

The Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish of St Mary the Virgin, Felpham



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Felpham**

Charity number: 1133732

Trustees' Report and Financial Statements

For the year ended December 2025

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Reference and Administrative Details of the Charity, its Trustees and advisers For the Year Ended 31 December 2025

**Trustees and
PCC members**

Rev John William Challis
Rev Tracey Flitcroft
Maureen Williams (until 2026)
Geoffrey Walker (until 2026)
Jeanette Fido (until 2026)
Glenn Potter (co-opted)
Simmie Fellowes (until 2026)
Wendy Barrett (until 2026)
Joan Bull (until 2026)
Yvonne Hammill (until 2026)
Tina Saunders (until 2026)
Margaret Treacy (until 2026)
Anne French (until 2026)
Peter French (until 2026)
Sue Holmes (until 2026)
David Lowen (until 2026)
Steve Christie (until 2028)
Matthew Copeland (until 2028)
Jane Summerville (until 2028)
Karen Senior (until 2026)

Charity number: 1133732

Principal Office: St Mary's Centre
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Felpham
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Incumbent: Revd John William Challis

Churchwardens: Maureen Williams Geoffrey Walker

Deputy Wardens: Russell McCarthy Matthew Copeland

Treasurer: Glenn Potter

PCC Secretary: Jeanette Fido

Safeguarding Officer: Simmie Fellows

Independent Examiner: John Fenton-Jones

Deanery Synod: Margaret Treacy Joan Bull Wendy Barrett
Tina Saunders Yvonne Hammill

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Trustees' report

For the Year Ended 31 December 2025

The Trustees present their annual report together with the financial statements of the Charity for the period 1 January 2025 to 31 December 2025.

St Mary's Church is situated in Felpham Road, Felpham. It is part of the Diocese of Chichester within the Church of England. All correspondence should be addressed to the Rector, The Church Office, St Mary's Centre, Grasmere Close, Felpham, West Sussex. PO22 7NU.

Objectives and Activities

a. Policies and Objectives

The primary objective of St Mary's PCC is the promotion of the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to the doctrines and practices of the Church of England. The PCC has the responsibility of co-operating with the incumbent in promoting, within the ecclesiastical parish, the whole mission of the Church—pastoral, evangelistic, social, and ecumenical.

The main objectives of the PCC are:

- To consider and discuss matters concerning the Church of England, or any other matters of religious or public interest.
- To make known and put into effect any provision made by the Diocesan Synod or the Deanery Synod, without prejudice to the powers of the council on any particular matter.
- To give advice to the Diocesan Synod and the Deanery Synod on any matter referred to the council.
- To raise such matters as the council considers appropriate with the Diocesan Synod or Deanery Synod.
- To maintain St Mary's Church and St Mary's Centre in Felpham.

In setting objectives and planning activities, the Trustees have given due consideration to general guidance published by the Charity Commission relating to public benefit, including the guidance *Public benefit: running a charity (PB2)*.

b. Activities Undertaken to Achieve Objectives

To achieve these objectives, the PCC supported or initiated the following activities during the year:

- Continued the PCC's mission and outreach plan to make Jesus Christ known in this parish.
- Donated a total of £2,995 (2024: £5,588) to local schools and other charities.
- Encouraged the work of our volunteers who contribute at every level of church activity.
- The PCC is grateful for the efforts of volunteers who are involved across all activities of the church. Hundreds of hours are given in pursuit of the church's objectives.

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Objectives and Activities (continued)

c. Main activities undertaken to further the Charity's purposes for the public benefit

In accordance with our duties under section 17(5) of the Charities Act, we have considered the guidance provided by the Charity Commission in regard to public benefit. This public benefit is demonstrated through our activities and achievements, as detailed throughout the reports below.

St Mary's continues to support Bishop Tufnell Primary School and maintains a strong presence on the Governing Body through foundation members and the Rector. BTPS, Downview School, and Felpham Community College joined us for Easter and Christmas services.

St Mary's Family Hub, located on the same site as BTPS, is home to a thriving pre-school accommodating up to 25 children aged 2–5 years. Our Youth Clubs and other Church Groups now make regular use of the facility, enabling outreach to the furthest point in the village. We also host the NHS mother and baby outreach service.

St Mary's continues to make full use of the St Mary's Centre, offering the facility to the wider community for a broad range of activities.

d. Future Plans

We have initiated a number of new projects during the year to raise the profile of St Mary's and place our church at the heart of the community.

We will continue to encourage participation in our wider church programme as we seek to fulfil our key mission of spreading the gospel across the parish.

Electoral Roll

As at 1 January 2026, there were 210 parishioners on the church electoral roll:

- 142 resident within the parish (68%)
- 68 non-resident in the parish (32%)

Review of the Year

The PCC met 6 times during the year. The average level of attendance was 79.4%. Committees met between PCC meetings and minutes of their deliberations were received by the full PCC and discussed where necessary. The following paragraphs summarise the work of the PCC in 2025.

- A second year of improvement in our finances resulted in a surplus of £247,240 reflecting a donation under gift aid of £200,000
- The Platinum Window appeal reached its target and the window was installed at the end of the year.

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Trustees' Report (continued)

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Financial Review

a. Going Concern

After making appropriate enquiries, the Trustees have a reasonable expectation that the Charity has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. For this reason, they continue to adopt the going concern basis in preparing the financial statements. Further details regarding the adoption of the going concern basis can be found in the accounting policies.

b. Reserves Policy

It is the PCC policy to maintain a balance on unrestricted funds (if possible), which is at least twelve months' unrestricted payments, to cover emergency situations that may arise from time to time and to support irregular cashflow. The balance of £151,257 (2024: £150,193) on unrestricted funds at the year end is in line with this policy.

c. Treasurer's Financial Report

The total income for the year was £476,427, compared to £233,081 in 2024, being an increase of £243,346

The total expenditure for the year was £233,794, compared to £215,493 in 2024, being an increase of £18,301.

The total gain on investments for the year was £4,607, compared to £6,912 in 2024.

The resultant surplus for the year was £247,240, compared to a surplus of £24,500 in 2024.

Further details on specific items of income and expenditure are noted below.

Income

Total income increased in the year compared to 2024. A detailed breakdown can be seen within Notes 2 to 6.

- Total income from standing orders was £23,607, compared to £26,225 in 2024, being a decrease of £2,618.

- Donations received via the Parish Giving Scheme (PGS) were £15,558, compared to £15,134 in 2024, being an increase of £424. Giving by the PGS is a simple and secure method for donors and reduces the administration work required by the PCC.

- Because of the individual donation of £200,000 received in the year under gift aid, total donations were £359,585, compared to £80,136 in 2024, an increase of £279,449.

- Plate collections in church at Sunday services increased to £8,968 (2024: £7,417)

During the year we received legacies of £8,627, compared to £51,540 in 2024.

Gift aid recoveries of £66,567 compared to £12,711 (2024)

Total of donations and legacies £368,212 compared to £131,676 in 2024 an increase of £236,536.

The St Mary's Centre's financial performance remained steady. The income from the Centre was £43,211, compared to £46,467 in 2024, being a decrease of £3,256.

St Mary's Family Hub achieved a rental income of £37,288 (2024 £23,474). The PCC negotiated a rental agreement with Bishop Tufnell CofE Primary School Foundation Trust for exclusive use of the Hub. This agreement is subject to annual rent reviews and the PCC is responsible for costs attributable to occupancy.

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Expenditure

The major expenditure in 2025 was as follows:

- Parish share was £81,445, compared to £81,445 in 2024. The PCC has pledged to meet 100% of the parish ministry costs allocated to it in 2026.
 - Giving to charities was £2,995 to external charities, compared to £5,588 in 2024. The Foundation Trust now gives the annual donation to BTPS (previously funded by the PCC)
 - Church repairs & insurance was £7952, compared to £7189 in 2024, an increase of £763
 - Churchyard expenses were £5,652, compared to £3,570 in 2024, an increase of £2082.
 - Centre costs were £28,775, compared to £45,087 in 2023, being a decrease of £17,032.
 - Hub costs were £20,180, compared to £17,334 in 2024, being an increase of 2,846.
 - There were no fixed asset additions in the year (see Note 13).
- Platinum Window costs of £33,901.

Structure, Governance and Management

a. Constitution

The Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish of St. Mary The Virgin, Felpham is a registered charity, number 1133732, and is constituted under a Trust Deed

b. Methods of Appointment or Election of Trustees

The management of the Charity is the responsibility of the Trustees who are elected and co-opted under the terms of the Trust Deed.

c. Membership and Responsibilities

Membership of the PCC is determined under the Church Representation Rules and consists of the Rector, the Treasurer, and the PCC Secretary. The churchwardens are elected annually at the meeting for that purpose; five members of the Deanery Synod, and a set proportion of those on the Electoral Roll of the church are elected at the APCM. Members may also be co-opted. Members of the church are encouraged to stand for election to the PCC to try to ensure a balance of skills and experience where possible.

The PCC is responsible for a wide range of matters affecting the parish including compliance with health and safety, disability legislation, and safeguarding. In their capacity as trustees, members of the PCC are responsible for the stewardship of funds and for the appropriate accounting and reporting of the parish finances.

The PCC works to ensure that each member of the committee is equipped to fulfil their role. New members of the PCC are invited to discuss their role and responsibilities at the first meeting held after the APCM in each year. The PCC Secretary, Treasurer and Deputy Churchwardens are also elected at this meeting.

The Wardens, Secretary and Treasurer, where needed, attend courses run by the Diocese on their particular work. Regular mailings from the Diocese and elsewhere keep the officers up-to-date with changes in church regulations and financial procedures, and these are reported to the whole PCC where appropriate.

Simmie Fellows, as Safeguarding Officer, is responsible for ensuring that a Disclosure and Barring Service check is conducted on all those who work with children and vulnerable adults in the church. All our first aiders have attended a course run by the British Red Cross. Training is regularly reviewed. There are also a number of sub-committees which report to the PCC from time to time and are responsible for specific areas of the church's activities.

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d. Committees

Standing Committee

This is the only committee required by law. It has power to transact the business of the PCC between its meetings, subject to any directions given by the full PCC.

Fabric Committee

Attends to matters relating to the stewardship of plant, such as the church buildings and fabric, the churchyard, the rectory and St Mary's Centre.

Mission & Youth Committee

Attends to matters relating to ministry of the local church to the community and the world, such as ecumenical links, evangelism and the support of mission and relief agencies, and further considers the overall strategy of children's and youth ministry and supports those working with children and young people.

Social and Fundraising Committee

Aims to raise funds for the church and to promote fellowship and a sense of community within the parish

St Mary's Centre Management Committee

Works in conjunction with Arun District Council to oversee the use and management of St Mary's Centre according to its constitution.

Risk Assessment

The PCC confirms that the major risks to which the council has been exposed have been identified by a risk analysis exercise carried out by the PCC. Risks are being reviewed so that systems and procedures may be established to manage them.

Platinum Window

The Platinum Window Committee was formed to oversee the design, installation and fundraising for the new window to commemorate the jubilee and life of our late Queen.

The activities of the committees and other organisations within the parish may be found elsewhere in the Annual Report.

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Trustees' Report (continued)

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Statement of Trustees' Responsibilities

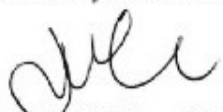
The Trustees are responsible for preparing the Trustees' Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

The law applicable to charities in England and Wales requires the Trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the Charity and of its incoming resources and application of resources, including its income and expenditure, for that period. In preparing these financial statements, the Trustees are required to:

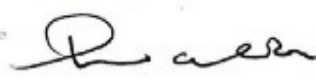
- Select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- Observe the methods and principles of the Charities SORP (FRS 102);
- Make judgments and accounting estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- State whether applicable UK Accounting Standards (FRS 102) have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements;
- Prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the Charity will continue in business.

The Trustees are responsible for keeping adequate accounting records that are sufficient to show and explain the Charity's transactions and disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the Charity and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011, the Charity (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008, and the provisions of the Trust Deed. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the Charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Approved by order of the members of the board of Trustees and signed on their behalf by:


Revd John William Challis

Maureen Williams


Geoffrey Walker



April 2026

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Rector's Report

Across our parish this year, many wonderful things have been happening. There is much to celebrate, many people who deserve thanks, and above all, to thank God for His goodness to us. I would like to offer a special thank you to both of our Church Wardens for everything they do, often working quietly behind the scenes. I shudder to think of the many hours they put in. A busy parish means busy churchwardens. Many great things are happening and I thank God for all our volunteers who share their time and talents with us. Our Treasurer, Glenn, who has faced the task of bringing our parish finances together in a manner that will enable the parish to grow, has been amazing. He deserves our heartfelt thanks. Also, John, our independent examiner, is marvellously scrupulous and really digs deep into our finances and holds us accountable. We are blessed to have them both working for us. They are both positive and constructive. To Jeanette, our PCC secretary, who has worked tirelessly behind the scenes preparing agendas and producing minutes, and helps to keep me up to date. She will often hold me accountable and prod me in the right direction. I also thank our lovely ministry team: Rev'd Tracey Flitcroft, Rev'd Brian Senior, Fr Paul Welch, Reader Karen Senior, ALM Joan Bull with support also from Fr Brian Cunningham. My thanks also goes to the pastoral team and home communion team, all who do so much to ensure support for me to be able to minister to our community. I am sorry that I am not able to thank every person individually, but that would make this report unreadably long. I do thank the choirs and James, and Andrew and his bell ringing team. Please be assured that all efforts are held in prayer, greatly appreciated, and I am grateful for all you do, and of course, to my wife Jenny for whom I thank God each day. She is a blessing behind the scenes who supports me and this parish one hundred percent.

I also say a HUGE thank you for your kind and generous giving. We have broken even again this year. Without the St Mary's Centre and the St Mary's Family Hub, we would not have achieved this. It is vital to pay one hundred percent of the ministry costs for Felpham. When a parish slips into debt, i.e., does not pay its parish share, the diocese keeps a record. One day, the time will come when I must move on. When the day comes, the parish should be able to say that they would like a full-time priest. If we have not paid our parish share and are in debt, the Diocese has the right to say no. So, I thank you for all that you give financially. Perhaps not just from my point of view, but for my successor and future congregations. We work hard here, and I think I would shed a tear to know that all our work for the Kingdom of God could not be carried on. So, I reiterate that the cost of living has gone up, our bills in managing the church do not reduce, and every penny that you can afford to give to St Mary's is an amazing blessing. I would like to add one further thought. If all our parishioners today were to write in their Will that they would like just 1% of their estate to be given to the parish of St Mary's general fund, this church would survive for many, many years to come, and any new Rectors would have a solid foundation for ministry.

Part of parish ministry is to walk alongside the dying. One gentleman, Andrew Chamberlain, sadly lost his life to cancer. I had the privilege to accompany him in this part of his journey. Sharing the faith as well as discussing life, sport, the bible and life after death...not always in that order. Andrew blessed me by becoming interested in my views on social justice and poverty. How the church, following Jesus' example, should always be outward-looking and less introspective. Andrew blessed us both while alive and after he died. Joanne, his wife, not only chose to follow Andrew's thoughts but doubled them! By that I mean Joanne gave St Mary's £200,000, gift-aided. (Andrew had

previously given £12k gift-aided). NOW, before we become too excited, this is not for us to spend on ourselves as such! This is to be used by us to aid projects that support the wider community. Two examples are to purchase an electric or hybrid minibus that Felpham organisations can use. Andrew loved buses, and this would suit him very well. Linked to that project, perhaps an electric car that could be used to take the elderly to the hospital and other medical appointments, or just shopping! Another idea is to open a café in our family Hub adjacent to the Bishop Tufnell School. The aim of this would be to create work for those struggling to find employment. Whatever we decide to do, the projects will be gifts to the community of Felpham from St Mary's.

To close my Rector's report, I feel I cannot trump that last point. What an amazing blessing we have been given to be custodians of this money and to bring about some good for this community. So, let me bring us back down to earth. My primary role in this community is to pray. That may not sound as exciting as zooming around in electric cars and helping people find employment, but clergy should pray and be supported by the prayers of their congregation. I value all our worship and am grateful to everyone who attends online, but especially in person. Morning and Evening Prayer is a huge energy giver to me. This is primarily because I am human and I am tasked with spiritual responsibilities; we clergy often face numerous pressures. Our prayer life is considered crucial for maintaining our personal connection with God, staying faithful, and effectively leading our community. Your prayers save me from having those feet of clay that expose my faults and cause disillusionment. The congregation is encouraged to also pray for their clergy; this strengthens our hands. A minister who is not upheld by the prayers of their church will struggle. So, let me say thank you for your prayers; I feel them. The work of ministry in leading prayer and spiritual life will always be my priority.

Reverend John

Churchwardens' Report

St Mary's has always striven to project itself as a friendly, welcoming church and we believe we achieve this judging from the many complements we receive. This extends not just to welcoming worshipers to our services, but to our outreach programmes and community events. We consider this our mission, and it is undertaken without any expectation of reward. We are however, from time to time, recipients of some quite generous donations and legacies, for which we are always very grateful. 2025 has been one such year and this is expressed in our financial accounts. Fr John has already written about how we can use this to raise our profile and extend our support into the community.

St Mary's Centre continues to be a hive of activity with many regular and "one off" hirers. It has also hosted many church sponsored events and retains its place as the heart of the community. Towards the end of 2024 we lost our Caretaker and it was decided not to replace him. We also lost our cleaner and after a number of attempts to fill this roll we have contracted the work to an outside company. This is working well with limited adverse cost implications. The result of these changes is to significantly reduce our expenses and this is expressed in the financial accounts. At the end of the year we received notice that Nikki, our Parish Administrator, would be leaving us. Nikki has been with us for many years and was well known and loved by church members and hirers. For the moment we will not be replacing her and Jane Summerville has volunteered to take on this responsibility. Thank you Jane.

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Churchwardens' Report (continued)

St Mary's Family Hub is rented by the PCC from the Bishop Tufnell Cof E Primary School Foundation Trust. Operated along similar lines to the Centre, its main hirer is a pre-school and the NHS use it one day a week for their mother and baby outreach service. We hope that in future it will be used for more church sponsored activities.

The reduction of two paid roles in our organisation has resulted in significant cost savings. The amount of work though has not decreased. It is being undertaken by volunteers to whom we are very grateful. We must however be aware that there may come a time when we no longer have a volunteer or the work becomes too much for the available resource. At this point we will have to employ someone, which of course will come at a cost and be reflected in our overhead expenses.

The end of the year finished on a high with the installation of the Platinum window in the last days of December. We also reached our monetary target after a year of energetic fund raising led by Jane Summerville. The design of the window has surpassed all expectations and is truly an expression of great beauty. A triumph for the designer, Jan Simpson and our thanks to the committee, who spent so many hours helping to develop the design, and for the many people involved in raising funds.

There have been no repairs or building work undertaken on the church during the year. The replacement of the north facing roof of the Chancel is progressing, slowly, under the direction of the Church Commissioners and our architect. It is not urgent, we have no leaks, but we hope to have it completed in 2026.

We take every opportunity to thank Glenn, our treasurer, and will continue to do so, for without him we would not have this set of financial accounts prepared and available in such a timely manner. All through the year he prepares up to date financial statements, and by paying invoices promptly, helps us develop productive relationships with our suppliers. We would also like to express our appreciation to our Independent Examiner, John Fenton-Jones, who continues to support Glenn in addition to his audit role.

The Choir under the direction of James Rushman had another busy year, singing at all our main scheduled and special services and putting on a number of concerts to raise funds for the Platinum window. A highlight was the Organathon undertaken by James earlier in the year, when he played continuously for twelve hours and raised over £3000 for the window fund.

The unpredictable weather this year has not made it easy for us to maintain the Churchyard but the Payback team have worked hard to keep the grass looking presentable. We once again extend our thanks to Kirsten and Frank who work tirelessly all year round tidying, pruning and improving the Churchyard and supporting the work of the Payback team. During the year and funded by a donation, we cleared, levelled and grassed an area on the western boundary of the Churchyard to create extra space for the interment of ashes.

Since the early 1100's St Mary's has been at the heart of the community of Felpham and this still holds true today. Whether it's the warm welcome we extend to people who worship with us, the many church and third party events held at St Mary's Centre, the two village litter picks we organise each year with the support of FVCS, the thriving pre-school which we host at St Mary's Family Hub or the recent introduction of bi-monthly public lectures held in the church, St Mary's plays a central role in the life of our village. This was never more apparent than when we were asked at short notice to host the annual switching on of the Christmas tree lights event after bad

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Churchwardens' Report (continued)

weather made it impossible to hold it in its normal location. We did not expect to have over five hundred people in the church but the school choirs sang beautifully and everyone enjoyed themselves. An added bonus was the Blakes Angel, projected on the inside of the church roof and arranged by the Blakes Cottage Trust. At the Crib service held on Christmas Eve the same angel was projected onto the outside of the chancel roof, this time accompanied by a snow making machine.

We could not function without the great many volunteers who work across all aspects of church life to provide a memorable experience for church goers and the wider community. Thank you. We must not forget that Jesus is at the centre of all we do. We thank Rev'd John for providing direction and support and displaying extraordinary amounts of energy. We thrive as a community because of him and give grateful thanks.

Maureen Whynn-Williams and Geoffrey Walker
Churchwardens

Arundel and Bognor Regis Deanery Synod Report

The first meeting of the year was held here at St Mary's where Bishop Ruth explained that 2025 was the Year of the Faith celebrating 1700 years of the Nicene Creed and 950 years of our Cathedral moving from Selsey to Chichester. A video was shown of many areas and buildings in our deanery, some of which are many centuries old.

I July the synod met at Holy Cross church, North Bersted where a financial report was given by John Stirland, and an interesting talk was given by Rev. Andy Kerr, Managing Chaplain at Ford Open Prison. He spoke of the different categories of prisons and how offenders are processed in and out of the prison service.

The Deanery Finance meeting was held in November at St Andrew's church in Ferring attended by our new Archdeacon, Venerable Tom Carpenter. John Preston, Diocesan Secretary, gave an overview of the Growth Strategy and presented the Draft Budget for 2026. This reflected a steep reduction in the budget deficit compared to 2025 as a result of measures taken to control costs. He also indicated that parishes would no longer be able to underpay their parish share if it was considered they had funds available to do so. St Mary's always pays their parish share in full.

Deanery Synod Reps. Wendy Barrett, Joan Bull, Yvonne Hammill, Margaret Treacy, Tina Saunders

Safeguarding Report

I was appointed to be Safeguarding Officer for St Mary's in July 2025 and would like to thank Joan Bull and Maureen Williams for their help in introducing this role to me. I am supported by Pat Ashman and Tom Drennan and together we are building a strong and caring team offering support to those in our congregation who may have concerns within the church. I followed the necessary training courses and found the support from the Diocesan Safeguarding Group most helpful.

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Safeguarding Report (continued)

St Mary's Safeguarding Team have met regularly and I have attended two PCC meetings. We are planning to hold a morning gathering for the congregations from all Services to explain what "Safeguarding" means to us all within the Christian family. We are here to listen and follow concerns you may have within St Mary's Church.

A Few Formalities

1. I can confirm that the PCC has complied with its duty under Section 5 of the "Safeguarding and Clergy Discipline Measure 2016 Duty" to have regard to the "House of Bishops" guidance on safeguarding children and vulnerable adults.
2. I am currently reviewing, with the team, the number of people who have been safely recruited and those who are due for renewal of their DBS checks.
3. New promotional material concerning Safeguarding is in progress and will be completed within the coming months.
4. We will be making a review of how the confidential records are to be kept in the parish office, to ensure that they comply with G.D.P.R.
5. My team and I inherited an excellent practice of reviewing how we keep children and young people safe in our buildings by making regular visits to all activities. We shall be expanding this to include vulnerable adults at all church events including Sunday morning worship and refreshments, together with Tea and Chat.
6. The team and I will be reviewing our hiring and letting procedures, and which safeguarding practices are in place for all users of our buildings when it is not a church event.

Please feel free to talk to us in Confidence; my telephone number is on the Pew sheet and at the bottom of this report. Moving forward, we would like to feel that together we will discuss and share responsibility in making our church a place of safety. Our ambition is to be recognised as a beacon of best practice which we may be able to introduce and share with other churches in the Diocese.

Pat, Tom and myself look forward to ensuring that St Mary's continues to be a place of safety and care.

Simmie 07880 625 454

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Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of the Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish of St. Mary The Virgin Felpham

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31st December 2025, which are set out on pages 15 - 29

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.

Basis of Independent Examiner's Statement

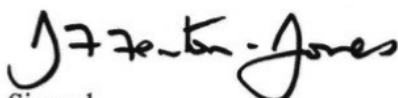
I have completed my examination which was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration 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'. The report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

Independent Examiner's Statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with my examination giving 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; or
- the accounts do not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of the accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008, other than the requirement that the accounts give a "true and fair view", which is not a matter considered as part of the independent examination.

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



Signed
Chartered Accountant
Dated: April 2026

The Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish of St Mary the Virgin, Felpham

Statement of Financial Activities

For the year ended 31 December 2025

	Note	Unrestricted Fund 2025 £	Designated Fund 2025 £	Restricted Fund 2025 £	Total Funds 2025 £	Total Funds 2024 £
Income from						
Donations & Legacies	2	80,616	-	287,596	368,212	131,676
Charitable activities	3	19,861	-	4,549	24,410	29,063
Other operating activities	4	83,163	-	-	83,163	72,095
Investments	5	642	-	-	642	159
Other Income	6	-	-	-	-	88
Total Income	⊠	184,282	-	292,145	476,427	233,081
Expenditure on:						
Charitable Activities	7	48,955	-	-	48,955	62,421
Other Charitable Activities	8	138,870	5,003	40,966	184,839	153,072
Total Expenditure		187,825	5,003	40,966	233,794	215,493
Net Expenditure (2024 Income) before net gains/losses on investments		(3,543)	(5003)	251,179	242,633	17,588
Net gains on investments		4,607	-	-	4,607	6,912
Net Income(Expenditure)		1,064	(5,003)	251,179	247,240	24,500
Adjustment to parish share Prior year		-	-	-	-	18,184
Net movement in funds		1,064	(5,003)	251,179	247,240	42,684
Reconciliation of funds						
Total funds brought forward		150,193	20,710	731,952	902,855	860,171
Net movement in funds		1,064	(5,003)	251,179	247,240	42,684
Total funds carried forward		151,257	15,707	983,131	1,150,095	902,855

The statement of financial activities includes all gains and losses recognised in the year.

The notes on pages 17 to 29 form part of these financial statements

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Balance Sheet

As At 31 December 2025

Fixed assets	No te	2025	2024
		£	£
Tangible Assets	11	730,766	736,430
Investments	12	<u>141,314</u>	<u>136,707</u>
		872,080	873,137
Current Assets			
Debtors	13	64,089	16,351
Cash at Bank and in Hand		<u>230,630</u>	<u>28,863</u>
		294,719	45,214
Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year	14	<u>(16,704)</u>	<u>(15,496)</u>
Net Current Assets		278,015	29,718
Total Net Assets		<u>1,150,095</u>	<u>902,855</u>
Charity Funds			
Restricted Funds		983,131	731,952
Designated Funds		15,707	20,710
Unrestricted Funds		<u>151,257</u>	<u>150,193</u>
		<u>1,150,095</u>	<u>902,855</u>

The financial statements were approved and authorised for issue by the Trustees and signed on their behalf by:



Revd John William Challis



Maureen Williams



Geoffrey Walker



Glenn Potter

The Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish of St Mary the Virgin, Felpham

Notes to the financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2025

Note 1 – Accounting Policies

1.1 Basis of Preparation of Financial Statements

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102) — Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2015), the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102), and the Charities Act 2011.

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention and as a going concern.

The financial statements have been prepared to give a ‘true and fair’ view and have departed from the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 only to the extent required to provide a ‘true and fair’ view. This departure has involved following the Charities SORP (FRS 102) published on 16 July 2014 rather than the Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice effective from 1 April 2005, which has since been withdrawn.

The Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish of St Mary the Virgin, Felpham meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS 102. Assets and liabilities are initially recognised at historical cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant accounting policy.

1.2 Income

All income is recognised once the charity has entitlement to the income, it is probable that the income will be received, and the amount of income receivable can be measured reliably.

The recognition of income from legacies is dependent on establishing entitlement, the probability of receipt, and the ability to estimate with sufficient accuracy the amount receivable. Evidence of entitlement to a legacy exists when the charity has sufficient evidence that a gift has been left to it (through knowledge of the existence of a valid will and the death of the benefactor) and the executor is satisfied that the property in question will not be required to satisfy claims in the estate. Receipt of a legacy must be recognised when it is probable that it will be received and the fair value of the amount receivable — generally the expected cash amount to be distributed to the charity — can be reliably measured.

The balance of income received for specific purposes but not expended during the period is shown in the relevant funds on the Balance Sheet. Where income is received in advance of entitlement of receipt, its recognition is deferred and included in creditors as deferred income. Where entitlement occurs before income is received, the income is accrued.

Income tax recoverable in relation to donations received under Gift Aid or deeds of covenant is recognised at the time of the donation.

Income tax recoverable in relation to investment income is recognised at the time the investment income is receivable.

Other income, including rental income due from the letting of St Mary’s Centre and St Mary’s Family Hub, is recognised in the period in which it is receivable.

The Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish of St Mary the Virgin, Felpham

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1. Accounting policies (continued)

1.3 Expenditure

Expenditure is recognised once there is a legal or constructive obligation to transfer economic benefit to a third party, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefits will be required in settlement, and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably.

Governance costs are those incurred in connection with the administration of the charity and compliance with constitutional and statutory requirements.

Charitable Expenditure includes all expenditure incurred by the charity to raise funds for its charitable purposes and includes costs of St Mary's Centre, the Family Hub, Church Direct Activities and all fundraising activities,

Expenditure on charitable activities is incurred on directly undertaking the activities which further the charity's objectives, as well as any associated support costs.

All expenditure is inclusive of VAT.

1.4 Interest Receivable

Interest on funds held on deposit is included when receivable and the amount can be measured reliably by the charity. This is normally upon notification of the interest paid or payable by the institution with whom the funds are deposited.

1.5 Tangible Fixed Assets and Depreciation

Tangible fixed assets costing £1,000 or more are capitalised and recognised when future economic benefits are probable and the cost or value of the asset can be measured reliably.

Tangible fixed assets are initially recognised at cost. After recognition, under the cost model, tangible fixed assets are measured at cost less accumulated depreciation and any accumulated impairment losses. All costs incurred to bring a tangible fixed asset into its intended working condition are included in the measurement of cost.

At each reporting date, the charity assesses whether there is any indication of impairment. If such indication exists, the recoverable amount of the asset is determined to be the higher of its fair value less costs to sell and its value in use. An impairment loss is recognised where the carrying amount exceeds the recoverable amount.

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Notes to the financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2025

1. Accounting policies (continued)

1.5 Tangible Fixed Assets and Depreciation (continued)

The Church Building:

Insofar as consecrated and benefice properties are excluded from the statutory definition of “charity” by section 10(2)(a) and (c) of the Charities Act 2011, such assets are not capitalised in the financial statements. Movable church furnishings are not included in these financial statements where there is insufficient cost information available.

Land is not depreciated. Depreciation on other assets is charged so as to allocate the cost of tangible fixed assets, less their residual value, over their estimated useful lives.

Depreciation is provided on the following bases:

- Freehold property – Not depreciated
- Freehold property improvements – 20 years straight line
- Organ – 50 years straight line
- Church fixtures, fittings & equipment – 10–15 years straight line
- Centre fixtures, fittings & equipment – 4–10 years straight line

The freehold property at St Mary’s Centre, Grassmere Close, Felpham, Bognor Regis, West Sussex PO22 7NU, is used as the Parish Office. The value represents the purchase price. In the opinion of the PCC members, the estimated residual value of the building exceeds its carrying value in the financial statements, as it is continually maintained to a high standard. There are no indications that the asset should be written down. The remaining useful life exceeds 50 years, and as such, any depreciation charge would be nil or immaterial. No Statement of Financial Activities charge therefore results.

1.6 Investments

Fixed asset investments are a form of financial instrument and are initially recognised at their transaction cost. They are subsequently measured at fair value at the balance sheet date, unless the value cannot be measured reliably, in which case they are measured at cost less impairment. Investment gains and losses, whether realised or unrealised, are combined and presented as “Gains/(Losses) on investments” in the Statement of Financial Activities.

1.7 Debtors

Trade and other debtors are recognised at the settlement amount.
Prepayments are valued at the amount prepaid.

1.8 Cash at Bank and in Hand

Cash at bank and in hand includes cash and short-term highly liquid investments with a short maturity of three months or less from the date of acquisition or opening of the deposit or similar account.

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Notes to the financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2025

1. Accounting policies (continued)

1.9 Creditors and Provisions

These are recognised when there is an obligation at the balance sheet date as a result of a past event, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefit will be required in settlement, and the amount of the settlement can be estimated reliably

Creditors and Provisions are recognised at the amount that the charity anticipates it will pay to settle the debt or the amount it has received as advanced payments for the goods or services it must provide.

Provisions are measured at the best estimate of the amounts required to settle the obligation.

1.10 Operating Leases

Rentals paid under operating leases are charged to the Statement of Financial Activities on a straight-line basis over the lease term.

1.11 Pensions

The charity operates a defined contribution pension scheme, and the pension charge represents the amounts payable by the charity to the fund in respect of the year.

1.12 Fund Accounting

General funds are unrestricted funds which are available for use at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of the general objectives of the charity and which have not been designated for other purposes.

Designated funds comprise unrestricted funds that have been set aside by the trustees for particular purposes. The aim and use of each designated fund is set out in the notes to the financial statements.

Restricted funds are funds which are to be used in accordance with specific restrictions imposed by donors or which have been raised by the charity for particular purposes. The costs of raising and administering such funds are charged against the specific fund. The aim and use of each restricted fund is set out in the notes to the financial statements.

Investment income, gains, and losses are allocated to the appropriate fund.

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Notes to the financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2025

2 Income from Donations and legacies

	Unrestricted Funds 2025 £	Designated Funds 2025 £	Restricted funds 2025 £	Total funds 2025 £	Total funds 2024 £
Donations					
Standing Orders	23,607	-		23,607	26,225
Envelopes (Gift Aided)	678	-	10,612	11,290	7,508
Other (Gift Aided)	4,001	-	213,195	217,196	-
Plate collections: -Sunday	8,968	-		8,968	7,417
Plate collections-Baptism	326	-		326	514
Plate collections –Funerals	138	-		138	158
Plate collections –Weddings	153	-		153	222
Donations (Non Gift Aided)	1,779	-	7,837	9,616	5,852
Parish Giving Scheme	15,558	-		15,558	15,134
PayPal Giving Fund donations	1,104	-		1,104	9
PayPal donations	240	-		240	340
Contactless giving donations	3,168	-		3,168	3,351
Wall safe-Church	1,654	-		1,654	695
Gift Aid Tax recoverable	10,615	-	55,952	66,567	12,711
Total donations	71,989	-	287,596	359,585	80,136
Legacies	8,627	-		8,627	51,540
Total	80,616	-	287,596	368,212	131,676

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3. Income from charitable activities

	Unrestricted Funds 2025 £	Restricted Funds 2025 £	Total Funds 2025 £	Total funds 2024 £
Funeral fees	5,470	-	5,470	6,028
Wedding fees	2,051	-	2,051	3,036
From Fundraising	10,257	4,549	14,786	18,191
Teas and coffees	1,103	-	1,103	1,031
Other income	1,000	-	1,000	757
Total	19,861	4,549	24,410	29,063

4. Income from other operating activities

	Unrestricted funds 2025 £	Restricted Funds 2025 £	Total Funds 2025 £	Total funds 2024 £
St Mary's Centre rental	43,211	-	43,211	46,467
St Mary's Family Hub rental	37,288	-	37,288	23,474
Advertising	2,664	-	2,664	2,154
Total	83,163	-	83,163	72,095

5. Investment income

	Unrestricted Funds 2025 £	Restricted Funds 2025 £	Total Funds 2025 £	Total funds 2024 £
Interest & Dividends receivable	642	-	642	159

6. Other Income

	Unrestricted Funds 2025 £	Restricted Funds 2025 £	Total Funds 2025 £	Total funds 2024 £
Other Income	-	-	-	88

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7. Expenditure on Charitable Activities

Costs of running St Mary's Centre and Family Hub -All Direct operating costs

	Unrestricted funds 2025 £	Restricted Funds 2025 £	Total Funds 2025 £	Total funds 2024 £
St Mary's Centre				
Maintenance of Building	5,614	-	5,614	12,145
Utilities	7,486	-	7,486	11,399
Insurance	2,655	-	2,655	2,462
Cleaner	3,568	-	3,568	3,779
Cleaning and waste	9,452	-	9,452	6,364
Caretaker	-	-	-	8,938
Total	28,775	-	28,775	45,087
St Mary's Family Hub				
Cleaning and Waste	1,979	-	1,979	1,363
Ground Maintenance	-	-	-	85
Rent Expense	13,500	-	13,500	-
Insurance	-	-	-	948
Repairs and Maintenance	443	-	443	3,062
Professional Fees	-	-	-	5,184
Utilities	4,245	-	4,245	6,692
Miscellaneous expenses	13	-	13	-
Total	20,180	-	20,180	17,334
Total- Centre & Family Hub	48,955	-	48,955	62,421

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8. Analysis of expenditure on charitable activities

Analysis of costs relating to Church Direct Activities

	Unrestricted funds	Designated Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds	Total Funds
	2025	2025	2025	2025	2024
	£	£	£	£	£
Depreciation	4,430	-	1,235	5,665	5,950
Giving to charities	2,995	-	-	2,995	5,588
Parish share	81,445	-	-	81,445	81,445
Parish office administrator	11,042	-	-	11,042	12,770
Rectory utility expenses	4,877	-	-	4,877	4,010
Youth group & junior church	-	-	50	50	54
Telephone	794	-	-	794	560
Stationery	824	-	-	824	626
Computer software	700	-	-	700	501
Photocopier costs	2,385	-	-	2,385	2,157
Organist	4,976	-	-	4,976	4,542
Flowers & equipment	-	-	230	230	596
Church repairs & insurance	2,949	5,003	-	7,952	7,189
Church expenses	11,599	-	465	12,064	12,601
Churchyard expenses	567	-	5,085	5,652	3,570
Church utilities	5,250	-	-	5,250	5,725
Magazine printing	980	-	-	980	454
Paypal & contactless giving costs	292	-	-	292	294
Bank charges	377	-	-	377	462
Music	70	-	-	70	996
Church professional fees	-	-	-	-	1,224
Platinum Window	-	-	33,901	33,901	-
Subscriptions	137	-	-	137	133
Website Costs	912	-	-	912	1,132
Fund Raising	562	-	-	562	493
Parish Training & Mission	707	-	-	707	-
Total Direct Cost	138,870	5,003	40,966	184,839	153,072

9. Staff costs

The average number of persons employed by the charity during the year was as follows:

	2025	2024
Average number of employees	2	3

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10. Trustees remuneration and expenses

During the year, no Trustee received any remuneration or received other benefits from an employment with the Charity (2024 £10,266)

The total amount received in donations from trustees during 2025 was £7,321 (2024 £7,102)

Note 11 – Tangible Fixed Assets

	Centre Freehold Property	Freehold Property Improve ments	Organ	Centre Fixtures, Fittings & Equipment	Church Fixtures, Fittings & Equipment	Total
Cost	£	£	£	£	£	£
At 1 January 2025	650,000	4,140	61,629	13,784	46,631	776,184
Additions	—	—	—	—	—	—
At 31 December 2025	650,000	4,140	61,629	13,784	46,631	776,184
Depreciation						
At 1 January 2025	—	1,156	13,466	9,404	15,728	39,754
Charge for Year	—	207	1,235	648	3,574	5,664
At 31 December 2025	—	1,363	14,701	10,052	19,302	45,418
Net Book Value						
At 31 December 2025	650,000	2,777	46,928	3,732	27,329	730,766
At 31 December 2024	650,000	2,984	48,163	4,379	30,904	736,430

12. Fixed Asset Investments

	Listed Investments (£)	CBF Investment Fund (£)	Total (£)
At 1 January 2025	4,176	132,531	136,707
Disposals	—	—	—
Revaluation	6,647	(2,040)	4,607
At 31 December 2025	10,283	130,491	141,314

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13. Debtors

Due within one year

	2025	2024
	£	£
Trade debtors	322	1,275
Gift Aid Receivable	55,204	3,821
Other debtors	-	4,409
Prepayments & Accrued Income	8,563	6,846
	<hr/> 64,089	<hr/> 16,351

14. Creditors

Amounts falling due within one year

	2025	2024
	£	£
Trade creditors	7,914	5,282
Other creditors	4,857	7,542
Accruals & deferred Income	3,933	2,672
	<hr/> 16,704	<hr/> 15,496

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15. Summary of funds

Summary of funds - current year (2025)

Fund Category	Balance at 1 January	Income	Expenditure	Transfers	Gains/Losses	Balance at 31 December
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Unrestricted	150,193	184,282	(187,825)	-	4,607	151,257
Designated	20,710		(5,003)			15,707
Restricted	731,952	292,145	(40,966)			983,131
Total	902,855	476,427	(233,794)	-	4,607	1,150,095

Summary of funds - prior year (2024)

Fund Category	Balance at 1 January	Income	Expenditure	Transfers	Gains/Losses	Balance at 31 December
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Unrestricted	109,133	216,650	(200,686)	-	25,096	150,193
Designated	24,906	120	(4,316)			20,710
Restricted	726,132	16,311	(10,491)			731,952
Total	860,171	233,081	(215,493)	-	25,096	902,855

16. Funds

The Parish holds unrestricted, designated and restricted funds. The material funds being as follows;

Unrestricted funds

General fund represents free funds of the charity which are not designated for particular purposes.

Designated funds

Fabric fund relates to funds for costs of work to church buildings.

Restricted funds

Centre - Fixed Assets relates to the freehold property held at St Mary's Centre, Grassmere Close, Felpham, Bognor Regis, West Sussex PO22 7NU, that is used as the Parish Office.

Church - Fixed Assets relates to the organ held within the church.

Chamberlain Fund: This money has been donated by Joanne Chamberlain in memory of Andrew Chamberlain to be used by the Parish for the good of Felpham in projects that might support the wider good. Should the Church find that it is unable to pay bills like a new boiler or roof, it may be possible to use part of this fund for the church, but, that decision should not be taken lightly. More details are included in the Rectors Report.

Jubilee Platinum Window is a holding fund for future costs expected in 2026.

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17. Statement of Funds

	Balance at 1 January 2025	Income	Expenditure	Transfers In/Out	Gains/Losses	Balance at 31 December 2025
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Unrestricted Funds	150,193	184,282	(187,825)	-	4,607	151,257
Designated:	20,710		(5,003)	-	-	15,707
Fabric Fund						
Total Unrestricted & Designated funds	170,903	184,282	(192,828)	-	4,607	166,964
Restricted Funds:						
Altar Linen	2,201	75	-	-	-	2,276
Music Fund	3,060		(44)	-	-	3,016
Youth Fund	463	-	(139)	-	-	324
Chamberlain Fund	-	265,000	-	-	-	265,000
Centre – Fixed Assets	650,000	-	-	-	-	650,000
Church – Fixed Assets	48,162	-	(1,235)	-	-	46,927
Churchyard	1,363	4,769	(5,085)	-	-	1,047
Flower Fund	1,736	470	(562)	-	-	1,644
Open Stable	3,058	797	-	-	-	3,855
Community Food Table	6,040	-	-	-	-	6,040
Jubilee Platinum Window	15,869	21,034	(33,901)	-	-	3,002
Total Restricted Funds	731,952	292,145	(40,966)		-	983,131
Total Unrestricted & Designated funds	170,903	184,282	(192,828)		4,607	166,964
Total Funds	902,855	476,427	(233,794)	-	4,607	1,150,095

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18. Analysis of Net Assets Between Funds – Current Year

Description	Unrestricted Funds 2025	Designated Funds 2025	Restricted Funds 2025	Total Funds 2025
	£	£	£	£
Tangible Fixed Assets	33,838	-	696,928	730,766
Fixed Asset Investments	105,111	-	36,203	141,314
Current Assets	29,012	15,707	250,000	294,719
Creditors Due Within One Year	(16,704)	-	-	(16,704)
Total	151,257	15,707	983,131	1,150,095

Analysis of Net Assets Between Funds – Prior Year

Description	Unrestricted Funds 2024	Designated Funds 2024	Restricted Funds 2024	Total Funds 2024
	£	£	£	£
Tangible Fixed Assets	38,267	-	698,163	736,430
Fixed Asset Investments	103,706	-	33,000	136,706
Current Assets	23,715	20,710	789	45,214
Creditors Due Within One Year	(15,495)	-	-	(15,495)
Total	150,193	20,710	731,952	902,855


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**CHILDREN'S
ADVENT
WORKSHOP**

SUNDAY 14 DECEMBER 2.30PM
St Mary's Centre, Grassmere Close
PO22 7NU
Followed by Christingle service in church
at 4pm
Please contact the church office to book.
parishoffice@stmarysfelpham.org
or call 01243 826886



**FELPHAM VILLAGE
CLEAN**

**SATURDAY 25TH OCTOBER
10AM**

MEET AT ST MARY'S CENTRE TO
COLLECT YOUR PICKER AND SACK

REFRESHMENTS WILL BE SERVED AT
ST MARY'S CENTRE FROM 11.30AM



ALL
WELCOME

House Poetry Group

This year's Poetry House Group dates are
3rd, 10th, 17th and 24th July.
In the Rectory garden, over a glass of wine and nibbles.
7pm.

You don't need to know anything about poetry. We read
Christian poets and reflect on what they are saying to us.
There are no wrong answers!

This year the poems can be chosen from either Hearing
God in Poetry by Richard Harries or A Century of Poetry
100 poems for searching the heart compiled by Rowan
Williams.

Offers of poems to be considered welcome now! Choose
one or max two poems from these books and send them to
the Parish Office for consideration.



St Mary's Church, Felpham
**LIGHTHOUSE JUNIOR
YOUTH CLUB**

Back Bombs
Parachute Games
Jewellery Design
Badminton
Wide Games
Chocolate Olympics

**NOW ON
THURSDAYS**

**FREE to
attend
Hot food
served**

Suitable for
children in
primary school
(from Y1)

In St Mary's Centre (church hall)
every Thursday 4.30pm-6.00pm
(Term-time only)
Hot food served around 5.15pm
Starting Thursday 4th September
Contact the Parish Office for details: 01243 826886

ST MARY THE VIRGIN CHURCH
FELPHAM

SUMMER CONCERT

JOSEPH AND THE AMAZING TECHNICOLOR DREAMCOAT

CONCERT VERSION
MUSIC BY ANDREW LLOYD WEBBER - LYRICS BY TIM RICE

ST MARY'S CHOIR & GUESTS

23RD AUGUST
SATURDAY 7.00PM

RETIRING COLLECTION FOR THE PLATINUM WINDOW

HARVEST SUPPER &
BARN DANCE
ST MARY'S CENTRE, FELPHAM

SATURDAY 4TH OCTOBER
DOORS OPEN AT 6PM

Cash Bar and Raffle

Tickets available from Felpham
Post Office and
St Mary's Church Office in
St Mary's Centre.

Tickets
£12

PANCAKE PARTY

Shrove Tuesday,
4th March
from 12.15pm to 1.30pm

St Mary's Centre
Grassmere
Felpham
PO22 7NU

ALL WELCOME
SWEET AND SAVOURY
PANCAKES WILL BE
SERVED
FREE
Donations if you can

St Mary's Church, Felpham
**LIGHTHOUSE TEENS
YOUTH CLUB**

Board Games:
Exploding Kittens
Cloup
Codenames
Sounds Fishy

Chill out and relax

FREE to
attend
hot food
served

Suitable for
secondary
school
students

In St Mary's Centre (church hall)
every **Sunday 6.00pm-7.30pm**
(Term-time only)
Hot food served around 6.15pm
Starting Sunday 7th September

Contact the Parish Office for details: 01243 826886

**WINTER WARMING
SOUP & BREAD LUNCHES**

COME AND ENJOY A **FREE**
HOT BOWL OF SOUP
ALL WELCOME

ST MARY'S CENTRE, FELPHAM
NOON TO 2PM
SATURDAYS
18TH OCT, 15TH NOV, 20TH DEC, 17TH JAN

Donations would be most welcome to the specified
charity named on the day

St Mary the Virgin, Felpham registered charity 1132732

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80TH ANNIVERSARY
A SHARED MOMENT OF CELEBRATION
8 MAY 2025

Felpham Public
Lectures

Thursday 15th May 2025
7.00pm for 7.30pm - 9.00pm
St Mary's Church, Felpham

**Professor Neil Vickers
of King's College London**

HUMANITIES & HEALTH

Neil explores how a
major illness can
transform our social
identity in the
Western World

Refreshments available on the night

St Mary's Church is playing host to a series of six lectures,
consisting of one every two months. They are open to
everyone, but we invite you to book a seat via Eventbrite.
If you cannot access Eventbrite tickets are available at
Felpham Post Office or call the parish office
on 01243 826886

IT'S ALL FREE, BUT PLEASE BOOK
(A donation is gratefully received on the night)

St Mary's Church, Felpham, Bognor Regis, PO22 7N
www.stmarysfelpham.org

**CHRISTMAS DAY
LUNCH**

Once again St Mary's, Felpham will be offering a
Christmas meal to the community this year, feeding the
body and the soul.

We will be serving from 11.30- 2pm.

- * Turkey and trimmings or alternative
- * Seasonal vegetables, Gravy
- * Christmas pudding/Hince pies
- * Coffees and teas
- * Bring your own drinks

If you or you know of anyone who might like to join us, please
invite them to book a place at the table by phoning

07789 281553
Or email
maddiedean3@gmail.com
By Wednesday 17th December

FREE

OLD FELPHAM
through
PHOTOS & POSTCARDS + QUIZ NIGHT

SATURDAY 14TH JUNE 2025 at 7.00 pm
Doors open at 6.30pm

St Mary's Centre, Grassmere Close, Felpham

We're nearly at 75% of the target for the Platinum Window, the new
stained glass window for St Mary's, Felpham, dedicated to the late Queen.

Please join with family & friends for a screening of Old Felpham seen
through Photos & Postcards, followed by a Buffet Supper & Quiz.

Tickets at £12.00 to include 2 course buffet supper.
Available at Felpham Village Post Office.
Licensed cash bar + Raffle

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