



St. Peter's Church
Live for Christ, Advance the Gospel

Registered Charity 1133803

Church Lane, Ardingly, West Sussex, RH17 6UR
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TRUSTEES ANNUAL REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

OF

THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH OF

ST PETER'S CHURCH, ARDINGLY

REGISTERED CHARITY NO. 1133803

FOR YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2025

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Website: www.ardinglychurch.org.uk

Incumbent: The Reverend John H Crutchley
The Rectory, Church Lane, Ardingly RH17 6UR

Bankers: Lloyds Bank, Walthamstow Branch

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During the year ended 31 December 2025, the following people served as members of the parochial church council ("PCC"):

Incumbent: The Reverend John Crutchley
Ex officio members: Mr John Witherington

Chairman
Reader

Church Wardens: Mr Nigel Cheater
Mr John Witherington

Vice-Chairman

Representatives on the Deanery Synod: Mrs Jill Veasey
Mr Mervyn James

Elected members: Mrs Carol Grossman
Mrs Deb Ruse
Mrs Jill Veasey
Miss Sue Laker
Mrs Gina Paul
Mr Mervyn James
Mrs Glynis Doerr
Mrs Esther Wigmore

Secretary to the PCC and Parish Safeguarding Officer Mrs Jane Taylor Cheater

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OUR AIMS AND PURPOSES AS A CHARITY

The PCC has the responsibility of co-operating with the incumbent, the Revd John Crutchley, in:

- The promotion of the gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ according to the doctrines and practices of the Church of England;
- Promoting in the parish the whole mission of the church, pastoral, social, evangelistic and ecumenical;
- To know Jesus better and make Him better known;
- Practical support and care for people in the parish, from the youngest to the eldest, irrespective of level of need or, ability to pay;
- Providing financial support to those in need and, to other organisations with similar objectives.

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WHAT WE PLANNED TO DO TO ACHIEVE OUR CHARITABLE OBJECTIVES

When planning our activities for the year, our incumbent and the PCC have considered the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit and, in particular, the specific guidance on 'charities for the advancement of religion.'

The PCC has complied with the duty under section 5 of the Safeguarding and Clergy Discipline Measure 2016, fully recognising its duty to have due regard to House of Bishops' guidance on safeguarding children and vulnerable adults.

For this year we discussed and planned the following objectives and activities to fulfil our aims:

- Enabling as many people as possible to worship at our church
- Enabling as many people as possible to become part of our parish community
- Teaching, baptising, and nurturing new and existing believers
- Maintaining an overview of worship throughout the parish
- Considering how services can involve the many groups that live within the parish
- Putting faith into practice, through prayer and scripture, music, and sacrament
- Offering worship and prayer, learning about the Gospel, in small 'home group' situations
- Engaging with our local primary school on the Governing body and through regular weekly assemblies, services in school and church and in any other way required.
- Assisting people from all walks of life to develop their knowledge of, and trust in, Jesus
- Provision of pastoral care for people living in the parish
- Aiding the poor and needy of the parish
- Making gifts to missionary organisations
- Reaching out to the unchurched through 'Zoom' based services; through services held outside of the church building and in the heart of the village to mark important events and national celebrations; utilizing the graveyard as a location for services to remember those loved and lost; and in our Harvest Thanksgiving, Remembrance and Christmas services.
- Enhancing our worship through the use of sound and visual technology.
- Maintaining the fabric of the church building as a historic centre and focus of life in the village.

There were six meetings of the PCC in 2025. The current electoral roll has 55 members.

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WHAT WE ACHIEVED AND HOW WE AFFECTED BENEFICIARIES' LIVES

Attendance at Worship

A parish church is there to serve all of those living in the parish as the local, stable community of faith, providing regular worship, sacraments, and pastoral care to its parishioners. But more than that it also serves as "God's house" in the local area and as a central hub for evangelism, community service,

spiritual formation, and pastoral guidance for both believers and the wider neighbourhood. That is very much the essence of how St. Peter's understands its mission and role and its success in all of that can be

“A LOVELY LADY WELCOMED US IN AND WE WERE
TAKEN ON A TOUR BY A LOVELY MAN ”

COMMENT IN THE VISITORS BOOK, JUNE 2025

seen to some extent by the many encouraging comments left year after year in our visitors book. Some just call in whilst out on a walk: *'I was just walking by!'* (a comment from a visitor in January 2025). Others visit with a clear purpose: *'visiting family,' 'visiting my father's grave,' 'Thirty years ago we were married here!'* (comments left in April 2025). Others are struck by the place, by the peace, and by the beauty and so experience something of God's presence: *'The beauty shows us God!'* (a comment left in September 2025). The parish may be small, but our visitors come from across the country and the world a reminder of just how important is the outreach of an open and available church. Sadly, not all of our visitors this year came seeking the Lord or to remember a loved one. For a while in the Summer we experienced a spate of thefts and petty vandalism which is upsetting, and which forced us to keep the church locked for a short while and as we considered how best to tackle the problem. The installation of discreet CCTV cameras and a notice reminding all of our visitors that the only thing of any value we keep is the Bible and that they are welcome to take a copy seems to have solved the problem and so now the church is once again available to any who want to visit: *'So pleased the church is open again – thank you!'* (a comment left in the visitors book in September 2025). Once again the church is welcoming, it is a place of rest, a place of shelter for some and a home from home for many.

Which is exactly what we strive to be first and foremost: a place of welcome for all who visit, whether to join us in our worship and prayer or to experience the building as a place of personal spiritual rest and refreshment and welcome.

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The New Year started—as it has for several years now—with some people joining together for a short hike, followed by a longer shared lunch at the Church Centre! This event also continued the tradition of raising funds for our two local charities: Ardingly Old Jeshwang and Imara Uganda.

Sharing meals is a fundamental aspect of church life at St. Peter's. We gather for lunch on New Year's Day, share a meal together on Maundy Thursday, enjoy Hot Cross buns on Good Friday morning, and hold a bring-and-share lunch for Harvest Festival. Even during graveyard weeding and tidying up, we provide refreshments. Though the church family is small and getting older, it remains vibrant, active, and deeply committed to serving and connecting with the entire Ardingly community as we grow in both our understanding and love for Christ.

This is primarily achieved through our regular weekly worship. Our services use the liturgy of the Book of Common Prayer and Common Worship whilst others are simply moments of quiet prayer and

personal reflection, where we are 'Open to God!' Our main service on a Sunday morning is now offered as a screen presentation that is enhanced and improved by the use of recorded/video led music for our worship and praise. This has not been exclusive, and we have

**"WHAT A KIND MESSAGE YOUR CHURCH SHOWS
TO OTHERS"**

A VISITOR FROM BERKSHIRE, MAY 2025

continued to benefit from 'live' music led by keyboard, drums, guitar and vocals and of course by our marvellous organ on occasions. However, the combination of the two allows flexibility in our worship and ensures that we can continue to worship well, week on week without too much demand being placed upon any one person. We gathered for Evening Prayer each day of Lent where we focussed daily on one of the top 50 countries where Christians continue to face persecution. This was both empowering and humbling.

All in all we have praised well, prayed well and learned well throughout the year allowing our worship and God's Word to encourage us in our mission and in the service of our community.

Each Sunday our principal morning service is offered via a Zoom link. This has enabled some who are housebound, in hospital or no longer still resident in Ardingly to continue to worship together with friends and so to feel a continuing part of the church family and the worshipping community

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Additionally, the use of a Zoom link has allowed us to open up funeral services so that family and friends from all across the world are now able to 'attend' the funeral services of loved ones. It has been a real blessing for many and a joy for us to know that many who may not otherwise have been able to share in a funeral service, have been enabled to do so. Thanks once again must go to Nigel Cheater, one of our church wardens who handles the 'tech' and who week by week arranges and manages the Zoom link.

"THANK YOU FOR BEING SO KIND AND
THOUGHTFUL ON SUNDAY – I NEEDED THOSE
PRAYERS. LIFE TAKES UNWANTED AND SAD
TURNS AT TIMES AND SOMETIMES IT IS SO HARD
TO UNDERSTAND WHY. YOU HELPED ME.
THANK YOU"

A COMMENT FOLLOWING A SUNDAY MORNING SERVICE

Our services are designed to be open and inviting to everyone. While we would always welcome more attendees, seeing large gatherings during Christmas and Easter and at Remembrance reassures us that the church's message still connects deeply with people in our village. We've always understood that being remotely located in a rural

parish is a significant obstacle. Centuries ago, the church was built right in the heart of the village, both geographically and spiritually. However, as time has passed, the centre of the village has shifted, making the church somewhat removed from where most people live. To address this, we've taken steps to bring some services outside the church building, ensuring it remains a welcoming spiritual centre for all. This approach has surprisingly made our services more accessible—especially for those who find it challenging to attend inside the church. In recent years, for example, the annual Service of All Souls has been held in the graveyard instead of the church, drawing far more participants than usual and offering a meaningful space for collective remembrance and grieving.

A prime illustration of the benefits of holding services outside the church can be seen in the annual Service of Remembrance each November. This event takes place on the Recreation Ground, placing it at the centre of village life, with local uniform groups present. This year, a group of pupils from the local primary school also participated. Wreaths were laid by both Parish and District Council representatives, as well as on behalf of the Royal British Legion. Since moving the service outdoors and into the heart of the community, attendance has increased annually. The service now attracts more young people and members of the community who previously may not have considered attending a church service for Remembrance. It is fascinating to observe how many morning dog-walkers pause, stand in silence, and join in remembrance simply because the service is so accessible.

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This exemplifies our ongoing commitment to creating an inclusive environment and reflecting our dedication to serving the entire community. Over the past year, we provided practical assistance to the village by donating all of our harvest gifts to local families experiencing hardship. Additionally, proceeds from our Christmas services were earmarked for the Children's Society and 'Off the Fence,' a Brighton-

based
organization
supporting
individuals
experiencing
homelessness.
We have
maintained

DEAR JOHN, THANK YOU FOR TAKING THE TIME TO SHOW US AROUND
ST. PETER'S CHURCH.
LOVE, CUCKOO CLASS.

ST. PETER'S CHURCH OF ENGLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL

support for Ardingly Old Jeshwang initiatives in The Gambia, Imara's efforts in Uganda, and Ardingly Connected Together's work within our village. Through these endeavours, as well as through our involvement in other charitable projects, our church continues to demonstrate its core values of compassion and neighbourly support.

Evangelism and Outreach

Services follow a regular schedule: Holy Communion (Book of Common Prayer) at 9:00am every Sunday, with varied 10:30am services—Morning Praise on first and third Sundays, Holy Communion (Common Worship Order One) on second and fourth Sundays, with prayer for healing on the fourth. On fifth Sundays, Morning Praise is held. The first Sunday evening each month features 'Open to God,' providing

I REALLY APPRECIATED THE
CALM.

A VISITOR FROM GERMANY, NOVEMBER
2025

peaceful reflection through different service formats. A rota of readers and prayer leaders ensures broad participation from the church family.

Evangelism and outreach aim to connect with and serve our community beyond weekly services. We maintain strong relationships across the village, including the Parish Council, Showground neighbours, Ardingly Connected Together, and both local schools.

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Ardingly College kindly manages our monthly parish magazine photocopying and the secretary at St. Peter's CEP School has for many years helped with our photocopying for Christmas and Easter services. Our thanks go to them both. The church has a very close relationship with the local Church of England Primary School, with three foundation governors from our congregation on the school governing body and with the Rector leading weekly assemblies. Primary classes also visit the church for educational activities and services are held in church for key events like Harvest, Christmas, Easter, and a summer leavers' service where departing pupils receive a bible, continuing a tradition started in 2007.

**"BEAUTIFUL CHURCH WITH WONDERFUL
BRASSES AND CLEARLY A LOVELY COMMUNITY
WHO CARE FOR IT"**

A COMMENT IN THE VISITOR BOOK,
SEPTEMBER 2025

'Meeting Point' brings together mainly older villagers every other week for coffee, cake, and fellowship. 'Angels and Urchins' meets weekly during school terms, offering a vital space for carers of young children with toys, games, singing, and refreshments. Sadly, 2025 was the final year of 'At your Service' which for many years provided rides, shopping help, and other domestic support to anyone needing assistance. Finding enough volunteers is always a problem and organizational challenges made continuing the service too difficult. Each group has helped to combat loneliness and isolation for people of all ages in the village.

Provision of pastoral care for people living in the parish.

The Rector receives support in providing pastoral care for village residents from three assistants, all of whom have completed diocesan training and received authorisation from the bishop. A new team member began their ministry in 2025. Additionally, a dedicated group of church members volunteer their time and energy to care for, listen to, and assist people within the church family and the broader village community. The Rector is also helped by a Reader, John Witherington, who deserves thanks for leading services, offering insightful and thought-provoking sermons, and working tirelessly as church-warden. His contributions are invaluable to the parish.

"I JUST SAT AND SAID A PRAYER FOR MY DEAR BROTHER."

A VISITOR TO THE CHURCH, NOVEMBER 2025

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Teaching, baptising, and nurturing new and existing believers.

The church remains valued by parishioners and others as a place for celebrating significant life events. Funerals, including those of some longtime members who will be greatly missed, have taken place both in the church and at the crematorium, with several services for the burial of ashes being conducted too. Teaching primarily happens through weekly sermons that relate God's word to modern life and is reinforced in home groups. Many church members participate in leading worship, which encourages both leaders and the congregation.

Provision of the church building for people to enjoy.

Visitors to the church often appreciate its openness, peaceful atmosphere, and spiritual ambience. In recent years, it has hosted recitals by young musicians from Ardingly College. Guests also value the church's historical significance, architectural beauty, biblical archaeology, and careful maintenance.

St. Peter's Church is a Grade I listed 14th-century building featuring a stone tower from the late 1300s, built without a spire for defence or as a beacon. The tower houses six bells, ranging from the 14th century to one added in 1912; all were restored in 2009 and are regularly rung by local and visiting teams. It also contains a stained-glass window by James Powell and Sons from 1847.

Maintaining such a historic structure requires ongoing care. Our routine five-year report has highlighted significant repairs needed on the tower. This includes removing and restoring the West window, repairing its surrounding stonework and the protective ferramenta, replacing Victorian mortar in the masonry, fixing the upper windows' stonework, and reworking drainage channels to protect the building from water damage. While conducting these repairs, we also aim to improve access through the belfry so the tower parapet can be safely reached. The wooden stairs leading up to the belfry have become hazardous and must be replaced.

**REMEMBERING ALL OF THE TIMES IN ST.PETER'S,
HAPPY AND SAD!**

**A VISITOR FORMERLY FROM ARDINGLY NOW LIVING IN CANADA NO-
VEMBER 2025**



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We've started fundraising to support this extensive restoration project for the tower and West window. Alongside local efforts, we are exploring national grant opportunities, which remain ongoing. To help with these applications and future restoration needs, we commissioned a comprehensive digital survey of the church, generously funded by members of our church community.

In addition to caring for the church building, we are also tasked with maintaining the Church Centre.

Although our worshipping community is quite small, we paid £55,000 in parish share in 2025. Sadly, this covered only 68% of the total amount requested by the diocese. The financial difficulties we face are significant, but so too is the church family's remarkable generosity in addressing these challenges.

Financial Review

Unrestricted incoming and outgoing resources

2025 was another financially challenging year for our Church. The loss of a few major donors had a significant impact on planned giving and this, with other regular income remaining fairly constant during the year, meant that we were expecting our income for the year to be some £12,000 lower than in 2024.

Having shown a net deficit of over £15,000 the previous year and with limited reserves, some difficult decisions had to be made. The key impact was to reluctantly further reduce our Parish Share contribution to £55,000. This is the amount paid to the diocese for our share of all churches' Parish Ministry Costs and our PCC remains committed to paying as much as we can realistically afford towards these costs. As such, the amount pledged still reflected 100% of all planned giving (including gift aid recovery) that had been received in 2024 and the PCC once again stepped out in faith that other expenditure would be met from other income sources.

This faith was rewarded when a very generous donation, described as a "gift from God" by the donor, was received towards the end of 2025. The impact of this donation and the careful control of all expenditure meant that income exceeded expenditure during the year by nearly £7,300.

The PCC remains most grateful for the continued generosity of those who faithfully give to the Church and their resilience in continuing to do so with all the financial challenges we currently face.

Restricted Income and Expenditure

Note 10 shows a breakdown of income and expenditure by fund. No significant expenditure from these restricted funds was required during the year and they generally remain at similar levels to the start of 2025.

The total value of restricted funds at the end of 2025 was £32,732 and this figure includes the Burgess Trust.

Reserves Policy

It is the policy of St Peter's to aim to broadly break even in the year and to maintain reserves at a realistic level providing for any future years where a deficit is been returned. Current reserves are £15,000 and have been maintained for 2025.



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Balance Sheet

As at 31 December 2025

Unrestricted	As At 31/12/2025 £	As At 31/12/2024 £
Fixed Assets		
Tangible Assets	1.00	1.00
Heritage Assets	150,913.83	150,913.83
Investments	4,977.30	5,184.57
	<u>155,892.13</u>	<u>156,099.40</u>
Current Assets		
Cash at Bank and in Hand	57,811.89	50,523.90
	<u>57,811.89</u>	<u>50,523.90</u>
Net current assets less current liabilities	<u>57,811.89</u>	<u>50,523.90</u>
Total assets less current liabilities	<u>213,704.02</u>	<u>206,623.30</u>
Total net assets less liabilities	<u>213,704.02</u>	<u>206,623.30</u>
Represented by		
Unrestricted Funds		
Unrestricted—General Fund	15,057.35	6,771.80
Designated Funds		
Designated—General Funds	15,000.00	15,000.00
Designated—Church Centre Capital	150,914.83	150,914.83
Restricted Funds		
Restricted—Village Discretionary Fund	208.00	20.50
Restricted—Youth Worker Fund	6,820.17	7,161.80
Restricted—Church Centre Upgrade Fund	-	-
Restricted—Mission Fund	344.49	344.49
Restricted—Other Restricted Funds (note 10)	412.99	-
Restricted—West Window and Tower Fund	15,948.80	16,422.80
Restricted—Church Maintenance Fund	2,253.94	3,251.86
Restricted—Burgess Trust Fund	6,743.45	6,735.22
	<u>213,704.02</u>	<u>206,623.30</u>
Funds of the Church	<u>213,704.02</u>	<u>206,623.30</u>

Approved by the Parochial Church Council on 21 March 2026 and signed on its behalf by

Rev John Crutchley



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Notes to the Financial Statements

For the year ended 31 December 2025

Statement of Financial Activities

	General & Designated Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds 2025	Total Funds 2024
	£	£	£	£
<i>Income and Endowments</i>				
Donations and Legacies	76,077.47	3,124.22	79,201.69	83,409.01
Income from charitable activities	3,467.50	-	3,467.50	2,575.50
Other trading activities	8,089.00	-	8,089.00	8,378.15
Investments	647.47	215.50	862.97	1,056.68
Other income			-	-
<i>Total Income</i>	88,281.44	3,339.72	91,621.16	95,419.34
<i>Expenditure</i>				
Raising funds	-	-	-	-
Expenditure on charitable activities	79,962.03	4,337.28	84,299.31	116,446.69
Other expenditure	33.86	-	33.86	137.03
<i>Total Expenditure</i>	79,995.89	4,337.28	84,333.17	116,583.72
<i>Net income/(expenditure) before transfers</i>	8,285.55	-997.56	7,287.99	-21,164.38
<i>Transfers</i>				
Transfers between funds				-
<i>Other recognised gains/losses</i>				
Gains on revaluation, fixed assets, charities own use	-	-207.27	-207.27	116.01
<i>Net movements in funds</i>	8,285.55	-1,204.83	7,080.72	-21,048.37
<i>Reconciliation of funds</i>				
<i>Total funds brought forward</i>	172,686.63	33,936.67	206,623.30	227,671.67
<i>Total funds carried forward</i>	180,972.18	32,731.84	213,704.02	206,623.30

For further breakdown of income see Note 2,
For further breakdown of expenditure see Note 3



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1. Accounting Policies

a) Accounting convention

The financial statements have been prepared, as far as applicable, in accordance with the Church Accounting Regulations 2006, Charity Law, Financial Reporting Standards and the current SORP, Accounting and Reporting by Charities SORP (FRSSE), effective 1st January 2015.

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention as modified by the inclusion of investments at market value and the revaluation of fixed assets. 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 affiliation to another body, nor those which are informal gatherings of church members.

b) Funds accounting

Funds held by the PCC are:

Unrestricted funds – general funds which can be used for PCC ordinary purposes.

Restricted funds - i) income from trusts or endowments which may be expended only on those restricted objects provided in the terms of the trust or bequest;

ii) donations or grants received for a specific object or invited by the PCC for a specific object.

The funds may only be expended on the specific object for which they were given. Any balance remaining unspent at the end of the year is carried forward as a balance on that fund.

c) Incoming resources

All incoming resources are accounted for on a receipts and payments basis and accounted for gross.

Voluntary Income

Collections are recognised when received.

Planned giving receivable is recognised only when received.

Income tax recoverable on Gift Aid donations is recognised when the tax is recovered. Grants and legacies are recognised when the PCC is legally entitled to the amount due.

Income from investments

Dividends are accounted for when due and payable. Interest entitlements are accounted for as they accrue.

All other income

All other income is recognised when it is received.

Gains and losses on investments

Realised gains are recognised when the investment is sold.

Unrealised gains and losses are accounted for on revaluation on 31 December.

d) Resources used

Resources expended are accounted for on a receipts and payments basis and are accounted for gross.

Grants

Grants and donations are accounted for when paid over, or when awarded where the award creates a binding obligation to the PCC.

Church Activities

The diocesan parish contribution is accounted for when paid. Any parish contribution unpaid at 31 December is provided for in these accounts as an operational (though not legal) liability and is shown as a creditor in the balance sheet.



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e) Fixed Assets

Tangible Fixed Assets

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

Movable church furnishing 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 but are not included in the accounts. For other property acquired prior to 2000 there is insufficient cost information available and therefore such assets are not valued in the accounts. Individual items acquired since 2000 have been capitalised in the accounts and depreciated over their useful economic life (see note (d)).

All expenditure on consecrated or beneficed buildings and individual items costing under £5,000 are written off on the year they were incurred.

Depreciation

Depreciation is calculated to write down the cost of tangible fixed assets, excluding freehold properties, over their expected useful life. The rates generally applicable are:

Fixture and fittings	25% straight line
Computer equipment	30% straight line

No depreciation is provided on freehold property as it is the PCC's policy to maintain these assets in a continual state of sound repair. The useful economic life of these assets is so long and residual values as high that any depreciation would not be material. These assets will be subject to annual impairment reviews. Provision will be made if there has been any permanent diminution in value.

Investments

Investments are stated at market value at the balance sheet date.

f) Current Assets

Amounts owing to the PCC at 31 December in respect of fees, rents or other income are shown as debtors less provision for amounts that may prove uncollectable. Short-term deposits include cash held on deposit either with the CBF Church of England Funds, or at the bank.



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Analysis of Income

For the year ended 31 December 2025

Note 2

	Unrestricted	Designated	Restricted	2025 Total	2024 Total
	£	£	£	£	£
Income and endowments					
<i>Donations and legacies</i>					
0100 Planned giving GA	30,990.61	-	-	30,990.61	9,679.87
0110 Planned giving non-GA	3,373.42	-	-	3,373.42	36,461.47
0120 Envelope Scheme GA	15.00	-	-	15.00	159.50
0140 Church collections GA	2,589.82	-	-	2,589.82	2,569.50
0150 Church collections non-GA	-	-	-	-	-
0160 Donations GA	28,275.00	-	1,812.98	30,087.98	19,675.40
0170 Donations non GA	1,305.13	-	-	1,305.13	2,605.51
0180 Gift Aid tax recovered	8,549.35	-	398.25	8,947.60	8,509.96
0190 Legacies and endowments	-	-	-	-	-
0200 Fund-raising (non trading) income	182.00	-	-	182.00	50.00
0210 Events Receipts	500.00	-	-	500.00	-
0220 Special collections	-	-	412.99	412.99	441.32
0230 Grants received	-	-	500.00	500.00	3,068.13
0390 Other donations	256.14	-	-	256.14	188.35
0590 Other trading income	41.00	-	-	41.00	-
Donations and legacies Total	76,077.47	-	3,124.22	79,201.69	83,409.01
<i>Income from charitable activities</i>					
0400 Fees for services	3,467.50	-	-	3,467.50	2,575.50
Total Income from charitable activities	3,467.50	-	-	3,467.50	2,575.50
<i>Other trading activities</i>					
0500 Centre hire	7,527.00	-	-	7,527.00	7,580.00
0510 Magazine income	362.00	-	-	362.00	419.50
0520 Sale of goods for fundraising	200.00	-	-	200.00	378.65
Total Other trading activities	8,089.00	-	-	8,089.00	8,378.15
<i>Investments</i>					
0600 Deposit interest received	647.47	-	-	647.47	721.11
0610 Investment interest received	-	-	215.50	215.50	335.57
	647.47	-	215.50	862.97	1,056.68
<i>Other Income</i>					
0790 Other income	-	-	-	-	-
Total Other incomes	-	-	-	-	-
TOTAL INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS	88,281.44	-	3,339.72	91,621.16	95,419.34



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Analysis of Expenditure

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Note 3

	Unrestricted	Designated	Restricted	2025 Total	2024 Total
	£	£	£	£	£
Expenditure					
Raising Funds Totals	-	-	-	-	-
Expenditure on charitable activities					
2200 Parish contribution	55,000.00	-	-	55,000.00	65,156.00
2210 Charitable giving	2,750.00	-	-	2,750.00	1,250.00
2220 Church utilities	3,913.47	-	-	3,913.47	3,314.32
2230 Church service expenses	1,841.68	-	-	1,841.68	2,163.96
2240 Church maintenance and equipment	3,044.74	-	3,366.92	6,411.66	26,278.70
2250 Rectory expenses	4,634.96	-	-	4,634.96	5,605.97
2260 Rector's expenses	1,370.91	-	-	1,370.91	1,437.01
2270 Other clergy expenses	157.54	-	-	157.54	-
2280 Training costs	36.90	-	-	36.90	-
2290 Administrative expenses	192.31	-	-	192.31	187.56
2300 Children and young people	-	-	341.63	341.63	403.31
2320 Giving from special collections	-	-	-	-	701.97
2330 Gifts made	7.00	-	-	7.00	500.00
2350 Bank charges	51.26	-	-	51.26	-
2600 Centre utilities costs	4,456.46	-	-	4,456.46	4,311.04
2610 Centre running costs	2,469.35	-	628.73	3,098.08	1,226.65
2620 Centre maintenance and equipment	35.45	-	-	35.45	3,910.20
2650 Magazine costs	-	-	-	-	-
Total Expenditure on charitable activities	79,962.03	-	4,337.28	84,299.31	116,446.69
Other expenditure					
2990 Other expenditure	33.86	-	-	33.86	137.03
Total Other expenditure	33.86	-	-	33.86	137.03
TOTAL EXPENDITURE	79,995.89	-	4,337.28	84,333.17	116,583.72
TOTAL OF INCOME OVER EXPENDITURE	8,285.55	-	-997.56	7,287.99	-21,164.38



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4 Staff Costs

No-one was employed by the PCC during the year and there were no transactions in respect of PCC members, or persons closely connected to them or other related persons.

5 Analysis of transfer between funds

See Note 10.

6 Fixed Assets

a) Tangible Fixed Assets

	Freehold Land and Buildings	Church Equipment	Total
Cost or Valuation	£	£	£
At 1 January 2025	150,913.83	1.00	150,914.83
Additions/disposals/revaluations	-	-	-
At 31 December 2025	150,913.83	1.00	150,914.83
Depreciation			
At 1 January 2025	-	-	-
Provided in year	-	-	-
At 31 December 2025	-	-	-
Net Book Value			
At 31 December 2025	150,913.83	1.00	150,914.83
At 31 December 2024	150,913.83	1.00	150,914.83

As a freehold building, according to the PCC accounting policies, the value of the church centre is not subject to depreciation.

The Church Centre was insured for losses up to £2,960,000 inclusive of buildings and contents, although the building is carried on the balance sheet at its cost.

b) Investments

	Total	Total
	2025	2024
	£	£
Market value at 1 January 2025	5,184.57	5,068.56
(Decrease)/Increase in market value	(207.27)	116.01
Market value at 31 December 2025	4,977.30	5,184.57

An investment is held by the Diocesan Board of Finance (G L Burgess Trust) as CBF Investment Fund (Income) Shares the income from which is restricted to be used for the maintenance of church notice boards or similar communication-related items.



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7 Analysis of Net Assets by Fund

Fund	Unrestricted Funds	Designated Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Fund Balances at 31/12/2025
	£	£	£	£	£
Fixed assets for church use	150,914.83	-	-	-	150,914.83
Investment fixed assets	-	-	6,743.45	-	6,743.45
Current assets	15,057.35	15,000.00	25,988.39	-	56,045.74
Current liabilities	-	-	-	-	-
Long term liabilities	-	-	-	-	-
Balance as at 31 December 2025	165,972.18	15,000.00	32,731.84	-	213,704.02

8 Debtors

There were no debtors as at 31 December 2025.

9 Creditors

There were no creditors as at 31 December 2025.

10 Fund movement summary

Fund	Fund Balances as at 01/01/2025	Incoming Resources	Outgoing resources	Transfers	Gains/losses	Fund Balances as at 31/12/2025
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Village Discretionary Fund	20.50	187.50	-	-	-	208.00
Youth Worker Fund	7,161.80	-	341.63	-	-	6,820.17
Church Centre Upgrade Fund	-	628.73	628.73	-	-	0.00
Mission Fund	344.49	-	-	-	-	344.49
Graveyard	-	1,070.00	1,070.00	-	-	0.00
West Window and Tower Fund	16,422.80	-	474.00	-	-	15,948.80
Church Maintenance Fund	3,251.86	825.00	1,822.92	-	-	2,253.94
Special Collections	-	412.99	-	-	-	412.99
Mower	-	-	-	-	-	-
Burgess Trust Fund	6,735.22	215.50	-	-	-207.27	6,743.45
General Reserves	15,000.00	-	-	-	-	15,000.00
Church Centre Capital	150,914.83	-	-	-	-	150,914.83
	199,851.50	3,339.72	4,337.28	-	-207.27	198,646.67
General Fund	6,771.80	88,281.44	79,995.89	-	-	15,057.35
	206,623.30	91,621.16	84,333.17	-	-207.27	213,704.02



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Independent Examiner's Report 2025

Independent Examiner's Report to the Members of the Parochial Church Council St. Peter's Church, Ardingly

I report on the accounts for the year ended 31st December 2025, which are set out above.

Respective responsibilities of Trustees and Independent Examiner

As trustees of the charity, the members of the Parochial Church Council are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The members consider that an audit is not required for this year (under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (The 2011 Act)) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

examine the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 Act;

to follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5) (b) of the 2011 Act); and

to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of Independent Examiner's Statement

My examination was carried out in accordance with 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 the 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 accounts.

Independent Examiner's statement

In connection with of my examination, no material matters have come to my attention

which give me reasonable cause to believe that in, any material respect, the members have not met the requirements:

to keep accounting in accordance with section 130 of the 2011 Act; and

to prepare accounts which accord with the accounts records and to comply with the accounting requirements of the 2011 Act.

have not been met: or

to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Signed:

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Date 01/05/2026



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