

ST JOHN THE BAPTIST PARISH CHURCH CROWTHORNE



REPORT AND ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2025

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Report approved by the PCC on 21st April 2026

PCC ANNUAL REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2025

1. Aims and Purposes

The Parochial Church Council of St. John the Baptist Church, Crowthorne has the responsibility of co-operating with the Incumbent, Revd Laura Wheatley Downs in promoting the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the whole mission of the Church of England, pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical in the Ecclesiastical Parish of Crowthorne in the Diocese of Oxford. It also has responsibility for maintaining the Church and Grounds in Waterloo Road, Crowthorne and also has the responsibility of acting as Managing Trustees of the Crowthorne Parish Church Trust.

1.1. St. John's Vision, Values and Mission



"What shall we say the kingdom of God is like, or what parable shall we use to describe it? It is like a mustard seed, which is the smallest of all seeds on earth. Yet when planted, it grows and becomes the largest of all garden plants, with such big branches that the birds can dwell in its shade." Mark 4:30-32

VISION

Inspired by our faith in Jesus, we strive to be a joyful, nurturing, inclusive, and creative community where all can flourish in their relationships with God, themselves, others and creation.

MISSION

St. John's is an Anglican Church rooted & present in the community of Crowthorne. We will fulfil our vision through:

Worship
We are a Church who draws upon rich traditions and symbols in our worship of God whilst seeking new ways of being Church together.

Caring for others and our planet
We are a Church whose commitment to safeguarding helps us to care holistically for people and the planet in a way which goes beyond our Church.

Practising generous hospitality
We are a Church who is generous with what we have, and welcoming to those we encounter.

Engaging in partnerships
We are a Church who look to partner with others who enable us to demonstrate care and hospitality to all.

1.2. St. John's Priorities

Our Parish Vision was discerned in 2023. We are now well under way in living it out. Out of a process of community listening and discernment, the PCC established 5 key priority areas to invest in over the coming years in line with our vision, values and mission.



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PRIORITIES

These are the 5 key priorities that St. John's will be investing in over the next few years:

- Expanding and developing our work with Children and Young people
- Using weddings, baptisms, and funerals opportunities to love, care for and engage with those who are asking questions about life and faith.
- Encouraging a deepening of discipleship so that we and others might learn about God, and follow him more closely.
- Finding ways of acknowledging and nurturing our gifts, talents and calling.
- Developing our engagement with creation

The PCC has made good progress in these areas which can be read about in Section 3: Achievements and performance: Celebrating our life together (Vicar's Report).

2. Objectives and activities

St John the Baptist Church is an active church, connecting with a wide range of parishioners providing a broad range of activities to the Church, the local community of Crowthorne and further afield. As a registered charity, the PCC has paid due regard to the Charity Commission guidance on public benefit in deciding what activities the charity should undertake.

Although the beliefs, tenets and practices of Christianity meet the charity law definition of religion and are capable of being advanced for the public benefit, there is no longer a presumption of public benefit for charities whose aims include advancing religion.

However, the PCC of St John the Baptist actively advances religion for the benefit of the public in general, and of those of the wider Parish in particular, in a variety of ways: This year, these activities have included:

- Sunday morning services including *Sung Eucharists, All Together Eucharists, Contemplative Communion, Come and Shares*
- Fresh Expressions of Church: *Come and See* and *Come and Sing*
- Sunday evening services including *Joseph, festivals and prayer evenings*

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- An RSCM affiliated robed choir
- Sunday Club- Our Sunday morning faith provision for school aged children
- Come and Play- A baby and toddler group with a service for them and their carers
- Come and Be- A Half termly Youth Group for secondary school aged children
- Come and Rest- A weekly contemplative space on Mondays at 12pm
- Strong links with local schools, particularly Crowthorne C of E and Oaklands, including weekly involvement in assemblies, presence on governing bodies, major festival services in church.
- Regular Occasional Offices: baptisms, weddings and funerals.
- Pastoral Care Visits, including, taking communion, hospital and home visits.
- Welcome evenings
- Discipleship groups during Lent, Advent and throughout the year e.g. Pilgrim's Course, Come and Explore... the book of John, Baptism preparation groups
- A Monday Bible Study Group
- A Monday Night Home Group
- The Mothers' Union
- Regular social activities, including a Book Club and Board Game Afternoons
- Strong parish involvement in practical activities on roles and rotas
- Active links with Churches Together in Crowthorne and the deanery
- Regular giving to our Mission Organisations
- Involvement in partnership work across Crowthorne by individuals who attend St. John's e.g. Good Neighbours, Community Minibus, COATS
- Regular Safeguarding training, and Safer Recruitment processing.

3. Achievements and performance: Celebrating our life together (Vicar's Report)

The last year (January 2025- March 2026) has been one of new beginnings, and of strengthening our roots as we have looked to embed our vision and our values and priorities as a church.

During our Vision Day in March 2026, Rhodri Bowen, our Diocesan Parish Advisor, said that what struck him was that:

"During our time together, and once again when writing up, is the almost universal outward focus reflected in ... our hopes and prayers for the future. This sets a clear vision for the church: one that is seeking to further embrace its community and extend the reach of its tent (Isaiah 54). This suggests that you share amongst you clear priorities and an understanding that whatever building project is planned should address those priorities and serve that vision. [He was] delighted that [he] was part of a gathering where the vision for the future expressed in the room was so consistent, and consistent with the previously discerned vision summarised by Laura in the morning service... given the consistency of vision your community has the potential to be united in purpose so that the implications or outworking of your vision might be decided in a culture of humility and respect, committed

to continue to listen to God and to each-other.”

What an amazing thing to hear, and what a wonderful foundation for the next year ahead. But before we get there, I want to look back at what has been achieved over the last year: Where we have seen growth, and what has been good and of God In relation to our Vision Priorities.

3.1. Priority 1: Expanding and developing our work with Children and Young People

This year we have continued to see encouraging growth in our ministry with children and families.

Sunday Club continues to flourish and provide an opportunity for primary school age children to meet in the church hall and gives them a chance to celebrate their shared faith together. The shape of Sunday Club has shifted so that it follows the same liturgical flow of the services that take place in the church. This means the children and young people can become comfortable with Anglican worship, and it also enables the leaders and children to partake in communion, receive a blessing and give an offering which comes in the form of what they have created that day.

Come and Play, our weekly group for parents, carers and children under five, regularly welcomes around **18–20 children each week**. It has become a joyful space where families build friendships, children play together, and all can share in a short act of worship.

Come and See, our monthly gathering for children and families, has successfully moved to an after-school format on a Thursday offering crafts, discussion, songs and prayer in a relaxed and welcoming environment. We’ve seen numerical growth, but also a deepening of relationship, and families that attend here begin to attend other acts of worship and events at St. John’s.

All Together Services and Come and Share are our intergenerational services which have now been consistently implemented on the first Sunday of every month. They give us the opportunity to worship together in creative and joyful ways with our children and young people.

We also trialled **Come and Be**, a new secondary-age group exploring faith with young people. Although it has not continued, it has helped shape our thinking about future youth ministry and how we can best support young people in their faith journeys.

Working in partnership with the other Churches in Crowthorne, **Hope Zone** has grown over the last year, expanding its provision from those in year 6, to those in years 6,7,8 and 9.

3.2. Priority 2: Developing our engagement with Creation

Once again, this has been a key priority for the PCC at St. John’s.

As part of our commitment to caring for God’s creation, work has continued on the **Mustard Seed Project**, which explores sustainable heating and improvements to the church building as part of the Church of England’s commitment to Net Zero.

In September 2025 and March 2026 we have held Consultation and Vision Days helping the congregation reflect on how our building and resources can best serve the mission of the church and our community for years to come.

Our **churchyard** continues to be lovingly cared for, balancing respectful maintenance with space for wildlife and biodiversity to flourish.

Creationtide has now become an established feature in our liturgical calendar. Alongside this, we took part in Crowthorne's Big Green Week, through the putting on of a church trail and held an outdoor pet service to celebrate God's good creation.

3.3. Priority 3: Encouraging a deepening of discipleship so that we and others might learn about God, and follow him more closely

This year has seen a rich variety of opportunities to grow in faith. Courses have included the **Pilgrim Course on Baptism**, a **Creative Prayer course**, the **Difference Course during Lent**, and a study course on the **Gospel of John**.

Following the Pilgrim Course, a **monthly home group** has been established for those exploring faith or returning to church, creating space for prayer, Bible study and conversation.

Alongside these structured courses, many quieter but important conversations and mentoring relationships continue to support people as they deepen their faith and explore their relationship with God.

3.4. Priority 4: Finding ways of acknowledging and nurturing our gifts, talents and calling.

One of the ways that we have sought to encourage members of our congregation to recognise and use their gifts and talents has been within our intergenerational services which now fall on the 1st Sunday of every month.

Our **All Together Eucharists** often fall in line with festivals and feast days, whilst **Come and Share** falls on the other months. Over a few services, we crafted Come and Share with input from the congregation and PCC. As a result, this is now a said service (unlike the previously named Café Eucharist) followed by a eucharist within the church

These services give opportunities for us to share with one another, and for our young people to serve their church community in different ways; through being an acolyte, crucifer, reader, or engaging musically, or liturgically within the service.

Come and Sing has also been a wonderful opportunity for us to grow in our singing abilities, and learn, or re-learn some of the sung pieces within our eucharistic liturgy. The PCC also made a commitment to financially honour the gifts, talents and calling of Katherine Bond Smith so that she can continue to bring life to St. John's musical tradition alongside Come and Sing, within Christmas and Easter Services, Come and Share and other ad hoc projects.

The life of St John's depends on the generosity and dedication of many people who offer their time, gifts and talents in service to God and to the church community. From those who welcome people on Sundays, arrange flowers, care for the building and churchyard, lead groups, organise events and provide pastoral support, and are part of the choir, administration team, PCC and our numerous committees to those who serve in many quieter ways behind the scenes - I am deeply grateful for all that is shared. Huge thanks go to Hazel, Brian and Julie who all moved away from our church community this year and offered much of themselves to us.

3.5. Priority 5: Using weddings, baptisms, and funerals as opportunities to love, care for and engage with those who are asking questions about life and faith.

Baptisms continue to be a significant part of our ministry and a wonderful opportunity to welcome families into the life of the church, which has now become formalised within the liturgy of our intergenerational services. Over the past year (May'25-May'26) we have seen

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an increase in baptisms, including both adults and children which has been a real joy.

Preparation sessions and personal meetings with clergy and our baptismal befriender June help families explore the meaning of baptism and faith together. Our pastoral care also continues after the service through anniversary cards and ongoing encouragement to remain connected with the church community.

It's always a delight to be involved in **weddings**, and we continue to offer generous hospitality and creativity when preparing, welcoming, and marrying those who come to us.

It is worth acknowledging the loss of many of our friends and family over the last year which have been felt deeply by those within our church and village communities. Our ministry amongst the bereaved through **funerals and interments** continues to be an immense privilege. In particular, the pastoral support offered by the LLMs really is quite special, and I am so thankful for all that they offer to families who find themselves in a difficult time and space.

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3.6. Worship attendance

	Service Type	Average Attendance	
		2024	2025
Sunday			
8:30 am	Occasional Services (2 Services in 2024)	13	15
10.00 am	Common Worship Parish Communion. Followed by coffee. (Over 16's) Under 16's in attendance (including Sunday Club, All together services and sung Eucharists)	80 communicants 8	79 communicants 7
4.30pm	Come and See Service (monthly)	13	19
4.30pm	Come and Sing (monthly)	32	28
6.00 pm	Evening worship – varied Ascension Day, Gaza, All Souls, Songs of Praise	48	48
Weekday			
	Sick Communion for individuals and in Nursing and Residential Homes	Monthly-35 communicants	Monthly-32 communicants
10:00 am Wednesday	Holy Communion BCP	13 communicants	10 communicants
9.30-11.30 am	Come and Play (was Minus 5's)	3 children plus 4 adults	18 children plus 13 adults
Additional Services			
Advent and Christmas	Christingle, 9 Lessons & Carols, Crib Service, Midnight Mass and Christmas day	762-total	971-total
Schools Christmas Services	3 schools	972-total	908-total
Lent, Holy Week and Easter	Ash Wednesday, Palm Sunday, Maundy Thursday, Vigil, Good Friday and Easter Day	373-total	412-total
Baptisms		7	2
Confirmation		0	0
Weddings		3	0
Funeral Services- Church		2	4
Funeral Services- Crematorium		10	9
Interment Services		6	13
Remembrance Day	British Legion and Uniformed groups And Peace Eucharist	269-total 40-total	215-total 34-total

4. Financial Review

Whilst we continued to be blessed with ongoing financial support from our congregation and others during 2025, donations and legacies overall were down from £143,893 in 2024 to £135,022 in 2025. Unrestricted and designated donations and legacies decreased by £10,732 to £115,091 (2024: £125,823). Planned giving dropped from £75,946 to £71,012. with the remaining £44,079 coming in through the open plate, gift aid envelopes, one-off donations, grants and gift aid recovered. There were no legacies received in 2025.

Restricted donations and legacies rose by £1,861 to £19,931 (2024: £18,070). This included a £12,000 grant from the Oxford Diocese to continue investigations into a net zero feasibility plan for the church.

Fundraising events during the year raised a total of £3,667 (£3,057 after expenses) whilst income from weddings and funerals was slightly higher than 2024 at £4,895.

Church Hall lettings saw a small drop in income of £179 whilst income from investments increased by £1,316.

Overall, income for 2025 decreased by £8,210 to £158,140 (2024: £166,350), mainly as a result of the drop in unrestricted and designated donations and legacies. Details of income during the year can be found at Note 2 of the accounts.

Unrestricted and designated expenditure increased by £8,741 to £131,752 compared to the previous year (2024: £123,011). This increase was due to a number of factors including the reinstatement of our full Parish Share following Laura's return from maternity leave (in 2024 we had received a 10% discount). Details of the expenditure in the various categories are shown in Note 3 of the accounts.

Total missions giving in 2025 was £13,439. This figure includes donations made under the Lent Lunch, Missions Sunday and Giving Tree Restricted Funds as well as the Missions Designated Fund which is 12.5% of planned giving. In addition, collections on behalf of other charities totalled £1,623. Details of these Agency Collections can be found in Note 3.2 of the accounts.

The net surplus in unrestricted and designated funds at the year-end was £2,649 (2024: £21,353). Unrestricted and designated funds carried forward at the end of the year were £94,309 (2024: £91,660). Details of the distribution of the unrestricted and designated reserves at the end of 2025 are detailed in paragraph 8.2 below.

Restricted funds carried forward at the end of the year were £42,051 (2023: £43,131). An analysis of the various funds can be found at Note 5 of the accounts.

Details of the Crowthorne Parish Church Trust Endowment Fund are in paragraph 6 below.

5. Reserves policy

5.1. General Policy

The financial reserves policy of the PCC is that, at a minimum, the Unrestricted General Fund covers 4 months average expenditure. At current levels this minimum amount is £40,000.

In addition, a Repair and Renewal Designated Fund will be established and maintained at £10,000. Other Designated Funds will be established as deemed necessary to ensure that future spending commitments are fulfilled.

In the event that the church has excess reserves, the PCC will consider how these funds might be effectively used in the future.

The reserves policy on restricted funds is wholly dependent on the source and application of how the funds were obtained and their purposes. Detailed records are maintained of these funds.

It is our policy to invest our cash deposits with the CBF Church of England Deposit Fund, which is with CCLA Investment Management Ltd.

5.2. 2025 Policy

At its meeting on 2 February 2026, the PCC decided that the unrestricted reserves at the end of 2025 should be allocated as follows:

- £40,000 to General Fund Reserves to cover four months average expenditure, in accordance with the Reserves Policy;
- £20,000 to a Repair and Renewal Designated Fund - £10,000 in accordance with the Reserves Policy and an additional £10,000 to cover the exceptional expenditure expected in 2026;
- £30,000 to a new Designated Fund for the Provision of Future Building Costs.

6. Crowthorne Parish Church Trust

On 22nd March 1984 the Charity Commission approved and established the “Crowthorne Parish Church Trust” Scheme which was established to regulate two charities established in the 1940s. At the time that it was established, the value of the investments was £61,161.25.

The Trust Deed states that regarding the application of income: **The Managing Trustees shall apply the clear income of the Charity for the purpose of furthering the religious and other charitable work of the Church of England in the Ecclesiastical Parish of Crowthorne.**

The PCC currently receives dividend income annually of approximately £2,800. This is allocated to a Restricted Fund called the CPT Income Restricted Fund.

Regarding the application of property: **The Managing Trustees at any time may apply the whole or part of the property of the Charity in or towards providing land and buildings to be settled upon trust for the purpose of furthering the religious and other charitable work of the Church of England in the Ecclesiastical Parish of Crowthorne.**

The Custodian Trustee is the Oxford Diocesan Board of Finance.

The Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish of Crowthorne (PCC) are the Managing Trustees.

The Trust Fund now stands at £188,218 (2024: £182,783) following the revaluation at the year end. See further information at Note 4.1 of the accounts.

7. Plans for future periods

Over the next year, the PCC hope to enact the following as we respond to our 5 key priority areas. These are further broken down in our Mission Action Plan. Please do request to see this document if you would like to.

7.1. Priority 1: Expanding and developing our work with Children and Young People

- a) Establish a youth group, perhaps in partnership with others
- b) Pray/ discern if it would be possible to have an employed youth worker
- c) Create a safe and exciting physical space for young people to come to
- d) Continue to engage children and young people in what we currently offer, broadening how we engage in discipleship within those spaces.

7.2. Priority 2: Developing our engagement with Creation

- a) Increase participation and awareness in congregation
- b) Work toward Net Zero
- c) Host an Earth Fayre
- d) Work towards and apply for the Eco Church Award
- e) Utilising the churchyard and encouraging wildlife

7.3. Priority 3: Encouraging a deepening of discipleship so that we and others might learn about God, and follow him more closely

- a) Explore other ways of encouraging discipleship on a Sunday morning
- b) Increased engagement in CTC
- c) Run specific course at lent, advent, and throughout the year when possible
- d) Have a quiet/ retreat day
- e) Develop discipleship groups (of any age) who regularly meet to look at: Bible study, Prayer, Spiritual practices

7.4. Priority 4: Finding ways of acknowledging and nurturing our gifts, talents and calling.

- a) Engage in using our parish dashboard and Safeguarding Hub resources to support us in our safeguarding practices, safer recruitment and DBS checks.
- b) Create opportunities for people to hear and explore what people are gifted in
- c) Invite others to come and speak to us about their vocation and calling
- d) Give opportunities for people to engage in their gifts and talents

7.5. Priority 5: Using weddings, baptisms, and funerals opportunities to love, care for and engage with those who are asking questions about life and faith.

- a) Engage in follow up contact and discipleship
- b) Establish a Gravetalk/ Grief Café/ Bereavement group
- c) Explore how we might partner with counselling and wellbeing services
- d) Establish hospitality and refreshment packages

8. Structure, governance and management

The members (Trustees) of the PCC are Ex officio or elected by the Annual Parochial Church Meeting in accordance with the Church Representation Rules.

The PCC operates on a sub-committee basis. The full PCC met 6 times during the year with an additional 3 meetings on teams. The average attendance was 14. Committees met between meetings and reports of their deliberation were received by the full PCC and discussed where necessary.

The sub-committees during the year were: -

Standing Committee - This is the only committee required by law. It has the power to transact the business of the PCC between its meetings, subject to any directions given by the Council. The Standing Committee normally meets with the officers of the PCC to form a Steering Committee in preparation for PCC meetings.

Fabric Committee - Attends to matters relating to the stewardship of the churchyard, the church buildings and the equipment and fittings thereof and health and safety matters.

Stewardship - to encourage the congregation to exercise financial stewardship as part of their Christian discipleship.

Missions - Liaises with and promotes the work of selected Christian missions and the missionary work of the Church in the local area.

Social - Aims to develop outreach and fellowship through a programme of social events.

Safeguarding – Administers the Parish Safeguarding Policy.

Communications – Aims to co-ordinate and support church publicity both externally and within the church community. Publication of Weekly News and supporting production of online worship.

Green Team- Dedicated to promoting sustainable practices by identifying and implementing environmentally friendly changes within the Church, focusing on reducing waste, conserving energy, and educating our community to be eco-conscious both at Church and in their personal lives.

Director of Music – A short-term committee whose aim was to explore the vision and recruitment of a potential Director of Music.

Nurture - Focuses on discipleship, gifts and calling.

Children and Young People - Co-ordinates the work with young people both in church and in Local schools.

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The following served as non- elected members (Trustees) during the year: -

<i>Incumbent</i>	Rev. Laura Wheatley Downs	Chair
<i>Assistant Curate</i>	Rev. Jen Green	
<i>Licensed Lay Ministers</i>	Mrs Hazel Berry Mrs Julia Norton Mrs Gillian Gyenes Mrs Carol Frost	To May 2025

The following served as elected members (Trustees) during the year: -

<i>Churchwardens</i>	Mr James Laverick Miss Anne Pelham Mr Ken Perrett	To May 2025 Elected 2024 for 4 years Elected 2025 for 4 years
<i>Deanery Synod</i>	Mrs Leigh Welham Mrs Anna Pearce Mrs Lia Davis Mrs Carol Frost	Re-elected 2023 for 3 years Re-elected 2023 for 3 years Re-elected 2023 for 3 years Re-elected 2023 for 3 years
<i>Elected members</i>	Mrs Anna Pearce Mr Ken Perrett Mrs Julie Roberts Mr Jim Wearing Miss Anne Pelham Mrs Veronica Burgess Mr Brian Berry Mrs Jane Verschueren Mr Paul Verschueren Mrs Leigh Welham Mrs Catherine Pandya Mrs Sylvia Dungate Mr Terry Dungate Mrs Pam Carter	Re-elected 2023 for 3 years Re-elected 2023 for 3 years Re-elected 2023 for 3 years (resigned 2/25) Re-elected 2024 for 3 years Elected 2022 for 3 years Re-elected 2025 for 3 years Elected 2023 for 3 years (resigned 5/25) Elected 2024 for 3 years Elected 2024 for 3 years Elected 2024 for 3 years Elected 2025 for 3 years (resigned 6/25) Elected 2025 for 3 years Elected 2025 for 3 years Elected 2025 for 1 year

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	Mrs Tracy Perrett	Elected 2025 for 1 year
	Mr David Rance	Elected 2025 for 1 year
<i>Appointments</i>	Mrs T Perrett	Appointed Treasurer January 2023
	Mrs P Carter	Appointed Secretary March 2024

9. Administrative Information

Principal Address:	The Parish Office. St. John the Baptist Church, Waterloo Road, Crowthorne, Berkshire. RG45 7NT
Bankers: -	CAF Bank 25 Kings Hill Avenue Kings Hill, West Malling Kent ME19 4JQ Barclays Bank PLC. 1 High Street, Bracknell, Berkshire, RG45 1DR CCLA Investment Management Ltd. One Angel Lane London EC4R 3AB
Incumbent:	Revd. Laura Wheatley Downs
Assistant Curate:	Revd. Jen Green
Church Wardens:	Miss Anne Pelham Mr Ken Perrett
Appointed Officers:	
Secretary:	Mrs Pam Carter
Treasurer:	Mrs Tracy Perrett
Independent Examiner:	Mrs Laura Myers ACMA

INDEPENDENT EXAMINERS REPORT TO THE PCC OF ST JOHN THE BAPTIST, CROWTHORNE

I report on the Financial Statements of the PCC for the year ended 31st December 2025, which are set out on the following pages.

Respective responsibilities of the PCC and the examiner.

As members of the PCC you are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements; you consider that the audit requirements of Regulation 3(3) and section 144 (2) of the 2011 Act do not apply. It is my responsibility to:

1. Examine the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 Act
2. To follow procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5(b) of the 2011 Act and
3. To state whether particular matters have come to my attention

Basis of independent examiner's report.

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commission under the 2011 Act and to be found in PCC Accountability guidance, 5th edition, 2017, issued by the Finance Division of the Archbishops' Council. The examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the PCC and a comparison of the accounts with those records. It also considers any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts and seeks 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 I do not express an audit opinion on the view given by the accounts.

Independent examiner's statement.

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention: -

1. Which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements
 - To keep accounting records in accordance with S 130 of the 2011 Act; and
 - To prepare financial statements which accord with the accounting records and comply with the requirements of the 2011 Act and the Regulations have not been met; or
2. To which in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Signed: - *L Myers*

Dated: *9th March* 2026

Laura Myers

5 Hatch Ride, Crowthorne, Berkshire, RG45 6LF

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2025

	Notes	Unrestricted funds	Designated funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds	2025 total funds	2024 total funds
Income and endowments from:	2						
Donations and legacies		114,941	150	19,931	0	135,022	143,893
Income from charitable activities		8,562	0	0	0	8,562	9,037
Other trading activities		7,709	0	0	0	7,709	7,888
Investments		3,050	0	3,798	0	6,848	5,532
Other income		0	0	0	0	0	0
Total income		134,262	150	23,728	0	158,140	166,350
Expenditure on:	3						
Raising funds		939	0	189	0	1,128	590
Expenditure on charitable activities		119,044	11,769	24,629	0	155,443	127,702
Total expenditure		119,983	11,769	24,818	0	156,571	128,292
Net incoming resources		14,278	(11,619)	(1,090)	0	1,569	38,058
Transfers:							
Net transfers between funds	5	(61,398)	61,388	10	0	0	0
Gains/losses on investment assets	4.1	0	0	0	5,435	5,435	20,237
Net movement in funds		(47,120)	49,769	(1,080)	5,435	7,004	58,296
Reconciliation of funds							
Total funds as at 1 January		90,578	1,082	43,131	182,783	317,574	259,278
Total funds as at 31 December		43,458	50,851	42,051	188,218	324,578	317,574

The accounting policies and notes on pages 18-29 form part of these financial statements.


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**BALANCE SHEET
AS AT 31ST DECEMBER 2025**


	Note	As at 31/12/2025	As at 31/12/2024
Fixed assets	4		
Investments		188,218	182,783
Current assets	4		
Debtors		5,832	10,153
Cash At Bank And In Hand		149,735	140,902
		155,567	151,055
Liabilities	4		
Creditors: Amounts Falling Due Within One Year		18,407	15,865
Net current assets less current liabilities		137,160	135,191
Total assets less current liabilities		325,378	317,974
Liabilities	4		
Provision For Liabilities After One Year		800	400
Total net assets less liabilities		324,578	317,574
Represented by	5		
Unrestricted (General)		43,458	90,578
Designated		50,851	1,082
Restricted		42,051	43,131
Endowment		188,218	182,783
Fund Totals		324,578	317,574

The accounts were approved by the members of the PCC on 21st April 2026 and signed on its behalf by:


Revd L Wheatley Downs
Vicar


Miss A Pelham
Church Warden


Mr K Perrett
Church Warden


Mrs T Perrett
Treasurer

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2025

1. Accounting Policies

1.1. Basis of preparation

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Church Accounting Regulations 2006 together with applicable accounting standards and the Charities Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP FRS 102).

The financial statements have been prepared under the "Historic Cost Convention" with the exception of the valuation of Invested Assets, which are shown at market value on the accounts date. The financial statements include all transactions, assets and liabilities for which the PCC is responsible in law. 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.

1.2. Incoming resources

Income has been recognised when received or legally entitled to under SAP revenue recognition guidelines.

All revenues wherever possible are accounted as gross and any expenses incurred to generate that income is included under resources expended.

1.3. Resources expended

Expenditure is recognised when expended and accrued where necessary in the year end accounts for any committed or known expenditure.

Mission giving is accrued for the year to 31st December.

1.4. Tangible fixed assets

1.4.1. Consecrated land and buildings and movable church furnishings

Consecrated and beneficed property of any kind is excluded from the accounts by S 10(2) (a) and (c) of the Charities Act 2011.

Movable church furnishings held by the Vicar and Churchwardens on special trust for the PCC, and which require a faculty for disposal, are accounted as inalienable property unless consecrated. They are listed in the Church's Inventory, which can be inspected (at any reasonable time). For inalienable property acquired prior to new requirements in 2000 such assets are not valued in the accounts. There have been no assets acquired since that date, but any future items acquired over £1,000 will be capitalised and depreciated in the accounts over the anticipated useful life on a straight-line basis.

All expenditure incurred in the year on consecrated or beneficed buildings on individual items under £1,000 is written off.

1.4.2. Other fixtures, fittings and office equipment

Equipment used within the Church premises is depreciated on a straight-line basis over 4 years. Individual items of equipment with a purchase price of £1,000 or less are written off when the asset is acquired.

1.5. Investments

Investments are valued at market value on 31 December.

Realised gains or losses are recognised when investments are sold. Unrealised gains or losses are accounted for on revaluation of investments on 31 December. Both are included in the Statement of Financial Activities.

1.6. Stock.

No account has been taken of any stocks of books, goods or other materials held on 31 December.

1.7. Other Current Assets.

1.7.1. Debtors

Amounts owing to the PCC as of 31 December include fees, Gift Aid recoverable plus any pre-payments for goods or services.

1.7.2. Cash at Bank and in Hand

Short term deposits either with CBF Church of England Funds or at the Bank.

2. Income for the year ended 31st December 2025

Income and endowments	Unrestricted	Designated	Restricted	Total 2025	Total 2024
<u>Donations and legacies</u>					
Planned giving	71,012	0	0	71,012	75,946
Open Plate Collections	4,837	0	0	4,837	4,751
Gift Aid Envelopes	3,148	0	455	3,603	3,666
Other donations	15,092	150	5,814	21,056	20,948
Gift Aid recovered	19,490	0	1,137	20,627	20,347
Legacies	0	0	0	0	13,000
Grants	1,362	0	12,525	13,887	5,235
Donations and legacies Totals	114,941	150	19,931	135,022	143,893
<u>Income from charitable activities</u>					
Fundraising events	3,667	0	0	3,667	4,505
Weddings and funerals	4,895	0	0	4,895	4,532
Charitable activities Totals	8,562	0	0	8,562	9,037
<u>Other trading activities</u>					
Church Hall Lettings	7,709	0	0	7,709	7,888
Other trading activities Totals	7,709	0	0	7,709	7,888
<u>Investments</u>					
Income from investments	3,050	0	3,798	6,848	5,532
Investments Totals	3,050	0	3,798	6,848	5,532
<u>Other income</u>					
Other income	0	0	0	0	0
Other income Totals	0	0	0	0	0
Total income	134,262	150	23,728	158,140	166,350

2.1. Donations and legacies

Overall Donations and legacies fell by £8,871 between 2024 and 2025. Donations and legacies to the General and Designated Funds fell by £10,732, whilst donations and legacies to the Restricted Funds rose by £1,861.

2.1.1. Unrestricted (General) and Designated Funds

Planned giving fell by £4,934 between 2024 and 2025. Donations made under the Parish Giving Scheme fell by £2,652 whilst Standing Orders, Weekly envelopes and Other Planned Giving fell by £2,281. Income from open plate collections was up by just £85.

Other donations include a number of very generous one-off donations made by individuals during the year totalling £10,174. The remaining donations came from church groups including Sunday coffee, Come and Play, Come and Sing and games afternoon, as well as from donations for refreshments at the Crowthorne Choral Society and Crowthorne Symphony Orchestra concerts and donations at the Cecilia Singers concert.

Grants of £1,362 were from the Listed Places of Worship scheme (£362) and the Sonning Deanery Green Fund toward the hall back door (£1,000).

2.1.2. Restricted Funds

Donations under Restricted Funds were for the following appeals:

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|---|--------|
| • Lent Lunch (Churches in Reading Drop-in Centre) | £ 754 |
| • Missions Sunday (Alexander Devine Children's Hospice) | £ 533 |
| • Giving Tree (Crowthorne Foodbank) | £1,268 |

These figures include gift aid recovered.

In addition, there was a total of £1,089 donated to the Churchyard Fund including £1,000 from one individual towards the new gate. There was also a donation to the Children and Young People's Fund from a member of the congregation for £3,750 (including Gift Aid).

Grants for the churchyard include a grant received from the Crowthorne Parish Council for £500 for the upkeep of the churchyard and £25 from the Commonwealth War Graves Commission.

The church also received a £12,000 grant from the Oxford Diocese to further our investigations into net zero and carbon preparation.

2.2. Income from Charitable Activities

2.2.1. Fundraising Events

Details of the income and expenditure for Fundraising events can be found in section 3.1. The largest fundraising event of the year was the concert by the Hart Male Voice Choir which took place in October.

2.2.2. Income from Weddings and Funerals

Fees for weddings and funerals are net of fees remitted to the Diocese as per PCC Accountability guidance, 5th edition, 2017.

2.3. Other Trading Activities

Church hall lettings were slightly down on 2024.

3. Expenditure for the year ended 31st December 2025

Expenditure on:	Unrestricted	Designated	Restricted	Total 2025	Total 2024
<u>Raising funds</u>					
Cost of fund raising	939	0	189	1,128	590
Raising funds Totals	939	0	189	1,128	590
<u>Expenditure on charitable activities</u>					
Giving to other organisations	175	10,708	2,555	13,439	15,099
Giving to individuals	176	0	0	176	557
Parish Share	83,667	0	0	83,667	74,535
Wedding and Funeral costs	84	0	0	84	241
Clergy expenses	1,990	0	0	1,990	927
Visiting clergy and speakers	510	0	0	510	1,614
LLM expenses	1,514	0	0	1,514	1,210
Verge expenses	300	0	0	300	360
Other ministry expenses	143	0	0	143	90
Music and choir	6,052	0	553	6,604	4,576
Worship costs	180	0	0	180	93
Altar and service costs	448	0	0	448	784
Children and young people	463	0	0	463	230
Safeguarding and recruitment	116	0	0	116	34
Flower costs	0	1,061	0	1,061	933
Upkeep of the Churchyard	0	0	1,875	1,875	993
Miscellaneous expenses	173	0	0	173	258
Sundries	333	0	0	333	442
AVS and IT	686	0	0	686	2,565
Church Office costs	1,223	0	0	1,223	1,420
Publicity	249	0	0	249	129
Church telephone and postage	687	0	0	687	454
Church maintenance	8,803	0	0	8,803	5,899
Utilities - Gas	3,215	0	0	3,215	3,645
Utilities - Electric	1,787	0	0	1,787	1,649
Utilities - Water	393	0	0	393	334
Utilities - other	0	0	0	0	2,202
Insurance	4,766	0	0	4,766	4,643
Hospitality	704	0	0	704	509
Bank Charges	209	0	0	209	278
Major works	0	0	19,646	19,646	1,000
Totals	119,044	11,769	24,629	155,443	127,702
Total expenditure	119,983	11,769	24,818	156,571	128,292

3.1. Income and expenditure on Fundraising events

	Income from Fund Raising	Donations	Total income	Cost of Fund Raising	Funds raised
Pancake evening	470	0	470	87	383
Parish BBQ	295	0	295	207	88
Harvest Supper	459	0	459	41	417
Hart Male Voice Choir	1,904	0	1,904	469	1,434
Advent Fayre	427	20	447	0	447
Crowthorne Symphonic Orchestra Raffle	112	109	221	0	221
Cecilia Singers	0	389	389	134	255
Subscription to CBB	0	0	0	189	(189)
Totals	3,667	518	4,184	1,128	3,057

Any donations received were recorded under "Other Donations".

The subscription to CBB - Connecting Communities in Berkshire - was to help us prepare for fundraising for the Church Hall.

3.2. Giving to other organisations and individuals

The Designated Fund under Giving to other organisations is in respect of St John's Mission Giving, which represents 12.5% of unrestricted Planned Giving.

Under the Restricted Funds, the following payments were made:

- Lent Lunch (Churches in Reading Drop-in Centre) £ 754
- Missions Sunday (Alexander Devine Children's Hospice) £ 533
- Giving Tree (Crowthorne Foodbank) £1,268

Giving to individuals under the Unrestricted fund is in respect of thank you gifts for services to the church. Annual donations to the Church Trust and Crowthorne Community Bus appear under Giving to organisations in the Unrestricted fund.

In addition to the above, agency collections were made on behalf of the following charities:

- The Children's Society £87
- Crowthorne Summer Activities £861
(including £796 raised at the performance of Joseph)
- Royal British Legion £675

3.3. Parish Share

The Parish Share is the contribution which each parish is asked to make in order to pay for mission and ministry across the Oxford Diocese, specifically for clergy stipends and their housing. During 2024 our Parish Share was reduced by 10% during Laura's maternity leave therefore the increase in 2025 was not as large as it appears in the accounts. Nevertheless, the difference between the basic 2024 figure (before the reduction) and the 2025 figure was just over 4.5%.

3.4. Wedding and funeral costs

The majority of the costs for weddings and funerals are allocated to other categories including LLM and Verger expenses. Fees paid to the Oxford Diocese are transferred to the income category for weddings and funeral as per PCC Accountability guidance, 5th edition, 2017.

3.5. Visiting clergy and speakers

The expenditure on this category was significantly higher in 2024 due to the need for visiting clergy during Laura's maternity leave.

3.6. Music and choir

Under the Unrestricted fund, music and choir expenditure was almost £1,500 higher than in 2024. This was in part due to the repair and servicing carried out to the organ during 2025 at a total cost of £958. In addition, £3,881 was in respect of organists and choir director; £1,008 for our music licences and membership of RSCM; £205 for the pianos to be tuned during the year.

Following the decision by PCC to not employ a Director of Music, the funds in the Director of Music Restricted Fund were used on general musical expenses, in accordance with the terms of the fund.

3.7. Upkeep of the Churchyard

The costs incurred during the year include £1,500 which was part of the cost of making the new gate to be installed in early 2026.

3.8. AVS and IT

At the start of 2025, it was decided not to renew the maintenance contract for the AVS as the service received in the previous year had been very disappointing. No maintenance costs on the AVS were incurred in 2025. Accordingly, this saved the church £1,132.

3.9. Church Office costs

Costs under this category are in respect of the rental of the photocopier, printing, paper and small stationery items.

3.10. Church maintenance

Church maintenance costs during the year included replacement of the back door near the kitchen (£2,628) and servicing and repairs to the boilers (£2,205). The back door installation was partly funded by a grant from the Sonning Deanery for £1,000 (see 2.1.1 above).

Other significant costs included the repair to the outdoor church notice board (£1,657) funded by a donation from a member of the congregation, and the repair to the church roof (£996).

3.11. Utilities - Gas and electric

Gas and electric costs have remained fairly stable, and the church renewed its contract with Octopus at the end of the year.

3.12. Utilities – other

This category covered the cost of our refuse disposal with Biffa which was cancelled in 2024. Our refuse is now removed by Bracknell Forest Borough Council for which the only cost is for the brown bins. This is paid for under the category "Upkeep of the Churchyard".

3.13. Major works

Costs incurred under this category are in respect of St John's Mustard Seed Project. Grants

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received from the Oxford Diocese's Net Zero Carbon Preparation Fund of £3,000 in 2024 and £12,000 in 2025 have financed much of the work so far. Additional costs have been covered from the Repair and Renewal Fund.

3.14. Members of the PCC.

No member of the PCC (or any persons knowingly connected with them) received any remuneration during the year with exception of repayments of amounts spent on behalf of the PCC. The incumbent receives mileage and other expenses.

3.15. Employees

There were no employees during the year.

4. Analysis of Net Assets by fund type

Fund balances at 31 December 2025 are represented by:						
	General	Designated	Restricted	Endowment	2025 Total	2024 Total
Investments	0	0	0	188,218	188,218	182,783
Debtors	5,599	0	233	0	5,832	10,153
Cash At Bank And In Hand	42,413	61,559	45,763	0	149,735	140,902
Creditors: Amounts Falling Due In One Year	(3,754)	(10,708)	(3,945)	0	(18,407)	(15,865)
Provision for Liabilities after One Year	(800)	0	0	0	(800)	(400)
Totals	43,458	50,851	42,051	188,218	324,578	317,574

Further details of net assets are shown below.

4.1. Investments

	CBF Investment Fund	GAM Investment Fund	Total
Value at 1 January 2025	75,941	106,841	182,783
Sale of Investments	0	(115,288)	(115,288)
Gain on Sale of Investments	0	8,446	8,446
Acquisition of Investments	115,288	0	115,288
Change in value of unsold units	(3,012)	0	(3,012)
Value at 31 December 2025	188,218	0	188,218

In November, the PCC, in its capacity as Trustees of the Crowthorne Parish Church Trust, decided to implement the closure of the GAM investment account and the transfer of the capital in that account to the CBF Church of England Investment Fund. Details of the closure and status of the investments at the end of 2025 are shown above.

4.2. Debtors

	General	Designated	Restricted	2025 Total	2024 Total
Income Tax recoverable - Gift Aid	3,491	0	223	3,714	5,961
Other debtors	1,480	0	10	1,490	2,013
Prepayments (inc prepaid insurance)	628	0	0	628	2,179
Total	5,599	0	233	5,832	10,153

Other debtors include money owed in respect of hall hirers (£783) and funeral fees (£697).

Prepayments include RSCM Membership for 2026, photocopier lease rental for the first quarter of 2026 and insurance for January.

4.3. Cash at bank and in hand

	General	Designated	Restricted	2025 total	2024 total
Cash	9	0	0	9	0
Barclays STO acct	7,061	0	25	7,086	857
CCLA General	20	55,076	37,325	92,420	88,654
Barclays Flower acct	0	651	0	651	882
Barclays High Interest acct	308	0	0	308	304
CCLA Repair and Renovation acct	14,783	0	0	14,783	14,143
CAF Gold Deposit acct	13,651	0	0	13,651	13,392
CAF Current	6,582	5,832	8,414	20,827	22,671
Total	42,413	61,559	45,763	149,735	140,902

4.4. Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year.

	General	Designated	Restricted	2025 total	2024 total
Missions giving	0	10,708	0	10,708	11,360
Accruals, deferred income and deposits	3,754	0	3,858	7,612	4,280
Agency collections	0	0	87	87	224
Total	3,754	10,708	3,945	18,407	15,865

Accruals and deposits under the General fund include fuel and water costs (£428), organist and choir director fees (£761), funeral costs (£1,195) and the repair to the church roof (£996).

12.5% of planned giving plus the matching gift aid totalling £10,708 was transferred to the Designated Missions Fund in accordance with St John's policy on missions giving. This will be paid to the following charities in the coming months:

- The Church Army
- Church Mission Society
- The Leprosy Mission
- Embrace the Middle East
- Corrymeela
- The Bible Society
- HopeZone

Accruals under Restricted funds include the Giving Tree collection in aid of Crowthorne Foodbank (£1,268), work on the new church gate (£1,500) and choir director fees (£553).

The figure held under Agency Collections relates to money collected on behalf of The Children's Society.

4.5. Creditors: Provisions for Liabilities After One Year.

	General	Designated	Restricted	2025 total	2024 total
Provision for Liabilities after One Year	800	0	0	800	400
Total	800	0	0	800	400

The provision for liabilities after one year is in respect of the Quinquennial inspection in 2028.

5. Analysis of Funds

Fund	Fund balances at 1 January 2025	Incoming resources	Outgoing resources	Transfers	Journal entry	Fund balances at 31 December 2025
Unrestricted						
General Fund	90,578	134,262	119,983	(61,398)	0	43,458
Sub-totals	90,578	134,262	119,983	(61,398)	0	43,458
Designated						
Flower Fund	882	150	1,061	680	0	651
Missions Fund	0	0	10,708	10,708	0	0
Provision Of Future Building Costs	0	0	0	30,000	0	30,000
Repair And Renewal Fund	0	0	0	20,000	0	20,000
Welfare Fund	200	0	0	0	0	200
Sub-totals	1,082	150	11,769	61,388	0	50,851
Restricted						
Children & Young People Fund	10,054	4,175	0	0	0	14,229
Churchyard Fund	240	1,636	1,875	0	0	0
CPT Income Fund	18,769	2,889	0	0	0	21,658
Director Of Music Fund	553	0	553	0	0	0
Giving Tree Fund	0	1,268	1,268	0	0	0
Hardship Fund	2,102	86	0	0	0	2,188
Lent Lunch Fund	0	744	754	10	0	0
Missions Sunday Fund	0	533	533	0	0	0
Net Zero Feasibility Study And Carbon Preparation Fund	2,600	12,000	14,600	0	0	0
Repair And Renovation Fund	8,813	398	5,235	0	0	3,977
Sub-totals	43,131	23,728	24,818	10	0	42,051
Endowment						
Crowthorne Parish Church Trust Fund	182,783	0	0	0	5,435	188,218
Sub-totals	182,783	0	0	0	5,435	188,218
Totals	317,574	158,140	156,571	0	5,435	324,578

5.1. Designated Funds

5.1.1. Flower Fund

Established to manage the income and expenditure for church flowers.

5.1.2. Missions Fund

Receives 12.5% of planned giving together with accompanying Gift Aid. This money is shared amongst St John's seven missions (see para 4.4 above).

5.1.3. Provision for Future Building Projects

Established in 2025 in preparation for fundraising for the Mustard Seed project.

5.1.4. Repair and Renewal Fund

Established in 2025 to ensure that sufficient funds are available for managing general repairs and renewals.

5.1.5. Welfare Fund

Established to be used when the Vicar and the Church Wardens encounter real need outside of the congregation. This is a separate fund to the Hardship Fund which is detailed below under Restricted Funds.

5.2. Restricted Funds

5.2.1. Children and Young People Fund

Established following the legacy given by a much-loved member of St John's, this fund is to be used for the work at St John's associated with children and young people.

5.2.2. Churchyard Fund

Established to manage income and expenditure for the upkeep of the churchyard.

5.2.3. Crowthorne Parish Trust (CPT) Income Fund

Income from the Crowthorne Parish Church Trust Fund. According to the trust documents the income may be “applied for the purpose of furthering the religious and other charitable work of the CofE in the ecclesiastical parish of Crowthorne”. Income has been used in the past to help pay for the renovation projects.

5.2.4. Director of Music Fund

Established in early 2024 for the purpose of raising funds and financing the role of Director of Music at St John’s.

If for any reason we are unable to employ a Director of Music or if there is a surplus of funds, funds raised will be used for all other musical aspects at St John’s including musical licences, the choir, and maintenance of the organ.

Following the decision of the PCC in September 2025 to not employ a Director of Music, the funds in the Director of Music Restricted Fund were used on general musical expenses, in accordance with the terms of the fund.

5.2.5. Giving Tree, Lent Lunch and Missions Sunday Funds

Each year the Missions Committee recommends a charity to be the recipient of donations made in respect of the Lent lunch, the Giving Tree and Missions Sunday. The PCC formally approved the establishment of these three funds at its meeting on the 28th March 2023. All donations and accompanying gift aid are placed in the relevant restricted fund which is then paid in full to the recipient.

5.2.6. Hardship Fund

Originally set up November 2020 to “provide immediate assistance to individuals and families who have a ‘meaningful connection’ with St. John’s to prevent them from falling into new debt directly associated with the impact of Coronavirus. The purpose of this fund was amended at the PCC meeting on the 20th November 2022 to “provide immediate assistance to individuals and families who have a ‘meaningful connection’ with St. John’s to prevent them from falling into new debt directly associated with a change of circumstances which has an impact on their finances. This change of circumstances might be a lost job, bereavement, illness, relationship breakdown, cost of living crisis, covid, benefits delay etc.”

5.2.7. Net Zero Feasibility Study and Carbon Preparation Fund

Established to manage the income and expenditure on this project following a £3,000 grant from the Oxford Diocese in 2024. In 2025 the Diocese made a grant of £12,000 for further investigations.

5.2.8. Repair and Renovation Fund

Long established fund to manage donations made specifically for renovation projects in the church. This fund has been earmarked by the PCC in 2025 to cover the cost of investigative work under the Mustard Seed Project.

5.3. Crowthorne Parish Church Trust Endowment Fund

The Managing Trustees at any time may apply the whole or part of the capital of the

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Charity in or towards providing land and buildings to be settled upon trust for the purpose of furthering the religious and other charitable work of the Church of England in the Ecclesiastical Parish of Crowthorne.