interest	335	137
Other debtors	2,090	2,172
	<u>3,556</u>	<u>3,929</u>

8 LIABILITIES : AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	2025	2024
	£	£
Creditors for goods and services	1,299	36,655
Other creditors	413	262
	<u>1,711</u>	<u>36,917</u>
Accruals	852	942

9 FUND DETAILS

Included in the funds, which must be spent on the specified purposes, within a reasonable time, are the following amounts.

	2025	2024
	£	£
Roof Donations 2025	6291	
Roof Donations 2024	2961	2961
Roof of Donations 2023	4641	4641
Roof Donations 2022	3,820	3820
Roof Donations 2021	1,922	1,922
Ins Claim Church Ceiling	4,280	4,280
Surplus Centre 2025	10,000	
	0	0
Total	<u>33,915</u>	<u>17,624</u>
Less Netting (paid out current a/c 2020)	-900	-900
Less Architect	-871	-871
2025 Architect, Bat Survey	-3,873	
Grand Total	<u>28,271</u>	<u>15,853</u>
Anna Chaplaincy	181	
Clothing Bank	500	
Prize Draw	288	
Grand Total	<u>29,240</u>	

PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF HOLY TRINITY, BLENDWORTH
INDEX TO THE OPERATING STATEMENTS
OF THE
CHURCH AND BENEFICE GROUPS AND COMMITTEES
FOR 2025

In Alphabetical Order:

Church Centre

Coffee Shop

Flower Fund

Weekly Draw

Also Included:

Statement of Charitable and Other Giving

Debtors and Creditors

CHURCH CENTRE OPERATING STATEMENT
For the Year ended 31st December 2025

	Page Ref.	Note	2025	2024
	Main SFA	This Page		
Incoming Resources			£	£
Lettings	2(c)		25181.65	22188.47
Coffee Shop			0.00	0.00
Donations	2(b)		170.00	1234.95
Bank Interest	2(e)		5.78	7.38
TOTAL INCOMING RESOURCES			25357.43	23430.80
Resources Used				
To Church A/c			10000.00	472.00
Bookings Secretary & Caretaker	3(b)		3808.00	3742.00
Light & Heat	"		3635.74	3742.10
Water & Drainage	"		344.85	270.00
Repairs, Maintenance, Furniture	"	A	6252.09	20184.40
Garden Maintenance	"	B	1080.00	0.00
Telephone & Broadband	"		594.09	0.00
Cleaning & Sundries	"		508.10	719.97
Fund Raising Expenses	"		22.00	961.47
Donation Church Roof			0.00	0.00
Coffee Shop			0.00	0.00
TOTAL RESOURCES USED			26244.87	30091.94
NET INCOMING/(OUTGOING) RESOURCES	1		-887.44	-6661.14
BALANCE BROUGHT FORWARD AT 1st JANUARY 2025			7799.27	14460.41
BALANCE CARRIED FORWARD AT 31st DECEMBER 2025	1		6911.83	7799.27
Note: A New Windows £5430			852.08	Accruals
B Tree Work in Car Park			70.00	Creditors
				Debtors

COFFEE SHOP GROUP OPERATING STATEMENT
For the Year ended 31st December 2025

	Page Ref. Main SFA	Note This Page	2025 £	2024 £
Incoming Resources				
Coffee Sales			1026.59	1049.41
Salvation Army			125.10	115.00
			0.00	
Bank interest			0.00	
Donations			0.00	
TOTAL INCOMING RESOURCES			1151.69	1164.41
Resources Used				
To Church A/c			990.00	1050.00
Salvation Army			125.10	115.00
Cost of fund raising			41.50	71.50
			0.00	
			0.00	
			0.00	
			0.00	
			0.00	
			0.00	
TOTAL RESOURCES USED			1156.60	1236.00
NET INCOMING/(OUTGOING) RESOURCES			-4.91	-71.59
BALANCE BROUGHT FORWARD AT 1st JANUARY 2025			44.99	116.58
BALANCE CARRIED FORWARD AT 31st DECEMBER 2025			40.08	44.99

WEEKLY DRAW OPERATING STATEMENT
For the Year ended 31st December 2025

Page Ref.
Main SFA

			2025			2024		
			Income		Costs	Income		Costs
			£		£	£		£
Income from Donations								
Donations	2(d)		0			2040		
Expenses								
Prizes	2(e)				60			1628
Church	2(e)				203			770
<u>In Church Account</u>								
Donations			1656					
Prizes					1121			
Church					347			
TOTAL INCOMING/(EXPENSE) FROM EVENTS			1,656		(1,731)	2,040		(2,398)
NET INCOME FROM EVENTS			(75)			(358)		
BALANCE BROUGHT FORWARD AT 1st JANUARY 2025			263			621		
BALANCE CARRIED FORWARD AT 31st DECEMBER 2025			188			263		

Bank account was closed in January 2025 and the balance transferred to Church account.

STATEMENT OF CHARITABLE & OTHER GIVING
For the Year ended 31st December 2025

	Page Ref. Main SFA	Note This Page	2025 £	2024 £
Incoming Resources/Resources Used	2(b)			
Church Overseas:				
Missionary Societies/ Relief and Development Agencies:				
Christian Blind Mission				
Mission Aviation Fellowship				
Mission to Seafarers				
Christian Aid				
Red Cross (Turkey/Syrian)				
Kofridua			50.00	
Totals			<u>50.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>
Home Missions & Other Church Societies:				
National Churches Trust				
Bishop's Lent Appeal			679.50	796.30
RNLI				0.00
Mission to Seafarers			79.41	0.00
C of E Childrens Society			52.97	31.00
Salvation Army			125.10	115.00
Stroke Association				0.00
Mothers Union Holidays			158.00	185.47
Historic Churches Trust				
Totals			<u>1094.98</u>	<u>1127.77</u>
TOTAL CHARITABLE GIVING			<u>1144.98</u>	<u>1127.77</u>

Debtors 2025

Gift Aid	1130.44	
Sum up	286.3	1418.74
St Huberts PCC	1689.16	
Prepayment RSCM	137.00	
Prepayment CCLI	197.86	334.86
Chalton PCC	42.79	
Trefoil Guild	2.00	70.00
C Reeve	70.00	
	3555.55	

Creditors 2025

St Olavs Trust	48.85	1711.15
G Dromey	80.00	
Fees	763.00	
Horndean Missioner	363.63	
Rev J Windsor	90.00	
Childrens Society	48.97	
Total Elec Church	316.70	
	1711.15	

Accruals 2025

Total Gas Church Centre	743.44	
Total Elec Church Centre	108.61	852.05
	852.05	

**PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF
BLENDWORTH, HOLY TRINITY
ANNUAL REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2025**

1. Administrative Information

Full Parochial Name: Blendworth, Holy Trinity.

Benefice: Blendworth with Chalton with Idsworth

Diocese: Portsmouth

Location: Blendworth Lane, Blendworth, Hants, PO8 0AB

Benefice Office: The Church Centre, Blendworth Lane, Horndean,
Hants, PO8 0AA

2. Members of the Parochial Church Council (PCC)

**Standing Committee members*

During the year 2025 the following served as members of the PCC:

Priest-in Charge: The Revd Joy Windsor

*Licensed Lay Minister
& Anna Chaplain*

Mrs Dawn Jenkins

Church Wardens:

*Mrs. Gill Hill Church Warden (*Chair of PCC meetings*)

*Mrs. Jo Jackson Church Warden

Elected Members:

*Miss Janet Laws, PCC Secretary (Holy Trinity) &
Benefice Secretary (Blendworth, Chalton &
Idsworth) & Parish Safeguarding Officer

Mrs. Annie Reeves Diocesan Synod Representative

Mrs. Veronica Brice PCC Member

Miss Rebecca Goss PCC member

*Mrs. Val Griffiths Treasurer/PCC Member

Mrs. Sue Wilson PCC member

Mrs. Helen Orsmond PCC member

Electoral Roll Officer:

Miss Rebecca Goss

3. Structure, Governance and Management

The method of appointment of PCC members is set out in the Church Representation Rules as published online by the Church of England General Synod (<https://www.churchofengland.org/more/policy-and-thinking/church-representation-rules/church-representation-rules-online>). All regular church attendees are encouraged to register on the Electoral Roll and stand for election to the PCC. The Roll was renewed 2025, prior to the Annual Parochial Church Meeting. The PCC is the body of Trustees for the Parish.

4. Charitable Status

The PCC is a Charity and is registered with the Charity Commission.

5. Safeguarding

Safeguarding continues to be a huge topic in the Church of England, it is very much in the forefront in the Diocese of Portsmouth and in all our parishes, and in the Diocesan Synod report provided by Annie Reeves you will have read of the report given to Synod by our Head of Safeguarding on the recent safeguarding report by Consultancy INEQE. The Diocese has made huge positive changes over the last year in its safeguarding culture and outlook.

An excellent Safeguarding Conference was held in September for Parish Safeguarding Officers and Clergy on the theme of Trauma with some wonderful speakers; at these events we not only learn much from the speakers themselves but also from sharing with one another in other parishes.

We continue to work across the Benefice in getting new and renewal DBS checks undertaken, along with safeguarding training. This is an enormous job which I must admit I find a real battle to deal with on some occasions and it does not help when DBS clearances take so long to come back but we continue day by day always remembering the importance of this work and giving thanks that we do have such a supportive team behind us in the Diocesan Safeguarding Team,

Janet Laws

Parish/Benefice Safeguarding Officer

6. Review of activities 2025

We had a number of events during 2025 starting with our Shrove Tuesday event which was well attended. We had a meal of lasagne with garlic bread followed by pancakes. A very interesting quiz was presented by Jeff & Carol Legg which well received.

Later in March we had a band concert by the Langstone Big Band.

Our annual plant sale was in mid-May with all the money going towards the roof fund.

In June Emily Martine performed for us. Ticket sales were disappointing, but an enjoyable evening was had by those who attended.

The Summer Fete was held on 26th July in the grounds of Blendworth House. The weather was perfect and we had several stalls with games & refreshments and some private sellers. The Showstopper Dancers did a display, and we also had a Dog Show.

At the end of September, we had our annual Proms Night performed by the Blendworth Brass Band. They performed several Abba tunes plus the traditional Proms Night favourites. This was well attended and people commented it was probably the best concert they had played for us over the years.

At the start of October, we had a Clothes Bank sale to reduce the amount of stock we were holding.

Our Christmas Fair was held a week earlier than normal as we felt it might encourage more people to attend. This proved to be the case and the fair was busy. Nearly all the raffle tickets were sold for this event – many in advanced sales.

Gill Hill and Jo Jackson
Church Wardens

7. Baptisms, Marriages, and Funerals

In 2025, Holy Trinity was able to offer baptisms, weddings as well as funerals and burials. During the year we had four baptisms, two weddings, and five funerals together with interment of ashes.

8. Review of the Year – PCC

The PCC met on seven occasions during the year and with all the problems with the church roof, a lot of time at our meetings have been spent on discussing this and also how we might raise the funds to undertake the work.

The Benefice Standing Committee which was formed two years ago, meets two or three times a year, planning the diary of events across the benefice, to try and avoid a clash of dates, and to deal with parish policies and safeguarding issues initially. The Committee is made up of the Churchwardens of the three parishes, along with Janet Laws as Benefice Secretary, Revd Joy, Dawn Jenkins as Lay Reader and Canon Wendy Kennedy.

We were delighted that we were able to pay the Parish Share in full for 2025 and to receive a letter of thanks from the Diocese for doing so, although the sum for 2025 was lower than in the past as our number in the congregation, attending weekly services is not as high as in previous years.

The Ecumenical work continued with the other local churches, the regular Prayer Breakfasts with Catherington and Clanfield, St Edmunds and the Baptists. The Prayer Stations for *Thy Kingdom Come* were held in the Church Centre Chapel.

Revd Joy regularly updated the PCC about the work connected with the Horndean Missioner part of her role and one of the highlights of the church calendar is now the Christmas Tree Festival held in early December and brings together representatives from across Horndean and beyond; the church was full of trees last December and more people attended than the previous year and we hope to increase this again this year. The Festival ended with the Christingle Service which was well attended and more oranges had to be purchased at the last minute as most of the children who had visited the Festival had made a Christingle, even if they could not attend the service on the Sunday afternoon.

The Grandparents & Toddlers Group continued to be hugely successful, and the work of the Anna Chaplaincy Team was going from strength to strength, but we were reminded that the spiritual growth of the church in the future and how Holy Trinity was kept going needs regular discussion. At each of our PCC meetings now we speak about attracting more young people through Sowing Seeds or the informal service on the second Sunday of the month and during each meeting we have specific prayers for the young people.

Mike Williams kindly took over the role of representing the parish on Deanery Synod and Annie Reeves has continued to represent the parish on Diocesan Synod although he is now standing down from this role which she has undertaken for very many years.

It is a real privilege to undertake the role of PCC Secretary at Blendworth, and as Benefice Secretary being able to work more closely with Chalton and Idsworth and to be able to support Joy in her ministry. We do need new members to serve on the PCC as two or three of our number are stepping down this year so if you have some time to spare, please do consider putting your name forward for election (which is subject to a DBS check and Safeguarding training).

Janet Laws
PCC Secretary

9. Church Centre

The Church Centre continues to be popular with its regular hirers and several private parties. During the daytime there is still availability for other hirers should any come forward, but all weekday evenings and Saturdays are fully booked.

During 2025 the Centre paid to have trees cut back in the car park and installed new double-glazed windows and a new fire exit door in the main hall. The old windows were single glazed so there should be a benefit from this installation as far as the gas bill is concerned.

We continue to rent six parking spaces in the car park to local businesses during working hours at a cost of £100 per vehicle per year. In addition, a

campervan owner pays to park as she lives in the Gales building in the village and is unable to park her vehicle there.

The hall has hosted several fund-raising events for the Church and Church Roof Fund, including band concerts, plant sale, singers, Christmas fair & Shrove Tuesday meal.

As we keep costs to a minimum at the Centre (with some work being done voluntarily) we were able to pay £10,000 to the church towards the roof replacement.

Geoff Hill
Centre Manager

10. Fabric Report

During 2025 we have kept up with the minor maintenance required at HTB with the help of the Rakers & Scrapers. Rakers & Scrapers meet on the third Saturday of the month. Unfortunately, the group has decreased, and our average attendance is six people each month.

As well as keeping the churchyard tidy, we have also made repairs to the church wall which was crumbling in places. We have also had to top up some graves with soil where they have sunk over the years.

Our main concern continued to be the church roof, as our new architect Ross Aylward was extremely concerned that any delay in starting work was causing further deterioration to the church. The netting remains in place inside the church and will do so until the external & internal work is completed.

Several of our events in 2025 at the church centre & summer fete raised funds towards the roof repairs, together with funds from successful grant applications. A decision was made by the PCC to subdivide the roof repair so that the work could commence more quickly. This would allow more time for fund raising and responses from further grant applications. Work is planned to commence in April 2026.

All annual inspections have taken place ie lightning conductor, fire extinguishers, clock, automatic door release, organ tuning etc.

We continued to have problems with the church electrics where the fuses kept tripping. With the help of one of our parishioners, we eventually managed to get the heating system working in the main body of the church. Once the roof repairs are completed, we will check that the heating/electrics are working effectively.

Gill Hill & Jo Jackson
Churchwardens

11. Deanery Synod

Deanery Synod takes place three times per year in March, June and November varying the venues across churches within the Havant Deanery. The Havant Deanery covers 25 active churches under the Portsmouth Diocese and is led by the Area Dean Revd Canon Emma Racklyett ably assisted by the Assistant Area Dean Jonathan Jeffrey. These meetings are led by the Deanery Lay Chair Kathy Dunn and start with short acts of worship and an introduction from the incumbent of the hosting venue on their interaction with their parishioners.

In June 2025 the Synod met at All Saints Church, Denmead. The main theme of that Synod was to look at the continuing work of what was IDWAL and now called The Ghana Portsmouth Link. The presentation was given by Angela Herring on the Havant link with the Koforidua diocese emphasising the desire to be self-sufficient in fundraising with the sale of 500ml water sachets for children and families packed into units of 30 costing about 60p. Project has been running from 2018 with the building of infrastructure. Sales started in 2022 with profits from the first years at £9k (140k GhCedi – local currency). Current project is for a Maternity Clinic based on a donated house and former clinic and named PAT Memorial Maternity Clinic with 4 beds and an operating theatre. The local fundraising has so far reached £25K with no requests from the UK. Further project at Kwabeng is a piggery with 8 sows and 2 boars producing 14 piglets by the end of May! During the Covid shutdown it was realised that stipends and other salary payments may have ceased in Ghana. Ghana Link sent £3k to enable wages to be paid.

The June synod also had the opportunity to learn about local deanery church initiatives including Bubble Church at St Nicholas Church Bedhampton aimed at Young Children and families based on stories, 'the sorry song' and 'thank yous'. Tea and Prayers at Hartplain: Monthly at 3pm on a Sunday. Aimed at the older

generation who found getting to earlier Sunday services difficult but wanted to meet and enjoy traditional hymns. Wild Church in Emsworth: Sunday Pm outside with activities (option inside if wet) into a church. Once per month and family friendly. Anna Cafe Church: Part of Anna Chaplaincy initiative. Soup and cake after short service. Dementia friendly. Lunch Group in West Leigh: Tuesday friendship group meeting in a local pub for lunch and a chat. Attendees paid for meals and drink with organisers just facilitating.

The November 2025 Synod was held at St James, Emsworth. Meeting chaired by Kathy Gunn the Deanery Lay Chair in the absence through illness of Revd Emma Racklyett (Area Dean) and Revd Jonathan Jeffrey (Assistant Area Dean). Synod was introduced to St James and the more traditional church of St Thomas a Becket, the mother church at Warblington by the Rector The Revd Andrew Sheard. St James is a very proactive community using all its opportunities of its situation off North Street in Emsworth to link with the local parish. Two services that have proved attractive are the Breakfast Service which can accommodate up to one hundred people, and the 5pm service which ends with pizza!

Talk by Heather Powney the Diocesan Children, Youth and Families Ministry (CYF) lead.

Strategy based on National Churches 'Rejuvenate' guidance. 'Revive', 'Revitalise', 'Renew'.

Community – Jesus centred, Kingdom seeking disciples. Key responsibilities: Support advocacy, training /resources, strategy, culture change. Pray for children outside church.

Access to resources for 'Open the Book', 'Godly Play', 'Messy Church', 'Bubble Church' and 'Kitchen Table Project'.

30K Project: National initiative within CYF to create 3000 paid CYF workers and 27000 volunteer CYF workers by 2030. 'Recognise Week'- a particular week in the year recognising CYF workers planned for 7-13 July 2026.

Growing Faith (see website): School/home/church connecting circles. Relationships. Helping parents to talk faith to their children. Chatting Faith-children's book stories and many more.

Diocesan Synod and Finance Discussions Update given to the November 2025 meeting.

Carbon net zero supporting solar panels. Need the currently sixteen churches using oil fired heating (not HTB) to change as a matter of priority.

Diocesan Budget

Parish Share will increase by 3% in 2026 based on 88 % collection of Parish Share from around the Diocese. Collection was 97% which went down to 77% during Covid and now up to 88 %. Clergy stipends will increase by 8%. Pressures include reduced rental income. Government policy on tenants and letting make recovering properties for primary clergy use has been difficult. Therefore, during interregnums clergy houses will not be made available for outside rental. Our Diocese can claim grants from The Church Commissioners' whereas some 'well off' dioceses will no longer be able to claim grants.

This Deficit Budget of £1.2 million has been agreed by the Diocesan Synod based on the 88% collection so if more can be achieved then that will reduce. Diocese can cope with a deficit for 3 years but may not manage 6 years!

Mike Williams

Deanery Synod Representative

12. Diocesan Synod

A Diocese is led by a bishop but governed by a democratic body called the 'Diocesan Synod'. Synods were introduced by the Church of England in 1970 to increase the participation of lay people (non-clergy) in decision-making. The national body is called the General Synod and there are also synods at diocesan and deanery level. Our Diocesan Synod meets three times a year. Bishop Luke Irvine-Capel was welcomed. He will assist Bishop Jonathan within the Diocese. David Isaac was also welcomed as the Diocesan Retired Clergy Officer.

Head of Safeguarding Emily Hassan updated Synod members on recent developments, including the recent safeguarding report by consultancy INEQE. Staff from INEQE had done an online survey in the spring and carried out an in-person visit at the start of June. To give an idea of the scale of the audit, Emily reported that the safeguarding team had provided the auditors with 366 documents, containing more than 19,000 words. There were also 642 individuals who responded to the online survey and 115 people were interviewed by the audit team. 130 interviews have been carried out as part of the audit and we welcomed most of the recommendations. Safeguarding Officers are to be commended for all their work.

The Diocese of Portsmouth has undergone a substantial and positive transformation in its safeguarding culture, establishing a firmly embedded and robust framework

Bishop Jonathan recognized that the budget has been very difficult. The increase in NI contributions and clergy stipends rising by 8%. We have 73 stipendiary priests (10% vacancies). The 8.8% increase will be funded by the Diocese. Housing costs have increased with fewer lettings and work carried out on housing. Parish share will increase by 3%. The Diocese faces a large deficit during the next triennium and although the budget was approved there are many decisions to be made during the next three years. There is some transitional funding available to help dioceses to cope with these changes, but we are still budgeting for a £1.2m deficit for 2026.

Annie Reeves

Diocesan Synod Representative

13. Anna Chaplaincy

The Anna Chaplaincy service within the Horndean area has still been growing over the last year.

We now visit each month:

Acacia House

Pear Tree Court

Wisteria lodge

Beregrove

Whitehaven

Rosecott

Blendworth Hills - is still in early stages, but we are planning to hold Messy Vintage Easter there at Easter 2026 and invite residents from the other homes.

Some of the homes we are visiting twice a month as residents have requested Holy Communion which Joy takes in as a separate service. Added to this we are also doing home visits which are also very much appreciated. Over Christmas we also held Carol Services in the homes and were blessed with the Choir to swell our voices which was very much enjoyed by the residents.

Without our visits very little spiritual support is given to these elderly residents who sometimes have been moved to homes to be closer to family so have few visitors and no church connection.

This work cannot be done without a faithful team of helpers, so Joy and I would like to take this opportunity to thank Annie, Veronica, Jo, Joanne for all their help and support each week, Sheila has also been very much working alongside us and we hope to be able to present her with her lanyard and commission her very soon. Also, thanks to Janet for printing off our service sheets. If anyone is interested in finding out more about the work we do, with a view to joining the team please do ask me for more information.

In the meantime everyone can help by praying for our work and the work of the staff and residence in the homes we visit.

Dawn Jenkins
Anna Chaplain

14. Treasurers Report

Many of the congregation of Blendworth Church use the Parish Giving Scheme for their Regular Giving. This is a great help in that many have agreed to index link their giving, so that each year the amount given is in line with the rate of inflation, and the work to collect the Gift Aid is done by the administrator of the scheme saving much of the Treasurer's time. We also have a machine available for use by the congregation who increasingly do not carry cash for the collection.

The work we do in the Community helps to raise the awareness of the Church and also (although not for profit activities) contribute a small amount to funds. We have a Grandparent and Toddler Group £300, Table Tennis group £272, Coffee Shop £990.

During the year we were raising funds mainly for the roof repair. However, we were still able to contribute to support other charities by holding Lent Lunches for the Bishop Lent Appeal and three services where the collection was given to the charity the service was concerning. Also, the Coffee Shop held a raffle for the Salvation Army.

The Church Centre have been working hard to promote the hire of the hall, the venue looking much more appealing since the repair of the car park. We replaced the windows in the hall to double glazing which has meant a reduction in the heating costs and trimmed a lot of the trees to allow more light into the area. We have also installed broadband into the Centre which gives our hirers full internet access. All this has resulted in a surplus of funds of £10,000 which has been allocated to the roof repair.

Thank you to all who contribute to the prizes for the raffles that are held at many of our events. The money raised goes towards the upkeep of the church and roof repairs. The raffle at the Christmas Market raised £910 which also went towards the roof.

We received a grant of £1000 from Horndean Parish Council towards the cost of the upkeep of the graveyard.

Unfortunately, our Shares went down in 2025 by £613.

Like the rest of the Country the expenditure increased this year due to inflation, and we had to repair the heating in the church. We are grateful to parishioners who contribute to the cost of consumables and flowers. We must maintain the organ in good repair even though we don't have a permanent organist.

Thank you to all who continue to support our church. We raised a total of £6,291, this year, towards the cost of the roof repairs and are applying for grants. Unfortunately, we will have to use all our reserves to pay for the roof which will start Stage 1 in April 2026.

Valerie Griffiths
Treasurer

15. Accounts – Will be sent separately

16. The Future

- To pray for growth and renewal at Holy Trinity and the benefice too, and particularly to welcome the young people
- Continuing to fundraise for the church building.
- To work together with Catherington and Clanfield to bring the church into Horndean through the Horndean Missioner role.



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Independent examiner's report on the accounts

Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees

Charity Name

Parochial Church Council of Holy Trinity, Blendworth

On accounts for the year ended

31st December 2025

Charity no (if any)

1129238

Set out on pages

1 & 2

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

Responsibilities and basis of report

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

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

Independent examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; or
- the accounts did not accord with the accounting records; or
- the accounts did not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair' view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Signed:

C. Lodge

Date:

06/05/2026

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Gillian Lodge

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Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight material matters of concern (see CC32, Independent examination of charity accounts: directions and guidance for examiners).

The cash balance was not verified at the year end, but this is immaterial to the accounts as a whole.

An adjustment was made to the prior year figures to correct the split between restricted and unrestricted funds. The comparative balances have been amended accordingly. Rounding differences of £1 were considered immaterial.