



THE UNITED PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF BROXTED WITH CHICKNEY, TILTY, GREAT EASTON AND LITTLE EASTON (KNOWN AS THE FIVE PARISHES)

TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT 2024-2025

ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

The parish churches forming The Five Parishes were grouped together by a Church Commissioners Pastoral Scheme and confirmed by HM Queen Elizabeth in July 1987. The united parish is situated in Essex in the Diocese of Chelmsford, in the archdeaconry of Colchester and the Deanery of Stansted and Dunmow. There are four operational churches, Chickney being a redundant church is in the care of the Churches Conservation Trust.

The correspondence address is The Rectory, Park Lane, Little Easton, Essex CM6 2JJ.

These four churches are grouped with the parish churches of Stebbing, Lindsell, Great Saling and Little Bardfield Saling, known as The Pilgrim Parishes, all in the care of Rev Sue Hurley.

The United Parochial Church Council (PCC) was registered as a charity with the Charity Commission on 7th September 2009 number 1131525.

The Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM) of The Five Parishes was held on 11th May 2025 in Tilty Church. Trustees (i.e. PCC members) at the time of the APCM were:

Revd Sue Hurley (Priest-in-Charge and PCC Chair of the PCC), Mr Warwick Newbury (PCC Vice Chair), Mrs Claire Squibb (PCC Treasurer), Mr Terry Reed, Mrs Fiona Down, Mr Ron Gilder, Ms Alison Armitage and Mr Carl Mitchell (Churchwardens), Mrs Cecile Down, Mr Roger Clark, Mr Peter Ward, Mrs Joan Boulton, Mrs Sheena Ward, Mrs Charlene Slade (PCC Members).

Ex officio members of the PCC were:

Claire Squibb (the Five Parishes Treasurer)

Claire Jackman (head teacher of Great Easton C of E Primary School)

Angela Harbottle (chair of the Friends of the Five Parishes)

Rachel and Roddy Kesterton (editors of The Five Parishes Magazine)

The following are the reports given at the APCM

PRIEST-IN-CHARGE'S ANNUAL REPORT 2024-2025

I would like to start by thanking you all so much, for helping me through a difficult year. Thank you for your on-going care and prayers as I underwent radiotherapy and have gradually had more energy, enabling me to do more. I'm not fully there but thank you for walking this dark

journey with me, please don't stop praying that the cancer is behind me! I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone on The Ministry Team for their service this year. Particular thanks for taking additional services during my enforced absence for treatment. You have each taken on far more than usual and ensured that weekly worship has continued. Thank you for your faithful service.

Special thanks go to our amazing wardens, Alison, Carl, Ron, Fiona and Terry. I am tremendously grateful for all your support and hard work; week in week out; so much of which is hidden from our sight. Thank you to the teams in each church who work together to oversee the smooth running and maintenance of our beautiful churches. Huge thanks to Pat who was the secretary for part of this year and then passed the baton to Emma who has graciously stepped into this role. Thank you to Emma for all that you do as our administrator and for personally supporting me so well through this tricky year, thank you for organising us and chivvying us into action! Thank you to Claire for all your hard work as treasurer and for giving a strong lead in all things financial and musical! Thank you, Dot, for continuing the role of Parish Safeguarding officer over-seeing safeguarding issues.

My thanks to everyone on our PCC. Thank you for your time and for working graciously with one another. Thank you, Warwick, for taking the role of lay chair, particularly this year when I have not been able to be with you as much as I would have liked to be. Thank you to everyone who has supported our churches in any way. Thank you to those working together to maintain our beautiful churches and churchyards; which are such amazing ancient oases of calm. Thank you to all who have arranged flowers, polished and cleaned, put together rotas, organised musicians, played the organ, rung bells, verged, operated technology, written intercessions, read lessons, served refreshments, overseen refurbishments, helped with fund-raising and to the army of unseen volunteers who have helped to keep our churches going. Thank you, Angela, for your work with The Friends of The Five Parishes and also in relation to planned giving. Thank you to Roddy and Rachel Kesterton, who, have worked so hard on The Parish magazine. Thank you to Karen for all your work renewing the Electoral roll. Our thanks to Claire and the whole staff of Great Easton School and to Ron and team for representing us on the Governing body and for hosting the whole school in Great Easton church each term. Thank you to everyone who gave up time and energy to make last year's Countess of Warwick's Show such a huge success, and to all who are already working hard on this year's show.

Fellowship is an important part of life in The Pilgrim Parishes. We will continue to offer 5th Sunday Benefice services and other opportunities for people from across The Pilgrim Parishes to meet and to forge friendships with one another, such as Hymns and Pimm's services. Thank you to those of you who have supported these, and I do encourage you all to try and come along to some of these joint events.

It is great that four people from The Five Parishes are being confirmed next month, please keep all the confirmation candidates in your prayers. Can we continue to commit ourselves to praying for one another and asking God to show us how to lead these beautiful churches, so that month by month, new people may be added to our number and that we will have the courage to take The Gospel into the heart of our villages.

Rev Sue Hurley, Priest-in-Charge

PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL TREASURER'S REPORT

I am pleased to present the Treasurer's Report for the year ended 31st December 2024.

Summary

The Five Parishes generated an overall surplus for the year of £31,236, down from £72,515 last year. Costs have risen across the board, donations are generally down by about 10%, and we have embarked on some major repair works.

The 2024 Parish Share was met by the PCC as a whole, not split between the four churches. As a United Parish, we only receive one payment figure from the diocese rather than separate amounts.

Bank and deposit accounts increased by £23,056 to £234,881 and total Parish funds increased to £532,838 (last year £500,577). The Independent Examiner may make some adjustments that will affect these, but I am confident that any changes will be minor.

Income after expenses from the Countess of Warwick Country Show was £62,923 and other fundraising produced a further £8,345. Expenditure on major repairs amounted to £25,171.

Overall, income decreased by £17,470 to £153,347 and expenditure rose by £23,809 to £122,111. We received considerably less in the form of legacies in the year (2023 was exceptionally high), and embarked on some major repair work, the first for several years.

Bank interest rates remained at around 1.5% during the year, so our investment income rose, as did the value of investments held.

Detailed below is a summary of the PCC, the Countess of Warwick Show and the four churches. Please note that the Parish Accounts figures as quoted differ slightly from the churches' individual Profit and Loss reports as some items in the final accounts are not visible in the Profit and Loss accounts (e.g. retained CWS profits, retained interest in savings accounts).

PCC

The PCC's starting balance was £48,596. Income reduced to £84,832, (£94,138 in 2023), largely explained by a reduction in the profit of the Countess of Warwick Show from its peak in 2023. Expenditure fell to £62,725 (£90,800 in 2023), making a surplus of £22,108. The large reduction in expenses is largely explained by the fact that the 2023 figures showed the Parish Share twice - the amount for 2023 and also an adjustment moving the 2022 Parish Share to the PCC.

Parish Administrator costs are now being shared across the Five Parishes. We pay the initial bill and reclaim from the other churches in the benefice. Our portion of Emma's costs in 2024 came to £2,628.83, down from £3,877.20 in 2023.

Due to an oversight, the regular grant to the Rebecca Meade Trust was not made in 2023, so was made twice in 2024. In addition, the PCC made a further grant to the school for the iSing POP! Event. Grants and Donations were therefore unusually high at £6,390 compared to just £330 in 2023. This should decrease in future years.

The closing balance is shown as £67,254 but will change slightly once the Independent Examiner has determined their fee and made any other adjustments.

Countess of Warwick Show (CWS)

The Countess of Warwick Show is run by a sub-committee of the PCC and its profits account for the majority of our fundraising. The 2024 Show made a profit of £62,992.59, £9,994 less than the record set in 2023 but still very healthy. Because the Show Committee already had start-up funds retained, they were able to pass nearly all of this on to the PCC, transferring £62,000.

Our thanks go to Tim Turner, the Show Committee and all the volunteers who work so hard to make this event possible.

The Five Parishes Magazine

The magazine continues to be self-funding, making a profit of £3,368 in 2024. We thank all those involved in its production and distribution for their hard work.

Broxted Church

The start balance was £49,879. Income reduced by £1,099 to £9,402. There was a noticeable reduction in donations overall, and in Gift Aid Tax reclaimed. A generous legacy of £2,000 helped to offset this. Expenditure increased by £880 to £4,095 (£3,215 in 2023). There was however still an overall surplus of £5,307 (£7,286 in 2023 disregarding the 2022 Parish Share adjustment) and the end balance was £55,186. There were no major works to the fabric of the building in 2024.

Tilty Church

Starting balance was £25,010. Income fell by £2,233 to £17,308. Donations were down about 10% on last year. Fundraising was also down; a concert planned for the Flower Festival weekend was cancelled at the last minute and most of the tickets bought for a sell-out show had to be refunded. In spite of this, a healthy sum of £6,757 was raised (£8,368 in 2023). Many thanks to Fiona for her sterling efforts. Investment income increased due to higher interest rates. Expenditure was slightly down at £3,833 (£4,372 in 2023). The surplus was £13,425 and the end balance was £38,435. No major repairs were carried out in 2024.

Great Easton Church

The starting balance was £10,702. Income for the year was £13,753, down from £21,437 the previous year, and the pattern of reduced donations was repeated. Much of the difference, was due to grants received in 2023, from the Friends of the Five Parishes and the Listed Places of Worship scheme. As there were no major repairs in 2024, these grants did not appear, and expenditure fell to £12,479 (£25,005 in 2023) resulting in a surplus of £1,274. £4,000 was transferred into the CBF Deposit Account, so the end balance was reduced to £7,977.

Little Easton Church

Start balance was £53,675. Little Easton bucked the trend of reduced donations and saw an increase of £1,277 over the 2023 figure. Income was up by £2,498 to £27,698 (this includes retained interest in the investment account). 2024 saw more than £25,000 of major repair work, so overall there was a deficit of £10,973 in the year. Some of this will be offset by the LPW grant claimed for 2024 work, received in 2025. The end balance was £41,146.

Claire Squibb, PCC Treasurer

ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE 2024

ST MARY'S CHURCH BROXTED

Church Services and Attendance

Sunday Services are shared between the four church buildings of the United Parish by a monthly rota. On Advent Sunday and at regular intervals there are joint Pilgrim Parishes services with each church taking its turn. This year it was the turn of Broxted for Advent Sunday when Bishop Adrian preached.

We continue to hold at least one service every month. During 2024 one funeral was held plus four interment of ashes and one memorial service. In June the wedding of Jenny (née Kesterton) and Angus Sinclair Brown was held. The annual Carol Service in December was well attended. Whenever possible refreshments are provided after the Sunday services.

Review of the Year

Throughout the year we maintain the grave and grass areas. Repairs to several areas of the church are due to commence in September 2025.

At Christmas the church was decorated with a tree, lanterns and other festive decorations. Thanks are due to all our committee and volunteers who help with all jobs in the church and to the organists and other musicians who help from time to time at our services. We could not function without the hard work and dedication from everyone involved. Reverend Sue Hurley and her ministry team have a hard task looking after 8 active churches and we are grateful for their dedication.

The Countess of Warwick show raises funds for our four churches which could not take place without the hard and dedicated work undertaken by everyone involved. The show enables Broxted to maintain a presence in the Five Parishes. Broxted receives continued monthly financial support from many parishioners.

Financial Review

The larger part of Broxted's monetary assets are held in the CBF Church of England Deposit Fund. This policy is in accordance with our PCC's guidelines and represents the 'reserve' funds we require to meet quinquennial and unexpected expenditure. Broxted Parish Council continued their generous support towards the churchyard maintenance costs. With numerous trees there will be expenditure from time to time that cannot be avoided.

At year end, due to regular giving, plate collections and the Countess of Warwick Show, we have been able to maintain a cash positive balance.

Terry Reed, Churchwarden

ST JOHN AND ST GILES CHURCH, GREAT EASTON

Church Services and Attendance

In 2024 we had an Ash Wednesday service - the first for a while which turned out to be very emotional. This was followed by a Good Friday service based round monologues of characters around the cross - amazing. There was a very modern wedding of Saskia and Callum which challenged us but was a great success. In September we staged 2 iSingPop concerts with Great Easton Primary School (GEPS). With thanks to Alison, this has to have been the most successful event we have ever done in recent times. Our GEPS Christmas and Crib services gave us record attendances - well done team! We continue to live stream all our main Sunday and some special ones with an average of 40 views per service although we have no idea who is watching or for how long. Our average Sunday service attendance is 27, 2 down from the 2023 figure of 29.

In the church yard we said goodbye to ancient trees and our new gate looks splendid. There have been no tangible changes to the fabric of the church

Finance wise we have a new PCC treasurer - our Claire Squibb - and together with Peter we have a much better insight of what's happening with our moneys.

In the spring we finally decided to sort out the bells and after many meetings and the inevitable faculty we got the go ahead. The year has seen us focused on fundraising

(thanks Peter for stepping up) to raise in excess of £40,000. The work is scheduled to start on April 7th.

I am delighted that all the team has consented to continue into the next year and it would be good if we could get a few new recruits.

I thank all the people in the village and beyond who contributed to the running of the church, be it doing readings or leading prayers, to playing the organ, cleaning the church, winding the clock or cutting the grass. On this we sadly lost Hubert Rolph during the year who had been keeping the graveyard sleek for over 40 years - the number of friends at his funeral confirms how much he was respected. I look forward to the new year with hope.

Ron Gilder – Churchwarden

ST MARY'S CHURCH, TILTY

Church Services and Attendance

We had another good mix of services on the Five Parishes Rota - all well attended. This year we had 16 services which comprised 8 CWHC, 3 BCP, 2 AAW and 1 MP. In addition, we hosted the All-Souls Service for the Benefice. There were no weddings or funerals this year, but we did have one adult baptism on the same day as our Morning Prayer service. And we had a vow renewal for Churchwarden Fiona Down and husband Andrew Down, to celebrate their tenth wedding anniversary.

It was our turn to host the Easter Sunday Service at Tilty, and we were amazed by the high attendance of 46 people at a 9.30am service! Our Christmas Day service was equally well attended. And Tilty also held a team led Carol Service after which mince pies, short bread and gingerbread were served with warm mulled wine. We were very grateful to our usual team of Tilty and Duton Hill neighbours who helped decorate the church for the Christmas season, and who made the advent wreath for the Benefice Advent Service held at Broxton.

We were very thankful to have such a wide range of preachers this year from the Pilgrim Parish ministerial team and both welcome and appreciate their different styles. And it was of course great to have Reverend Sue back on the rota full time, following her successful treatment for cancer.

We welcomed the return of the chalice in July, following instruction from Bishop Guli, a practice that some congregation members still do not feel entirely comfortable with.

Fabric and Repairs

No major repairs or maintenance issues were undertaken during 2024.

We were successful with our feasibility study Grant Application and were awarded with some funds to proceed on the next stage of the process to seek formal architect advice on the installation of a toilet, and better use of the former choir area, and the location of a non-permanent storage box or shed in the grounds of the church. We had a meeting with Archdeacon Kate Peacock and the Diocese Advisory Committee as part of this process, as due to a change in Archdeacon, Kate had not so far been involved in our plans. We also had a meeting with our church architect Simon Marks (Purcell) in relation to this. During this meeting we discussed in more detail the work required on the church porch and church vestry roof and will now obtain quotes for the work.

Committee members continue to maintain the churchyard grounds to a very high standard.

Finances

Details are given in the PCC Treasurer's Report and the Financial Account. However, the balance of CCLA Church of England Deposit Fund remains unchanged at £41,666, and our share of the joint Fives Parishes Barclays Bank Account has increased to £38,435. We had another successful year of fund raising for Tilty Church, with net fund raising of £5,257.

Sadly, we have no mid-year fund raiser at The Three Horseshoes Duton Hill Annual Beer Festival. But the Tilty Flower Festival will be held as usual over the weekend of 4th and 5th October.

General

As always, we would like to thank all members of Tilty Church Committee for their support throughout the year, together with all those in the local community who help support our small church by providing refreshments, flowers and help with fundraising throughout the year.

Fiona Down, Tilty Churchwarden

LITTLE EASTON PARISH CHURCH

Church Services and Attendance

We continue to be well attended for our Sunday services and have had a range of services including Holy Communion, Book of Common Prayer and All Age Worship. Services alongside weddings, baptisms and funerals/thanksgiving services. A very well attended pet service was held in mid-October. There were 22 blessings of various animals, including dogs, cats, chicks, tortoises, alpacas, rabbits to name but a few. All those present were well behaved! We finished the year with a rousing carol service and welcomed our friends from the benefice for the New Year's Eve benefice service.

Fabric Report

I am glad to report that the heating was installed in Little Easton Church ready for our winter services. It is not quite as powerful as we would have hoped, and we will continue to strive to make our church warm for future services. The faculty for the chimney removal and repair to the wall has been approved and we are just waiting for Bakers of Danbury to give us a date to complete this over the summer.

We have made a move to incorporate more reusable artificial flowers in our flower arrangements. They look very realistic and cut our costs as well as brightening up the church. I thank Joan Bolton for this new move going forward.

Finances

Details are as shown in the Treasurer to the Five Parishes report and accounts.

Churchyard

Scott continues to keep the churchyard looking tidy and the local farmer cuts our hedges. Jess Rush volunteered to repaint the graveyard gates made by her partner's father several years ago and they now look wonderful. Gravestones that were knocked over or broken by our old beach tree that lost a limb in the winds are now starting to be repaired.

Alison Armitage Church Warden

FIVE PARISHES MAGAZINE ANNUAL REVIEW

Editorial

On the editorial side, we were new to the job in October 2023 and have kept the format and content pretty much the same as under the previous editor whilst introducing a few new features, such as Olivia Smith's quarterly farming report, which we feel the readership would enjoy. We are always on the lookout for ways to freshen up the magazine and are currently in talks with a professional designer, offering his services pro bono, who may change the layout a little in the future. The regular contributors to the magazine generally make our lives easy by providing good copy, on time. We have had a vacancy for a few months now for a Duton Hill correspondent, but as the Duton Hill Community Association are excellent at providing news from the village, this has not created any noticeable gap.

Advertising

Angela Harbottle, the previous editor still manages the advertising side and has written the following: During 2024 demand for advertisement space continued to be as buoyant as ever. Unfortunately, a high proportion of these is in categories that are already covered. With the need to offer our readers a widespread range of the services available and with limited space, we try not to feature too many suppliers in any one category. Also, more and more advertisers ask for a full page. At the year end we carried 58 advertisements, 78% of which were in colour and which occupied space equivalent to 23 pages of the 60 page issue. The magazine team are grateful to all our advertisers for their ongoing support. We look forward to another successful year ensuring that the cost of this aspect of the Five Parishes activities does not impinge on PCC finances but, indeed, contributes a small profit.

Printing and distribution

There have been a few hiccups with printing (pages missing, lost deliveries) but, since Prontaprint started printing digitally inhouse in Bishops Stortford, these have largely been resolved and they are providing a prompt, responsive service. The system whereby Phyllis Clark collects the magazines from Prontaprint and, together with Andrew Connell, distributes them to village distributors, works very efficiently.

Finance

The latest financial information I have available shows that the magazine made a profit of £4,280.74 in 2024. This is an increase on the previous year largely because advertising sales were higher.

Thank you

Many people are involved with the magazine and we are most grateful for all that they do.
Rachel and Roddy Kesterton, Joint Editors

THE COUNTESS OF WARWICK COUNTRY SHOW 25th/26th AUGUST 2024

The Show, created to raise funds for The Five Parishes 34 years ago, was opened in 2024 on the Sunday August Bank Holiday by The Reverend Canon Janet Nicholls DL.

Arena Events: Over the two days we watched skillful displays of working sheepdogs, machinery parades, children's games including egg and spoon and sack races. The tug of war created much amusement, as did the 'canine musical sit'. The Jackson family shire horses always provide a most impressive sight and this year we also had miniature ponies in the ring at the same time, providing a contrasting spectacle!

Little Easton Manor and its surrounding outbuildings, gardens and lakes are kindly opened for the Show by Andy Mahoney and provide the perfect setting for visitors to enjoy the many different activities taking place, including live music, mumming plays, classic cars and many stalls. Refreshments available include the Pimm's Bar, Manor tearoom and

bar and food stalls. The stalls in the historic barn theatre and outside enjoyed good business given the number of visitors.

The Rectory field and garden are key to the success of the Show and we grateful to the Reverend Sue Hurley and husband Andy for welcoming thousands to their garden every August Bank Holiday. The Reverend Sue and the Pilgrim Parishes team offer a much appreciated quiet and support area throughout the Show in their gazebo.

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The Horticultural Marquee produced an amazing display of green-fingered excellence, craft and baking skills and fantastic creativity including an important children's section. The best of which were rewarded with rosettes or cups presented in the arena.

The Art Show in the church provided another array of accomplished artists, sculptors and photographers proudly displaying their work for visitors to buy or just admire.

The **Show Bar**, run by Dunmow Young Farmers again proved to be a great draw with many enjoying meeting friends for a beer.

The **Animal Marquee** permitted visitors to see farm animals up close, all safely penned. There were opportunities to handle smaller animals under strict supervision and this was extremely popular with the children, their parents looking on.

A blacksmith demonstration showcased how the techniques used have changed little over the past 100 years, the hammer and anvil skills still much in evidence.

The **Ploughing Match** took place on its new location and this proved to be a success, with over 30 entrants for the various competitions. The steam engines, both full size and miniature, always are a draw and the evocative smell is a welcome addition. They were in steam throughout the two days.

The Show raised £62,923 in 2024, including a generous donation from P&A Wood our main sponsor. This compared to the record profit in 2023 of £72,916. Income was slightly lower and expenses up. Given that the number of visitors is now approximately 9000 we are obliged to spend more on security, back up medical aid, lorry hire as well as inflationary hikes in the cost of marquees, barriers and rubbish collection. As the number of volunteers fit and able to do the carparking over the 2 days dwindles we are investigating if we should outsource to a specialist firm who have all the necessary police qualifications rather than employ students although this will be at additional cost.

We worry that bad weather might reduce the number of visitors or even cause cancellation one year, which happened during the COVID lockdown, so reserves are kept to cover the upfront non recoverable costs.

We are extremely grateful to the Show Committee and its Chairman, Tim Turner as well as the army of volunteers helping in all parts of the Show - thank you.

Warwick Newbury, Show Committee and PCC Vice Chair

SAFEGUARDING REPORT

In Dot Parker's absence, Emma Nicholls reported there had been no incidents reported in the year 2024/5. Refresher safeguarding training will need to be undertaken by most people this year and she will send out instructions as to how this will need to be done. A new safeguarding

poster is required by all churches and Emma confirmed she will source and distribute accordingly.

THE FRIENDS OF THE FIVE PARISHES

During 2024 members of the Executive Committee made two grants to Little Easton church, totalling £9,435, in connection with the preparatory work for installing new heating and repairs to the roof. In accordance with current policy these were based on 50% of the total cost. The total of grants given since the trust was formed in 1996 stands at £156,850.

Warwick Newbury retired as Chairman of the Executive Committee in May and members will always treasure the time and knowledge he brought to the Committee. Angela Harbottle took over that role and continues as Secretary. Grateful thanks go to the other members of the Executive Committee for all their support, particularly Audrey Miller as Promoter of the 50% Club and to Peter Ward as our Treasurer. Also to Andrew Connel who organised the sale of our branded products within the Horticultural Tent at the Countess of Warwick Country Show.

Fundraising was limited to membership income and income from the 50% Club. Once again, Audrey Miller, its promoter, continues to manage the latter which is well received and maintains the charity's public profile.

Sadly with the bulk of our members being elderly, our numbers were depleted during the year by death, relocation to be nearer families and resignations. New members are being actively sought. Anyone wishing to join should contact Angela.

Angela Harbottle

Approved by the Parochial Church Council on 11th May 2025 and signed on its behalf by:



Revd Sue Hurley, Priest-in-Charge

The Financial Accounts and independent Examiner's Report form a separate report document to the Charity Commission

Charity No. 1131525

THE FIVE PARISHES

**THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL
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**Financial Accounts
Year ended 31 December 2024**

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT
TO THE MEMBERS OF THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE UNITED PARISH OF
BROXTED WITH CHICKNEY, TILTY, GREAT EASTON AND LITTLE EASTON
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

I report on the accounts of the Trust for the year ended 31st December 2024 which are set out on pages 2 to 7.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of financial statements. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required under section 145 of the Charities Act 2011 (the Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 Act,
- follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners under section 145 (5) (b) of the 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 Commission. 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 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 connection with the 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.

Simona Lupascu FMAAT
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THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE UNITED PARISH
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RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT
AS AT 31ST DECEMBER 2024

	Note	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	2024 £	2023 £
Receipts					
Receipts from donors	7(a)	30,329	90	30,419	40,785
Other voluntary incoming resources	7(b)	10,901	2,556	13,457	15,725
Activities in furtherance of the Council's objectives	7(c)	4,895	-	4,895	5,557
Activities in generating funds	7(d)	122,478	-	122,478	126,127
Income from Investments	7(e)	13,210	4,745	17,955	13,583
Total Receipts		181,813	7,391	189,204	201,778
Payments					
Costs of generating funds	8(a)	37,672	90	37,762	33,011
Grants	8(b)	6,924	-	6,924	634
Activities relating to the work of the Church	8(c)	107,745	5,218	112,963	94,795
Support costs	8(d)	-	-	-	-
Governance Costs	8(e)	834	-	834	822
Total Payments		153,175	5,308	158,483	129,263
Net receipts/(payments)		28,638	2,083	30,721	72,515
Transfers between funds	3	(1,374)	1,374	-	-
Net surplus / (deficit) for the year		27,265	3,457	30,721	72,515

THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE UNITED PARISH
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BALANCE SHEET
AS AT 31ST DECEMBER 2024

	2024 £	2023 £
Cash funds		
Bank community accounts	234,880	211,823
CBF/COIF deposit accounts	170,702	162,972
	<u>405,583</u>	<u>374,795</u>
Investment assets		
CBF Investment Fund (Note 2)	130,287	127,372
Assets		
Accrued Income - CWS	-	-
Liabilities		
Accruals (Accountant's Fee)	(1,656)	(1,590)
Advance Income - CWS	-	-
Creditors	-	-
	<u>534,214</u>	<u>500,577</u>
Parish Funds		
Unrestricted Funds		
Opening Balance 1 January 2022	475,693	392,225
Receipts and payments surplus	27,265	72,515
Increase / (decrease) in value of investments	2,915	10,953
	<u>505,873</u>	<u>475,693</u>
Restricted funds	28,341	24,884
	<u>534,214</u>	<u>500,577</u>

Approved by the Parochial Church Council on 11/05/2025 and signed on its behalf by:



Claire Squibb
PCC Treasurer



Revd Sue Hurley
Priest-in-Charge

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NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS
AS AT 31ST DECEMBER 2024

1. GENERAL ACCOUNTING POLICIES

a) Accounting Policies

The financial statements have been prepared on a receipts and payments basis in accordance with the Church Accounting Regulations 2006, Charities Act 2011 and SORP 2005.

b) Funds

Endowment Funds are funds, the capital of which must be maintained; only income arising from investment of the endowment may be used either as restricted or unrestricted funds depending upon the purpose for which the endowment was established.

Restricted Funds represent (a) income from trusts or endowments which may be expended only on those restricted objects provided by the terms of the trust or bequest, and b) donations or grants received for a specific object or invited by the PCC for a specific object. The funds may only be expended on the specific object for which they were given. Any balance remaining unspent at the end of each year must be carried forward as a balance on that fund. The PCC does not usually invest separately for each fund. Where there is no separate investment, interest is apportioned to individual funds on an average balance basis.

Unrestricted Funds represent general funds of the PCC/church committees that are not subject to any restriction on their use and are available for the ordinary purposes of the PCC/church committees. Funds designated by them for a particular purpose are also unrestricted.

2. INVESTMENT ASSETS

	No. of Shares	2024	2023
		£	£
Value at 1 January 2024	5,635	127,372	116,419
Shares sold during year			
increase / (decrease) in value during the year		2,915	10,953
Value at 31st December 2024	5,635	130,287	127,372

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3. RESTRICTED FUNDS

	Lt Easton Churchyard	Lt Easton Flower	Lt Easton Heating	Lt Easton Lord Maynard	Tilty Lord Maynard	Tilty Flower	Gt Easton	TOTAL
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
Balance at 1 Jan 2024	21,766	740	0	583	0	0	1,795	24,884
Incoming resources	1,220	0	1,000	1,161	2,364	90	1,556	7,391
Resources expended		(110)	(1,000)	(1,744)	(2,364)	(90)	0	(5,308)
Transfer(to)/from General Fund	1,374							1,374
Balance at 31 Dec 2024	24,360	630	0	0	0	0	3,351	28,341

Little Easton Churchyard

This fund was set up to cover the costs of maintaining the churchyard at Little Easton. Incoming resources relates to interest received only.

Little Easton Flower Fund

This fund was set up to cover the cost of the flower arrangers for Little Easton. It will continue to be used for this purpose until the fund is used up. Incoming resources relates to interest received only.

Little Easton Heating

During the year a donation was made towards the repair and replacement of the broken heating system in Little Easton church. This work was completed during the year and the amount used up.

Tilty Flower Festival

During the year a donation was made towards the Tilty Flower Festival, specifically stating that it should go towards the expenses of the Flower Festival. This was used up by Flower Festival expenses.

Great Easton Bells

This fund was set up to cover the costs of maintaining the bells at Great Easton. Incoming resources relates to interest received and Frank Warboys exhibition proceeds.

Lord Maynard Trust Funds

There are three Lord Maynard Trust Funds (Perpetual), in Tilty, Little Easton and Great Easton. Capital of the Great Easton Trust is administered by the Great Easton Church Committee. The capital of the Tilty and Little Easton Trusts are administered by the Diocese of Chelmsford as Custodial Trustees. The interest only is received by the churches and used for their own purposes as follows:

Great Easton – the interest is not restricted

Little Easton – the interest is not restricted

Tilty – the interest is restricted in use towards their Parish Share. Where the income does not cover the outgoings in their entirety, funds are transferred from the general fund to ensure that the funds are not in deficit. (Funds transferred from Tilty Church Fund to Tilty Maynard Fund as appropriate).

4. TRANSACTIONS WITH MEMBERS OF THE PCC AND RELATED PARTIES

No active members of the PCC were directly or indirectly involved with contracts or similar arrangements with a close family or business connection. Apart from routine expenditure connected with church services/ refreshments etc., no member of the PCC received any out-of-pocket expenses. Out-of-pocket expenses of the Rector and treasurer are shown in the PCC payments account.

5. EMPLOYEE EMOLUMENTS

The charity has no employees. It uses the services of contractors to help with the maintenance of the churchyards of Broxted, Great and Little Easton and Tilty and the parish administration.

6. THE FRIENDS OF THE FIVE PARISHES

The Friends of the Five Parishes raises funds that are donated from time to time to the churches of the Five Parishes either in the form of money or as gifts. The Friends is registered separately with the Charity Commission (registered number 1059862) to whom it makes separate accounts. Where gifts were received, notes are attached to the individual church's Statement of Assets as to their material worth.

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Receipts	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total Funds	
	Funds	Funds	2024	2023
	£	£	£	£
7(a) Receipts from donors				
Gift Aid - Bank	16,845	-	16,845	17,889
Gift Aid – Envelopes & Loose plate collections	7,299	90.00	7,389	5,771
Tax recoverable on Gift Aid	3,769	-	3,769	5,776
Legacy Donations	2,000	-	2,000	11,000
Other planned giving	-	-	-	-
Magazine donations	416	-	416	350
Tax recovered on magazine donations	-	-	-	-
	<u>30,329</u>	<u>90.00</u>	<u>30,419</u>	<u>40,785</u>
7(b) Other voluntary incoming resources				
One off grants	9,434	-	9,434	5,553
Donations appeals etc	755	2,556.15	3,311	7,675
Wall safes, Guides etc	712	-	712	361
Other income	-	-	-	2,135
	<u>10,901</u>	<u>2,556.15</u>	<u>13,457</u>	<u>15,725</u>
7(c) Activities in furtherance of the council's objects				
Fees for weddings & funerals	<u>4,895</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>4,895</u>	<u>5,557</u>
7(d) Activities for generating funds				
CWCS income	99,134	-	99,134	103,877
Fund raising events	8,345	-	8,345	8,368
Magazine income – advertising	15,000	-	15,000	13,883
	<u>122,478</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>122,478</u>	<u>126,127</u>
7(e) Income from investments				
Dividends	4,496	1,161	5,657	5,545
Banks & building society interest	8,714	3,584	12,298	8,039
Other income	-	-	-	-
	<u>13,210</u>	<u>4,745</u>	<u>17,955</u>	<u>13,583</u>
Total receipts	<u>181,813</u>	<u>7,391</u>	<u>189,204</u>	<u>201,778</u>

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Payments	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total Funds	
	Funds	Funds	2024	2023
	£	£	£	£
8(a) Cost of generating funds				
CWCS expenses	36,211	-	36,211	30,960
Tilty Spring Lunch & Flower Festival	1,410	90	1,500	1,979
Other	51	-	51	72
	<u>37,672</u>	<u>90</u>	<u>37,762</u>	<u>33,011</u>
8(b) Grants and donations				
Rebecca Meade - grant to school	5,000	-	5,000	-
Poppy Appeal	80	-	80	70
Action Aid (Child sponsorship)	234	-	234	234
Bibles for Children (In schools)	-	-	-	-
The Children's Society	30	-	30	-
Compassion UK (Adult sponsorship)	-	-	-	10
Innervation Trust	1,580	-	1,580	320
	<u>6,924</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>6,924</u>	<u>634</u>
8(c) Activities relating to the work of the church				
Ministry parish share etc	34,781	2,364	37,145	34,094
Working and office expenses of Priest - in - charge	-	497	497	1,257
Assistant staff costs	2,629	-	2,629	3,877
Church running expenses – Utilities	6,704	-	6,704	7,617
Church running expenses – Insurance	7,910	-	7,910	7,618
Church maintenance	9,619	1,247	10,866	6,114
Upkeep of churchyards	7,744	-	7,744	6,432
Magazine expenses	12,048	-	12,048	10,474
Major repairs	24,171	1,000	25,171	14,292
Gifts to priest, organist, cleaner, etc	154	-	154	959
Miscellaneous repairs and expenses	1,985	110	2,095	2,059
	<u>107,745</u>	<u>5,218</u>	<u>112,963</u>	<u>94,795</u>
8(d) Support costs				
Treasurers expenses	-	-	-	-
	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
8(e) Governance costs				
Accountants' Fees	834	-	834	822
	<u>834</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>834</u>	<u>822</u>
Total payments	<u>153,175</u>	<u>5,308</u>	<u>158,483</u>	<u>129,263</u>