



The Parochial Church Council of the Parish Church of St Peter and St Paul, Uplyme

Annual Report and Financial Statements for the year ended 31st December 2025

Aim and Purpose

St Peter and St Paul's Parochial Church Council (the PCC) is part of the Axe Valley Mission Community, which it joined in 2019. The PCC has the responsibility of cooperating with the Incumbent, the Reverend Nicky Davies in promoting in the ecclesiastical parish, the whole mission of the Church, pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical. The PCC is responsible for maintaining the Church, which is a Grade II Listed Building.

Objectives, Activities and Public Benefit

The PCC is committed to enabling as many people as possible to worship at our Church, and to become part of our parish family. When planning our activities, the PCC has considered the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit, and in particular the specific guidance on charities for the advancement of religion. Our services and worship put faith into practice through prayer and scripture, music and sacrament. We try to enable ordinary people to live out their faith as part of our parish family, through:

- Worship and prayer: learning about the Gospel, and developing their knowledge and trust in Jesus;
- Provision of pastoral care for people living in the parish; and
- Mission and outreach work.

To facilitate this work, it is vital that we maintain the fabric of the Church.

Achievements and Performance

Worship and Prayer

Worship takes place on each Sunday morning and two Sunday evenings with Compline on the first Monday of the month. Fifth Sunday services are held in various Axe Valley Missions Churches enabling joint worship across the community. Our Together@Ten family services are growing and we continue to encourage young families to attend other morning services such as Together@Communion where a Junior Church is held. We have a strong lay ministry leading team which, with the AVMC ministry team, allows us to maintain a full programme of services. Many of the congregation take part by reading or leading prayers. There is a strong team of musicians and singers who help to lead the worship. Holy Communion at home is available for those unable to attend church.

Pastoral work continues with a monthly coffee morning at the Black Dog Cafe, a pastoral WhatsApp group to share concerns and prayers, and the Anna Chaplaincy team. There are regular Home Group meetings and a weekly Prayer Group at church. At present there are 62 parishioners on the Electoral Roll. The average attendance at Sunday morning services was 52 during 2025, in the evening it was 23. The Remembrance, Christmas, Easter and Together@Ten services are significantly higher. As well as our regular services, we enable our community to celebrate and thank God at the milestones of the journey through life through, baptisms, weddings and funerals.

Deanery Synod

A member of the PCC sit on the Honiton Deanery Synod. This provides the PCC with a link with the churches around us, and also with the Diocese as a whole. It also receives reports from the General Synod.

Church Fabric

The Building Team has worked hard through the year not only on regular maintenance and repairs but on the items highlighted in the Quinquennial report of December 2024. The main item was structural repairs to the church tower which were completed in August. Details of other work completed are in the Building Team's group report.

Mission and Evangelism

Helping those in need is a demonstration of our faith. In 2025 we raised funds through our Gift Day and the Art Exhibition for two charities. St Petrock's which supports homeless and vulnerable people in Exeter and the Busoga Trust which works to construct wells, boreholes, latrines and wash rooms in Uganda. Our monthly 'Parish News' magazine reaches every home in Uplyme giving details of what is happening in the community as well as at church. It is also available on-line at our website: www.uplymechurch.org.uk/parish

Other Activities

The PCC publishes, in March each year, a separate document containing reports and details of over 20 organisations and groups that are part of our Church family. Activities range from Bell Ringing to Football, Knit and Chatter to the Playgroup. Copies are available from the church porch or download it from our website: www.uplymechurch.org.uk/parish

Financial Review

Total receipts on the unrestricted General Funds were £76,764 and payments from this fund totalled £80,899 resulting in a deficit for the year of £4,135. This has been covered by the Legacy fund. We have paid in full our Common Fund of £54,141. This fund is used by the diocese towards the cost of clergy stipends and housing. In 2026 we have been notified that the Common Fund charge per participant (estimated at 69) will be equivalent to £15.42 per week for each participant. This is by far and away our biggest expense. The majority of parishioners give by regular standing order, £44,560 in the year, with cash and contactless payments on the machine in church also received.

Details of Restricted Funds movements are shown on Page 5 of the Accounts. The Fabric Fund has fallen by £9,960 net due in particular to work on the church tower and roof as required in the 2024 quinquennial report. The Disabled Toilet fund is unchanged at £27,645 and a group is looking to try to achieve this installation by improving existing toilet facilities. A share of the annual Gift Day donations of £1,227 was allocated to the Youth and Children's Ministry Fund and there is £4,034 in this fund at 31/12/2025. A further share of the Gift Day money plus the proceeds of the summer Art Exhibition are donated to Charities Fund and distributed as detailed in note 4 on page 6 of the accounts.

Reserves Policy

The PCC will maintain Restricted Funds in line with donor wishes. These funds will be reviewed annually. For General Funds the PCC aims to maintain a balance of £30,000 to cover routine expenditure with any deficit having been written off to the unrestricted Legacy Fund, which at 31/12/2025 stands at £38,524. The hope for the future is that the Legacy Fund will enable development of the church building but at present it is needed to cover general deficits. It is PCC policy to invest surplus funds with CCLA through CBF Church of England Deposit fund and to review investments annually. A CAF Shawbrook 1 year savings account is also used for monies that may be needed in the medium term.

Safeguarding

The PCC has complied with the duty under section 5 of the Safeguarding and Clergy Discipline Measure 2016 (duty to comply with the House of Bishops' guidance on safeguarding children and vulnerable adults).

Volunteers

The members of the PCC would like to thank all of the many volunteers who work so tirelessly to

make our Church a lively and vibrant community.

Structure, Governance and Management

The method of appointment of PCC members is set out in the Church Representation Rules. The Council comprises the Incumbent, the Churchwardens, those elected to the Deanery Synod, and other members who are elected at the Annual Parochial Church Meeting, by those on the Electoral Roll. Members of the congregation are always encouraged to join the Electoral Roll, and to consider standing for election to the PCC.

The PCC members are responsible for making decisions on all matters of general concern and importance in the parish, and for all financial matters. The full PCC met six times during the year. Given its wide responsibilities, the PCC has a number of sub committees, each dealing with a particular aspect of parish life. These include Worship, Buildings, Finance, Youth, Tech and Social. The standing Committee meets when required and has limited power to transact business of the PCC between meetings. It consists of the Vicar, Wardens, Treasure and PCC Secretary. All report to the full PCC.

Administrative Information

The Church is situated in the village of Uplyme in Devon and is part of the Deanery of Honiton, in the Diocese of Exeter. The correspondence address is Uplyme Church, Pound Lane, Uplyme, DT7 3TT. The PCC is a body corporate (PCC Powers Measure 1956, and the Church Representation Rules 2022) and became a Registered Charity 2009.

Registered Charity Number: 1131962

Website address: www.uplymechurch.org.uk

Bankers: CAF Bank, 25 Kings Hill Avenue, Kings Hill, West Malling, Kent ME19 4JQ

Independent Examiner: I M Whitehead

Penfold, Cannington Lane, Uplyme DT7 3SW

PCC members who have served from 1st January 2025 until 31st December 2025 are:

Incumbent Rev'd Nicky Davies ex officio

Churchwardens Jan Impey

Sue Wells until 28th April 2025

Deanery Synod Rep Robin Hodges

Elected Members

Mike Maccoy

Jo Clarke

Chris Buckingham Secretary

Jenny Perham

Jackie Gannaway

Sue Wells from 28th April 2025

Jo Cursley from 28th April 2025

Co-opted

Sharyn Walker Treasurer

Rob Smith

Report approved by the PCC on 12th January 2026 and signed on its behalf by:

Nicky Davies

Rev N Davies

Jan Impey

Mrs J Impey

Independent Examiner's Report to the members of the Parochial Church Council ('The Trustees') of St Peter and St Paul Church, Uplyme, Devon. Charity Number 1131962

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Parochial Church Council of St Peter and St Paul Church, Uplyme (the 'Trust') for the year ended 31st December 2025.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity trustees you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the Act'). You consider that an audit is not required for this year and that an independent examination is needed.

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.

Basis of Independent Examiner's Statement

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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:

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- 2) The accounts do not accord with those records

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Signed:

IM Whitehead

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Dated.. 12 March 2026

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UPLYME PCC
Financial Statement for the Year Ended 31
December 2025

					AS RESTATED
Receipts and Payments Accounts					
RECEIPTS	GENERAL FUND £	LEGACY FUND £	RESTRICTED FUNDS £	2025 TOTAL £	2024 TOTAL £
1.Tax Efficient Planned Giving					
Bankers Orders & Envelopes	35588	-	520	36108	38179
		-			
2. Other Planned Giving					
Bankers Orders	7002	-	1450	8452	7540
		-			
<i>(Total of all planned giving)</i>	42590	-	1970	44560	45,719
3.Collections At Services	2530	-	696	3226	3.147
4.All Other Giving					
Gift Day	1943	-	2914	4857	
Youth Ministry Events	541	-	35	576	
Other Donations	3542	-	8592	12134	
Total	6026	-	11541	17567	8,895
6.Gift Aid Recovered	10522	-	1020	11542	11,349
7.Legacies Received	-	-	-	-	-
8.Grants (Note 3)	550	-	-	550	4,919
9.Gross Income From Fundraising	4103	-	2432	6535	6,393
10.Bank Interest	4987	-	-	4987	4,726
11.Statutory Fees (net)	1971	-	-	1971	3068
12.Gross Income From Trading					
Parish News (note 3)	3485	-	-	3485	6,676
		-	-		
13.Any Other Income	-	-		0	0
TOTAL INCOME	76764	-	17659	94423	94892

UPLYME PCC Payments Year ended 31 December 2025	GENERAL	LEGACY	RESTRICT	2025	restated 2024
	FUND	FUND	FUNDS	TOTAL	Total
	£	£	£	£	£
17.Fund Raising Costs	802	-	-	802	151
18.Mission Giving & Donations (note 4)	15		12933	12948	5598
19.Common Fund	54141		-	54141	53807
20.Salaries, Wages & Honoraria					
Honoraria, bell ringers and Training	373		75	448	510
21.Clergy & Staff Expenses -AVMC (Note 2)	6696		-	6696	6696
22.Mission & Evangelism Costs					
Support Costs Shining stars	1458			1458	
Youth Ministry Events	0		1398	1398	
Total	1458	-	1398	2856	3200
23.Church Running Costs					
Administration	200		-	200	
Insurance, Prof fees	2441		1325	3766	
Upkeep of Services	1791			1791	
Provisions	1064		-	1064	
Church Building & General Maintenance	1548		11885	13433	
Churchyard Maintenance			800	800	
Total	7044	-	14010	21054	18513
24.Church Utility Costs	6015	-	-	6015	1532
25.Cost of Trading					
Parish News (note 3)	4355	-	-	4355	4406
		-	-		
29.New Building Works	-	-	-	-	
TOTAL EXPENDITURE	80899	-	28416	109315	94413
Excess Receipts over Payments	-4135	-	-10757	-14892	479
Transfers between funds	4135	-3993	-142	0	0
Net after Transfers	0	-3993	-10899	-14892	479
Fund Balance B/F 1 January	30000	42517	67591	140108	139629
Fund Balance C/Fwd 31 December	30000	38524	56692	125216	140108

UPLYME PCC Financial Statements					
Statement of Assets and Liabilities at 31 December 2025					
					AS RESTATED
	2025			2024	
	£			£	
Assets :					
Cash Funds					
Cash at Church	15			240	
Cash - Shining Stars	99			53	
General Current Account	8425			9,105	
General Deposit Account	7565			26,257	
CAF Shawbrook 1 Year Saving Account	31618			30,315	
CBF CoE Deposit Fund	77494			74,138	
Total Cash Funds	125,216			140,108	
Other Monetary Assets					
Debtors - Vat and Gift Aid	3626			5182	
Liabilities					
Creditors - General	616			2683	
FUNDS					
Restricted Funds (See PAGE 5 and Note 1c)					
Flag	474			636	
Youth/children Ministries	4034			4,963	
New Toilet Facilities	27645			27,645	
Fabric	24004			33,964	
PCC Charities and Personal	187			35	
Flower Fund	348			348	
Graveyard	0			0	
Total Restricted Funds	56692			67,591	
Designated Funds					
Legacy Fund (Note 1d.)	38524			42,517	
General Fund (Note 1b)	30000			30,000	
TOTAL FUNDS	125,216			140.108	

NOTES TO ACCOUNTS

N5. Analysis of Funds

Receipts and Payments Accounts

Uplyme Parochial Church Council

	b/f 1st Jan 2025	Receipts £	Payments £	Transfers £	c/f 3rd Dec 2025
Restricted funds					
Toilet facilities	27645	-	-	-	27645
Fabric	33964	3088	13048		24004
Flag	636	-	162		474
Graveyard Upkeep	0	25	800	775	0
Youth/children ministry	4963	1461	1473	-917	4034
Flower Fund	348	-	-		348
PCC Charities & Personal	35	13085	12933		187
Total Restricted- note 1c	67591	17659	28416	-142	56692
Unrestricted Funds					
Legacy -note 1d	42,517	-	-	-3993	38524
General -note 1b	30,000	76764	80899	4135	30000
Total Unrestricted	72,517	76764	80899	142	68524
TOTAL ALL FUNDS	140108	94423	109315	0	125216

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