

The Parish of Belper

Incorporating the churches of
St Peter's, St Mark's and St Swithun's

Annual Report

Year Ended 31st December 2025

Registered Charity No 1132878



St Peter's Church
 Chesterfield Road
 Belper
 DE56 1EZ
 (Parish Church)

St Mark's Church
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 DE56 OHW

St Swithun's Church
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Legal Status

The Parochial Church Council (PCC) of the Ecclesiastical Parish of Belper St Peter's is a registered charity, number 1132878

PCC Membership (Trustees)

Clergy

Rev. Elliot George
 Rev. Charles Beresford

Priest-in-Charge (from October 2025)
 Retired Clergy Representative (non-voting)

Parish Churchwardens

Julian Hodgson
 David Skelton

Deanery Synod Representatives

John Hastings-Thompson St Peter's
 David Fox St Mark's

Elected Members

Steve Bennet	St Peter's	Deputy Warden
Judie Fogarty	St Peter's	Deputy Warden
Patience Atkinson-Gregory	St Peter's	Treasurer and Parish Treasurer
Margaret Goddard	St Peter's	
Tracy Drake	St Peter's	
Amy Hollingsworth	St Peter's	
Constance Lane	St Peter's	
Chris Craddy	St Peter's	
Derek Adams	St Mark's	Deputy Warden
Geraldine Comery	St Mark's	Deputy Warden
Chris Gregson	St Mark's	Treasurer
Dorothy Hunt	St Mark's	
Christine Catherall	St Mark's	
Adam Moss	St Mark's	
Philip Thomas	St Swithun's	Deputy Warden
Keith Wollerton	St Swithun's	Deputy Warden
David Anderton	St Swithun's	Treasurer
Barbara Anderton	St Swithun's	
Tracy Comber	St Swithun's	

Co-opted Members

Sian Kellogg	St Peter's	
Sue Allen	St Peter's	Parish Safeguarding Officer

Vicky Walker	St Mark's Safeguarding Link
Keith Wollerton & Tracy Comber	St Swithun's Safeguarding Links

Jane Carter	PCC Secretary (non-voting)
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Vicar's Report

I can't believe that it's been six months since I was licensed as Priest-in-Charge of this Parish, and there's so much to give thanks for! Megan and I feel so overwhelmed with people's love and support here, especially with the teething problems around the housing situation; but honestly, we've not felt more at home anywhere else since we left our home town. There are far too many people to thank by name, but we're so grateful to everyone who has reached out a hand of genuine friendship towards us. Family always comes first – and we're so excited to become part of the family of this Parish!

Belper is one of the most wonderful, warm and thriving communities in Derbyshire, and this Parish plays a central role in it. I feel so privileged to have been entrusted with the role and responsibility here, but I'm more privileged to be working along such a magnificent team of ministers, wardens, staff and volunteers. You all work so tirelessly, often for very little credit or reward, but without everyone playing their part, everything would fall flat. Thank you all!

I'm meant to reflect back on the Parish's life and activities since the APCM in 2025, but I can only manage about half of that since being licensed in October. The phrase "baptism by fire" has been suggested more times than I can remember, and that's possibly true for my personal bubble of activity – Remembrance, Advent, Christmas, moving house, birthdays, Lent groups, Easter – but not for our churches. So far, there has been a huge buzz of excitement and enthusiasm, and an eagerness to explore together what the next chapter of this Parish might look like. I'm grateful to all those who have offered their creative reflections as I've bedded in at all three churches over the last few months, but equally I'm grateful to those who have questioned and challenged the hows and whys of what we do. Family is about moving forward together, recognising difference and embracing diversity.

I'm so excited for what the future might hold for us as a Parish family. No doubt there will be changes on their way – some near, and some far off; some surface level, and some deeper. Change often brings uncertainty, questions, and trepidation when the path ahead feels unclear. In times like these, what matters most is not having all the answers, but knowing we are not facing it alone. Together, we support one another, adapt, find strength in unity, and keep our eyes fixed on Jesus at the centre. Every challenge becomes lighter when it is shared, and every step forward becomes more meaningful when we take it side by side.

I, for one, am so excited about the road ahead as we journey with Jesus, but let's not forget it's our job to bring others on the journey too. 20,000 people live in our parish, and this year is a big one for Belper's history. But in these troubled times, the world needs to know that Jesus is the way, the truth, and the life. We are pilgrim people, so let's get moving!

Rev. Elliot George
Priest-in-Charge

Churchwardens' Acknowledgements

The past twelve months have been another year of change for the Parish of St Peter's. This time last year we were still in vacancy with interviews looming. Since then, we have welcomed Rev. Elliot George, his wife Megan and daughter Chloe to the parish and they have all settled well into the vicarage (albeit after a delayed move while the diocese completed repairs). The parish showed yet again what it can do when everyone pulls together and his installation service in October went very well. It brought together not only the parish family but many of those connected to St Peter's within our wider community. A huge thanks to all those who made it a memorable service.

Elliot has been getting to know the idiosyncrasies of each of our churches by spending a month at each church in turn. He has begun to review the various policies and processes that we use and identify the gaps we need to fill. This will take time to implement but from a parish warden's perspective, feels both encouraging and supportive of our role.

The parish has continued to provide a variety of activities for those wanting to engage with the church, from the "young" to the "not so young" members of our community. There are too many people to mention by name who give of their time and energies to support the ministries across the parish but we want to thank everyone who helps run our various activities whether practically, financially or prayerfully; as without all three components, we would not see them flourish as they do. Regular attendance is increasing and we are seeing more newcomers on a Sunday. Regular maintenance work has been carried out at all three churches and our thanks to the Deputy Wardens who coordinate much of the detail needed.

Looking forward to the coming year we have a parish weekend booked at Wydale at the beginning of July which we hope will provide lots of thought and ideas as we explore what it means to be "family" in the parish. Steve Bennett steps down at the end of May as deputy warden at St Peter's and we thank him for his tireless service over the years, always willing to tackle whatever job needed doing. Thank you so much Steve, and we wish you well for the future knowing you will still be willing to help out if you are able. This does leave a deputy warden vacancy which you can speak to David or me if you feel called to help.

David and I continue to be grateful for all the support we receive knowing people are praying for us and the work we do.

Julian Hodgson
with David Skelton
Parish Churchwardens

AIMS AND PURPOSES

The Parochial Church Council (PCC) has the responsibility of co-operating with the incumbent in promoting the whole mission of the Church, pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical in this ecclesiastical Parish.

The PCC is also specifically responsible for the maintenance of the Church House, known as St Mark's House in Openwoodgate, Belper.

1. OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

St Peter's Parish falls within the Dove and Derwent Deanery, within the Church of England Diocese of Derby and serves an area with a population of approximately 18,000 people, making it one of the largest single parishes in the Diocese. The Parish participates ecumenically through Churches Together in Belper.

The Parish Mission Statement is 'Jesus at the Centre – transforming our community'. The PCC promotes this vision and is committed to enabling people to grow in discipleship through worship and teaching and to be active in supporting the community both local and worldwide and allowing people of all race, age, gender, learning level, sexuality and dis/ability to be an active part. The PCC maintains an overview of worship throughout the Parish and makes suggestions on how the services at our three churches can involve the many groups that live within the Parish.

The Priest-in-Charge is Reverend Elliot George, licensed on the 22nd October 2025. The Parish also greatly benefits from the help of several retired clergy with permission to officiate, and five fully trained and licensed lay ministers. They all assist in different ways in the daily life of the Parish.

However, a large proportion of the work and activities is carried out by the many volunteers who give freely of their time and effort, and without whom nothing would be achieved to promote the gospel or encourage people to follow Jesus and be an active presence within the local community. In particular Churchwardens, Deputy Churchwardens and Treasurers work tirelessly to ensure that everything runs smoothly, safely and efficiently, alongside the Parish's employed administrators and cleaners.

2. STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Anyone who is on the individual church's Electoral Roll may seek election onto the PCC by being nominated and seconded by anyone else who is on the Electoral Roll. Under the governance structure nominations are made through the individual churches, and elections take place at the Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM). All terms of office are for three years with one third of the council due to stand down each year.

The method of appointment of PCC members is set out in the Church Representation Rules. Members of the individual churches form the Trustees Local Committee (TLC) dealing with the day-to-day business and mission of each individual church, under the guidelines and recommendations of the PCC. Other members of each local church are encouraged to be part of groups and committees. Specialist expertise is shared across the Parish.

The full membership of the PCC comprises:

- Ex-officio members: the Vicar, all other licensed clergy, and two Parish Churchwardens (appointed annually at the Annual Meeting of Parishioners prior to the APCM);
- Members of Deanery Synod (nominated and elected at the APCM), Diocesan and General Synod;
- Six elected members from each of the three churches – which may include Deputy Churchwardens, Church Treasurers and Parish Treasurer – who also form the three TLCs;
- Up to two co-opted members each year, often including the Parish Safeguarding Officer;
- Additionally, a non-voting representative of the retired clergy team.

The PCC met six times during the year, dealing with business affecting the whole Parish. The APCM took place in April 2025 at St Peter's Church. Additional urgent decisions were taken via email as allowed in our Parish constitution.

The PCC has a standing committee, currently made up of the Vicar, Parish Churchwardens, Deputy Churchwardens, PCC Secretary and PCC Treasurer. It has authorisation to transact urgent business of the PCC between its meetings, subject to any directions given by the PCC, including expenditure of up to £500.

The TLCs are the councils of the individual churches and are all accountable to the PCC. Processes are in place to ensure that matters discussed at those council meetings are reported back to the PCC.

Administrative and other statutory information

The Parish of Belper is made up of the churches of St Peter's, St Mark's and St Swithun's. It forms part of the Deanery of Dove and Derwent in the Diocese of Derby. The churches are members of Churches Together in Belper (CTiB).

The PCC is a body corporate established by the Church of England and is the actual governing body within the framework of the Parish and is a registered charity. Representatives from the PCC form the TLCs for each church; the PCC delegates the day-to-day decision-making for the individual churches to those TLCs.

The PCC is also required to operate under the Parochial Church Council Powers Measure 1956 as amended. This Measure states that the PCC "is to co-operate with the minister in promoting the whole mission of the Church, pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical".

The property of St Swithun's Church is owned by the independent charity "St Swithun's Church or Mission Hall" (registered charity no. 217994), also previously known as the "Hanson Trust". This charity also makes grants to the TLC of St Swithun's for major repairs and alterations in the Church and exists to serve the "social, spiritual and educational needs of the people of Cow Hill". Ex-officio members of this trust are the Vicar and the two Parish Churchwardens.

Under Charity Law and Church Accounting Regulations, the PCC is required to present an annual report together with a set of consolidated accounts for the whole Parish, prepared on an accruals basis and examined by an independent examiner.

PCC members who have served during 2025 and at the date this report was approved are shown in this booklet.

Approved by the PCC on the 14th April 2026 and signed on their behalf:



PCC Chair



PCC Secretary

3. ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE

Church Statistics

	Parish Total		St Peter's		St Mark's		St Swithun's	
	2025	2024	2025	2024	2025	2024	2025	2024
Electoral Roll	180	174	115	125	53	32	12	23
Sunday attendance (adults)	128	116	73	70	38	30	17	16
Baptisms	15	19	15	17	0	2	0	0
Thanksgivings	1	0	1	1	0	0	0	0
Weddings	0	4	0	4	0	0	0	0
Renewal of Wedding vows/Marriage blessing	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
Funerals at Church	26	30	23	23	2	5	1	2
Funerals at Crem only	2	3						
Thanksgiving for life	0	1						
	2025	2024						
Burial of Ashes St P	0	5						
Burial of Ashes Cem	0	0						
Confirmation	0	8						
Admittance to HC	0	0						

Worship and Prayer

Services are held in all three churches each Sunday. The pattern of worship ensures that there is a communion service each Sunday within the Parish.

Morning services include Common Worship Holy Communion and Service of the Word. At times these have been taken by Wardens and people on the Diocesan Discipleship Training Course. A more relaxed style of worship is held at St Peter's on the third Sunday of the month and is led by a varied team of people. St Mark's also holds an informal Family Service each month.

Communion is available in each of the churches at least monthly. An additional Communion Service takes place on a Wednesday morning at St Swithun's Church each month.

Main services at St Peter's are livestreamed via YouTube with the appropriate licenses. This is also available for a small fee for livestreaming weddings and funerals.

There are around four Parish combined services during the year. Weekly prayer meetings are held at all three churches, and on Zoom.

Service Patterns across the Parish

Week	St Peter's			St Mark's			St Swithun's	
1	10.00am	MW with Baptism		10.00 am	HC		11.00 am	MW
2	10.00 am	HC		10.00 am	MW		11.00 am	MW
3	10.00 am	Relaxed Worship		10.00 am	MW		11.00 am	HC
4	10.00 am	HC		10.00 am	MW		11.00 am	MW
5	Flexible, with a HC service somewhere in the Parish.							
(MW = Morning Worship, HC = Holy Communion) In addition, there are a few joint parish services in any year.								

Occasional Offices

26 funerals or burial of ashes or thanksgiving for a person's life were conducted during the year by clergy from the Parish, both in the churches and at Markeaton or Amber Valley Crematorium. Burials take place at Belper cemetery and burial of ashes is available in the Garden of Remembrance at St Peter's.

During the last year no weddings were conducted in the Parish.

There were 15 Baptisms at St Peter's, none at St Mark's and none at St Swithun's. Preparation sessions are held for parents and Godparents. The parish policy is not to book baptism dates before families have attended preparation which is called 'First Steps'. Families are also expected to attend at least one worship service and a baptism or thanksgiving service within the Parish before coming to preparation. This period of preparation helps families to decide whether Thanksgiving for the birth of a child or Baptism is more appropriate for them.

4. CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE'S WORK

Sunday Club at St Peter's

We have been glad to offer Christian learning and fun for the children who have come to St Peter's on Sunday mornings over the past year.

There are 8 of us on the team, some of us planning and leading sessions and some acting as helpers, always each week with a minimum of two. From time-to-time parents or grandparents have accompanied their charges as well, and made valued contributions. We are grateful to Amy for keeping the resources cupboard in good order, to Irene for compiling the rota and to Sue for co-ordinating the attendance records and being the formal leader for the purposes of the on-line hub. Everyone on the team has regular safeguarding training and the appropriate DBS clearance.

In recent months the average attendance has been five, with a maximum of nine and a minimum of zero. Included in this figure are a few children who have joined us only once, perhaps because they were in Church as visitors. In addition, we sometimes welcome children associated with baptism families and on the relatively few occasions they have joined us their numbers have averaged five.

While we try and offer something that will connect with all the children who come, they represent a wide variety of ages and abilities, and for some of the older ones what we offer will increasingly be too young for them, and we risk losing them. We would very much like to start a second group for them, but this will require additional team members. Honesty compels us to admit that we are living more from hand to mouth than we would like, so we hope to meet with Elliot soon and start planning strategically. We pray that God will send us more children,

more leaders and more helpers. Please talk to any of us if you would like to consider dropping in for a taster session one Sunday morning with a view to possibly becoming a leader or a helper.

Tony Ward

YPF (Young People's Fellowship)

The YPF leaders and helpers have made it their mission to provide a safe and inclusive space for young people, aged between 11-18 years old, to come together to explore their faith, make and grow friendships and have time to talk and have fun with likeminded people.

YPF meets every Friday evening during term time at St Peter's, as well as extra activities throughout the year such as walks and chippy tea, BBQ, Bonfire Night fireworks, bowling, Christmas party church sleepover and the ever-popular weekend away at the Peak Centre in Edale. Attendees have also been given the opportunity to help at church events when volunteers have been needed, such as the Winter Market and decorating the church Christmas tree. This gives the group a sense of feeling part of a bigger community, where they are encouraged and valued.

It's been heartening to see more new faces join YPF on a regular basis with average attendance still holding strong in the low twenties. Regular attendees include people from St Peter's, St Mark's, neighbouring churches of other denominations and the local secondary schools. The young people who attend are often effective evangelists to friends and family, confident in sharing their faith through friendship and open invitations to YPF and other church activities. Attendees model loving behaviour, always being respectful, curious and open. They pray for one another and the wider world and have deep and encouraging conversations, filled with questions about the gospel and the challenges they experience day to day, as well as on their faith journey, whatever stage that may be!

Jo Richardson

Messy Church

Messy Church is a twice-monthly event for families to come together to enjoy learning about God's love through craft activities, games and stories and by eating a meal together with friends. The first hour of each session is spent on a variety of craft activities around that month's Bible theme. We have a team of helpers who assist with the craft activities. After the craft activities, we have a time of celebration during which we sing, have a Bible story and have an interactive time of prayer. Then we sit down to enjoy a meal together.

Messy Church started at St Swithun's church in September 2014 and takes place on the second Saturday of each month (except August) from 4pm to 6pm. The number of attendees varies considerably from month to month – averaging between 10 and 20 children plus adults and helpers.

St Mark's Messy Church began in February 2022 and usually takes place on the fourth Saturday of each month (except August) from 4pm to 6pm. Each session follows a similar format to the one at St Swithun's. Attendance similarly varies with an average of 6 to 16 children plus adults and helpers.

April Tompkins

Little Church

Little Church is a Parent and Toddler group for 0–4-year-olds and their parents/grandparents or carers. We meet every Wednesday morning in term time from 10am to 12 noon. During the session there are opportunities for play, singing, stories, prayer and craft as well as a drink and snack. This is also a chance for parents/grandparents and carers to meet together socially and join in an act of worship with their children.

It's encouraging to see that a number of the children who have been coming for some time are able to join in with the words to the songs and prayers. We have great fun acting out some of the Bible stories and it's a delight seeing the response from the children – and adults too!

April Tompkins

Prams and First Shoes

Prams and First Shoes at St Mark's Church is a group for 0–3-year-olds with their parents/carers, meeting weekly on Thursday mornings in term time. It is run by a group of church volunteers who offer a safe, friendly environment for babies and children to play, and adults to have a coffee and a chat with others to share news and ideas.

People can come and go as they please over a two-hour period 9.30 - 11.30, and everyone is made very welcome. There is no charge but donations are appreciated. Usually there are about six to ten children with adults but it can vary from week to week. There is plenty of room to play and socialise and enjoy a relaxed environment.

Joan Foster

School links

St John's Church of England Primary School

Foundation Governors continue to support the school by leading monthly prayer meetings to which staff are invited. Although still a small group, the number of staff members attending is increasing so we've now moved to a larger room! All staff look forward to cakes usually made and donated by one of the governors.

We introduce Christian values throughout the school as we sit on other governor committees as well as the Foundation Governor committee, and help them to review and strengthen its Christian foundation, mission vision and statements. Every school policy now has a relevant Christian verse on the cover.

When Rev Anne retired, Nick Gee joined us as ex-officio governor until Rev Elliot began in October, when Nick continued as co-opted governor. Collective Worship is held daily and Rev Elliot leads these regularly, along with occasional RE lessons, nursery stories and other school visits.

At our termly Foundation Governor meetings we discuss

- school events and services held in St Peter's, which typically occur once or twice a term celebrating special Christian festivals and seasons, in addition to the occasional 'special' worship session in school.
- upcoming school inspections.
- how to help write amendments, when necessary, to the school's Religious Education Policy.

The school still has links with Scott Lane School in Kolkata and although no one from St John's visited this year, they collected some things to send over to the school with a representative who went from another Derbyshire school.

We would like to thank Mr Averis for his support and leadership during his time as headteacher, and wish him the best as he moves on to new pastures. We look forward to working closely with the new headteacher in September.

Rachel Kennings & Patience Atkinson-Gregory
Foundation Governors

Pottery Primary School

Staff, children and their families from Pottery School held their annual Christmas service at St Peter's. Rev Elliot has met with Mr Hooley the headteacher and also attended the school's own Nativity assemblies.

Herbert Strutt Primary School

Staff and children from Herbert Strutt Primary School came to St Swithun's for their Christingle and Nativity services. Rev Elliot has met with Mrs Redfern and Mrs Allen, the new headteacher and deputy. The Open the Book team also delivers Bible-based assemblies almost every week of the school year.

5. PCC SECRETARY'S REPORT

PCC Meeting	Attendance
PCC 18th March 25	22
APCM 29th April 25	45
Extraordinary PCC Meeting 6th May 2025	21
PCC 17th June 25	20
PCC 19th August 25	18
PCC 4th October 25	21
PCC 9th December 25	15

PCC meetings this year were all in person and all members attended at least one meeting. During the vacancy, an extraordinary PCC meeting was held to finalise the Parish Profile. Many of the PCC members were involved in the interview day and the Committee welcomed the new Priest-in-Charge, Rev. Elliot George, to the meeting on 4th November. Patience Atkinson-Gregory continues in the role of PCC Treasurer.

Individual churches held many concerts. Concerts included: The Take That Experience, Jane Varga, Unbreakable, Meatloaf, Floyd in the Flesh, Legends of Motown, the Amber Band and the Bohemians.

Outside spaces have again been utilised. The trees at St Peter's regularly being covered in thought provoking attire. The Woollen Woods were again in St Peter's churchyard, and an Easter Garden has become an annual event.

Indoor events or meetings are flourishing: craft evenings, Messy Church, warm spaces, Summer fairs and Winter markets and Holiday at Home. Regular clubs include board games afternoons, knitting groups, Widows Might and bible study. St Mark's hosts the Family Film Club and many others.

John Hastings-Thomson edits our magazine 'Three in One'. Our online newsletter 'Enfold' via email is edited by Pamela Gough. Both have kept people informed and included throughout the year.

Jane Carter
PCC Secretary

6. PARISH FABRIC REPORT

St Peter's Church

- South Side Nave ceiling repainted where water leak had been.
- Slipped slates put back on South Side main roof.
- Drive lights repaired.
- Gutters and down pipes cleared
- Church fully cleaned, (Areas which normally don't get done)
- Carpets Cleaned
- New floodlights (portable) for staircases
- New TV for front South Side.
- Electrics repaired.
- New large portable TV purchased.

David Skelton

St Mark's Church and Hall

(Comprising church, vestry, church hall, kitchen and outside play area)

Church

- Quinquennial report – check metal windows, make good putty where necessary then paint. Completed December 2025
- Carpet cleaned.
- Church windows cleaned.
- Church vents checked to ensure remain free of obstructions.
- Gutters cleared.
- Total deep clean undertaken during the summer.
- Automatic blind installed above altar window.
- Projector bulb replaced.

Vestry

- Carpets cleaned.

Church Hall & Kitchen

- Carpet cleaned.
- End hall wall repainted.
- Paint refreshed on wooden paneling.
- Drains unblocked.
- Kitchen tap replaced.
- Total deep clean undertaken in September.
- Cork boarding replaced on cupboards.
- Children's coat hooks replaced.
- Toilet seats replaced.
- Locks to kitchen cupboards repaired.
- Damp proof paint applied to kitchen wall.
- Sound proofing cork boarding replaced on cupboard doors.
- Full inspection undertaken of the hall roof.
- Roof slates re-aligned on hall roof.
- Weatherboarding replaced.

Outside

- Drains regularly checked and kept clear.
- Gutters and roof checked and cleared.
- Garden, planters and borders kept weed free, bark chip replenished on south bed of church.
- Hedges bordering the car park and front path of the church cut and reduced in height.
- Paths pressure washed.
- Some paths and lower walls treated with algae remover.
- Lines on steps in church yard repainted.
- Handrail in church yard repainted.
- Perspex replaced in external noticeboards.
- Gates installed at entrance to car park.
- Locks replaced on outside play area gates.
- Outside safety light replaced.
- Vestry door and window painted.
- Perspex replaced in external noticeboards

Derek Adams & Geraldine Comery

St Swithun's Church

- Work which was done to the side gutters has proven successful and the damp walls are drying out nicely. In July the boiler received attention and is now working well. In December there was a leaking radiator valve which was repaired promptly and we now have four spare valves. PAT tests have been carried out. The fire extinguishers have been serviced. The organ has been tuned. Everything is in a satisfactory state.

Philip Thomas

7. HEALTH AND SAFETY REPORT

Accidents and Near Misses

All three churches carry out Health and Safety inspections and have accident books. Completed forms are retained securely.

St Peter's

- Only 1 minor incident reported.
- Fire extinguishers serviced.
- All electrical equipment PAT tested.
- Dish washer repaired and fully serviced.
- Stewarding training given.
- Regular H & S walkabouts completed.

David Skelton

St Mark's

- There were two accidents reported during 2025.
- All equipment was PAT tested.
- Fire extinguishers serviced throughout the building.
- Regular Health and Safety walkabouts were done.
- Ceiling fans regularly checked.
- All boilers were serviced.
- All smoke detectors were regularly tested – one replaced.
- Defibrillator regularly checked.
- Church vents checked to ensure remain free of obstructions.
- Safety lock attached to hall door.
- Electric cables tidied and secured in church.
- Kitchen hygiene sheets implemented.
- Fire collection point sign obtained.
- Sensor external safety light replaced.

Geraldine Comery & Derek Adams

St Swithun's

- There was one accident reported during 2025
- PAT tests have been carried out.
- The fire extinguishers have been serviced.

Philip Thomas

8. SAFEGUARDING THE CHURCH FAMILY

This is a large parish comprising three churches and we have many activities for children and young people in addition to adults who may be considered to be vulnerable.

Our largest church, St Peter's is open daily. The parish administrators are based here and it a busy environment, used by our congregation and many members of the public. St Mark's church has a hall which is used by a pre-school group in term-time weekdays and uniformed organisations in term-time weekday evenings. St Swithun's church is less busy but also holds gatherings in addition to the Sunday service.

We provide a Sunday Club on almost every Sunday for children under 16 in two churches. When there is a baptism during the service, we offer a welcome to all visiting children. We are very aware of the minimum number of qualified leaders and helpers required. Messy Church is held monthly in two of the churches. Activities for under 5s take place during term-time in two churches. Additionally, the Young People's Fellowship is very well-attended one evening/week in term-time.

The Parish Safeguarding Officer (PSO) is usually, but not always, based at St Peter's and liaises with named Safeguarding Links: Vicky Walker at St Mark's, and Keith Wollerton and Tracy Comber at St Swithun's. The PSO supplies a safeguarding report to every PCC meeting. The DBS Administrator has full responsibility for all DBS applications, both new and renewals. In 2025, 18 new non-clergy applications were successfully submitted plus five renewals. We now have 63 non-clergy DBS holders which is a record high.

Our congregations are very committed to maintaining good safeguarding practices and raises possible concerns with the PSO. These are dealt with appropriately and tactfully and, when necessary, escalated to the Diocesan Safeguarding Team for professional advice. Documentation relating to concerns raised is stored securely on the office PC.

All PCC members and the majority of activity leaders hold a DBS and most have completed Basic and Foundation training courses. Deputy Wardens have very similar responsibilities to Parish Wardens and have all undertaken Domestic Abuse and Leadership training. Our Pastoral Visiting Group is vigilant re safeguarding issues as the members visit vulnerable adults in their own homes, often sharing communion and sometimes post-bereavement.

The very detailed Parish Safeguarding Policy v7 has been replaced by a much simpler version in 2026. The policy is displayed in the three churches. The parish activities are numerous and the activity leaders and helpers often change. The Parish Dashboard needs to be updated monthly. Despite this, the Level 3 dashboard score has recently struggled to keep above 70%. A number of PCC members will sign up to monitor the dashboard and this will help to provide more accurate information.

Sue Allen
Parish Safeguarding Officer

9. DOVE AND DERWENT DEANERY SYNOD

Representatives of the Parish attended the two meeting of the Dove & Derwent Deanery Synod over the past twelve months.

Discussions have included finance, common fund, and carbon-neutral targets. At the most recent meeting the work of The Diocese of Derby Disability Inclusion Action Group was highlighted and the Parish will need to respond to this in due course.

John Hastings-Thomson

10. FINANCE REPORT

St Mark's House

St Mark's house is owned jointly by Benefice of Belper (St Peter's Church, St Mark's Openwoodgate, and St Swithun's) and the Derby Diocesan Board of Finance. The house, was revalued in November 2025 and the value increased by £25,000. It is rented out to provide income to the Benefice of Belper. The property has been let since March 2025, at £1100 per month. The property is managed by Matthew Thomas Residential, with Patience Atkinson-Gregory providing oversight from the church.

Finance Report

Accounts for the individual churches may be found at each church.

The accounts for St Peter's Belper (St Peter's Church, St Mark's, and St Swithun's) are made up of the funds of the PCC and those of the three individual churches. Within the Parish accounts the funds of each church are shown as a restricted fund for that particular church, although they may be made up of several separate funds, both restricted and unrestricted, within the accounts of the individual church.

Operational Matters

The expenses of Parish ministry continue to be shared among the three churches using a formula based on attendance and electoral roll to contribute to the Diocesan Common Fund and Parish expenses.

During 2023 the PCC agreed that money that arose due to the rental of the St John's Car Park should be used for Children and Family work across the Parish. During 2025 costs of £1260 were incurred for valuation of the land and legal expenses regarding access over the land.

Reserves Policy

Reserves are held in the Church of England Deposit Fund which is regularly reviewed to ensure that the best possible interest rate is being obtained. In addition, the PCC agreed that money be deposited in Derbyshire Community Bank, in line with the mission of the church as allowed by the Charity Commission, although this account was closed during 2025. The Parish seeks to find the highest return for reserves.

As shown in the balance sheet on page 20, the total funds for the PCC at the end of the year amounted to £223,557 with a further fixed asset in St Mark's House valued at £290,000.

The St John's land is also owned by the St Peter's Parish Belper (St Peter's Church, St Mark's, and St Swithun's) but there is no corresponding asset fund as this asset is fully depreciated and has a "nil" book value. It is held in trust jointly by the Derby Diocesan Board of Finance and the Church Commissioners of the Church of England on behalf of the Parish, who have now been appointed the managing trustees. The land is now leased to Belper Town Council for use as a car park. The rent was reviewed in 2023 to £8021/year with a review due in 2028. The PCC agreed that this income should be ringfenced for use on Children, Young people, families and schools work across the Parish.

Funds held by the individual churches are treated as restricted funds for the purposes of the particular church within the context of the Parish accounts.

Reserves at St Peter's Church amounted £73,386. £52,516 is in the general fund, £4562 is in the belfry fund. £9706 is restricted for future work on the organ, the Church Fabric fund is £6600 money held for the repair and restoration of the north vestry window. Reserves at St Mark's Church amounted to £31,161, the Church Hall designated fund is £7159, the music fund is £302. Reserves at St Swithun's Church amounted to £12,385. St Swithun's is supported by the Hanson Trust an independent Trust Fund established by the founder Elizabeth Hanson to maintain a Christian presence in the area of "Cow Hill" Belper. This Trust contributes to major repairs and renovations and pays the annual insurance on the building. Noted in the accounts as a recurring grant.

Patience Atkinson-Gregory
Parish Treasurer

11. ELECTORAL ROLL REPORT

The electoral roll is up by three people from the previous year, bringing the total number on the roll to 183. There were five new additions and two recorded deaths.

St Peter's	117 (increased by two)
St Mark's	54 (increased by one)
St Swithun's	12 (no change)
Total	183

Siân Kellogg

PCC

Consolidated Financial Statement

For year ended 31st December 2025



**CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES**

**Independent examiner's
report on the accounts**

Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

**Report to the trustees/
members of**

Charity Name
St Peter's Parish , Belper

**On accounts for the year
ended**

31st December 2025

**Charity no
(if any)**

1132878

Set out on pages

(remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)

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 trustees of the Trust, 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 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 (other than that disclosed below *) in connection with the examination which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Act or
- the accounts do not accord with the accounting records

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

** Please delete the words in the brackets if they do not apply.*

Signed:

Date:

10 / 11 / 2026

Name:

Eric O'Connor

**Relevant professional
qualification(s) or body
(if any):**

M.A.A.T

Address:

Nicholson Tax & Accounts
8 Chapel Street
Belper , Derbyshire DE56 1AR

Statement of Financial Activities
for the year ended 31 December 2025

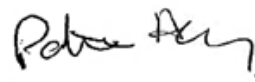
		Unrestricted Funds		Restricted Funds			TOTAL PARISH FUNDS	
		P.C.C.	P.C.C.	St Peter's Church	St Mark's Church	St Swithun's Church	2025	2024
	Note	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
Incoming Resources								
Activities for generating funds	2	2,141	-	58,943	3,986	2,676	67,746	36,552
Church activities	3	5,279	-	7,891	433	85	13,688	12,353
Income from investments	4	22,938	-	898	17,961	330	42,127	35,689
Other incoming resources	5	-	25,000	1,629	4,457	1,307	32,393	2,878
Voluntary income	6	-	-	97,799	43,202	16,796	157,797	161,324
Total Incoming Resources		30,358	25,000	167,160	70,039	21,194	313,752	248,796
Resources Used								
Cost of church activities:								
Cost of generating funds	7	243	-	34,852	4,736	-	39,831	3,518
Cost of generating voluntary income	8	41,453	-	32,403	9,959	8,575	92,389	99,735
Redevelopment works	9	-	-	-	-	-	-	7,171
Governance costs	10	1,108	-	100	50	30	1,288	1,336
Investment management costs	11	6,267	-	-	10,114	-	16,381	11,209
Mission and charitable giving	12	-	-	7,010	4,012	1,342	12,364	12,376
Other	13	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Parish Share	14	-	-	49,829	21,953	9,519	81,301	75,387
Resources Used before transfers		49,071	-	124,194	50,824	19,466	243,554	210,733
Allocation of parish expenditure	14	(32,024)	-	21,465	7,711	3,343	495	4,041
Total Resources Used		17,047	-	145,659	58,534	22,809	244,049	214,774
Net Incoming (Outgoing) Resources		13,311	25,000	21,501	11,505	(1,614)	69,703	34,022
Balances brought forward		93,593	265,000	51,660	19,609	13,999	443,861	409,836
Balances carried forward at 31 December 2025		106,904	290,000	73,161	31,114	12,385	513,564	443,858

Balance Sheet at 31 December 2025

		2025		2024	
	Note	£	£	£	£
Fixed Assets					
Tangible fixed assets	16		290,000		265,000
Current Assets					
Debtors and prepayments	17		9,200		4,871
Cash at bank and in hand	18		<u>220,940</u>		<u>179,546</u>
			230,139		184,417
Current Liabilities - falling due within one year					
Creditors and accruals	19		<u>(6,582)</u>		<u>(5,559)</u>
Net Assets			<u>513,557</u>		<u>443,858</u>
FUNDS					
Income Funds					
Unrestricted - general	20		(159)		592
- designated	20		118,647		100,955
Restricted	20		<u>395,069</u>		<u>342,310</u>
			<u>513,557</u>		<u>443,858</u>

Approved by the Parochial Church Council on 21st April 2026 and signed on its behalf by:


PCC Chair


PCC Treasurer

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

1 Accounting Policies

Basis of Accounting

The financial statements have been prepared on an accruals basis and in accordance with the Church Accounting Regulations 2016, together with applicable accounting standards and the Statement of Recommended Practice on Accounting and Reporting for Charities, issued in 2016 (SORP for Charities (FRS102)).

Funds

Unrestricted general funds represent the funds of the parish that are not subject to any restrictions regarding their use and are available for use, at the discretion of the Parochial Church Council, for the general purposes of the parish.

Designated funds are unrestricted but are amounts which have been put aside at the discretion of the Church Councils.

Restricted funds are either subject to specific conditions imposed by donors or they represent the funds of the individual churches. Funds within the individual churches themselves maybe unrestricted, unrestricted but designated, or restricted. They are, however, treated as restricted in the accounts of the parish as they relate to the particular local church.

The accounts include all known transactions, assets and liabilities for which the Parochial Church Council is responsible. They do not include the accounts of church groups that owe their main affiliation to another body nor those that are informal gatherings of church members.

Incoming Resources

Voluntary income and capital sources

Collections, grants and income from fund raising efforts are recognised when received by or on behalf of the local Church Councils. All non gift aided giving is now under the heading Small Gift Aided giving. Small Gift Aid is reclaimed up to the HMRC limit of £8000 of this total for each building.

Planned giving receivable under Gift aid is recognised only when received.

Income tax recoverable on Gift aid donations is recognised when donations are received.

Statutory fees from funerals and weddings are accounted for on a receivable basis.

Grants to the individual churches are accounted for as soon as that church is notified of its legal entitlement, the amount due is quantifiable and its ultimate receipt is reasonably certain.

Sales of books and the Church magazine are accounted for gross.

Income from investments

Bank interest is accounted for when received.

Income and expenditure from Insignis is apportioned between Parish

Reserve and St John's Fund according to the balance invested; currently 87.5% / 12.5%.

Resources used

Grants

Grants and donations are accounted for when payable.

Activities directly relating to the work of the Church

Amounts due to the parish by the three churches are accounted for when payable.

Fixed Assets

Consecrated and beneficed property is excluded from these accounts by virtue of Section 96(2)(a) of the Charities Act 1993.

St Mark's House was revalued to a gross value of £290000 in November 2025. No Depreciation is applied.

Items of equipment are written off when the asset is acquired.

		Unrestricted Funds		Restricted Funds			TOTAL PARISH FUNDS	
		P.C.C.	P.C.C.	St Peter's Church	St Mark's Church	St Swithun's Church	2025	2024
		£	£	£	£	£	£	£
2	Activities for generating funds							
	Fundraising events	35		52,945	277	1,312	54,569	28,318
	Fund raising events Gift Aided						-	
	Building rental			5,998	3,709	1,364	11,071	6,828
	Magazines	1650					1,650	1,407
	Photocopying income	456					456	
		2,141	-	58,943	3,986	2,676	67,746	36,552
3	Church activities							
	Fees - Weddings and funerals	2,543		2,465	330	60	5,398	6,959
	- Preparation of banns certificates etc	224					224	108
	- organ			475	75	25	575	800
	Mission, Ministry & Discipleship	1,036		704			1,740	1,707
	Contributions to refreshments						-	
	Belfry income			1,975			1,975	1,181
	Bookstall			135			135	117
	Organists' fees donated back			1,730			1,730	
	Children & Young People	1,420					1,420	1,215
	Miscellaneous Income	56		406	28		490	266
		5,279	-	7,891	433	85	13,688	12,353
4	Income from investments							
	Interest received	4,228		898	505	330	5,961	2,414
	Car Park rental	8,021					8,021	8,021
	St Mark's house rental	10,689					10,689	9,670
	Hall rental				17,456		17,456	15,584
		22,938	-	898	17,961	330	42,127	35,689
5	Other incoming resources							
	Revaluation of St Mark's House		25,000				25,000	
	Grants			1,554	4,457		6,011	1,605
	Donation for Insurance (Hanson)					1,307	1,307	1,223
	Flowers and misc			75			75	50
	VAT refund						-	
		-	25,000	1,629	4,457	1,307	32,393	2,878
6	Voluntary							
	Gift Aided donations			28,794	17,340	3,730	49,864	48,884
	Small Gift Aid scheme			8,693	5,779	4,989	19,461	23,959
	Non gift aided donations			8,001	3,250		11,251	20,135
	Parish Giving Scheme			29,341	8,870	4,809	43,020	37,327
	Income tax recoverable			13,872	7,963	3268	25,103	29,701
	Project Donations GA						-	170
	Project Donations non-gift aided			9,097			9,097	
	Legacies and bequests						-	1,147
		-	-	97,799	43,202	16,796	157,797	161,323
	Total Incoming resources	30,358	25,000	167,160	70,039	21,194	313,752	248,796

Outgoing Resources

	Unrestricted Funds		Restricted Funds			TOTAL PARISH FUNDS	
	P.C.C.	P.C.C.	St Peter's Church	St Mark's Church	St Swithun's Church	2025	2024
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
7 Costs of generating funds							
Fayres and other fund raising events - expenses			34,852			34,852	366
Use of Church costs				4,736		4,736	
Hall maintenance						-	2,802
Website Costs	243					243	243
Publicity giving costs						-	107
	243	-	34,852	4,736	-	39,831	3,518
8 Cost of generating vol income							
Parish ministry:							
Clergy expenses	161					161	513
Parish Support Staff	28,408					28,408	29,531
Vicarage water rates						-	380
Children & Young People	3,612					3,612	4,819
Mission, Ministry & Discipleship	2,148		2,904	77		5,129	6,837
Education and outreach	24		52			76	251
Miscellaneous expenses	2,785		1216			4,001	536
Individual churches:							
Church premises - - heat, light, water & insurance			14,439	3,286	3,100	20,825	23,706
- PCC cleaning			1,803	316	1,202	3,321	3,129
- maintenance			562	1,090	1,246	2,898	2,301
-local cleaning expenses	14		479		17	510	275
- major repairs			1740			1,740	10,723
- equipment purchased			1,779	3,638	140	5,556	2,968
-professional fees			877			877	1,040
- churchyard			48		693	741	1,076
Corporate worship costs			1,147	446	52	1,645	1,620
Organists' honoraria & fees			1,820		630	2,450	595
Music and AV Costs			936	430	981	2,346	2,336
Subscriptions			80	75	60	215	190
Miscellaneous costs					215	215	110
Church bookstall costs			137			137	100
Church belfry costs			1,294			1,294	446
Organ upkeep			144		239	383	690
Printing, postage, stationery and telephone	1,082		721	578		2,382	2,341
Photocopier	3,050					3,050	2,680
Bank Charges other	168		226	23		417	542
	41,453	-	32,403	9,959	8,575	92,389	99,735

	Unrestricted Funds		Restricted Funds			TOTAL PARISH FUNDS	
	P.C.C.	P.C.C.	St Peter's Church	St Mark's Church	St Swithun's Church	2025	2024
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
9 Redevelopment works						-	7,171
		-	-	-	-	-	7,171
10 Governance							
Independent examination and other accountancy fees	520		100	50	30	700	700
Governance costs	300					300	348
Payroll preparation costs	288					288	288
	1,108	-	100	50	30	1,288	1,336
11 Investment management costs							
Building running costs	6,267			10,114		16,381	11,209
	6,267	-	-	10,114	-	16,381	11,209
12 Mission and charitable giving							
Open Doors			1,400			1,400	1,400
Water Aid					300	300	450
Church Army					300	300	450
Smiles			1,400			1,400	1,400
St Crispins, Pune			1,410			1,410	1,400
Home for Good			1,400			1,400	1,400
MAF				1,003		1,003	831
Hope for Belper			1,400	1,003	442	2,845	2,681
Cottage Project				1,003		1,003	831
Blue Box					300	300	450
Air Ambulance				1,003		1,003	831
						-	
Link for Hope						-	252
			7,010	4,012	1,342	12,364	12,376
13 Other							
Depreciation - St Mark's House		-				-	
		-	-	-	-	-	-
14 Parish Share							
Diocesan Parish Share			49,829	21,953	9,519	81,301	75,387
Proportion of Parish expenses	(32,024)		21,465	7,711	3,343	495	4,041
	(32,024)	-	71,294	29,663	12,862	81,796	79,428
Total Outgoing Resources	17,047	-	145,659	58,534	22,809	244,049	214,774

The expenditure of the Parochial Church Council is apportioned among the three churches in the ratio of the average Sunday adult attendance and electoral roll of the churches.

During the year St Peter's was levied 61.29%, St Mark's 27.00% and St Swithun's 11.7%

Related Party Transactions

One member of the PCC or church councils received remuneration or payment as agreed by the Charity Commission no other member received remuneration except for the bona fide reimbursement of expenses.

16	Tangible fixed assets					St Mark's House
	Gross book value					£
	1st Jan 2025					265,000
	31st Dec 2025					<u>290,000</u>
	Net Increase due to Revaluation					<u>25,000</u>
		P.C.C.	St Peter's Church	St Mark's Church	St Swithun's Church	TOTAL
						2025 2024
17	Prepayments and accrued income					
	Income tax recoverable on gift aid		2,476	1,466	587	4,528 2,871
	Other debtors	<u>1,488</u>	<u>2,713</u>	<u>374</u>	<u>97</u>	<u>4,671</u> 2,000
		<u>1,488</u>	<u>5,188</u>	<u>1,839</u>	<u>684</u>	<u>9,200</u> 4,871
18	Cash at bank and in hand					
	CCLA		17,874	18,221	6,815	42,909 31,362
	Bank accounts	20,316	52,102	12,822	5,000	90,241 59,662
	Belfry		3,843			3,843 3,880
	Insignis deposit	83,139				83,139 80,918
	Credit Union					- 3,298
	Cash in Hand	<u>0</u>	<u>677</u>	<u></u>	<u>131</u>	<u>808</u> 426
		<u>103,455</u>	<u>74,495</u>	<u>31,043</u>	<u>11,946</u>	<u>220,940</u> 179,546
19	Amounts owed and deferred income					
	Loans					-
	Agency accounts	<u>(2,778)</u>	<u>1,937</u>	<u>41</u>		<u>(800)</u> 397
	Other creditors	<u>904</u>	<u>4,583</u>	<u>1,681</u>	<u>215</u>	<u>7,382</u> 5,162
		<u>(1,874)</u>	<u>6,520</u>	<u>1,722</u>	<u>215</u>	<u>6,582</u> 5,559
20	Funds					
	Unrestricted					
	General account	<u>(159)</u>				<u>(159)</u> 592
	Designated - St Mark's House Account	20,145				20,145 13,616
	Designated - St. John's Hall Account	20,311				20,311 13,610
	Parish Reserve Account	<u>66,521</u>				<u>66,521</u> 65,774
		<u>106,817</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>106,817</u> 93,592
	Restricted					
	(Unrestricted in the individual churches' accounts)					
	General account	<u>52,525</u>	<u>23,700</u>	<u>12,391</u>		<u>88,616</u> 69,661
		<u>52,525</u>	<u>23,700</u>	<u>12,391</u>		<u>88,616</u> 69,661
	(Unrestricted but designated in the individual churches' accounts)					
	St Peter's Belfry Fund		4,332			4,332 3,654
	Music Fund		-			- 155
	St. Mark's Church Hall			7,159		7,159 4,146
	St Swithun's Churchyard				179	179
		<u>4,332</u>	<u>7,159</u>	<u>179</u>		<u>11,670</u> 7,955

(Restricted in the individual churches' accounts)

	PCC	St Peter's	St Mark's	St Swithun's		
Parish Asset fund	290,000				290,000	265,000
Organ Maintenance		9,706	-	(214)	9,492	7,645
St. Mark's Project Fund			-		-	
Music Fund			302		302	
Church Redevelopment fund		6,600			6,600	
I Sing Pop UK		-			-	
Flower Fund				58	58	4
Churchyard					-	
Defib			-		-	
	290,000	16,306	302	(155)	306,453	
Total Restricted funds	290,000	73,164	31,161	12,415	395,069	

Movement in Funds	Balance at 1st Jan 2025 £	Incoming Resource £	Outgoing Resource £	Fund transfers £	Balance at 31st Dec 2025 £
P.C.C - non TLC element Unrestricted - general funds					
General fund	4136	2,637	6,932		(159)
Unrestricted but designated funds					-
St Mark's House Account	13616	10,690	4,161		20,145
St. John's Property Account	13610	9,971	3,270	-	20,311
Parish Reserve Fund	65774	3,700	2,953		66,521
	97,136	26,998	17,316	-	106,818

Parish Asset Fund

Restricted

St. Mark's House	265,000	25,000			290,000
	265,000	25,000	-	-	290,000
	362,136	51,998	17,316	-	396,818

St Peter's Church Unrestricted - general funds	Balance at 1st Jan 2025	Incoming Resource	Outgoing Resource	Fund transfers	Balance at 31st Dec 2025
General fund	40,358	156,523	144,365		52,516
	40,358	156,523	144,365	-	52,516
Unrestricted but designated funds					
Church Belfry fund	3,880	1,975	1,294		4,562
Church Repairs fund					-
	3,880	1,975	1,294	-	4,562
Restricted					
Organ Maintenance Stat fees	7,645	2,061			9,706
Church Redevelopment fund - part		6,600			6,600
I Sing Pop					-
	7,645	8,661	-	-	16,307
	51,883	167,160	145,659	-	73,385

	Balance at 1st Jan 2025	Incoming Resource	Outgoing Resource	Fund transfers	Balance at 31st Dec 2025
St Mark's Church					
Unrestricted - general funds					
General fund	15,308	47,430	39,038		23,700
	15,308	47,430	39,038	-	23,700
Unrestricted but designated funds					
Church Hall fund	4,146	17,534	14,521		7,159
Music Fund	155	620	473		302
	4,301	18,154	14,994	-	7,461
Restricted					
Defib					-
Project funds					-
	-	-	-	-	-
	19,609	65,584	54,032	-	31,161
St Withun's Church					
	Balance at 1st Jan 2025	Incoming Resource	Outgoing Resource	Fund transfers	Balance at 31st Dec 2025
Unrestricted - general funds					
General fund	13,994	21,169	21,662		13,502
	13,994	21,169	21,662	-	13,502
Restricted					
					-
Flower Fund	5	-	215		(210)
Churchyard			693		(693)
Organ Fund		25	239		(214)
	5	25	1,147	-	(1,117)
	13,999	21,194	22,809	-	12,385

Specific collections and donations are treated as agency funds and go directly to the charity or organisation for which they are intended and therefore do not form part of the Parish income or expenditure.