



Annual Report and Financial Statements

Holy Trinity South Chatham
Local Ecumenical Partnership
(Registered Charity No. 1135416)

The Parochial Church Council of Holy Trinity South Chatham

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'turning the holy ordinary and the ordinary holy'

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The Local Ecumenical Partnership (the 'LEP') presents this Annual Report with the Financial Statements of the charity for the year ended 31 December 2025. The LEP has adopted the provisions of the Statement of Recommended Practice for Accounting and Reporting by Charities (FRSSE) issued in 2015 together with the Church Accounting Regulations 2006 (the 'Regulations') and Section 145 of the Charities Act 2011 (the '2011 Act').

Executive Summary

'My presence will go with you and I will give you rest...'
(Exodus 33.14)

It has been a full year in the Parish of Holy Trinity South Chatham. A significant highlight was welcoming a new Team Curate, Rev. Ann Ruby, ordained deacon at Rochester Cathedral on 28 June 2025. Over the past nine months, it has been a blessing to pray with, and serve alongside, Ann.

Having identified the need to grow disciples and provide some form of worshipping community for children and young families at our 2023 vision day, we were finally able to launch two important initiatives this year:

- Bob Tarrant, Parish Evangelist, and Mark Salter, Licensed Lay Minister, with a team of volunteers ran *Alpha* from February to March 2025. Hosts and guests met in the comfort of a family home with a Holy Spirit Day at Hartlip Methodist Church. God was faithful; all who attended found the teaching enriching and it provided helpful lessons as we repeat the course in 2026.
- Family Vibes — our new monthly All Age service at St David's, Lordswood was launched on Good Friday 2025. A small worshipping community of 3 or 4 families has gathered around Angel O'Nyon, a gifted All Age Worship Leader, and we look forward to seeing this work develop over the coming months.

In September 2025, we gathered for another vision day, *Brunch and Bright Ideas*. Important values and a statement of intent emerged from a time of prayer and listening: the call as a Parish to 'Love, Act and Sustain', and to collaborate with God's Spirit in the Kingdom ministry of 'turning the holy ordinary and the ordinary holy' (see page. 16).

Reference and Administrative Details

Holy Trinity South Chatham is an LEP (Church of England & Methodist) and Registered Charity No. 1135416.

The Parish is within the Church of England Diocese of Rochester and the North Kent Circuit of the Methodist Church, and the focal area of ministry is recognised as being the Church of England Ecclesiastical Parish of Holy Trinity South Chatham.

The LEP manages three church buildings situated in different communities: St Alban's, Robin Hood Lane, Blue Bell Hill; St David's, Newton Close, Lordswood; and St William's, Walderslade Village Centre. The LEP Sharing Agreement created an LEP where we are a single worshipping community rather than separate denominations. Worship and Outreach are seen as united activities. In terms of ownership of premises, the St David's building is owned by the Methodist Church and the other two buildings are owned by the Diocese of Rochester.

Formal address for correspondence and Charity Registration is that of the Chair of Trustees and the Incumbent of the Parish (26 Mayford Road, Chatham, ME5 8SZ).

The 2025 Annual Meetings took place on Sunday 11 May 2025 at St Alban's, Blue Bell Hill during an act of worship.

The list of Trustees as at October 2025 is shown in Table 1 (below). A complete list of administrative posts is shown in Table 2 (below).

A bank account is held with CAF Bank Ltd. (25 Kings Hill Avenue, Kings Hill, West Malling, Kent ME19 4JQ). The Parish also has two repair fund deposit accounts one with the Diocese of Rochester and one deposit account with the Central Finance Board of the Methodist Church.

The Independent Examiner is Natalie Harrison FCA FCCA CTA TEP, Beak Kemmenoe, Chartered Accountants, 1-3 Manor Road, Chatham, Kent ME4 6AE.

Table 1: Combined Ecumenical Council (CEC) as at October 2025

| Trustees Council | | |
|---|-----------------------|-----------|
| Ex-officio | | |
| Team Rector | Rev. David Kichenside | |
| Team Vicar | Vacant | |
| Team Curate | Rev. Ann Ruby | |
| Elected members | | |
| St Alban's | Richard Chambers | 2023-2026 |
| | Julian Spinks | 2025-2028 |
| | Vacant | |
| | Vacant | |
| St David's | Debbie Oliver | 2025-2028 |
| | Barry Horwell | 2023-2026 |
| | Jeanette Lawrence | 2023-2026 |
| | Vacant | |
| St William's | Ina Hanford | 2024-2027 |
| | Bob Young | 2024-2027 |
| | Credwyn Tolhurst | 2024-2027 |
| | Shaun Delaney | 2025-2028 |
| Co-opted members | | |
| Church Warden St David's | Barry Horwell | 2023-2026 |
| Church Warden St William's | Pat Long | 2025-2026 |
| Church Steward St David's | Sylvia Wrigglesworth | 2025-2026 |
| Treasurer | Brian Daniels | 2025-2026 |
| Secretary | Jean Bassett | 2025-2026 |
| Methodist Supernumerary | Rev Bryan Tolhurst | 2025-2026 |
| Parish Safeguarding Officer | Mark Salter | 2023-2026 |
| Parochial Church Council | | |
| (In addition to the above, the following are members of the PCC) | | |
| Elected to Deanery Synod | Don Lawrence | 2023-2026 |
| Elected to Deanery Synod | Mark Salter | 2023-2026 |
| Methodist Church Council | | |
| Circuit Steward | Henry Chung | 2024-2025 |
| | Karen Dudley | 2025-2026 |
| Property Steward | Don Lawrence | 2023-2026 |

The complete list of administrative posts within the Parish is listed below along with the person fulfilling that role and the term of that appointment.

Table 2: Full Parish Administrative Team

| Position/Role | Name | Type | Period | End of Term |
|-----------------------------|----------------------|-------------------|---------|-------------|
| Team Rector | David Kichenside | Permanent | N/A | |
| Team Vicar | Vacant | Permanent | N/A | |
| Team Curate | Ann Ruby | Permanent | N/A | |
| Chair of Trustees | David Kichenside | Fixed - Voluntary | 1 year | May 2026 |
| Vice Chair of Trustees | Vacant | Fixed - Voluntary | 1 year | |
| Chair of PCC | David Kichenside | Permanent | N/A | |
| Parish Secretary | Jean Bassett | Fixed - Voluntary | 1 year | May 2026 |
| Parish Treasurer | Brian Daniels | Fixed - Voluntary | 1 year | May 2026 |
| Gift Aid Officer | Pauline Bowdery | Voluntary | N/A | |
| Parish Safeguarding Officer | Mark Salter | Voluntary | N/A | |
| Safer Recruitment Officer | Dave Bassett | Voluntary | N/A | |
| Bookings Officer | Jean Small | Voluntary | N/A | |
| <u>Church Wardens:</u> | | | | |
| St David's | Barry Horwell | Fixed - Voluntary | 1 year | July 2026 |
| St William's | Pat Long | Fixed - Voluntary | 1 year | July 2026 |
| St Alban's (Pro-Warden) | Pauline Bowdery | Fixed - Voluntary | 1 year | May 2026 |
| <u>Assistant Wardens:</u> | | | | |
| St Alban's | Vacancy | Fixed - Voluntary | 1 year | |
| St David's | Vacancy | Fixed - Voluntary | 1 year | |
| St William's | Vacancy | Fixed - Voluntary | 1 year | |
| <u>Church Stewards</u> | | | | |
| St Alban's | Vacancy | Fixed - Voluntary | 4 years | |
| St David's | Sylvia Wrigglesworth | Fixed - Voluntary | 4 years | May 2026 |
| St William's | Vacancy | Fixed - Voluntary | 4 years | |
| <u>Assistant Stewards:</u> | | | | |
| St Alban's | Vacancy | Fixed - Voluntary | 4 years | |
| St David's | Vacancy | Fixed - Voluntary | 4 years | |
| St William's | Vacancy | Fixed - Voluntary | 4 years | |
| Property Steward | Don Lawrence | Voluntary | N/A | |
| Deanery Synod Rep. | Don Lawrence | Fixed - Voluntary | 3 years | April 2026 |
| Deanery Synod Rep. | Mark Salter | Fixed - Voluntary | 3 years | April 2026 |

Structure, Governance and Management

Following registration as a charity in March 2010, the LEP adopted a new Constitution approved by the Charity Commission and Churches Together in England based upon the model for LEPs introduced in 2009.

The Trustees and Parochial Church Council work together to manage the affairs of the Parish.

Whilst the Constitution does not specify representation from the three church congregations, every effort is made to ensure a balance of representation among elected trustees. All the work of the Councils and Committees is undertaken according to the relevant governing documents, and Parish “Policy and Practice” which was adopted in 2009.

Members of the PCC are appointed in accordance with the Church Representation Rules, and Church Officers are appointed in accordance with requirements of the Constitution and denominational regulations.

Being an LEP Registered Charity, the governance of the business of the Parish is managed by two Councils working in co-operation with each other to oversee the work and ministry of the LEP and Parish.

The Trustees Council is the body of (mainly) elected representatives from the church congregations who are responsible for the legal aspects of the LEP as a charity. This body also incorporates the functions of a Methodist Church Council in any matters relating to the Methodist Church.

Recruitment and Appointment of New Trustees

Trustees are elected at the Annual Meeting of the Charity, which incorporates the Annual Parochial Church Meeting and the Annual Vestry Meeting of the Parish. Trustees are elected for a term of three years. The method of appointment of PCC members is set out in the Church Representation Rules. All regular worshippers are encouraged to register on the Electoral Roll which qualifies them to stand for election to the PCC and become a member of the Trustees Council.

The Parochial Church Council (PCC) is required by law to deal with certain matters that are particular to the Church of England.

Members of the PCC are also members of the Trustees Council and both Councils meet together for all meetings as one body called the Combined Ecumenical Council (CEC).

Induction and Training of New Trustees

A new roll description for CEC Members was introduced in 2025 that sets out the expectations and responsibilities of our Trustees with a special reference to safeguarding. Introductory training is available from the Church Pastoral Aid Society (CPAS) and the North Kent Methodist Circuit. Newly elected members are encouraged to make use of these training opportunities. It is a mandatory requirement for all Trustees to complete Basic Awareness and Foundation Level Safeguarding training — the Domestic Abuse Awareness course is also strongly recommended — and undertake a Disclosure and

Barring Service (DBS) check every three years. Training is provided by the National Church through the Diocese of Rochester.

Councils and Committees

The CEC met eight times in 2025 (January, February, March, April, June, September, October and November) with the Buildings Sub-Committee meeting in July and October. CEC Minutes are made publicly available following approval at each subsequent meeting. Significant agenda items this year included: Safeguarding, Health & Safety, *Brunch & Bright Ideas* vision day, Cornerstone Coffeeshop, Financial Management, Buildings and Capital Projects. The newly established Management Committee overseeing the Cornerstone Coffee Shop met five times (February, March, July, October and December).

All Council and Sub-Committee meetings were chaired by the Incumbent. The post of CEC Chair is formally elected annually. The Team Rector, Team Curate, Church Wardens and Deanery Synod representatives are automatically members of the CEC. All other members are elected at the Annual Meetings or co-opted by members of the CEC.

Authorised Ministers

The Clergy team nominally consists of a Team Rector (Incumbent), Team Vicar and Team Curate. Rev. Ann Ruby, newly ordained deacon, joined as a self-supporting Team Curate in June 2025. Rev. Paul Robinson's curacy formally ended in September 2025. Although Paul is now unable to perform official duties, he and his wife, Yvonne, are still very much part of our worshipping community. Angel O'Nyon began her ministry as our All Age Worship Leader having been safely recruited in 2024. Like Jeanette Lawrence, Angel holds a Bishop's Certificate having completed the *Hearing God's Word and Speaking God's Word* Diocesan Short Course. The Team Vicar post remains vacant.

Methodist Ministers and Local Preachers from the North Kent Methodist Circuit serve on an ad-hoc basis and the Team Rector, who is also an authorised Presbyterian in the Methodist Church of Great Britain leads and preaches in the Circuit occasionally.

A number of Licensed Lay Ministers serve the Parish. Those aged 70, or above, have Permission to Minister (PTM) or Permission to Officiate (PTO) according to their role.

- Debbie Oliver (Licensed Lay Minister and Anna Chaplain)
- Mark Salter (Licensed Lay Minister, PTO)
- Sylvia Wigglesworth (Licensed Lay Minister, PTO)
- Ann Bengier (Evangelist Emeritus — Ann stepped down from ministry in July 2022)
- Mary Horwell (Licensed Evangelist, PTM)
- Bob Tarrant (Licensed Evangelist, PTM)
- Jeanette Lawrence (Bishop's Certificate)
- Angel O'Nyon (Bishop's Certificate)

Related Parties

There were no related party transactions during the year.

Risk Management

The Parish is committed to keeping the risks involved in our ministry and practice under review. This includes regular building inspections. A new Health & Safety Policy and Risk Assessment was introduced in 2025. All work with children, young people and vulnerable adults is subject to the National Church guidelines and includes risk assessments where appropriate. Financial risk management assessed by the CEC and reviewed regularly throughout the year.

Safeguarding

The CEC adopts the House of Bishops Promoting a Safer Church Policy Statement on an annual basis and follows all National Church guidance in the implementation and review of good practice including the Church of England Code of Safer Working Practices. Safeguarding as well as Health & Safety are both standing items on the agenda of main CEC meetings. The Promoting a Safer Church Action Plan and Health & Safety Risk Assessment are kept under review.

Mr Mark Salter is Parish Safeguarding Officer (PSO) and Mr Dave Bassett is Safer Recruitment Advisor. Safer Recruitment is followed for all significant new volunteer roles. In 2024 - 2025, this included the appointment of our All Age Worship Leader, All Age Volunteers, Alpha Hosts and Alpha Discussion Group Leaders.

Objectives and Activities

Objectives and Aims

The CEC which administers the LEP is committed to enabling as many people as possible to take their place within the worshipping community of Holy Trinity South Chatham. In particular, we try to enable people to live out their faith through:

- Worship and prayer — experiencing the Gospel and growing in a relationship with God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit;
- Provision of pastoral care for those within the congregation and on the margins;
- Mission and outreach in the local community;
- Maintaining the fabric of the churches of St Alban, St David and St William.

The Incumbent oversees worship with the help of Authorised Ministers and Musicians. Services of worship aim to help people express their faith through music, prayer, scripture and sacrament, inspiring them to live out their faith among the people and places to which they are called.

When planning activities, we have considered the Commission's guidance on public benefit and, specifically, the supplementary guidance on charities for the advancement of religion.

Significant Activities

The LEP exists to advance the Christian faith in the ecclesiastical parish of Holy Trinity South Chatham in accordance with the principles and practices of the Church of England and the Methodist Church, specifically to promote the whole mission of the Church, pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical.

The LEP is specifically responsible for the maintenance of the church buildings of St Alban, St David and St William within the parish.

Grant Making

The CEC continues to make institutional grants at their discretion and as funds allow.

Public Benefit Statement

The Trustees of the charity confirm that they have complied with their duty under section 17(5) of the Charities Act 2011 to have regards to the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit and that the public benefit requirement has informed the activities of the charity during the year to 31 December 2025.

In evaluating public benefit the Trustees note that the majority of activities offered across the churches are open to all irrespective of their faith or beliefs whilst also providing nurturing and teaching within the Christian faith.

Volunteers

The charity relies on individuals outside of the Council to fulfil all of its activities. It is not possible to quantify the value of the work undertaken by the volunteers. The Incumbent and Council are enormously grateful for the time and gifts offered by all our volunteers.

Achievements and Performance

The electoral roll and attendance figures for the Parish are shown in the table below.

| | 2021 | 2022 | 2023 | 2024 | 2025 |
|---|------|------|------|------|------|
| Electoral Roll | 92 | 97 | 98 | 107 | 89 |
| LEP Charity Members | 96 | 47 | 48 | 71 | 90 |
| Usual Sunday Attendance: Adults | 40 | 48 | 55 | 55 | 57 |
| Usual Sunday Attendance: Children/Young People | 1 | 4 | 5 | 4 | 5 |
| Notes: | | | | | |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none">Electoral Roll numbers fell in 2025 due to the statutory roll revision. | | | | | |

Worship

With the introduction of Family Vibes at St David's on the third Sunday each month, there is now often two services held in parallel as our rotating pattern of Sunday worship at 10am continues around the Parish.

New people have been drawn to all services; whether Sunday worship at St Alban's, St David's and St William's, or midweek Holy Communion before the Coffee Morning at St Alban's and at Woodlands Court.

This year special services were held on Ash Wednesday, during Holy Week — including online Night Prayer, at Easter, on Ascension Day and at Christmas. A Walk of Witness culminating at St William's with a joint service with Christ the King, Princes Park, took place on Good Friday.

Clergy conducted more Baptism and Funeral Services than usual last year, largely due to the need to cover for neighbouring parishes in vacancy. Two services of Reflection of Remembering were held: one in February and the other on the traditional date of All Souls'. Both were well-attended.

Pastoral Care

In 2025 we reviewed the work of the Pastoral Care Team against a new role description with reference to hours, lone working and safeguarding in general. 'Pastoral Friends' emerged as the most appropriate title for members of the Team which met throughout the year to assess particular areas of pastoral need. The ministry of our Anna Chaplain and Anna Friend continues to grow as they seek to support those with Dementia and Alzheimers and their families.

Mission and Outreach

Our links with Lordswood and Swingate, two local county primary schools, remain strong. Monthly assemblies at Lordswood continue and focussed teaching sessions at Swingate have taken place across each year group with some visits to St David's.

Throughout the year we have supported a number of charities: Christian Aid, the Medway Foodbank — with a special collection at our Harvest Festival; the Blythwood Shoebox Appeal; the Children's Society and Demelza House through the return of the Christmas Tree and Nativity Festival.

We offer a monthly social gathering at each of the three churches with 'Coffee & Cake' at St David's on the second Friday, 'Tea at 3' at St William's on the third Monday, and the Coffee Morning at St Alban's on the third Wednesday. Each event reaches a different set of people in Blue Bell Hill, Lordswood and Walderslade. In addition, Cornerstone Coffee Shop at St William's, Church, is open six days a week between 10am and 2pm (9am to 2pm on Saturdays). St David's hosts a Browse and Buy Sale, once per quarter (February, May, August and November), on Saturdays from 10am.

Learning opportunities were provided during Lent using the Church of England's 2025 Lent Material, *Living Hope*. At the end of November, we watched the 2005 film, *The Lion, The Witch, and The Wardrobe* and held a weekly study titled *Advent in Narnia*.

We use *A Church Near You* as the platform for our Parish website (www.achurchnearyou.com/Holy-Trinity-South-Chatham) along side a Facebook page and Instagram account. Subscriptions to our weekly email updates have plateaued.

Deanery Synod

The Parish elects two lay members to the Rochester Deanery Synod. Both serve a three year term. They are ex-officio members of the PCC and thus provide the CEC with an important link between the Parish and the wider structures of the Church in the Diocese of Rochester and beyond. The CEC receives reports from the Deanery Synod on a regular basis. The current representatives' terms end in 2026.

North Kent Methodist Circuit

Sylvia Wigglesworth serves as Church Steward and Don Lawrence hold the position of Property Steward (for St David's). The Team Rector attends Circuit Leadership Team, Methodist Ministers' and Staff meetings throughout the year. Both the Church Steward and Team Rector represent Holy Trinity South Chatham at quarterly Circuit Meetings. In return, Henry Chung and Karen Dudley, Circuit Stewards, attend meetings of the CEC.

Church Buildings – Overview

The Church Wardens, Pro-Warden, Church Steward and Property Steward take the lead on day to day building and property issues. The Buildings Sub-Committee focusses on projects identified on the Buildings Action Plan and Health & Safety.

A Quinquennial Inspection was finally conducted by Lee-Evans Partnership on St Alban's and the adjoining Spencer Rooms in April 2025. Working Parties took place at each building in the Summer. An extensive Health & Safety Risk Assessment and Fire Risk Assessment, was completed in the Autumn. Separate reports on each church are below.

St Alban's Building Report for 2025

Cleaning and very basic maintenance is undertaken by Pauline and David Bowdery and also Mark Salter and with the help of the work day, supported by many volunteers, the church is kept in a reasonable condition.

Storage in the Spencer Rooms is still being rationalised so that a minimum of equipment is stored in the church loft. The Blue Bell Hill Village Fete committee are storing their equipment in the small room of the Spencer rooms but the long-term plan is still for them to purchase a container to be placed at the village hall.

The outdoor grass area is still maintained by a contractor, Landscape Services Ltd. and a cut is programmed just before the village fete which is appreciated by the Blue Bell Hill Village Fete Committee.

This year the church gate post was replaced, and gate and fence repainted. External lighting was provided around the footpath side of the church and there is now a working light, operated by a sensor for the front door. Electrical work was also done to resolve the problem of the electricity tripping. Whilst we still continue to use the field to park cars during dry weather a better solution needs to be found for parking during wet periods as the field will not sustain cars in the wet.

Arrangements have been made for the tiles on the church roof to be repositioned or replaced and it is hoped that this will solve a leak problem in the vestry.

A number of further areas need attention:

- Spencer Room — A cistern in the toilet of the Spencer Rooms needs replacing but the Pro-Warden actually wonders whether this toilet is needed as there is a disabled toilet available; this needs consideration. The floor in the corridor needs some serious work, as something under the floor in the corridor outside the disabled toilet is pushing it up. The building's window frames and doors need repainting. The outside vegetation needs a drastic reduction..
- Church — The small hand water heater needs looking at in the main building. We must have a look at the holes in the ceiling at the front and back of the church, possible caused by wasps no longer in residence. Areas of low level rendering in the church are in poor condition but this appears cosmetic. As in recent years the floor needs replacing. The upper grill/oven of the cooker is not working. There is still a problem with dampness in the corner long cupboard in the vestry.
- Grounds — The right hand side of the external noticeboard, by the gate, is broken and because of the nature of the material it is not proving possible to repair.

St David's Building Report for 2025

In 2025, St Davids had a number of minor repairs/replacements which included:

- 1) Replacement of water heater in the kitchen, to replace the previous one which failed in 2024.
- 2) Relining of the main water gully on the roof. This seems to have sorted the problem with ingress of water into the office and toilet.
- 3) Replacement of fuse box in disabled toilet, condemned as part of the EICR.
- 4) Addition of plastic angle brackets to the wall outside the office, and to the small hall. This has reduced continuation of damage whilst moving furniture.
- 5) Several trees were trimmed where they were a potential hazard due to overgrowth.
- 6) The Small Hall was painted throughout as part of the summer working party, as was minor maintenance and tidying throughout the building and the gardens. Many thanks to all those who gave their time and effort to help.



General maintenance has continued throughout the year, including lighting being upgraded to LED fittings where appropriate, and improvements to the draught proofing of doors.

St William's Building Report for 2025

Three large problems came into focus in 2025 at St William's: the oil-fired heating system; the accessible walkway at the front of the building, and the railings leading up to the main entrance.

The pump in the oil-fire boiler had to be renewed in February 2026 at considerable expense after a period of no heating at a critical time of year. Ideally, the whole system needs to be replaced to meet the Church of England's Net Zero Emission targets but advice from energy and heating experts has so far proved inconclusive. St William's qualified to participate in a Diocesan-funded programme of energy audits undertaken by Greener Edge. The audit took place in December 2025. The subsequent report contains a number of recommendations, which now need to be explored moving forward.

The accessible walkway has received minor repairs — a section of flagstones has eroded due to poor quality work and weather conditions. It still needs attention.

Thirdly, the railings surrounding the steps to the main entrance have been repaired three times in the past 18 months (funded by individual donations) but unfortunately due to increased vehicular traffic at the foot of the steps damage has arisen again.

In addition to the above, there has been a regular round of replacement bulbs and light-fittings. Cornerstone Coffee Shop was redecorated over the August bank holiday.

The Building Sub-Committee highlighted a number of significant capital projects that need attention in the next five years. In November, the CEC have sought to budget for this expenditure accordingly: 1) St Alban's Roof Repairs (£500 - £1000), 2) St William's Oil Tank/Brick Bund replacement (£5,000 - £10,000) — superseded by the recommendations in the Greener Edge Energy Audit, 3) St William's Kitchen refurbishment (£10,000 +), St William's Car Park and accessible walk-way (£15,000) & the AV Upgrade across all three church buildings (£15,000).

Financial Review

The Parish began the year with a deficit balance of £435, brought forward from 2024, on the general fund. The budget set for 2025 anticipated a deficit of £6,036, mainly attributable to the ongoing high cost of maintaining the three church buildings, and the impact of the Parish Offer to the Diocese, although the amount offered was less than the figure agreed by the church council for 2024.

After all the debtors and creditors have been taken into account, the Parish incurred a deficit in 2025 of £1,206, which was an improvement of £4,830 compared to the original budget deficit of £6,036. This means that the cumulative balance rolled forward into 2026 is an increased deficit of £1,640.

In addition, the Parish maintains a total balance of £35,347 on designated repair funds for the three church buildings. These repair funds, in the absence of any new funding, will be the main source for major repairs and urgent works. The church council has developed a

capital budget, which has identified significant works required at all three churches including replacing the oil tank and surround at St William's, roof repairs at St Alban's and replacing the sliding sanctuary doors at St David's. External funding and grants will be required to see the capital programme delivered over the next three to five years. Despite comprising specific amounts for each church, the repair fund balances are treated as a Parish resource as individual church needs arise. The transfers into the repair funds have been maintained at £6,000 for 2025, but an increased provision of £10,000 has been included in the budget for 2026 to assist with the cost of the most urgent works.

Income in total on the General Fund was £108,856 compared to £103,991 in 2024, an increase of £4,865. This increase was mainly attributable to a legacy of £5,000. The church council will be considering the use of this legacy to a suitable project in 2026.

At the Annual Church Meeting in May 2025, members of the congregation were invited to review their giving. This received a very positive response with 19 members increasing the amount of their standing order and 8 new standing orders being set up. In a full year these changes would produce £4,200 compared to the position, based on January 2025.

Expenditure in total on the General Fund varied little between the two years (£111,556 in 2025 compared to £111,146 in 2024). The reduction arising from the new gas and electricity contracts in January and March respectively was £4,916. However, the Parish spent £5,028 within the printing and stationery heading on replacing the Parish printer, the extended contract for which expired in December 2025.

The Cornerstone Coffee Shop had another successful year and despite having to replace the dishwasher in April at a cost of £2,280, was able, at the end of the year, to transfer to the Parish General Fund a sum of £6,351, which is included in note 4 (Transfers) to the accounts.

The church council continues to explore re-establishing fund-raising activities, many of which ceased during the Covid pandemic, and to look at income generally including maximising gift aid income where appropriate. Careful and prayerful consideration will need to be applied to ensure that the Parish prudently moves forward.

Reserves Policy

It is the policy of the Church Council to maintain sufficient reserves to meet its' financial commitments as and when they fall due, at the same time maintaining designated funds to ensure that all necessary major repairs are carried out with due expediency.

Principal Funding Sources

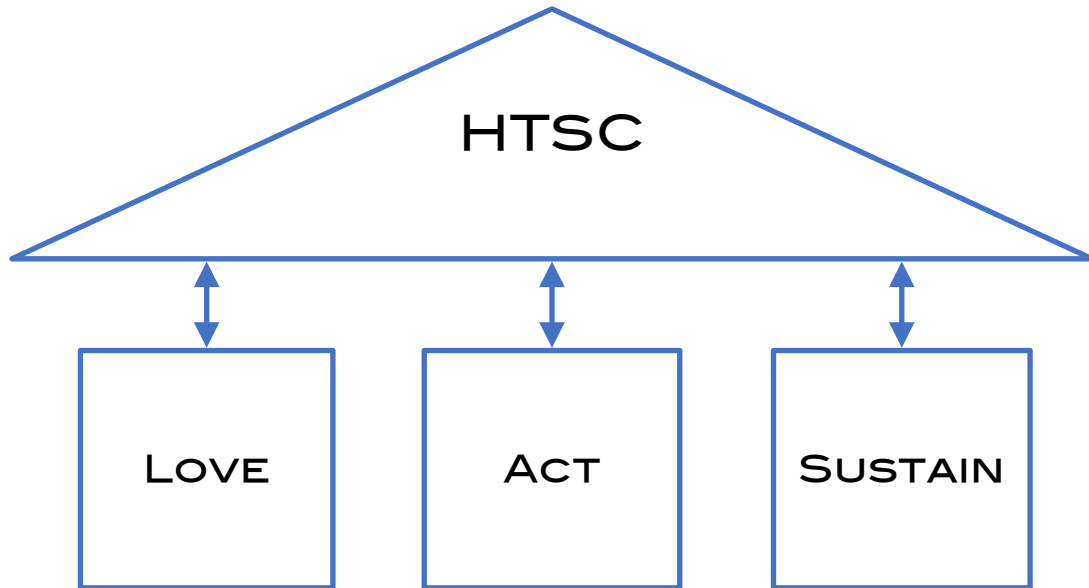
The principal sources of funding continue to be planned giving, income tax refund on gift aid income, rents from regular hirers of the church buildings and open plate collections.

Ongoing Concern

The Trustees have prepared the Annual Report and Financial Statement on an ongoing concern basis. The Trustees recognise that the economic climate is still difficult, but, nevertheless, consider that the financial position of the Parish is sustainable and that the ongoing concern basis is entirely appropriate.

Future Developments

In September 2025, we held a Parish vision day, *Brunch and Bright Ideas* to pray and listen to how God might be leading us in the next five years. The following significant themes emerged: sabbath, steadfastness, sustainability, strength, sharing, praise and love. As the clergy team reflected on these themes it became apparent that God is leading us to be underpinned by the following values and vision.



Love with God's love — Act in Jesus' name — Sustained by the Spirit

‘turning the holy ordinary and the ordinary holy’

Led by Jeanette Lawrence who both works for the Mother's Union and serves as a Trustee we identified a number of activity streams. The challenge is now discerning how we might move these forward and who might take the lead.

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| Worship Stream <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Midweek Services (Chapels) of various styles• Multiple Sunday Services (am/pm across all buildings) new worshipping congregations• Bible Studies• Grow existing family/children/youth ministry• Vibrant worship — encouraging spirituality | Evangelism/Community Stream <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Alpha• Community Services (e.g. Carols in the pub/street, community Easter egg hunt, celebrating our community event, services that connect like Remembrance 2018.)• Courses for the community (e.g. Gambling Anonymous, CAP Money Course, Recovery Course helping those with addiction)• Folk Club |
| Leadership/Governance Stream <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Growing, developing and sustaining healthy leaders (not more Clergy!)• Leadership/role succession — Skills Audit• Stewardship of resources (people, money, time)• Improving governance across the charity | Communication Stream <ul style="list-style-type: none">• New website (+ QR codes)• Buildings that look like churches vs advertising everything that goes on in the building?• New welcome materials• Advertise in Cornerstone |

Statement of Trustees Responsibilities

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

The law applicable to charities in England and Wales, the Charities Act 2011, Charity (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 and the provisions of the trust deed require the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year, which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity and of the incoming resources and application of resources, including the income and expenditure, of the charity for that period. In preparing those financial statements, the trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charity SORP
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in business.

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records, which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and to enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011, the Charity (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 and the provisions of the trust deed. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Approved by the CEC on 25 March 2026 and signed on their behalf by Rev. David Kichenside (CEC Chair).



Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of Holy Trinity South Chatham

I report on the accounts for the year ended 31 December 2025 as set out on pages 20 to 27.

Respective Responsibilities of Trustees and Examiner

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees 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 required.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under Section 145 of the 2011 Act
- follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commission (Under Section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act and
- state whether particular matters have come to my attention

Basis of Independent Examiner's Report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a "true and fair view" and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statements below.

Independent Examiner's Statement

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

(1) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that, in any material respect, the requirements

- to keep accounting records in accordance with Section 130 of the 2011 Act; and
- to prepare financial accounts, which accord with the accounting records and to comply with the requirements of the 2011 Act

have not been met, or

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



Natalie Harrison FCA FCCA CTA TEP

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Date

25 MARCH 2026

Holy Trinity, South Chatham - St Alban, St David and St William

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES 2025

| | Notes | Unrestricted Funds | | Restricted Funds | Endowment Funds | Total 31/12/2025 | Total 31/12/2024 |
|---|-------|--------------------|---------------|------------------|-----------------|---------------------|---------------------|
| INCOME & EXPENDITURE | | General | Designated | | | | |
| | | £ | £ | £ | £ | £ | £ |
| INCOMING RESOURCES | 2 | | | | | | |
| Voluntary Income | 2.1a | 61,003 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 61,003 | 61,766 |
| Activities for generating funds | 2.1b | 47,799 | 76,400 | 0 | 0 | 124,199 | 110,073 |
| Investment Income | 2.1c | 18 | 643 | 0 | 0 | 661 | 1,172 |
| Other incoming resources | 2.2 | 36 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 36 | 0 |
| TOTAL INCOMING RESOURCES | | 108,856 | 77,043 | 0 | 0 | 185,899 | 173,011 |
| RESOURCES EXPENDED | 3 | | | | | | |
| Costs of generating voluntary income | 3.1a | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Fundraising trading: cost of goods sold & other costs | 3.1b | 16 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 16 | 0 |
| Charitable activities | 3.2 | 110,880 | 69,617 | 214 | 0 | 180,712 | 196,176 |
| Governance costs | 3.3 | 600 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 600 | 568 |
| Other resources expended | 3.4 | 60 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 60 | 60 |
| TOTAL RESOURCES EXPENDED | | 111,556 | 69,617 | 214 | 0 | 181,388 | 196,804 |
| Net incoming/(outgoing) resources before transfers | | (2,700) | 7,426 | (214) | 0 | 4,512 | 23,793 |
| Transfers | 4 | 1,494 | (1,241) | (253) | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| NET MOVEMENT IN FUNDS | | (1,206) | 6,185 | (467) | 0 | 4,512 | 23,793 |
| Total Funds Brought Forward 1 January 2025 | | (435) | 35,937 | 467 | 0 | 35,970 | 59,763 |
| TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD 31 December 2025 | | (1,640) | 42,122 | -0 | 0 | 40,482 | 35,970 |

Holy Trinity, South Chatham - St Alban, St David and St William

BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2025

| | | 2025 TOTAL | | 2024 TOTAL | |
|---------------------------|------------|-----------------------|---------------|-----------------------|---------------|
| | Notes | £ | £ | £ | £ |
| CURRENT ASSETS | | | | | |
| Debtors | 6 | 5,036 | | 6,242 | |
| Pre-payments | 6 | 0 | | 0 | |
| Cash | | 1,231 | | 1,427 | |
| Current Accounts | | 14,697 | | 15,256 | |
| Deposit Accounts | | 22,635 | | 15,992 | |
| | | <u>43,599</u> | | <u>38,917</u> | |
| LIABILITIES | | | | | |
| | 7 | | | | |
| Creditors | | (3,118) | | (2,947) | |
| NET CURRENT ASSETS | | | <u>40,481</u> | | <u>35,970</u> |
| NET ASSETS | | | <u>40,481</u> | | <u>35,970</u> |
| FUNDS | | | | | |
| | 8 | | | | |
| Unrestricted | : General | (1,640) | | (435) | |
| | Designated | <u>42,122</u> | | <u>35,937</u> | |
| | | | 40,481 | | 35,502 |
| Restricted | | | 0 | | 467 |
| | | | <u>40,481</u> | | <u>35,970</u> |

Approved by the Combined Ecumenical Council Meeting on 25 March 2026 and signed on its behalf by:

The Reverend David Kichenside (Chairman of the Trustees and Chair of the PCC)
The notes on pages 22 to 27 form part of these accounts.



Notes to the Accounts for the year ended 31 December 2025

1. Accounting Policies

The Financial Statements have been prepared in accordance with the provisions of the Statement of Recommended Practice (FRSEE) Accounting Regulations (the Regulations) and Section 145 of the Charities Act 2011 (the Act).

The financial statements include transactions, assets and liabilities for which the Trustees can be held responsible. They do not include the accounts of church groups that owe an affiliation to another body nor those that are informal gatherings of church members.

Funds (See Note 9)

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

The purpose of any restricted funds is noted in the accounts. Any balance remaining unspent at the end of each year must be carried forward as a balance on that fund, unless a fund was set up on the understanding that any surplus would be returned to general funds.

Incoming Resources - All incoming resources are accounted for gross.

Voluntary income and capital sources:

Planned giving, collections and donations are recognised when received. Tax refunds are recognised when the incoming resource to which they relate is received. Grants and legacies to the LEP are accounted for when the LEP is legally entitled to the amounts due.

Activities which generate funds:

Rental income is accounted for when earned. Parochial Fees due to the LEP for weddings, funerals etc. are accounted for on an event-by-event basis. Some activities carried out by the Parish, including those run by sub-groups, make a charge to cover costs and so generate income, but their primary purpose is ministry or outreach, not generating funds.

Income from investments:

Interest is accounted for when due. Tax recoverable on such income is accrued for on the same basis.

Charitable Resources Expended

Grants:

Grants and donations are accounted for when allocated by the Trustees. The previous policy of the Trustees was to aim to give approximately 10% of all voluntary income from direct giving to various charities and causes as determined by the CEC. This policy was amended in 2016 to limit away giving to a reduced number of recipients so that the Parish could make a higher contribution to the Diocese. In order to reduce pressure on the Parish General Fund, this policy has since been amended so that the only recipients are the Medway Foodbank and Connexional Funds of the Methodist Church.

Amounts received specifically for mission and remitting to other organisations are dealt with as restricted funds, but do not form part of the end of year accounts except if a balance remains to be paid out.

Costs directly related to the work of the church:

Clergy costs are seen as costs to the whole Parish and the costs for clergy housing are shown separately:

With effect from June 2025 the Parish also has a self-supporting minister (Rev. Ann Ruby) who, serves as Curate, but no salary or housing costs are incurred by the Parish.

The LEP employs one part-time cleaner and five staff (all part-time) in the Cornerstone Coffee Shop. Since April 2025, all wages are paid net of income tax and employees' national insurance contributions where applicable. All adult staff are paid at the Real Living Wage hourly rate. Young people are paid at the appropriate national minimum wage hourly rate according to their age. No employee is paid more than £60,000 p.a.

The Diocesan Parish Share and Methodist Assessment are accounted for when payable. All other expenditure is generally recognised when it is incurred and is accounted for gross.

Land and Buildings

The CEC (PCC) and LEP Trustees own no land or buildings but have responsibility for maintenance of properties as mentioned on page 8. The Trustees receive the income when the church buildings are hired out for use. Any expenditure on maintenance or improvement is written off as incurred.

Other fixtures, fittings and office equipment:

Individual items of equipment are written off in the period in which the asset is acquired.

Investments:

The Trustees have no investments other than deposit accounts. With the exception of the Anglican Church Repair Funds, which are held at the Rochester Diocesan Board of Finance, the only other deposit account is with the Central Finance Board of the Methodist Church in respect of the repair fund for the Methodist building. Deposit Accounts are used to hold balances on all funds which are not required for immediate use.

Current Assets:

Amounts owing to the Trustees at 31 December in respect of fees, rents or other income are shown as debtors. Short-term deposits include cash held on deposit either with the Methodist Central Board of Finance (Deposit accounts), Rochester Diocesan Board of Finance deposits, or at the bank.

Rounding Errors

All values are shown correctly rounded to the nearest pound; however, the totals show the rounded sum of the *true* values, not the sum of the *rounded* values. (This means that at times the sum shown does not appear to be the sum of the values given, it is, however, the true sum.)

Reserves Policy:

Despite facing deficit budget situations for a number of years, through careful financial management and the provision of God through His people, the free reserves of the Trustees, (including funds designated for possible future repairs and varying levels of gift aid tax accumulated), have usually stayed at a level sufficient to meet between 2 and 3 months of unrestricted expenditure covering ministry and building costs. There is no policy to increase the free reserves at present, as the Trustees prefer to trust that God will continue to provide the funds required to meet the needs of the Parish, as seen in previous years. The Trustees will, however, continue to examine ways of encouraging increased giving and acceptance of responsibility by the members of the church.

| | | Unrestricted Funds | | | | Restricted Funds | Endowment Funds | Total 31/12/25 | Total 31/12/24 |
|--------------|--|------------------------|----------|----------|-----------------|------------------|-----------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| | | General Parish £ | | | Designated £ | £ | £ | £ | £ |
| 2 | INCOMING RESOURCES | | | | | | | | |
| 2.1 | Incoming Resources from generated funds | | | | | | | | |
| 2.1a. | Voluntary Income: | | | | | | | | |
| | Planned Giving - Gift Aided | 35,344 | 0 | 0 | 0 | | | 35,344 | 34,874 |
| | Other Gift Aided Giving | 135 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | | 135 | 145 |
| | Income Tax Recoverable | 9,673 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | | 9,673 | 9,848 |
| | Other Planned Giving | 3,983 | 0 | 0 | 0 | | | 3,983 | 3,676 |
| | Collections at services | 3,079 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | | 3,079 | 4,304 |
| | Donations & gift days | 8,789 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | | 8,789 | 8,847 |
| | Grants-recurring | | | | | 0 | | 0 | |
| | Grants-non recurring | 0 | | | 0 | | | 0 | 71 |
| | Total: | 61,003 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 61,003 | 61,766 |
| 2.1b. | Activities for generating funds: | | | | | | | 0 | |
| | Rental Income | 39,645 | | | | | | 39,645 | 40,141 |
| | Fees | 5,036 | | | | | | 5,036 | 2,898 |
| | Refreshments | 1,346 | | | 0 | 0 | | 1,346 | 1,198 |
| | Fundraising | 1,772 | | | 0 | 0 | | 1,772 | 961 |
| | Spirit Squad | | | 0 | 0 | 0 | | 0 | |
| | Housewives' Fellowship | St Alban's | | | 0 | 0 | | 0 | |
| | Lunch Club: | St. David's | | | 0 | 0 | | 0 | |
| | Seniors' Soups | St. William's | | | 0 | 0 | | 0 | |
| | Oasis | St David's | | | 0 | 0 | | 0 | |
| | Men's Breakfast | St David's | | | 0 | 0 | | 0 | |
| | Tea at 3 | St William's | | | 688 | 0 | | 688 | 578 |
| | Cornerstone Coffee Shop | St William's | | | 75,712 | 0 | | 75,712 | 64,298 |
| | Courses | 0 | | | | | | 0 | 0 |
| | Total: | 47,799 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 76,400 | 0 | 124,199 | 110,073 |
| 2.1c. | Investment Income: | | | | | | | 0 | |
| | Interest | 18 | | | 643 | 0 | | 661 | 1,172 |
| | Total: | 18 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 643 | 0 | 661 | 1,172 |
| 2.2 | Other incoming resources | | | | | | | 0 | |
| | Insurance Claims | | 0 | 0 | 0 | | | 0 | |
| | Sanctuary | 36 | | 0 | | | | 36 | |
| | Parish Mission | 0 | | | | | | 0 | |
| | Telephone | | | | | | | 0 | |
| | Printing | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | | | 0 | |
| | Postage | 0 | | | | | | 0 | |
| | Miscellaneous | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | | 0 | |
| | Total: | 36 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 36 | 0 |
| | | | | | | | | 0 | |

| | | Unrestricted Funds | | | | | Restricted Funds | Endowment Funds | Total | Total |
|--------------|--|--------------------|----------|----------|----------|---------------|------------------|-----------------|----------------|----------------|
| | | General | | | | Designated | | | 31/12/25 | 31/12/2024 |
| | | Parish | | | | | | | | |
| | | £ | | | | £ | £ | £ | £ | £ |
| 3 | RESOURCES EXPENDED | | | | | | | | | |
| 3.1 | Cost of generating funds | | | | | | | | | |
| 3.1a. | Cost of generating voluntary income | | | | | | | | | |
| | Stewardship | 0 | | | | | | | 0 | |
| | General Total: | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 3.1b. | Fundraising & trading | 16 | | | | | | | 16 | |
| | Fairs/Events | 0 | | | 0 | 0 | 0 | | 0 | |
| | Total: | 16 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 16 | 0 |
| 3.2 | Charitable activities | | | | | | | | 0 | |
| | Grants: | | | | | | | | 0 | |
| | Overseas Missions | 200 | | | | | | | 200 | 200 |
| | Relief & Development Agencies | 0 | | | | | 0 | | 0 | |
| | Home Missions/Church Societies | 300 | | | | | 0 | | 300 | 300 |
| | Secular Societies | 1466 | | | | | 214 | | 1,681 | 1200 |
| | Ministry: | | | | | | | | 0 | |
| | Travel Expenses | 1,277 | 0 | 0 | 0 | | | | 1,277 | 712 |
| | Clergy Phones | 536 | 0 | 0 | 0 | | | | 536 | 404 |
| | Clergy Conferences | 115 | 0 | 0 | 0 | | | | 115 | 122 |
| | Clergy Computers/Equip | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | | | 0 | 11 |
| | Visiting Clergy | 0 | | | | | | | 0 | 113 |
| | Gifts for Speakers | 0 | | | | | | | 0 | |
| | Housing: Council Tax, Water & Repairs | 2,720 | | | 0 | | | | 2,720 | 2,737 |
| | Church running expenses | | | | | | | | 0 | |
| | Heat & Light | 10,784 | | | | | | | 10,784 | 15,700 |
| | Water Rates | 4,724 | | | | | | | 4,724 | 3,573 |
| | Insurance | 3,371 | | | | | | | 3,371 | 3,302 |
| | Repairs (not transfers) | 7,132 | | | | 840 | 0 | | 7,972 | 33,027 |
| | Cleaning | 9,313 | | | | | | | 9,313 | 9,087 |
| | Church Telephones | 1,563 | | | | | | | 1,563 | 1,454 |
| | Postage | 116 | 0 | 0 | 0 | | | | 116 | 268 |
| | Printing & Stationery | 6,252 | 0 | 0 | 0 | | 0 | | 6,252 | 1,228 |
| | Activities: | | | | | | | | 0 | |
| | Weddings | | | | | | | | 0 | |
| | DBF element of statutory fees | 3,474 | | | | | | | 3,474 | 2,123 |
| | Organists/Choir/Music | 462 | | | | | | | 462 | 833 |
| | Sanctuary | 158 | 0 | 0 | 0 | | | | 158 | 158 |
| | Books/ Worship | 46 | 0 | 0 | 0 | | 0 | | 46 | 51 |
| | Baptisms | 104 | 0 | 0 | 0 | | | | 104 | |
| | PA Equipment | | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | | | 0 | |
| | Courses | 277 | | | | | | | 277 | 27 |
| | Refreshments | 66 | | 0 | | | 0 | | 66 | 54 |
| | Junior Church/Children's/Youth | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | | 0 | 0 |
| | Housewives' Fellowship | | | | | 0 | 0 | | 0 | |
| | Lunch Club - St David's | | | | | 0 | 0 | | 0 | |
| | Oasis - St David's | | | | | 0 | 0 | | 0 | |
| | Tea at 3 - St W | | | | | 150 | 0 | | 150 | 180 |
| | Cornerstone Coffee Shop St W | | | | | 68,627 | 0 | | 68,627 | 62,030 |
| | Spirit Squad | | | | | 0 | 0 | | 0 | |
| | Celebrating Community Festival | | | | | | | | 0 | |
| | Support Costs: Training | 30 | | | | | | | 30 | 30 |
| | Parish Mission | 0 | | | | | | | 0 | |
| | Diocesan Parish Share | 53,880 | | | | | | | 53,880 | 54,804 |
| | Methodist Assessment | 2,009 | | | | | | | 2,009 | 1,993 |
| | Miscellaneous | 505 | 0 | 0 | | 0 | | | 505 | 456 |
| | Total: | 110,880 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 69,617 | 214 | 0 | 180,712 | 196,176 |
| 3.3 | Governance costs | | | | | | | | | |
| | Independent Examination | 600 | | | | | | | 600 | 568 |
| | Total: | 600 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 600 | 568 |
| 3.4 | Other resources expended | | | | | | | | | |
| | Bank Charges | 60 | | | | | 0 | | 60 | 60 |
| | Total: | 60 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 60 | 60 |
| | TOTAL RESOURCES USED | 111,556 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 69,617 | 214 | 0 | 181,388 | 196,804 |

| | | | | | | | | | | |
|--|----------------------------------|----------------|-------------------|-------------------|--|-------------------|-------------|------------------------------|-------------------|--|
| 4 TRANSFERS | | | | | | | | | | |
| In 2025 the following transfers have been made between funds: | | | | | | | | | | |
| | | <u>General</u> | | <u>Designated</u> | | <u>Restricted</u> | | <u>Notes</u> | | |
| Repair Funds | St. Alban | (1,800) | | 1,800 | | | | Annual contribution for 2025 | | |
| Repair Funds | St. David | (600) | | 600 | | | | Annual contribution for 2025 | | |
| Repair Funds | St. William | (3,600) | | 3,600 | | | | Annual contribution for 2025 | | |
| Tea at 3 | St. William | 850 | | (850) | | | | Donation to General Fund | | |
| Cornerstone Coffee Shop | St William | 6,351 | | (6,351) | | | | Donation to General Fund | | |
| Little Angels | St William | 253 | | | | (253) | | Transfer to General Fund | | |
| Spirit Squad | St David | 40 | | (40) | | | | Transfer to General Fund | | |
| | | | | | | | | | | |
| | | 1,494 | | (1,241) | | (253) | | | | |
| | | | | | | | | | | |
| 5 CHARITABLE AWAY GIVING/GRANTS | | | | | | | | | | |
| | | <u>General</u> | <u>Restricted</u> | | | | | <u>General</u> | <u>Restricted</u> | |
| <i>Overseas Missions:</i> | | | | | <i>Home Missions/Church Societies:</i> | | | | | |
| Methodist World Mission | | 200 | | | Methodist Mission in Britain | | 200 | | | |
| | | | | | Methodist Property Fund | | 100 | | | |
| | | | 0 | | | | | | | |
| | | 200 | 0 | | | | | 300 | 0 | |
| <i>Relief & Development Agencies:</i> | | | | | | | | | | |
| | | | | | <i>Secular Societies:</i> | | | | | |
| | | | | | Hope in the Community Medway Foodbank | | 1,200 | 214 | ** | |
| | | | | | Demelza House | | 227 | | | |
| | | | 0 | | The Children's Society | | 39 | | | |
| | | 0 | | | | | | 1,466 | 214 | |
| ** £214.29 paid to Hope in the Community (Medway Foodbank), following the approval of the local churches, to clear the balance on the Celebrating Community Festival account, held by the parish on behalf of the local churches. | | | | | | | | | | |
| The sum of £2,047.82 was raised for Christian Aid and was sent direct, as part of collections in May. The total includes limited house to house collections, collections at collection stations and church collections including from a neighbouring church. | | | | | | | | | | |
| An amount of £48.02 was also paid to the Children's Society from collections at church events. This amount, whilst passing through the parish accounts, does not form part of the parish accounts for 2025. | | | | | | | | | | |
| 6 DEBTORS | | | | | | | | | | |
| | | | | <u>2025</u> | | | <u>2024</u> | | | |
| | Debtors for goods and services | | | 37 | | | 0 | | | |
| | Rental Income Due | | | 2,294 | | | 3,314 | | | |
| | Income tax recoverable | | | 2,705 | | | 2,928 | | | |
| | | | | | | | 0 | | | |
| | Total Debtors: | | | | 5,036 | | | 6,242 | | |
| | Prepayments | | | | | | 0 | | | |
| | | | | | 5,036 | | | 6,242 | | |
| 7 LIABILITIES (all falling due within one year) | | | | | | | | | | |
| | | | | <u>2024</u> | | | <u>2024</u> | | | |
| | Creditors for goods and services | | | 630 | | | 630 | | | |
| | Accruals | | | 2,488 | | | 2,317 | | | |
| | Total Creditors | | | | 3,118 | | | 2,947 | | |
| | Deferred Income | | | | 0 | | | | | |
| | | | | | 3,118 | | | 2,947 | | |
| | | | | | | | | | | |
| | | | | | | | | | | |

| | | | | | | | | | | |
|--|---------------------------|---------|---------------------------------------|------------------|-------------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-------|----------|
| 8 FUNDS | | | | | | | | | | |
| | | | | | Movement in Funds | | | | | |
| | | | Balance | | | | | | | Balance |
| | | | 1/1/2025 | | Incoming | Outgoing | Interest | Transfers | | 31/12/25 |
| UNRESTRICTED FUNDS £ | | | | | | | | | | |
| General: | | | (435) | | 108,838 | (111,556) | 18 | 1,494 | | (1,640) |
| | | | 0 | | | | | | | 0 |
| Designated Funds: | | | 0 | | | | | | | 0 |
| Repair Funds: | St. Alban | | 25,624 | | 0 | (840) | 447 | 1,800 | | 27,031 |
| | St. David | | 1,706 | | 0 | 0 | 66 | 600 | | 2,372 |
| | St. William | | 2,213 | | 0 | 0 | 130 | 3,600 | | 5,943 |
| Special Collections - Forest School | St William | | 914 | | | | | | | 914 |
| Cornerstone Coffee Shop | St. William | | 5,000 | | 75,712 | (68,627) | | (6,351) | | 5,734 |
| Oasis | St David | | 102 | | 0 | 0 | | 0 | | 102 |
| Tea at 3 | St. William | | 337 | | 688 | (150) | | (850) | | 25 |
| Spirit Squad | St. David | | 40 | | 0 | 0 | | (40) | | 0 |
| | | | | | | 0 | 0 | 0 | | 0 |
| TOTAL UNRESTRICTED FUNDS | | | 0 | 35,502 | 0 | 185,238 | (181,173) | 661 | 253 | 40,481 |
| RESTRICTED FUNDS £ | | | | | | | | | | |
| Children & Youth Activities (Little Angels) | St. William | | 253 | | 0 | 0 | 0 | -253 | | 0 |
| Special Collections ** | Parish | | 0 | | 282 | (282) | 0 | 0 | | 0 |
| Celebrating Community Festival | Parish | | 214 | | 0 | (214) | 0 | 0 | | 0 |
| TOTAL RESTRICTED FUNDS | | | 0 | 467 | 0 | 282 | (496) | 0 | (253) | 0 |
| | | | | | | | | | | |
| TOTAL ALL FUNDS | | | | 35,970 | | 185,520 | (181,669) | 661 | 0 | 40,481 |
| | | | | | | | | | | |
| ** Donations received and passed on as appropriate for specific charities and appeals. | | | | | | | | | | |
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| ENDOWMENT FUNDS | | | The Trustees have no endowment funds. | | | | | | | |
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| 9 PAYMENTS to CEC MEMBERS | | | | | | | | | | |
| The following payments have been made to members of the CEC as reimbursement for materials and equipment purchased by them on behalf of the Parish: | | | | | | | | | | |
| | Jean Bassett | £26 | | Pat Long | | £700 | | | | |
| | Reverend David Kichenside | £689 | | Credwyn Tolhurst | | £30 | | | | |
| | Don Lawrence | £737 | | | | | | | | |
| No other payments of any kind, other than Ministers' expenses, have been made to any member of the CEC. | | | | | | | | | | |
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| 10 STAFF COSTS | | | | | | | | | | |
| | | 2025 | | 2024 | | | | | | |
| Wages and salaries | Church Cleaner | £7,520 | | £7,451 | | | | | | |
| Wages and salaries | Cornerstone Coffee Shop | £39,755 | | £35,593 | | | | | | |
| During the year the CEC employed one part-time cleaner who covered two of the three churches in the parish and five staff at the Cornerstone Coffee Shop (all part-time). All parish employees are paid at the Real Living Wage hourly rate. | | | | | | | | | | |
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| 11 PRIOR YEAR ADJUSTMENTS | | | | | | | | | | |
| No adjustments have been made to the accounts declared in previous years. | | | | | | | | | | |
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