



PARISH OF
RINGWOOD

ANNUAL REPORT

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**ANNUAL REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS OF
PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE PARISH OF
ST PETER AND ST PAUL, RINGWOOD WITH
ST MARY AND ALL SAINTS, ELLINGHAM AND ALL SAINTS, HARBRIDGE
CHARITY NO. 1134815
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2025**

VICAR: Revd Stephen Miles

The Vicarage, 65 Southampton Road, Ringwood, Hampshire, BH24 1HE

ASSOCIATE PRIEST: Vacant

BANKERS: The National Westminster Bank, 11 High Street, Ringwood, Hampshire, BH24 1BA

CCLA Investment Management Ltd, The CBF Church of England Funds, Senator House
85 Queen Victoria Street, London EC4V 4ET

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER: Vantage Accounting

Unit 1 Cedar Office Park, Cobham Road, Wimborne, Dorset, BH21 7SB

Statutory information regarding the Parish may be found on the Charity Commission website (www.charitycommission.gov.uk), which it is the responsibility of the PCC to update, particularly following the Annual Parochial Church Meeting.

In pursuance of its charitable objects (particularly the advancement of the Christian religion for the public benefit) and in accordance with the Parochial Church Councils (Powers) Measure 1956 and the Synodical Government Measure 1969 - It shall be the duty of the Incumbent and the Parochial Church Council to consult together on matters of general concern and importance to the Parish. The functions of the PCC shall include: Co-operation with the Incumbent in promoting in the Parish the whole mission of the Church, pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical; the consideration and discussions of matters concerning the Church of England or any other matters of religious or public interest, but not the declaration of the doctrine of the Church on any question; making known and putting into effect any provision made by the Diocesan / Deanery Synod, but without prejudice to the powers of the Council on any particular matter; giving advice to the Diocesan/ Deanery Synod on any matter referred to the Council; raising such matters as the Council consider appropriate with the Diocesan / Deanery Synod. In the exercise of its functions, the PCC shall take into consideration any expression of opinion by any Parochial Church Meeting.

When planning objectives and activities for the year, the Churchwardens, Ministry Team, 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.

Vision and Mission

Vision

- To be a united Christian presence across our towns and villages, rooted in prayer, sustaining faithful worship in every church, and equipping all God's people to serve their communities with confidence and hope.
- To put Jesus at the centre of our lives and the communities we represent. To be rooted in prayer, as we passionately pursue God in our obedience to go and make disciples.

Mission

- To passionately pursue Jesus through worship and teaching.
- To nurture discipleship and prayer across our churches.
- To equip and release every member of the church for ministry.
- To seek the transformation of our communities as we build God's Kingdom.

The Parish

2025 was a year of building and strengthening under the leadership of Revd Stephen Miles, who has served as Vicar since September 2024. As he continues to settle into the life of the Benefice, we give thanks for steady leadership, renewed vision and growing confidence across our churches.

We remained prayerful as we continued to seek an Associate Priest (House for Duty). We are looking forward to the arrival of Revd Kay Pead in Spring 2026.

The Parish of Ringwood with Ellingham and Harbridge is part of the Diocese of Winchester within the Deanery of Christchurch. We serve a growing population of around 16,000 across a wide rural and town area through five churches:

- Church of All Saints, Harbridge, Ringwood, Hampshire, BH24 3PS
- Church of St Mary and All Saints, Ellingham, Hampshire, BH24 3PJ
- Church of St Peter and St Paul, Market Place, Ringwood, Hampshire, BH24 1AW
- Church of St John the Baptist, Linford Road, Ringwood, Hampshire, BH24 1TY
- Church of St Paul, Ringwood Road, Bisterne, Hampshire, BH24 3BN



The Parish of Ringwood with Ellingham and Harbridge lies on the western edge of the New Forest and the south-west border of Hampshire. The population was recorded at 16,174 in 2021 and continues to grow with ongoing housing development in and around Ringwood.

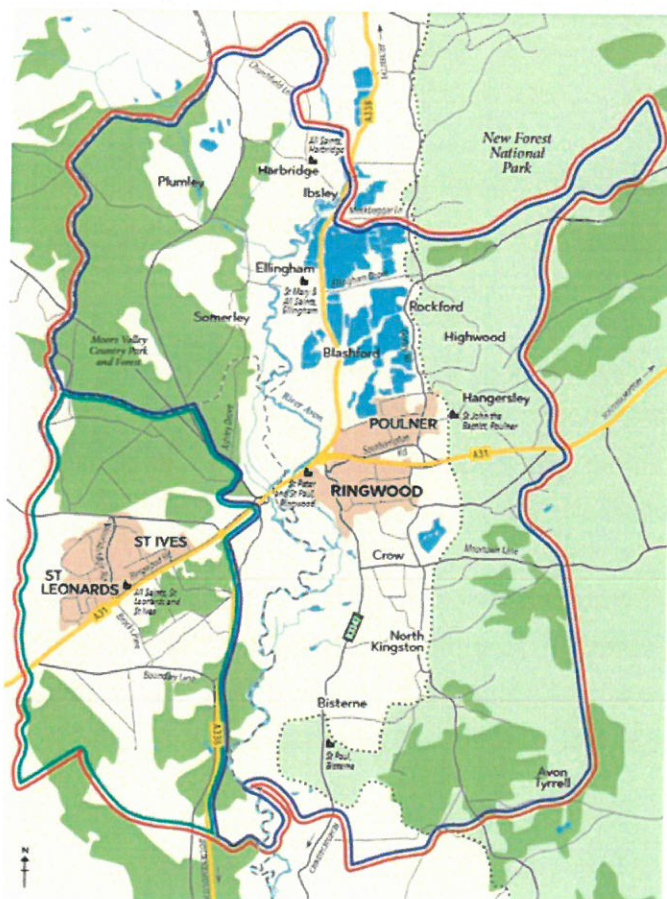
The parish covers a wide geographical area, stretching from Bisterne in the south to north of Churchfield Lane, Harbridge. It includes the Somerley Estate, Moors Valley Country Park and Forest, and the scattered communities of Blashford, Ellingham, Harbridge, Ibsley, Rockford and Highwood – some of which lie within the New Forest National Park.

The Parochial Church Council (PCC) shares responsibility with the Vicar and Churchwardens for five Church of England churches within the Parish. These are the Parish Church of St Peter and St Paul and four Chapels of Ease, namely St John the Baptist Church at Poulner, The Church of St Paul at Bisterne, St Mary and All Saints Church at Ellingham, and All Saints Church at Harbridge. The Benefice website can be found at www.ringwoodbenefice.org.uk.

The formal registered name of the PCC is THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE PARISH OF ST PETER AND ST PAUL RINGWOOD. The registered number of the Charity is 1134815, and

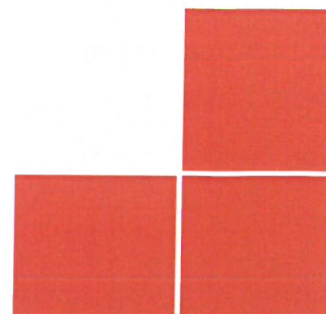
ELECTORAL ROLL

The parish Electoral Roll Officer is Samantha Swyer. The total number of people on the Electoral Roll in April 2025 for all five churches was 135.



The Benefice

The Benefice of Ringwood with Ellingham and Harbridge with the Parish of All Saints at St Leonard's and St Ives was formed on 7 October 2017. It is part of the Diocese of Winchester, within the Deanery of Christchurch, in the Church of England.



Meet Our Team



Revd Stephen Miles
Vicar

Over the past year there has been much to reflect on across the life of our parish. In many ways it has been a year of consolidation and quiet growth, as we have continued to build on foundations already laid while also adapting to new circumstances. Change is never easy, and at times the adjustments we have faced have required patience, resilience, and prayer. Yet through it all there have been many signs of encouragement, reminding us that God continues to be at work among us.

One of the most important anchors during this past year has been our commitment to regular prayer. Gathering together to pray for our churches, our town, and one another has been a vital part of sustaining our shared life. Those times of prayer have not only helped guide decisions but have also strengthened our sense of unity and purpose. They remind us that everything we do begins with listening for God's voice and seeking His wisdom together, and putting Jesus first above all things.

Our relationships with local schools have continued and developed, which has been a great joy. It is a privilege to be invited into these spaces, and we are grateful for the trust that continues to grow.

Family ministry has also remained a strong and vibrant part of parish life. It is encouraging to see children and families engaging with the church in creative and joyful ways. These ministries help ensure that our churches remain places where people of all ages feel welcomed, valued, and able to explore faith together.

Within our congregations there have been encouraging signs of growth in several places. New faces have joined us, and many long-standing members continue to offer faithful service week by week. Each person who walks through our doors brings new gifts, perspectives, and energy, enriching our shared life of worship and fellowship.

At the same time, we recognise that change has been a significant part of the past year. While change can sometimes feel unsettling, it also opens the door to fresh possibilities. In several areas it has allowed us to rethink how we do things, to try new approaches, and to discover opportunities we may not otherwise have considered.

As we look ahead, we do so with hope and expectation. The future will undoubtedly bring further challenges as well as new opportunities, but we trust that God will continue to guide us as we seek His will together. By continuing to pray, to serve our community, and to welcome others into the life of our churches, we step forward in faith, confident that the story of our parish is still unfolding, as we passionately pursue Jesus with our whole lives.



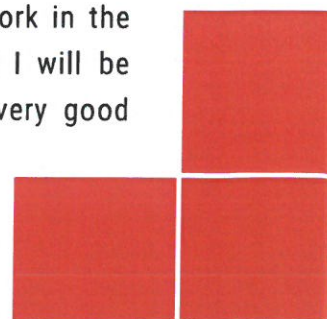
Jacqueline Brown
Churchwarden

The role of Churchwarden is endlessly varied but the key responsibilities are care for the incumbent, maintenance of order and decency in churches and churchyards and working with the Vicar and PCC to promote the mission of the church. 2025 was an unusual and challenging year because I was on sick leave for the second half and support to our Vicar was much reduced. The extremely high standard of the fabric in all of our churches and churchyards was nonetheless maintained, and this is testament to the deputy wardens and church committee chairs who take on responsibility for ensuring essential repairs are done and our beautiful churches continue to welcome all who come.

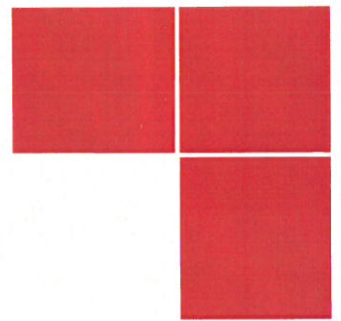


Matthew Steele
Churchwarden

It has been my great privilege to serve as churchwarden in the different parishes that now make up our Benefice since 2002. With the exception of two years "off" (one due to illness and one when the new Ringwood Benefice was formed) it has been a joy, as well as a lot of hard work, to work with some amazing people to steer churches through five vacancies and three pastoral reorganisations, as well as supporting six different incumbents in their work in the parish. I take great comfort from the fact that in 2026 I will be leaving at a time of stability, with the churches all in very good condition and at a time of strong growth within our parish.



Ministry Team



The Benefice Ministry Team comprises all clergy and lay ministers licensed within the Benefice of Ringwood. The team meets regularly for prayer, mutual support and discussion, helping to sustain and coordinate the worship and public ministry across the six churches of the benefice. These gatherings provide an important space to share ideas, support one another and prayerfully discern how best to serve our communities.

In September 2025, we were very fortunate to welcome Revd Brigid to the Ministry Team. We are delighted to have her with us and look forward to continuing to work alongside her as we get to know her better and share in ministry together.

All members of the Benefice Ministry Team serve on a voluntary basis, offering their time, gifts, and experience in faithful service to the life of the church and the wider community.

Clergy with Permission to Officiate (PTO)

Revd Canon Michael Anderson
Revd Brigid Barrett
Revd Canon Richard Emblin
Revd Terry Roberts
Revd Canon Peter Vargeson

Licensed Lay Ministers (LLMs)

Elizabeth Halford
Peter Jackson
Derick Potter
Richard Powell
Ruth Freeman
Stephen Wood

We give heartfelt thanks for the faithful ministry offered by our retired clergy and Licensed Lay Ministers, whose commitment greatly enriches the life of our churches. Their willingness to lead services, preach, offer pastoral care, and support the ministry of the parish is deeply valued. Working alongside the Vicar, they bring wisdom, experience, and generosity of spirit, helping to sustain worship and nurture faith across our communities. We are grateful for the time, gifts, and dedication they continue to share in serving God and the people of our parish.

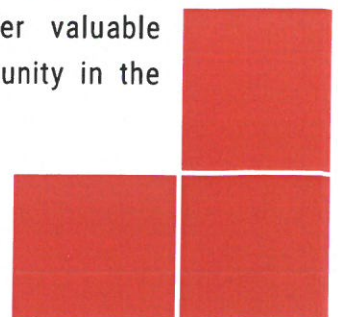
The Ministry Team has continued to support many aspects of benefice life during 2025, including:

- Maintaining the pattern of Sunday and midweek worship across all churches.
- Supporting outreach initiatives such as The Well and Messy Church, alongside ministry in local schools and residential homes. Links also continued with Moyles Court pupils attending Sunday worship at Ellingham and with residents of St Martha's.
- Responding to requests for Occasional Offices (funerals, weddings and baptisms) across the benefice, with administrative support from Samantha Swyer (Parish of Ringwood) and Lisa Hover (Parish of All Saints). Preparation sessions for weddings and baptisms continued, with Revd Canon Peter Vargeson assisting in coordinating wedding preparations alongside Revd Stephen Miles.
- Sustaining pastoral care through home communions, visits, and responding to particular needs within our congregations and communities.
- Supporting the prayer life of the benefice through regular gatherings including Morning Prayer and house or discussion groups.
- Working with churchwardens and diocesan colleagues as we continue to look ahead to the future life and leadership of the benefice.

We are also grateful for the support of ministers from outside the benefice who have helped at various points during the year, including Revd Canon Andrew Gough and Revd Kay Pead.

Benefice Worship continued during the year, with a shared morning service held on each fifth Sunday and hosted by different churches across the benefice.

The benefice also remained actively involved in Churches Together in Ringwood and District. This included contributing to the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity, taking part in the Good Friday Walk of Witness, and joining with other local churches in the Market Place during Ringwood Winter Wanderland. These occasions continue to offer valuable opportunities to worship and witness together as the wider Christian community in the town.



Nurturing Faith & Lay Ministry

Bishop's Commission for Mission (BCM)

The Bishop's Commission for Mission (BCM) programme, developed by the Diocese of Winchester, equips lay people for ministry and service within parishes and deaneries. We continue to encourage members of our congregation to take part in BCM training as a way of exploring and developing their gifts for ministry. Those who have completed BCM training are:

Mrs Jacqueline Brown – BCM Creation Care

Mrs Elizabeth Halford – BCM Prayer Champions

Mr Kevin Jones – BCM Pastoral; BCM Prayer Champions

Miss Jan Pankhurst – BCM Pastoral; BCM Prayer Champions

Mrs Samantha Swyer – BCM Pastoral; BCM Prayer Champions

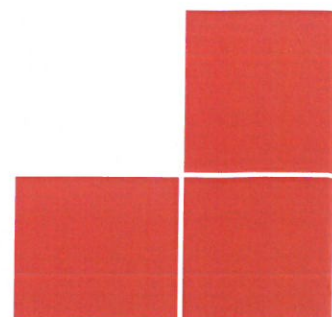
Our parish seeks to encourage and support lay people in deepening their faith and discerning how God may be calling them to serve. Through opportunities such as the Bishop's Commission for Mission (BCM), members of the congregation are equipped for ministries including pastoral care, prayer, and creation care.

We value the gifts that each person brings to the life of the Church and seek to nurture those gifts through training, encouragement, and opportunities to serve. By fostering a culture in which people are invited to explore their calling, we aim to support ongoing discernment and enable individuals to grow in confidence as they take on roles within the mission and ministry of the parish.



From those who care for and clean our buildings, prepare refreshments, arrange flowers, and maintain our churchyards, to those who offer a warm welcome at services, lead prayers, support events, and help in countless practical ways, each person's contribution plays an important part. The life of our churches simply would not be the same without their dedication, and we give heartfelt thanks for all that they do.

With grateful thanks to Pam Brown, Colin South, Paul Gray, Winchester Diocese, and many more for the wonderful photographs included in this annual report.



Ringwood PCC



Parochial Church Council (PCC) members are either ex-officio or elected at the Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM) in accordance with the Church Representation Rules.

The PCC met six times during the year. Standing Committee decisions were made between meetings where necessary and ratified by the PCC. Each church continues to operate through its own local committee which are encouraged to meet regularly.

With the 2024 electoral roll figure at 212 there could be up to 15 elected members (serving three-year terms, with one third retiring annually). Representation is drawn from all five churches. During 2025, elected membership totalled eight members. Licensed Lay Ministers serve by annual APCM decision for the following year.

No PCC member receives remuneration or benefit for their role as trustee. All trustees have regard to Charity Commission guidance on public benefit.

The six-year rule for Churchwardens (suspended in 2015) continues to be reviewed annually.

Ex-Officio Members

Vicar

Revd Stephen Miles

Licensed Lay Ministers

Mr Peter Jackson

Mr Stephen Wood

Mrs Elizabeth Halford (Safeguarding Officer)

(Derick Potter and Richard Powell declined to take their seats on the PCC during 2025.)

Churchwardens

Mrs Jacqueline Brown (re-elected May 2025, PCC Lay Vice Chairman)

Mr Matthew Steele (re-elected May 2025, PCC Lay Vice Chairman)

Deputy Churchwardens

Mr Paul Gray (St Peter & St Paul)

Mrs Lindsey Newson (St John the Baptist) - Did not take a seat at PCC

Deanery Synod Representatives (to 2026)

Mrs Jacqueline Brown

Mrs Margaret Groves

Mr Paul Gray

Mrs Samantha Swyer

Diocesan Synod

Mr Matthew Steele

Elected Members

St Peter & St Paul

Mr Roger Dewar (Treasurer)

Mr Kevin Jones

St Paul

Mr Hallam Mills

Mr David Thomas MBE

St John the Baptist

Mrs Sara Jackson

Mrs Rhoda Curtis

Mr Nigel Curtis

All Saints

Mr Michael Thomas

St Mary & All Saints - None

PCC Committees

Oversee the day-to-day management of the affairs of each church and are drawn from, and elected by, members of the congregations who habitually worship in each of the five churches. These in turn have power to appoint subcommittees as required. These meet between full Council meetings. The Standing Committee (the only committee required by law) transacts PCC business between meetings and in 2025 comprised:

Revd Stephen Miles

Mrs Jacqueline Brown (St Peter & St Paul)

Mr Roger Dewar (Treasurer)

Mr Hallam Mills (St Paul)

Mrs Samantha Swyer (PCC Secretary)

Mr Matthew Steele (St Mary & All Saints)

Mrs Rhoda Curtis (St John the Baptist)

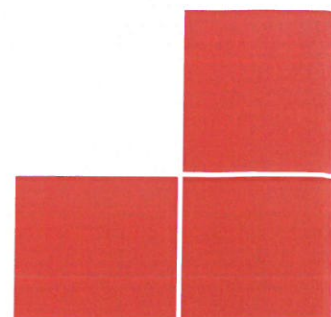
Mr Michael Thomas (All Saints)

EMPLOYEES OF THE PCC

In 2025, the following worked as paid employees of the PCC:

- Parish Office and Communications Manager
- Verger
- Cleaner
- Financial Administrator (from September)
- CAP Debt Center Manager (from September)

The PCC is aware of its obligations for automatic enrolment under the Workplace Pensions Scheme and has fully complied with these.



The Holy Spirit at work

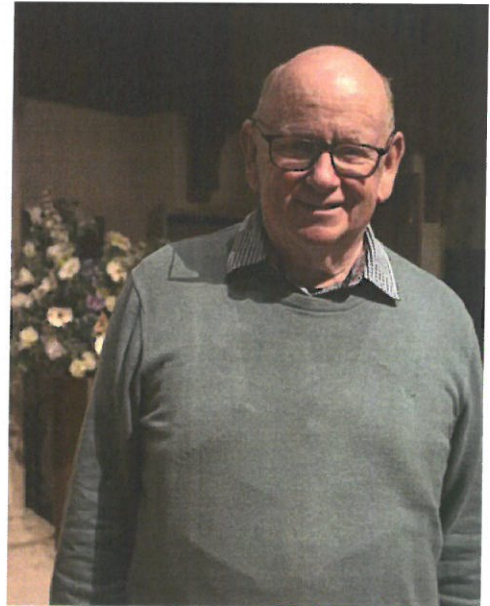
The parish ran an Alpha course attended by around 30 people, many of whom had no previous connection with the church. Alongside this, more people began gathering regularly to pray, and congregations at St Peter and St Paul continued to grow. Over the course of the year, the Sunday congregation increased from around 20 people to over 100.

Courses: Nicola Lambley joined the Alpha course in June. She was also among nearly 50 people taking part the church's 'Practicing the Way' course. She was baptised at St Peter & St Paul later in November. She said, *"I am new to Christianity, so I was exploring churches. I've always known this church throughout my life but never been to a service here. I walked in one day, and they were the most welcoming, lovely people and I haven't stopped coming since. I'm excited about being baptised. It's been on my heart for a while, and then the Alpha course cemented it, and getting to know the Bible and Jesus as well. I am hungry and thirsty to learn, and Revd Steve has put on all these courses, and he's done a lot to try and feed that hunger that a lot of us have got, not just me."*

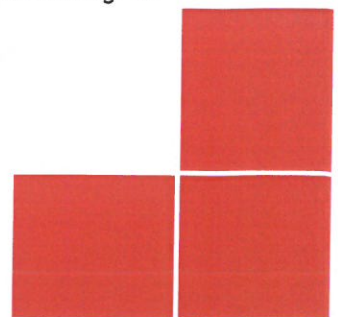


Teaching: Callum Rylance, who is 24 years old, started coming to St Peter and Paul after being invited by people he met in the community. He said, *"I'd tried to figure out a lot of things by myself over the last couple of years and made good progress, but I'd never quite pulled it all together and I was feeling a bit lost. Then I came here and they were speaking of things I'd already learnt, but in a more cohesive way. The more I come back, the more I learn and the more the little bits of knowledge are being pulled together into wisdom. It's bringing me greater peace, a sense of ease and connection with other people as well."*

Come and See: Revd Canon Peter Vargeson retired to Ringwood in 2017 after being vicar of Bursledon and helped establish The Well. He said, *"The biggest change has been when Stephen arrived, he was very insistent on biblical preaching. We preached our way through John. We preached our way through Galatians, thinking hard about what being a Christian means and how we encounter Jesus. In John, Jesus says to the disciples, 'if you want to know what's going on, come and see' and people have come here to see and have stayed. It's so powerful to see God at work. It's a new freedom here and a new family being built. We do this service twice a month. Our other services are more traditional, but in a much more relaxed style now, wanting to be open, wanting to be invitational, wanting people to have the opportunity to come and see."*



Change: James Swyer has been attending St Peter and St Paul for around nine years and has witnessed the changes. He said, *"You can see both high church and more expressive church as well, but you'll see the same faces at both, which has been really encouraging. We run a variety of different events in the morning as well, study groups and prayer sessions and there are different things that have made this space, and this community feel more welcoming to people."*



Prayer life

Prayer continues to be the foundation of the life and ministry of the parish, and during 2025 there has been a renewed and growing commitment to meeting together to pray. From the beginning of the year, Morning Prayer was held each weekday at St Peter & St Paul, creating a regular rhythm of worship and reflection at the heart of parish life.

The prayer gatherings take many different forms, such as unstructured Benefice Prayer or Celtic Prayer. These times together have provided space to pray for our churches, our communities, and the wider world, and have become an important source of encouragement and unity.

In addition, more prayer stations have been placed around St Peter & St Paul, offering opportunities for personal reflection and encouraging visitors and congregants to pause, pray and engage with God in their own way. Attendance at all these gatherings has steadily grown, and those who meet regularly have helped nurture a deeper culture of prayer within the parish. Through this shared commitment, we have seen how prayer continues to strengthen both individuals and the wider life of our churches as we seek God's guidance for the future.



The Well

The Well's very simple vision is to be a place where people might encounter Jesus, in the preaching of the Word, in worship and through prayer in the power of the Spirit. It has been exciting, and humbling, to see the numbers grow to such an extent that we have had to move from St John's to St Peter and St Paul's. Thank you to St John's for the years they have hosted The Well.

We have sought to fulfil the vision by preaching faithfully from God's word, learning what it means to be disciples committed to following Jesus every day. In worship we try to leave space for God to move by his Spirit and be sensitive to all that he is doing.

We are on a journey and still learning, but it is thrilling to see all that God is doing. One new development is that people are coming from other churches, enabling us to remember and celebrate what it means to be God's church together in Ringwood.

Thanks are due to the wonderful catering team for delicious cakes and refreshments. Also, to the tech team with ever rising demand for TV screens and sound kit, and to the band for leading our worship.

John 4:24 "God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth."

Revd Canon Peter Vargeson



Easter Sun Rise service

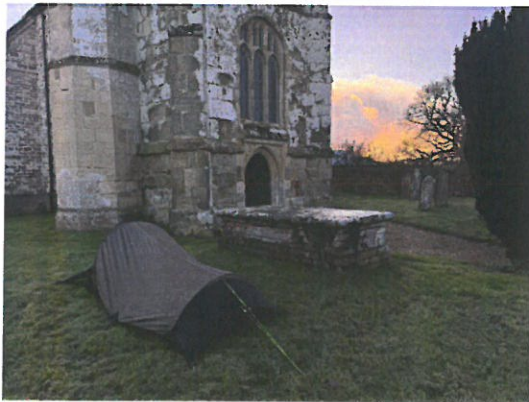
On Easter Sunday we met at Avon Beach to watch the sun rise as we received communion.

This service holds a special place in many hearts, and we continue this at sunrise every Easter.



Sleepout Challenge

We ran the first Church Urban Fund Sleepout at a Bisterne barn in 2015. Over the years we have also slept in cardboard boxes in Ringwood CE Infant School's playground and through storms. However, the routine ceased after COVID. This year we revived it with Paul Gray sleeping in every churchyard in the parish, including stormy nights at St. John's and Bisterne and sub-zero (but beautiful) moonlit nights at Harbridge and Ellingham. Kevin Jones joined for a night at the Parish Church. Almost £2000 was raised and the enthusiasm means we plan a larger event in 2026.





Our Churches

The Parish of Ringwood with Ellingham & Harbridge is blessed with five distinct churches, each contributing its own character, style and tradition to our shared life of worship.

St Peter & St Paul serves as the central parish church, offering a rich blend of traditional liturgy alongside more contemporary elements, and is the hub for weekday prayer and larger whole parish and benefice gatherings. St John's in Poulner with its welcoming atmosphere, provides space for reflective worship and family friendly activities in the hall. All Saints in Harbridge retains a more intimate setting, fostering close-knit fellowship and personal pastoral care. St Mary & All Saints, Ellingham brings together traditional Book of Common Prayer worship with local school services. St Paul, Bisterne is important to the rural community being an integral part of the farming area surrounding it.

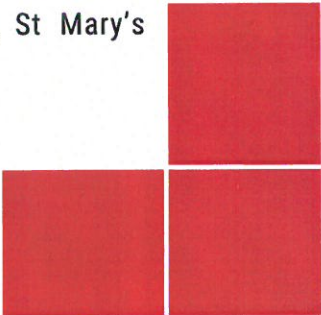
Together, these churches reflect the diversity of worship within the parish, ranging from traditional and reflective to family-friendly and interactive, yet all are united in their commitment to prayer, service and community.

Average Sunday attendance for the Parish of Ringwood with Ellingham and Harbridge during 2025 was 187, an encouraging increase from last year's number.

Attendance on Easter Sunday 254 was, of these 161 were communicants. At Christmas, communicants for the five Churches in the Parish totaled 220. 31 baptisms, 12 weddings, and 31 church funerals were conducted in the Parish. There were four interments in our churchyards and ten cremation services were conducted.

THE PARISH OF RINGWOOD CHURCHYARDS

The Parish Churchyard is closed to further burials and, by reason of the provisions of the Local Government Act 1972, it is the responsibility of Ringwood Town Council to maintain the Church's grounds and paths. We are grateful to our Local Authority for their time and expertise in this respect. Currently, the Churchyards at St Paul's Bisterne, St Mary's Ellingham and All Saints' Harbridge are open and in the care of the PCC.

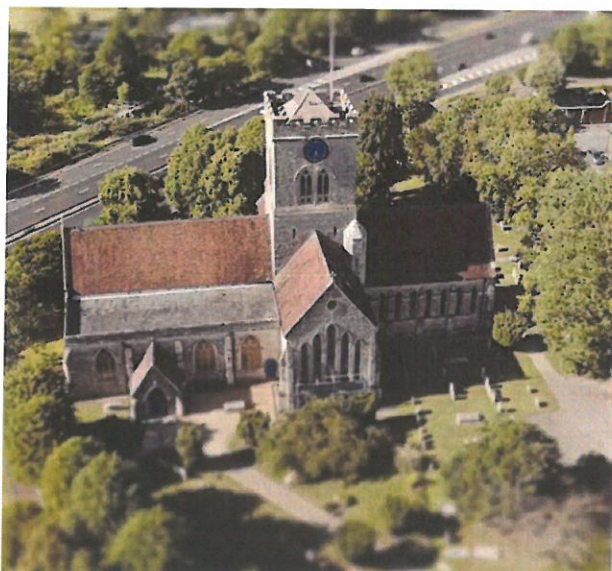
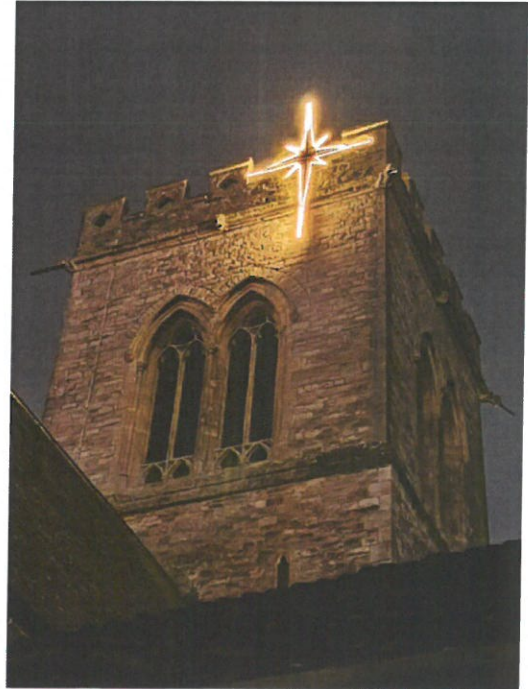


St Peter & St Paul, Ringwood

St Peter & St Paul, Ringwood Parish Church, continued in 2025 to stand at the heart of the town, geographically, emotionally and spiritually. Widely regarded as 'the town church', it serves the community through a significant ministry of baptisms, weddings, funerals and civic occasions, as well as through its daily presence and welcome.

The congregations value a broad range of worship styles, reflecting the diversity of those who gather week by week. There is a clear and growing commitment to all-member ministry, with lay people actively sharing in leadership, pastoral care, and the practical outworking of church life.

Alongside this, there is a shared vision for growing congregations, in depth of discipleship as well as in number. The church seeks to be confident in faith, generous in service, and open in invitation. Careful repair and refurbishment of the beautiful building continues, ensuring it remains both a place of worship and a resource for the whole town for generations to come.



KINGDOM KIDS

Kingdom Kids is a vibrant and welcoming part of our Sunday morning ministry, providing a fun, safe and encouraging environment for children aged 3–13. Through Bible teaching, prayer, games, and creative activities, we seek to help children grow in their understanding of Jesus and develop a personal faith. We are grateful for our committed volunteer team who faithfully serve each week, and we are encouraged by the growing engagement and enthusiasm of the children and families involved.

TEA AND TOAST TODDLER GROUP

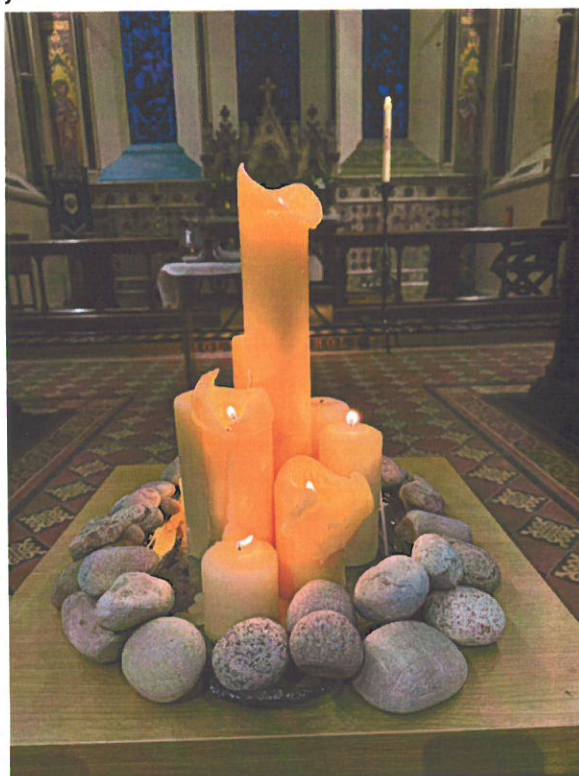
Tea and Toast started in January and has become a well-loved and welcoming toddler group within the life of the parish. Meeting weekly during term time, it provides a relaxed and friendly space for parents, carers, and young children to gather, play and build relationships.

Each week between 10 and 20 families attend, making it a lively and supportive community. The sessions offer a range of toys and activities for the children, while adults have the opportunity to chat and connect with others over tea, coffee, and toast. The group has become an important point of contact for many families in the area, offering both friendship and informal support.

Tea and Toast also provides a gentle introduction to the church for many who may not otherwise attend, helping to strengthen links between the church and local families. We are grateful to the dedicated volunteers who give their time each week to prepare refreshments, welcome families, and help the group run smoothly.

CRAFTY CORNER

Crafty Corner is an evening held once a month for women to gather together and having a time of fellowship centered around crafts, coffee, and cake. As well as it being a space where women can have time to relax and step away from their chaotic lives for an evening, it's also a place where non-Christians can feel welcomed and a stepping stone to getting into the church. We hope that the group can carry on being a space where women feel comfortable and, in the future, we can create more ways to develop faith within the group.

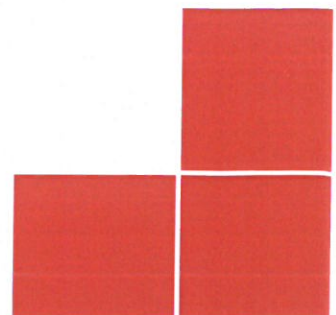
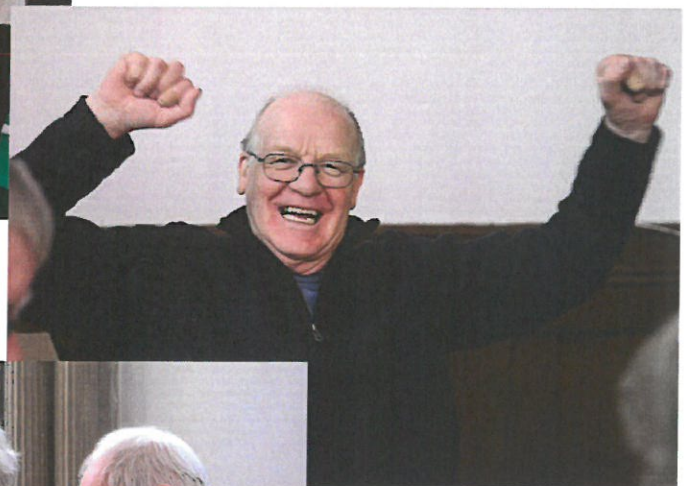


ST PETER & ST PAUL FUNDRAISING

A small and dedicated team of six members from St Peter and St Paul's organised a variety of fundraising and social events throughout the year, including quiz nights, lunches, concerts, bingo afternoons, a garden party, the summer fair and supporting events such as Ride and Stride and the town carnival. These occasions not only raised valuable funds for the church but also provided enjoyable opportunities for people in the congregation and wider community to gather together.

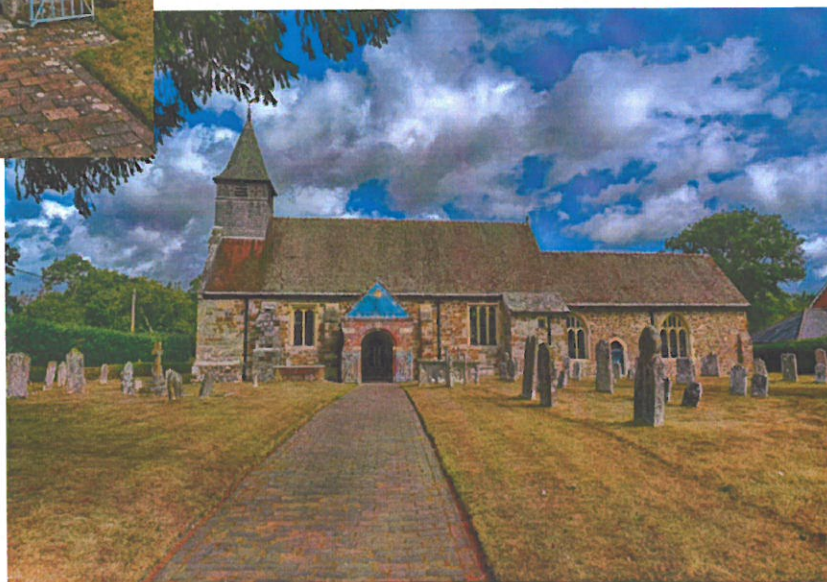
The highlight of the year was the Christmas Fair, which raised an excellent £1,526, despite a shortage of helpers and the challenges of organising multiple stalls. This brought the year's total to almost £6,000 – an incredible achievement.

As some members of the team are now moving on, the long-standing fundraising group has come to an end after many years of faithful service. We offer our sincere thanks to them for their dedication, hard work and creativity in supporting the life of the church. We look ahead with hope that new volunteers and fresh opportunities for fundraising will emerge in the future.



St Mary & All Saints, Ellingham

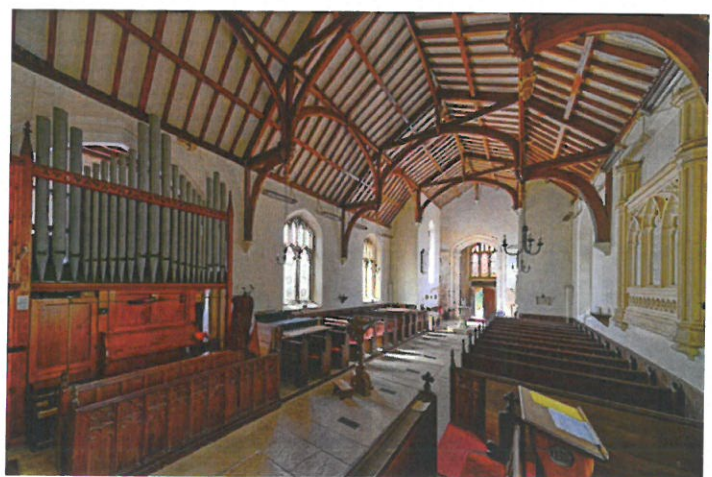
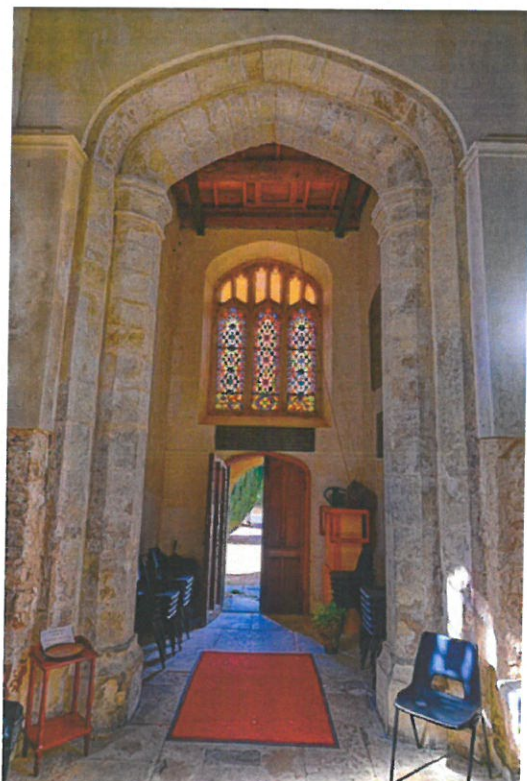
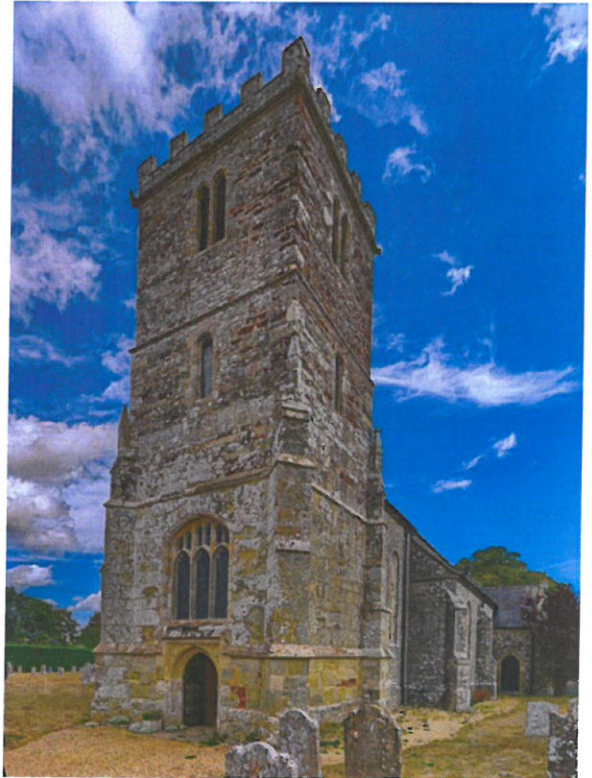
St Mary & All Saints, Ellingham, continues to offer a faithful and rooted expression of worship within a beautiful Norman setting. The congregation values the richness and reverence of traditional Book of Common Prayer services, thoughtfully led and enhanced by an enthusiastic and committed choir. Alongside this, a monthly modern family service provides a welcoming and accessible space for all ages. The church maintains strong and valued links with the neighbouring nursery school, local Scouts, and Moyles Court, nurturing relationships that connect church and community across the generations.



All Saints, Harbridge

Harbridge church remains a treasured focal point for its small rural community. With origins in the 15th century and rebuilt in 1838, the building carries its history lightly, offering a simple and prayerful setting at the heart of a hamlet of around 25 homes.

Alongside its pattern of worship, the church serves as a valued gathering space for meetings and concerts, reflecting its role as both a spiritual and community hub. Seasonal services continue to be particularly special occasions: the much-loved Carol Service with Hyde Brass Band draws the community together each Christmas, while traditional celebration services remain central moments in the life of the village.



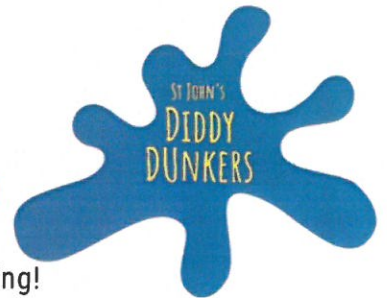
St John's Poulner

St John's continues to be a much-loved church at the heart of its community in 2025. Those who worship there value its warmth and sense of belonging – a genuine church family where people are known, cared for, and encouraged. The atmosphere remains relaxed and welcoming, with space for spiritual gifts to flourish and for lay ministry to play a full and valued part in the life of the church.

Alongside regular Sunday worship, St John's hosts a thriving weekly toddler group, a popular monthly Messy Church, and a café-style Family Service each month, helping to connect with children and families in a natural and accessible way. The spacious hall, with its well-equipped kitchen, and the smaller adjoining room continue to be well used by church activities, community groups, and local businesses, ensuring the building serves the neighbourhood throughout the week as well as on Sundays.



St John's, Poulner Family Ministry



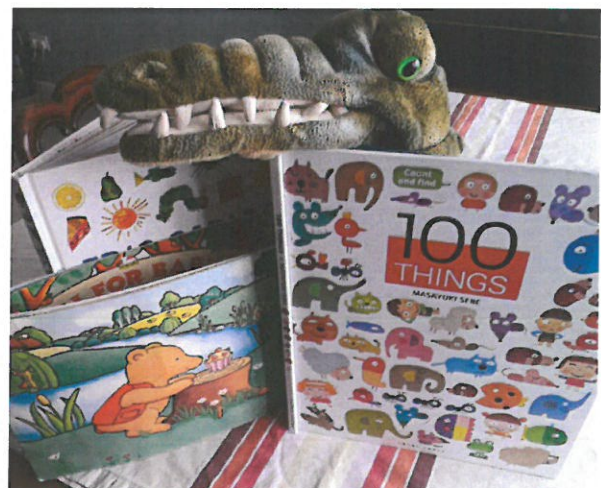
Family Ministry at St John's is thriving!

Diddy Dunkers Toddler Group continues to meet every Monday morning during term time and has seen significant growth. A number of families from Diddy Dunkers also attend Messy Church which meets once-a-month in the hall and church.

During the past year some of the families have come along to St John's Family Service and some of the other gatherings at St John's too, including The Heart of Advent Worship Service and Christmas Day Service. At Christmas time, every family from Diddy Dunkers and Messy Church were given the gift of a book which retold the Christmas story.

The team meet regularly to plan and pray for Messy Church and Diddy Dunkers.

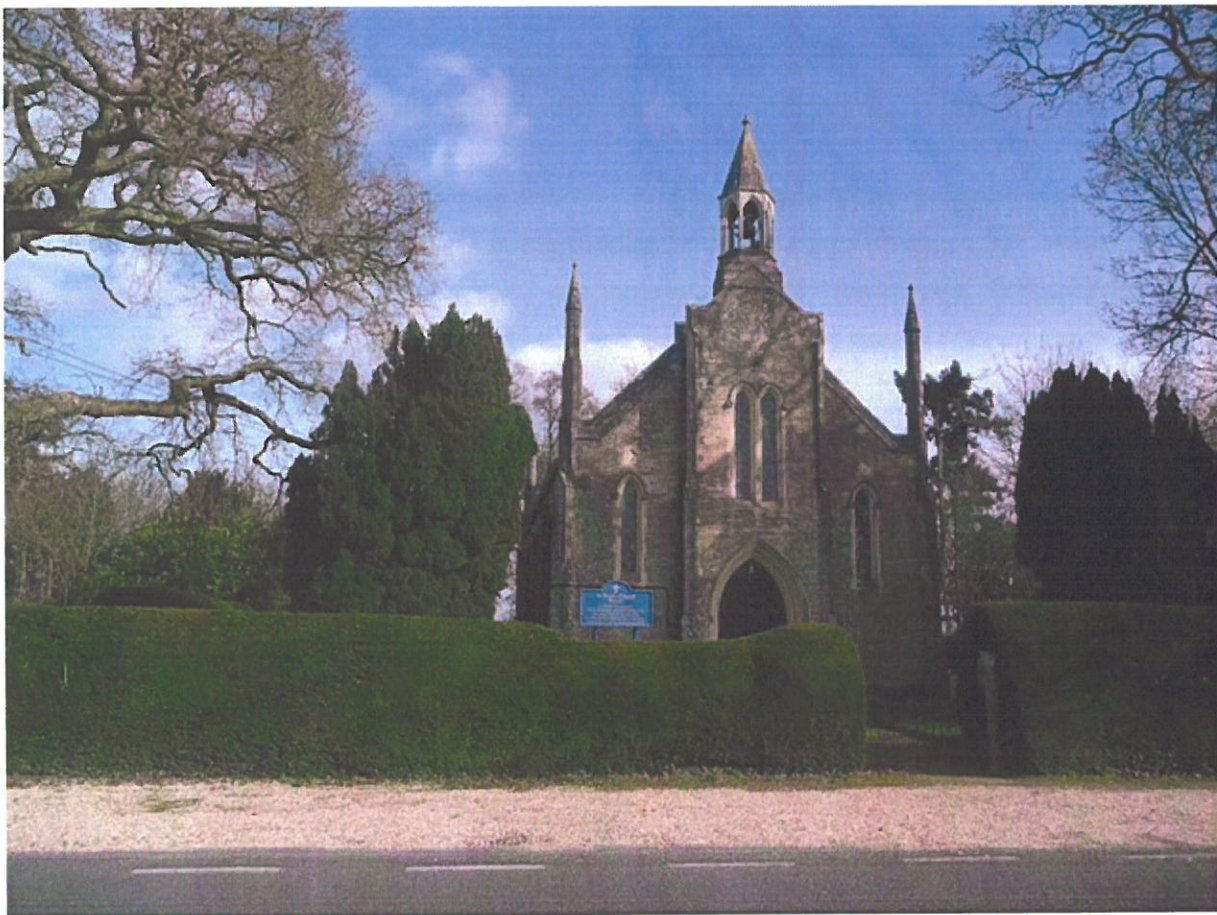
Our prayer and vision is that all generations in families will come together to worship and grow together in faith and continue to build relationships with others in St John's and the wider community. We are so grateful for the wonderful Team that are so faithful, prayerful, supportive, flexible, encouraging and offer practical help in every aspect of Family Ministry at St John's.

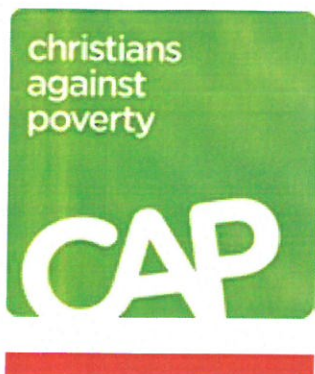


St Paul, Bisterne

St Paul's, Bisterne, continues in 2025 to offer a distinctive and deeply valued expression of rural worship within the parish. Nestling among trees and surrounded by open fields, it remains a peaceful and prayerful setting where creation itself draws people into praise.

The church's life is closely interwoven with the rhythm of the surrounding mixed-farming estate, which hosts much-loved events including the Barn Dance, Harvest Festival, Ride and Stride, the nationally renowned Scarecrow Competition and Open Farm Sunday, welcoming thousands of visitors each year. A strong commitment to conservation across the estate reflects a shared care for God's creation, and St Paul's is especially cherished by those who find their faith enriched by the countryside and the rich biblical imagery it evokes.





In recent years it has become more apparent that poverty and issues with money have been increasing, Church leaders in Ringwood have been increasingly aware that whilst there is help available and that debt help does exist locally that for some of the more vulnerable people in our community something more was required. Working together and with the support of Ringwood Foodbank it was agreed that the provision of a Christians Against Poverty Debt Centre was needed.

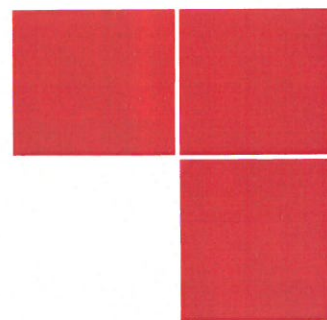
Christians Against Poverty (CAP) is a Christian charitable organisation that provides free professional services to individuals and families struggling with financial crisis, including unmanageable debt, unemployment, and low income. The organisation is national and based in Bradford where it was started in 1996 but now working through local church partnership is serving the whole of the up.

CAP offers several free programs delivered face-to-face through a network of local churches:

- **Debt Help:** A comprehensive service where debt coaches visit clients at home, help them set a realistic budget, and negotiate with creditors to find a route to becoming debt-free.
- **Money Coaching:** Workshops designed to teach budgeting skills and empower people to manage their finances effectively.
- **Job Clubs:** Friendly community groups that provide practical help and tools for those seeking employment.
- **Life Skills:** Groups that teach practical survival skills for living well on a low income

Funding to set up a local debt centre and employ a Debt coach and centre manager for three years was obtained through the Churches Together in Ringwood and District and from a grant provided by Ringwood Foodbank. The appointment of a manager was made in September 2025 with operations being based in the offices of Ringwood Parish who are acting as the employer and lead church in the partnership. By the end of 2025 the structure of the Debt Centre organisation was in place and initial training of the debt coach was underway, operation of the centre will commence in early 2026 upon receipt of authorisation from CAP and finalisation of all safeguarding measures.

Parish Safeguarding



Safeguarding is the responsibility of all and the principles and practice of safeguarding continue to be central to the ministry and activities in the Parish of Ringwood with Ellingham and Harbridge. A safe, caring environment is key to our work, as is the provision of an appropriate space where victims of abuse can report or disclose concerns and find support. The Parish Safeguarding Handbook together with the Parish of Ringwood's Safeguarding Policy is available online at ringwoodbenefice.org.uk/safeguarding.

Disclosure Barring Service (DBS) checks have continued to be carried out throughout 2025 by Samantha Swyer, the Parish DBS Administrator.

In 2025 the Parish Safeguarding Officer was Mrs Elizabeth Halford.

Good safeguarding practice needs to be integral to our parish life – it is everyone's responsibility. The vast majority of our volunteers have engaged willingly with safeguarding training. The PCC, together with the incumbent, are the main decision-makers in the parish: as Charity Trustees PCC members should be aware of the special responsibilities they carry. Activities organised in the name of the Church should follow all the procedures at set-up to ensure full safeguarding compliance.

Elizabeth Halford

We are grateful to our Parish Safeguarding Officer and the Diocesan Safeguarding Team for their ongoing guidance.





Pastoral & Home Groups

PASTORAL WORK, INCLUDING VISITING THE SICK AND THE BEREAVED

The Ministry Team members conducted 31 Baptisms in the Parish in 2025 and continue to guide families in accordance with the practices of the Church of England. All families were required to attend Baptism Preparation, these sessions aim to foster engagement with the church's family ministry, promoting participation in parent and toddler groups, as well as Messy Church.

In February 2025, a Marriage Preparation Day was organised for couples intending to marry in the Parish. Twelve weddings took place within the parish in 2025.

Weekly intercessions include prayers for all those who are sick or bereaved. Clergy and Pastoral Visitors extend support by visiting the sick and housebound both at home and in hospital, as requested.


There were 45 people in attendance at the annual Service for the Commemoration of the Departed. The congregation was made up primarily of bereaved families, rather than regular churchgoers, highlighting the special significance this service holds for those remembering their loved ones.

TEACHING THROUGH SERMONS, COURSES, AND SMALL GROUPS

House groups, small gatherings, and Bible study sessions throughout the Parish convened regularly for weekly or bi-weekly exploration of scripture and prayer. The Mothers' Union group has consistently gathered on a monthly basis, providing unwavering support to the Parish. There were no Confirmation Candidates this year however 13 adult baptisms took place at St Peter & St Paul with hope that many of these candidates will be Confirmed in 2026.

FUNERALS

Over 2025, 41 funerals were conducted by a member of our Ministry Team. Grief and bereavement care is of vital importance and we aim to look deeper into these issues in 2026.





Advent & Christmas

Advent and Christmas provided many opportunities to welcome people from across the parish and wider community into our churches. Advent began at St Mary and All Saints, Ellingham, with a peaceful Darkness to Light service.

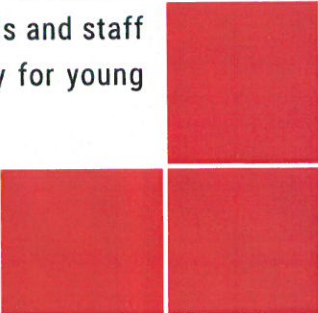
A number of special services were held across the benefice, including the Mayor's Carol Service at St Peter and St Paul, a Family Heart of Advent service at St John's followed by a Christmas lunch supporting our mission partners in Kinkiizi, Nine Lessons and Carols with the Hyde Band at All Saints, Harbridge, and a benefice service at St Paul's, Bisterne on the Sunday before Christmas.

Across Advent, 855 people attended these services. During the season, over 650 *Why Christmas?* booklets were taken across the parish, inviting people to reflect on the hope and meaning of the Christmas story, and invitations were shared for the Alpha course beginning in January.

Throughout Advent, the illuminated star shining from the tower of St Peter and St Paul served once again as a visible sign of hope for the town. Seen from across Ringwood, it echoed the star that guided the wise men to Bethlehem and offered a quiet reminder of the light of Christ shining in the darkness.

On Christmas Eve and Christmas Day, a further 378 people gathered for worship across the parish, including Midnight Communion at St Peter and St Paul and Christmas Day services in three churches. Across these services there were 220 communicants, marking the celebration of Christ's birth at the heart of our parish life.

Our churches continued to strengthen their links with local schools. The Parish Church of St Peter and St Paul welcomed Ringwood Church of England Infant School, Ringwood Junior School, and Moyles Court School for their Christmas services. St Mary and All Saints also hosted Moyles Court School for their much-loved Christingle service and welcomed Ellingham House Nursery for a special Christmas celebration. In total, 1,387 pupils and staff attended services held specifically for schools, providing a valuable opportunity for young people to experience the Christmas story within the life of the church.





Local Schools

TAKING OF RELIGIOUS ASSEMBLIES (COLLECTIVE WORSHIP) IN SCHOOLS

The Ministry Team maintained termly Collective Worship at Ringwood Church of England Infant School, thanks to the invaluable support of our retired clergy. We hope to continue to strengthen our relationships with local schools as our Ministry Team grows.

Moyles Court School regularly worship at St Mary & All Saints Church, holding special services there throughout the year.


During December, four local schools hosted Carol Services in our churches and two schools planned Christingle Services. During Advent the number of people attending services held specifically for schools totalled 1,387.

MEET & EAT

Meet and Eat is an initiative led by Ringwood Church of England Infant School, supported by the church. The group brings together families identified by the school, offering a welcoming space where supportive relationships can develop and a sense of community can grow.

Sessions focus on building confidence, strengthening connections, and sharing practical skills. Each gathering centres around preparing and enjoying a meal together, alongside a variety of activities such as arts and crafts, group games, planting seeds, table tennis, and darts.

This year, the group has continued to meet every two weeks during term time at St Peter & St Paul and has welcomed new families while continuing to welcome and support existing families. Volunteer numbers increased with the addition of two new helpers from the church and a Moorlands Student on placement with the Benefice. The group was able to offer the families an outing during the school summer holidays to Liberty Raptor and Reptile Centre thanks to the support of the Mothers Union and held a Christmas party with a full Christmas dinner together in the Church.





Christchurch Deanery Synod

Deanery Synod is a link between our PCC and the Diocesan Synod. Its role is mainly to look after mission and pastoral matters in the Deanery, help parishes deliver the Diocesan strategic priorities and to monitor and support the allocation of Parish Share across the Deanery to the Common Mission Fund. Christchurch Deanery Synod met three times in 2025.

In February we welcomed the new Bishop of Southampton, Bishop Rhiannon King to St Mary the Virgin Bransgore. It was a wonderful opportunity to get to know her and hear her very inspiring talk which included highlighting the power of prayer.

In June at Ellingham the focus was on finance with the presentation of a Diocesan Financial Briefing by Alistair Barron and Mark Teahan from the Diocese. The Deanery also passed a motion to take to Diocesan Synod: Christchurch Deanery Synod calls upon Diocesan Synod to adopt the strategy set out in the paper Crossing the Threshold, a Hereford Diocese Toolkit, and consider the Use of Church Buildings as Community Assets. This was subsequently adopted by Diocesan Synod, with some amendments.

The meeting in October at St Mary's Fordingbridge heard an informative talk from Jemima Lewis (Head of Communications and Engagement for the Diocese) on how to maximise our communications potential, followed by an update on Kinkiizi by the Kinkiizi Action Group Chair Gill Tybjerg after her recent visit there.

The Deanery overseas link with Kinkiizi Diocese Uganda continues to thrive. The project chosen to support in 2025 was construction of teachers' weeknight accommodation to ease transport problems to the remote village of Bwanja. £8000 was raised and building began in September. In total £8540 was donated to Kinkiizi, including support for retired priests.

During 2025 there have been a number of parishes in vacancy. Some appointments have been made and new clergy now begin to make a difference in those places. We have also said goodbye to Rev Canon Charles Stewart who retired from Christchurch and Rev Dr Ben Sargent who moved on from New Forest Edge Benefice. We are still awaiting the appointment of an Area Dean.

Deanery Synod meetings are now all open meetings for anyone to attend should they so wish. (Only if a vote is called are restrictions in place for elected members only to cast such a vote.) I would encourage everyone to consider coming along to hear interesting speakers, have a chance to meet other people from across the Deanery, and to share experiences for mutual support.

Gill Tybjerg



Vicar and Church Wardens Accounts

The Laura Collins Trust and the School House fund sit outside of the PCC accounts and are operated by the Vicar and Churchwardens. All funds are held by NatWest. In 2024 we began the process of moving administration of the accounts online.

The Laura Collins Trust

Opening balance	£188.25
Interest	£2.09
Closing balance	£190.34

All funds are held in a NatWest reserve account and can only be accessed via the School House current account.

The School House Fund

Created by the sale of the original School House of Ringwood Infant School to the LEA in the 1970's. Funds are held in a reserve account and a current account with NatWest.

School House reserve account

Opening balance	£10,909.61
Total interest paid	£121.78
Closing balance	£11,031.39

School House current account

Opening balance	£250.07
Expenditure	£131.90 Bibles for Baptisms
Closing balance	£118.17

The funds are restricted as to their use, to be for the benefit of the pupils of Ringwood Infant School and, if required, for the children of the Parish of Ringwood more widely.

I have been trying throughout 2025 to get these accounts online so that transactions can be completed speedily and easily. However NatWest have been very difficult and I have not yet had any success. The Vicar and Churchwardens wish to close the Laura Collins account as it holds such a small amount and transfer this to the School House current account. However, this again has not been successful and I will continue to do battle with the bank in 2026. Jacqueline Brown, Churchwarden



Risk Management

Risk is defined in the Charities Act 1993 and the PCC (5th edition, 2017) as 'the threat that an event or action will adversely affect an organisation's ability to achieve its objectives and execute its strategies.' The PCC reviews the major risks it faces and continues to develop systems and procedures to manage them effectively.

Operational risks – health and safety; upkeep of buildings; employment

The PCC is grateful to those who raise concerns through committees and maintain vigilance. The PCC is currently seeking a volunteer to serve as Health & Safety Officer. Risks to church buildings are managed through ongoing maintenance and repairs in line with recommendations from Quinquennial Reports, overseen by Church Committees and Churchwardens. Employment risks are minimised through formal contracts, designated line managers, payment at or above the Living Wage, and a Staff Handbook outlining PCC policies.

Financial risks

The PCC monitors financial risks relating to reserves, cashflow, income stability, investments and fraud. Income and expenditure are reviewed regularly to ensure financial stability, and the Church of England Parish Buying Scheme is used where possible to reduce costs. The parish currently has a vacancy for a Stewardship Adviser. Professional bookkeeping support is provided by Emma Lessells of Coast Book-keeping, working closely with the Treasurer, Roger Dewar. Lisa Hover was appointed as Financial Administrator in September to assist the Treasurer. Parish accounts are prepared using Xero accounting software. The Finance Team, comprising of representatives from each church, continues to support the Treasurer and provides advice to the PCC. The group is currently chaired by Hallam Mills.

External risks

Risks to the PCC's reputation are minimised through promoting best practice in all aspects of parish life. Staff and volunteers are expected to be familiar with their roles, follow agreed procedures and undertake training where required. Diocesan guidance informs the parish's approach to working with both volunteers and employees, supported by the Staff Handbook.

Regulatory risks

PCC minutes demonstrate the steps taken to comply with Church of England guidance, Canon Law, Charity Commission regulations, and the Statement of Recommended Practice for accounting, as well as Health and Safety, Safeguarding and other relevant legislation. Parish policies are regularly reviewed and updated.

Governance risks

The PCC relies heavily on volunteers whose service supports the life and mission of the parish. However, there is an ongoing challenge as volunteer availability decreases while legal, financial and administrative responsibilities for PCCs continue to increase.

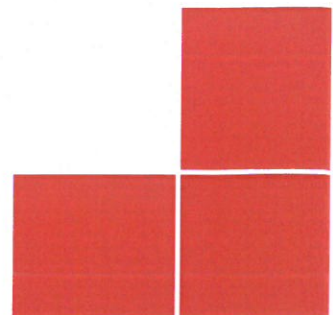
DECLARATION

The Trustees declare they have approved the Trustee's Report above.

Signed on behalf of the Charity's Trustees.

Revd Stephen Miles
Chairman

Date: 15/04/2026





Financial Reports

2025 has as in previous years presented challenges to our finances as we continue to deal with escalating inflationary pressures and essential repairs to our ancient buildings.

Under the energetic leadership of the Rev' Stephen and thanks to the continued support of our retired Clergy and LLMs our congregations are both evolving and at the parish Church growing steadily. The increased support for The Parish Giving Scheme together with a full range a full range of social and fund-raising events in all our Churches has helped to boost our income.

Inflationary and other pressures have seen a huge jump in energy and other operating costs and these have affected the financial stability of all our premises be they Churches or Halls in recent years. The Parish Church alone is now facing gas bills for heating of more than £1,500 a month during the coldest 6 months of the year. Action has been taken in conjunction with the Church of England's Energy Buying Scheme to appoint new suppliers during the past year.

Our incoming resources from all areas increased from £312,292 to £316,189 a modest increase of £3,897. Much of this increase is due to the fund-raising efforts of the Parish Church Bellringers who are continuing to raise funds for the installation of two new bells and the refurbishment of others. We have also been actively working to increase the Parish Church Fabric Fund in preparation for major repair work in 2026. Grant income is expected for these anticipated works but it will not be received until 2026.

We have been fortunate for many years in being able to claim a refund of VAT on building and other repairs through the Government's 'Listed Places of Worship Grant Scheme' as four of our five Churches have Listed Status.

Unfortunately, this was severely restricted during 2025 and abolished entirely on 31 March 2026. A replacement grant scheme entitled 'Places of Worship Renewal Fund is to be launched by the Government in 2026. This will not be based on VAT and will be a normal grant scheme thereby becoming more competitive.

Overall, our total Capital & Reserves increased fractionally from £318,382 to £334,727.

We continue to pay our Common Mission Fund in full with all our Churches being able to pay their share in full and are committed to do so again in 2026. The apportionment between our five Churches is based on their Worshipping Community.

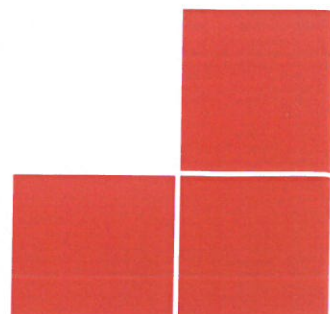
We continue to promote the Parish Giving Scheme as our preferred source for congregational giving.

As in past years we are forever grateful to the Trustees of The Friends of Ringwood Parish Church; The Friends of Bisterne Church; Ellingham Church Fabric Appeal Fund; Guardians of St Johns Church for their financial support of repairs to the fabric of our buildings.

Due to increased energy costs and other inflationary pressures on our operations and those of our congregations together with the closure of the Listed Places of Worship Grant Scheme it is anticipated that 2026 will be another financially challenging year.

In budgeting for 2026 it is the continued intention of the Parish Finance Committee to explore all avenues for increasing income and controlling expenditure.

Roger Dewar
PCC Treasurer



**THE PCC OF THE PARISH OF ST PETER AND ST PAUL RINGWOOD
YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2025**

**INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF
THE PCC OF THE PARISH OF ST PETER AND ST PAUL RINGWOOD (Charity No:
1134815) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2025**

**Independent examiner's Report to the Trustees of the Parish of St Peter and St Paul
Ringwood.**

Respective responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity trustees of the Trust you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 (the Act).

I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(S)(b) of the Act.

Independent examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

1. Accounting records were not kept in respect of the Trust as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. The accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. The accounts do not comply with applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair view' which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

Although, I have no concerns on the actual figures, the PCC is using a software product (Xero) that requires a lot of both software and process knowledge to produce the information the PCC require. This needs to be documented fully to ensure information is freely available to the PCC including the split between Restricted and Unrestricted funds



Lee Newman FCCA

Vantage Accounting Services Limited

April 9, 2026

THE PCC OF THE PARISH OF ST PETER AND ST PAUL RINGWOOD
CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2025

	Note	General Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	2025	2024
INCOMING RESOURCES						
Donations and legacies	2a	166,753	68,928	-	235,681	224,522
Charitable activities	2b	22,761	11,863	-	34,624	46,985
Investments	2c	3,313	6,354	-	9,667	10,893
Church Activities	2d	16,233	100	-	16,333	16,380
Other	2e	-	19,884	-	19,884	13,512
TOTAL INCOMING RESOURCES		209,060	107,129	-	316,189	312,292
RESOURCES EXPENDED						
Expenditure on church activities	3a	168,056	105,167	-	273,223	247,113
Expenditure on fund raising	3b	6,117	3,332	-	9,449	8,628
Other	3c	15,444	1,728	-	17,172	14,962
TOTAL RESOURCES EXPENDED		189,617	110,227	-	299,844	270,703
Net Incoming before transfers		19,443	(3,098)	-	16,345	41,589
Un-realised gains / losses		-	-	-	-	-
Total funds brought forward		67,914	250,468	-	318,382	276,793
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD		87,357	247,370	-	334,727	318,382

THE PCC OF THE PARISH OF ST PETER AND ST PAUL RINGWOOD
CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEET
YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2025

	Notes	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Endowment Funds £	Total 2025 £	Total 2024 £
FIXED ASSETS						
Tangible - Fixtures and equipment	4		-		-	951
		-	-	-	-	951
CURRENT ASSETS						
Debtors and prepayments	5	2,677	-	-	2,677	2,612
Bank and cash balances		95,772	247,213	-	342,985	323,017
		98,449	247,213	-	345,662	325,629
LIABILITIES						
Creditors and accruals	6	11,091	(156)	-	10,935	8,198
NET CURRENT ASSETS						
		87,358	247,369	-	334,727	317,431
NET ASSETS						
		87,358	247,369	-	334,727	318,382
REPRESENTED BY						
ACCUMULATED FUNDS						
Unrestricted		87,358			87,358	67,914
Restricted			247,369		247,369	250,468
		87,358	247,369	-	334,727	318,382

Approved on behalf of the Board of Trustees

Revd Stephen Miles
Chairman

Date:

15/04/2026

**THE PCC OF THE PARISH OF ST PETER AND ST PAUL RINGWOOD
NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2025**

1 GENERAL ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of accounting

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention with items recognised at cost or transaction values unless otherwise stated in the relevant notes to these financial statements.

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) issued on 16 July 2014 and with the Charities Act 2011.

All of the Charities operations are continuing.

Reconciliation with previously generally accepted accounting practice

In preparing the financial statements, the Trustees have considered whether in applying the accounting policies required by FRS 102 and the Charities SORP FRS 102 the restatement of comparative items was required.

Preparation of the financial statements on a going concern basis

There were no material uncertainties about the Charity's ability to continue.

Funds from activities

General funds represent the funds of the PCC that are not subject to any restrictions regarding their use and are available for application on the general purposes of the PCC. Funds designated for a particular purpose by the PCC are also unrestricted.

Restricted funds are those that must be spent in accordance with the wishes of the donor and details of the funds held and restrictions are provided in Note 12.

Endowment funds, where the capital must be retained, are also explained in Note 12.

Funds from activities (continued)

Voluntary income and capital sources

Collections are recognised when received by or on behalf of the PCC. Planned giving receivable under Gift Aid is recognised only when received. Tax recoverable on Gift Aid donations is recognised when the donation is recognised. Grants and legacies to the PCC are accounted for as soon as the PCC is notified of its legal entitlement, the amount due is quantifiable and its ultimate receipt by the PCC is reasonably certain. Funds raised by the social committees and all other incoming resources are accounted for gross.

Other income

Rental income from the letting of church premises is recognised when the rental is due.

Income from investments

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

Gains and losses on investments

Realised gains or losses are recognised when investments are sold. Unrealised gains or losses are accounted for on revaluation of investments at 31 December.

Grants and donations

Grants and donations are accounted for when paid over, or when awarded, if that creates a binding obligation on the PCC. All other expenditure is recognised when it is incurred and is accounted for gross.

THE PCC OF THE PARISH OF ST PETER AND ST PAUL RINGWOOD
NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (continued)
YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2025

Activities directly relating to the work of the Church

The Diocesan Common Mission fund is accounted for when due.

Fixed assets

Consecrated property and moveable church furnishings:

Consecrated and beneficed property of any kind is excluded from the financial statements by section 10 of the Charities Act 2011, and this policy has been extended to the dedicated property at St John's.

No value is placed on moveable church furnishings held by the Vicar and Churchwardens on special trust for the PCC and which require a faculty for disposal since the PCC considers this to be inalienable property.

All expenditure incurred during the year on consecrated or beneficed buildings and moveable church furnishings, whether maintenance or improvement, is written off as expenditure in the Statement of Financial Activities and separately disclosed.

Other fixtures, fittings and office equipment

Equipment used within the church premises is depreciated on a 15% reducing balance basis. Individual items of equipment with a purchase price of £3,500 or less are written off when the asset is acquired.

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.

During the year the PCC employed an Office Administrator, Verger, and Cleaner, none of whom earned more than £60,000 per annum. Salaries and wages are included under the appropriate expenses headings.

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	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Endowment Funds £	Total 2025 £	Total 2024 £
2a Donations and legacies					
Parish giving scheme - Gift Aid donations	53,324	-	-	53,324	41,281
Parish giving scheme - Non Gift Aid donations	-	-	-	-	-
Gift Aid donations	14,958	-	-	14,958	13,269
Tax recovered	25,086	1,750	-	26,836	27,435
Other planned giving	9,477	240	-	9,717	9,779
Collections - open plate	17,501	146	-	17,647	15,080
Gift Aid Small Donations Scheme (GASDS)	3,643	-	-	3,643	3,850
General donations and appeals	24,959	47,481	-	72,440	92,510
Transfers between funds	17,523	(17,523)	-	-	-
Fabric Appeal Fund	-	-	-	-	-
Friends of Ringwood	-	35,644	-	35,644	20,442
Friends of Ellingham	-	700	-	700	683
Other	282	490	-	772	194
	166,753	68,928	-	235,681	224,522
	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Endowment Funds £	Total 2025 £	Total 2024 £
2b Charitable Activities					
Hall Income	-	11,643	-	11,643	12,030
Fund raising	22,761	220	-	22,981	34,955
	22,761	11,863	-	34,624	46,985
	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Endowment Funds £	Total 2025 £	Total 2024 £
2c Investments					
Bank interest	3,313	6,354	-	9,667	9,603
Dividends	-	-	-	-	171
Realised gain	-	-	-	-	1,119
	3,313	6,354	-	9,667	10,893

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	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Endowment Funds £	Total 2025 £	Total 2024 £
2d <u>Church Activities</u>					
Parochial Fees	16,225	100	-	16,325	15,728
Parish News	8	-	-	8	552
Other	-	-	-	-	100
	16,233	100	-	16,333	16,380
	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Endowment Funds £	Total 2025 £	Total 2024 £
2e <u>Other income</u>					
Listed places of Worship Grant scheme				-	-
Grants	-	19,884	-	19,884	13,512
	-	19,884	-	19,884	13,512
TOTAL INCOMING RESOURCES	209,060	107,129	-	316,189	312,292

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3 RESOURCES EXPENDED

	Unrestricted Funds - General £	Restricted Funds £	Endowment Funds £	Total 2025 £	Total 2024 £
3a <u>Expenditure on church activities</u>					
Charitable Giving					
Secular Charities	1,109	1,032	-	2,141	7,196
Ministry					
Common Mission Fund	82,243	-	-	82,243	94,363
Clergy	7,948	-	-	7,948	2,170
Church running costs	37,190	-	-	37,190	37,071
Fabric Repairs & renewals	1,853	79,077	-	80,930	47,786
Fabric Repairs & Renewals funded by friends of SPSP	-	-	-	-	11,690
Pastoral Support Costs	-	3,862	-	3,862	-
Christians Against Poverty	1,750	-	-	1,750	-
Upkeep of services	3,112	991	-	4,103	1,679
Organist, choir and music	2,980	2,470	-	5,450	4,206
Upkeep of church yards	2,043	6,492	-	8,535	5,508
Upkeep of church halls	-	8,579	-	8,579	8,474
Salaries	23,391	2,347	-	25,738	22,376
Other	4,437	317	-	4,754	4,594
	168,056	105,167	-	273,223	247,113

	Unrestricted Funds – General £	Restricted Funds £	Endowment Funds £	Total 2025 £	Total 2024 £
3b <u>Expenditure on raising funds</u>					
Gift aid envelopes	180	-	-	180	167
Events	5,937	3,332	-	9,269	8,461
	6,117	3,332	-	9,449	8,628

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	Unrestricted Funds – General £	Restricted Funds £	Endowment Funds £	Total 2025 £	Total 2024 £
3c <u>Other</u>					
Independent Examination	2,400	-	-	2,400	2,400
Professional and other	150	-		150	279
Support costs (Parish Office expenses)	11,007	777		11,784	8,894
Other	1,887	951		2,838	3,389
	15,444	1,728	-	17,172	14,962
TOTAL RESOURCES EXPENDED	189,617	110,227	-	299,844	270,703

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Endowment Funds £	Total 2025 £	Total 2024 £
4 <u>TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS</u>					
<u>- FIXTURES AND EQUIPMENT</u>					
GENERAL					
Gross book value					
1 January	5,936	52,306	-	58,242	58,242
31 December 2025	5,936	52,306	-	58,242	58,242
Depreciation					
1 January 2025	5,936	51,355	-	55,851	55,851
Charge		951		951	1,440
31 December 2025	5,936	52,306	-	58,242	55,851
Net Book value					
31 December 2025	-	-	-	-	951
31 December 2024	-	951	-	951	2,391

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	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Endowment Funds £	Total 2025 £	Total 2024 £
5 <u>DEBTORS AND PREPAYMENTS</u>					
Sundry Debtors	2,677	-	-	2,677	2,612
	2,677	-	-	2,677	2,612

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Endowment Funds £	Total 2025 £	Total 2024 £
6 <u>LIABILITIES - AMOUNTS DUE LESS THAN ONE YEAR</u>					
Sundry creditors	8,691	(156)	-	8,535	5,798
Independent Examiners fee	2,400	-	-	2,400	2,400
Loan	-	-	-	-	-
	11,091	(156)	-	10,935	8,198

	Total 2025 £	Total 2024 £
7 <u>STAFF COSTS</u>		
Salaries	25,738	22,376
National Insurance	-	-
	25,738	22,376

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9 INDEPENDENT TRUSTS

The Friends of Ringwood Parish Church

During 2025 the Trustees made donations totalling £35,644 to Ringwood Parish Church (2024 £20,442).

The Friends of St Mary and All Saints Church Ellingham

During 2025 the Trustees made donations totalling £700 to St Mary's Church Ellingham Fabric Appeal Fund (2024 £683).

10 CONNECTED PERSONS – MEMBERS OF THE PCC

No payments or expenses were paid to any other PCC member, persons closely connected with them, or related parties.

11 SUPPORT COSTS

The support costs are almost exclusively in connection with the activities of the churches of the Parish and any apportionment of this amount to other headings is not practicable.

12 ACCUMULATED FUNDS

Endowment Funds

The Mary Ayles Fund is a permanent endowment which requires income to be spent on the fabric of the Parish Church of St Peter and St Paul.

Restricted Funds

The restrictions applicable to the use of the Restricted Funds, are as follows:

Beacons:	the benefit of children at the Parish Church.
Bells and Belfry:	the repair/maintenance of the bells of the Parish Church.
Challis:	the charitable and educational work of the Church of England at St John's Church.
Fabric:	the repair and preservation of the historical buildings.
Mission:	specific charitable purposes as decided upon by the PCC.
Parish Rooms:	the repair/maintenance of the Parish Rooms.
Penrose:	the charitable and educational work of the Church of England in the Parish of Ringwood.
Re-ordering:	the provision of Clergy Stalls when the Parish Church is re-ordered.
St John's Church Hall:	the repair/maintenance of St John's Church Hall, Poulner.
Thomas Trust:	the fabric of St John's Church, Poulner.

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Ringwood PCC					
General	7,382	-	-	7,382	5,073
Parish office	-	-	-	-	1,913
Odinel Trust		26,487		26,487	28,834
Choir		247		247	247
Pastoral Support Fund	-	1,047		1,047	-
Meet and Eat		1,215		1,215	1,771
Penrose	-	17,100	-	17,100	17,070
	7,382	46,096	-	53,478	53,136
St Peter and St Paul Church					
General	36,289	-	-	36,289	29,967
Ayles	-	-	-	-	-
Beacons	-	-	-	-	29
Bells & Belfry	-	88,702	-	88,702	55,662
Fabric	-	25,177	-	25,177	36,970
Audio Visual	-	-	-	-	1,123
Choir	-	-	-	-	-
Lighting	-	-	-	-	3,169
Other	-	60	-	60	60
Window	-	1,010	-	1,010	1,160
	36,289	114,949	-	151,238	129,910
St John's church					
General	(5,101)	-	-	(5,101)	(11,445)
Challis	-	68,902	-	68,902	70,897
Organist (Designated fund)	14,883	-	-	14,883	14,266
Hall	-	-	-	-	12,504
Moss removal	-	-	-	-	805
Other	-	1,523	-	1,523	
Thomas Trust	-	7,074	-	7,074	7,000
	9,782	77,499	-	87,281	94,207
St Paul Church					
General	11,863	-	-	11,863	9,805
	11,863	-	-	11,863	9,805
Ellingham Church					
Fabric	-	633	-	633	216
General	19,520	-	-	19,520	17,332
	19,520	633	-	20,153	17,548
Harbridge Church					
General	2,521	-	-	2,521	2,916
Fabric	-	8,193	-	8,193	10,858
	2,521	8,193	-	10,714	13,774
TOTAL ACCUMULATED FUNDS	87,357	247,370	-	334,727	318,382

