



THE PARISH OF SHERE
incorporating the villages of Gomshall, Peaslake and Shere



Shere Parochial Church Council

Annual Report and

End of Year Financial Statements

Year ending 2025

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1. Ministry Report

In 2025 each of our parishes was required to go through the parish needs process (PNP) and review their church development plans (CDP). Albury had only one focus – what to do following the loss of their resident minister in 2024, while Shere and Chilworth came up with some good individual suggestions to address their particular challenges and opportunities. The Benefice Ministry Team however began to feel that there was a need to step back and look at the bigger picture and to review our longer-term strategy as a Benefice in the light of our core beliefs and objectives (our theology), the challenges we all face, and the opportunities open to each of us.

Alongside this, during Lent, Shere Parish had been studying Sam Well's book 'Incarnational Ministry' and the Ministry Team increasingly felt that the central theme within it - that the eternal and essential nature of God is to be in loving relationship, that God's primary desire in relationship with humanity was simply presence (to 'be with' us), and that we should try to do the same – was a missiology that fitted well with the nature of our Benefice.

Mission Plan and Priorities

From these two things grew a mission plan that focused on being with God, being with each other, and being with the world. Applying this to our current situation we identified three priorities:

Firstly, greater integration across the Benefice – 'Being With' each other more often and in larger numbers. "Working With" each other to provide more mutual support, lighten the load, and achieve more. Secondly, increasingly loving our neighbours not just with acts of service (which are important in themselves) but by our intentional presence (Being With) and by looking for additional opportunities to intentionally share and point out the love of God at work in their lives, their communities, and creation itself. And thirdly, applying an 'Incarnational' focus to the things we are already doing. Looking at our existing activities and looking for ways we can increase our levels of engagement with our communities and within them - both as individuals and as the visible presence of Jesus. From this we developed a strategy with four main goals.

Strategy and Goals

1. Rolling out an Incarnational Ministry focus across the benefice (i) replicating some of the things already being done in Shere (ii) Looking for things that might achieve the same 'being with' goals but be parish specific. (iii) simply working more closely together as a Benefice
2. Increasing paid clergy time but also cutting back some of the things we do, so as to improve individual wellbeing and ministry, free up time to do other things, and enable congregations to worship and gather together more often. NB. It is noted that St. Martha's is a very different church: it has no resident community around it and few of its congregation live in the parish. Most therefore do not consider themselves part of a local community in the way members of our other churches should and do. They are therefore far less likely to visit other parts of the Benefice.
3. Looking for small incremental ways in which we can increase the spiritual elements of everything we do. "Turning up the temperature one degree at a time". Regularly reviewing all our activities by asking how are we exercising and witnessing the love of God in this venture? and how can we do it a little bit more?
4. Looking for practical Economies of scale as we work more as a united Benefice. Reviewing how we do admin in each parish, how we might do it better, and how we might combine activities and share resources to reduce overall effort.

From this we identified specific action points, all of which have been completed or initiated at the time of writing.

Actions Taken

1. Rename and relaunch the benefice as the 'Tillingbourne Benefice'.
2. Recruit the extra Clergy hours using Albury's reserves
3. Reduce the number of Sunday Services
4. Introduce more Benefice Services, more services with a 'being with' focus, and more lay lead services.
5. Create a Community Team that attends and has a presence at events and activities already happening in our communities (Currently Shere based but needs be Benefice wide).
6. Run Sam Wells' "Being With" course as a Benefice study course.
7. Hire a consultant to do a Benefice administration review.

Conclusion and looking forward

The amount we have achieved so far has been amazing and I am incredibly grateful to those who have participated in the changes and enabled them to happen. Particularly perhaps those who have found some of the changes understandably painful but have participated anyway.

On the other hand many people are excited and energized by what we have done so far, especially perhaps those who have fully grasped the power of the 'being with' philosophy and seen it in action. We still have much work to do in helping more people understand the philosophy fully and share it with others.

Other challenges ahead include developing our work with children and families, but I think the ethos of the Shere after school club, that we started in 2025, of rather than just trying to get children to come to us we go out to 'be with' them is a good one. David Oakden has also now been able to start doing assemblies in Chilworth thanks to his licencing as Associate Minister to the Benefice in December (in addition to already being Resident Minister in Chilworth).

Equally the experience of the Community Team at the events they have attended so far has been great (and very rewarding for the team members) but the team, now ably coordinated by Ian Gregory who we commissioned as Lay Chaplain at the start of the year, is still quite small and needs to grow if we are to grow this aspect of our 'being with' outreach.

In these last years of my own full-time ministry it has been incredibly fulfilling for me to discover a whole new way of looking at ministry which at the same time draws together many of the themes and connections that I have been drawn to since ordination. Focusing and prioritising our ministry on "Being with God, Being with Each Other, Being with The World" at first seems simple (and almost obvious) but the deeper you go into it the more it makes sense of and connects every area of our Christian life and service in a new and coherent way. I have also greatly enjoyed being part of many of the new things we have done and I hope and pray that in the months ahead the whole Tillingbourne Benefice will increasingly come to understand the path we are on and find similar enjoyment in treading it together. Thank you for travelling it with me – I really appreciate being with you.

God Bless, Tim.

2. Financial Report

In 2025 the Parish has benefitted from a surplus on our unrestricted funds (monies available for day-to-day expenditure) of £15,800. This compares with a small surplus in 2024 of £1,100. Overall including restricted resources income was £241,800 and expenditure was £246,000. However despite this in-year surplus our general reserves have continued their decline.

Our most important source of income, Planned Giving, has decreased by 2.4%, to £113,400 (£116,000). This decline, after a slight increase 2024, is additionally worrying once inflation is taken into account. The benefits of previous planned giving campaigns have now fully worked through and the decline is as a result of givers ceasing their donations, through moving away or otherwise, slightly offset by some increases in the last year. The small 2025 overall surplus has been largely generated by weddings and funerals fee income of £18,700 (£11,500).

Unrestricted donations increased to £17,600 (£16,700). This figure includes money collected at Carols in the Square. However we received £11,100 in donations and associated tax reclaims towards the St James' lighting project and the Peaslake cemetery fence. Funds for these projects are treated as restricted resources (ringfenced) and are separate from general unrestricted funds. Including restricted funds donations in 2025 increased to £28,800, up from £22,000.

The St James' lighting project was completed, at a cost of £37,100. Of this £19,700 was raised through donations, leaving £17,400 contributed from general funds.

The St Mark's cemetery fence project fundraising continued all year, contributing a further £23,700 to the prior year balance of £1800. These monies have been deferred into 2026 as there was no material in year

project expenditure. (Since 2025 year end additional funding of £11,800 has been received, leaving the fence fund at £37,300 at the time of writing).

Collections from services increased from £7,900 in 2024 to £8,800. The Old Parsonage on Lawbrook Lane continues to be let, which provided a gross income of £18,600 (£18,600). This is unchanged as there has not been a rent review.

We were very grateful for a generous legacy of £5,000 from the estate of Shirley Thomson as well as a grant from Shere Parish Council as a contribution towards the upkeep of our churchyards and cemeteries.

As previously mentioned income from wedding and funeral fees of £18,700 was a substantial increase from 2024 (£11,500). Within that figure wedding income of £9,900 reflected the increase in the number of weddings in the year, and funeral offices from £6,500 to £8,700. Magazine income was up to £29,600 from £28,700. This increase was entirely due to sales and subscription income; advertising revenue was very slightly down at £18,100.

On the expenditure side, included in our unrestricted (excluding designated) expenditure total of £207,000 (£215,000) is our diocesan parish share of £98,500 (£95,500), an increase of just over 3% (5%). For comparison our 2026 parish share will increase by 4% to £102,400.

Our mission support giving was £17,400 (£19,300). As well as donations to our long-standing regular charities of Barnabus, Larchfield and Amos Trust (Al-Ahli hospital we donated £2,100 to the Delhi Brotherhood in India. Carols in the Square raised over £4,800 after costs, which was down slightly on the previous year. The proceeds were shared equally between SALV and the Children's Society, who each received over £2,400.

Apart from the lighting project at St James' mentioned above there were no major items of expenditure on the fabric of our two church buildings in 2025. Maintenance expenditure totaled £9,300 up from £6,600 and included some electrical works at St James'.

Following the completion of the Old School Room wheelchair access project there has been no major expenditure this year on the Old School Room. It is noted however that there is likely to be significant expenditure in the near term for repairs and renovations to the external porches and windows.

Expenditure on utilities, mainly gas and electricity, for our church buildings for the year was £6,000 (£8,000), a decrease of 25%. This reduction, which continues a trend from 2024, whilst welcome is largely as a result of the general decrease in utility prices after the steep increases in recent years but does also reflect our eco-church initiative. Specifically looking at the electricity spend at St James' this was £1,545, down from £2,602 in 2024, so we are starting to see the benefit of the new LED lighting installation. However, we must continue to be vigilant and continue to look at ways to reduce our utilities spend, mindful that heating forms the largest part.

Excluding the lighting project expenditure on our church buildings was £9,400 (£6,600). The increase was largely one of timing – surveys for gas and electrical safety (and associated remedial works), fire extinguishers, lightning conductors all falling due.

The net result for the year was a surplus of income over expenditure of £16,300 (2024 surplus £1,100) before transfers on unrestricted and designated funds. Adding bank and deposit balances brought forward at the beginning of the year, the balances carried forward at 31st December on unrestricted funds totaled £120,000 (2024: £124,000). This decrease reflects the continuing decline in our reserves (from £149,000 at the end of 2022). The major factor this year was the contribution to the St James' lighting project from general reserves (£17,400, mentioned earlier).

The value of our investment funds lodged with the Church of England deposit fund reduced by £2,800, compared with a small increase of £1,300 in 2024.

The Camino project in partnership with the Roman Catholic Diocese of Guildford has completed. All funds (treated as a Restricted Fund) have now been consumed.

Related Party Transactions: No PCC member (Trustee) has received any benefits (2024: £0), but clergy members of the PCC have been re-imbursed expenses not exceeding £1450 (£3300) in total.

Finally I want to thank other key members of the Parish finance team during 2025, including Stuart Madden, Ken Mead, and Bruce Buglear and others without whose invaluable assistance managing the church finances would be much harder.

In summary the overall message this year is that we need to consider carefully how we stem the decline in our reserves, to enable us to continue thriving as a viable church delivering God's mission in the Parish of Gomshall, Shere and Peaslake. *Angus Denny, Treasurer*

3. Electoral Roll Report

In 2025, prior to the Annual Church Parish Meeting (APCM), a completely new Roll was compiled in accordance with Church of England regulations. The totals for 2025 were 139 people from 99 households. Only those on the Roll can take part in the APCM.

Jonathan Cross, Electoral Roll Officer

4. Deanery Synod Report

The Deanery Synod had 2 meetings in 2025 and the second one in 2025 had the Head of Safeguarding for the Guildford Diocese helping the safeguarding officers in the Parishes of the Cranleigh Deanery Synod sort out problems they were having with the reporting system. We also welcomed Sarah Hutton as our new Area Dean.

Ian Gregory, Deanery Synod Representative

5. Sidespeople, Welcomers and Refreshments

St James'

The team of Roger Moulden, Caroline Evans, Jane Cross, Jonathan Cross, Kate Denny, James Hutton, Ken Mead, Ian Gregory, Sarah Egerton, Rod Duncan and Ian Allen ably performed their sides and welcomer duties on the 2nd and 4th Sundays of each month throughout 2025. Generally two side persons and one welcomer attended each service, however for busy services such as baptisms an extra person was enlisted. Thanks go to all those who help with serving of refreshments after the services.

Sarah Egerton and Christine O'Loughlin

St Mark's

Sidesperson duties in 2025 are performed on the 1st and 3rd Sundays in the month. 1st Sundays were covered by Christine Harrison and one other, either Brad Day or Ian Gregory, depending who is available with Rod Duncan if either Brad or Ian are not available. 3rd Sundays were covered by Chris Lewis and Anne Heyes. All sidespersons act as Welcomers.

Verger duties in 2025 were covered by Christine Harrison, Chris Lewis, Ian Gregory and Kate Denny, singly or in pairs according to the requirements of the service for Weddings and Funeral Services. Duties included seeing the church was ready and welcoming.

Christine sees that the wafers, batteries, lighting tapers are kept stocked in the vestry.

Refreshments 2025 after the 10.00am services were arranged by Christine who sets up The Old School Room for this purpose and also makes up the Servers rota throughout the year so there is continuity. Christine also purchases the coffee and biscuits needed.

Christine Harrison

6. Families and Children's Work

Mustard Seeds

Mustard Seeds is the after-school club which takes place every Friday between 3pm and 4.15pm in Shere School. There are 20 children aged 5 – 7 years on its register so sessions are lively. We have been exploring the big Bible themes through 2025. Each session involves a bible story, video (often Veggie tales), an interactive song, prayer and craft. We begin with a drink and snack with Lego and colouring. Each term there is one session in St James' Church.

There is a great team of faithful leaders with Jinny McMonigall supporting in much of the creative planning. This is a vital aspect of our mission and outreach as a church as we build up relationships with the children and their families. The staff at Shere school are very supportive. I am hugely grateful for those who help regularly or on an ad hoc basis. This is a team effort and so worthwhile as we see the children grow in their faith.

Sarah Hutton

Muddy Church

Bishop Andrew said to me following the Confirmation Service in April 2025 in St James', 'You must get that family involved.' And so, I did!

Laura Hancock and I met to plan a new initiative for a different way of doing church. Muddy Church takes place at 4pm outside about once a month in St James' Churchyard – and beyond. Each takes place around a theme so the first one in August took place in the Tillingbourne river. Others have involved the sheep in the upper field and through the winter around a fire pit. There is a scavenger hunt for the memory verse, which is pegged up, a game (thanks to Laura's creativity) and an explore of the theme interactively through creating something together. Prayer takes many forms, such as writing them on bark and floating them down the river and then we finish with a picnic tea accompanied by hot chocolate. Each one is different. It is messy and can be muddy. Each of us are exploring our faith so all voices are equally valid with the younger voices being heard. We talk through things together and it has been a joy to see many attending and being comfortable with a different way of doing church. This service is open to the whole benefice. We have between 7 and 20 children attending with about the same number of adults plus leaders and helpers. Once again this is a team effort, and I am hugely grateful to Laura and Ian Hancock (and their three boys) and my long-suffering husband, James for enabling this important part of our mission and outreach to happen.

Sarah Hutton

7. Pastoral Care Report

We recognise that there are many people who support friends and neighbours across the Parish in Gomshall, Peaslake and Shere. We are very fortunate to live in a community where people look out for others. There are times when it's good to offer specific visits when people find themselves facing particular struggles and welcome someone to chat to and pray with. The group has been running for many years continuing from the time of Rev George Egerton. We always maintain confidentiality, especially remembering our responsibilities under the DBS requirements. We try to encourage those who are not able to attend church regularly to come to the Songs of Praise services which are held during the year. These give the opportunity for people to meet up and share times of prayer which give support and comfort to those who are struggling. Thank you to all those who have supported the group over many years. In the new year we shall be considering how we continue to do this in a more co-ordinated way within Safeguarding regulations so thank you very much to all those who have been so supportive over many years. *Judy Potter*

8. Outreach Report

Men's Discussion Group.

Over the last year we have had many discussions in the group ranging from politics to the suffering of people around the globe. We have also explored how these topics fit in with Christianity. The group size ranges from 6 to 10 people. However, we get more people in the summer months as there are less commitments for the people attending during the summer months.

Simply Faith.

Simply Faith was lead by Rod Duncan in 2025 and we covered topics like euthanasia, prophecy, spiritual gifts, reading the Bible. We also touched on resurrection of Jesus and forgiveness. We explored the Lord's prayer week by week. We also explored a number of other contentious worldly issues.

Outreach and Being with.

In 2025 I was commissioned on January the 12th to do outreach work and the clergy team wanted me to go into the community to be with people. Accordingly, I participate in activities at Tanyard Hall, where I have observed that several members of the church are present. This group provides older adults with opportunities for social engagement, fostering a sense of community and enjoyment among individuals of similar age. Volunteers working with Guildford Borough Council manage this group. I also attend the Peaslake coffee morning to be a presence there. Christine and David Harrison run this group.

A group of individuals is actively involved in community outreach, myself included, participating in local events such as the Peaslake Open Gardens, Peaslake Fair, and Shere Hill Climb. The idea of this is to be a church presence at these events.

Pilgrim Group

This group works at enhancing St James' as a Pilgrim Church. This year we have produced a free Welcome leaflet with a guided map of the important features of the church. Our thanks must go to Steve Thurston for enabling this to happen. There are prayer cards in each pew for visitors which we see as spiritual pilgrims. Ongoing work is being done to produce in the same style as the welcome leaflet, a welcome banner and more detailed information at each key feature using a QR codes. This is a work in progress.

The group meets monthly to pray the hundreds of prayers which are written and pegged up in St James' Church. This is deeply moving as we notice the heartfelt and repeated nature of the petitions. In 2025 a new prayer tree was made by Adrian O'Loughlin using old pews and special branches in memory of a late friend of his. Each liturgical season a different shape and colour of prayer card is produced by the team.

The team runs Open for Peace which took place most months during 2025 in St James' on a Saturday between 11am and 4m. Over 150 people come through the doors. This is an opportunity to light a candle and say a prayer. Sadly this vigil continues as although a cease fire in Gaza has taken place wars continue to ravage the world.

My thanks to Sue Moulden, Jane Davis and Susie Duncan who form the core of this committed group.

Rev. Sarah Hutton, Associate Minister
Ian Gregory, Parish Lay Chaplain

9. Flower Arrangers Report

St. James' Flower Team

Luckily we still have our team of eight flower arrangers who very kindly decorate the Church for Easter, Open Gardens, Harvest and Christmas. In addition, an effort is made to ensure that there is always an arrangement adjacent to the Altar throughout the year except during Lent. These ladies are always willing to provide beautiful arrangements when requested for which I thank them most sincerely. *Lesley Childs*

St Mark's Flower Team

Once again it is time to extend special thanks to the loyal team of Flower Arrangers who work hard to keep St. Mark's looking lovely week by week, and our thanks as well to the extra help that comes in preparing for the Special seasonal Festivals. This is much appreciated by the congregation and visitors.

We welcome Kate Cuff, Hurtwood House who has volunteered to organise the yearly rota, and extend very grateful thanks to Anne for her sterling work over many years organising the Flower Arranges team as she steps down at the end of 2025. *Anne Heyes*

10. Vestry Report

St James', Shere Vestry Team Report

The Vestry Team's main function is to prepare all the items required to celebrate a Eucharist. Afterwards, they clear the altar then wash up the silver and glassware ready for the next service. In addition, there is the altar linen to be washed and ironed – and in some cases, starched!

The Vestry Team is made up of five back-room girls, performing the role of Sacristan, preparing everything required on the altar for a service of Holy Communion.

Needless to say, each member also performs a variety of other roles as and when required, with the emphasis being on teamwork to ensure the smooth running of the church in its myriad ways.

Well done team! *Cathy Mead*

St Mark's Peaslake Vestry Team Report

The Vestry Team continues to run smoothly at St Mark's in Peaslake, thanks to a reliable and painstaking Team of five. One longstanding member has resigned over a church matter, but another volunteer has kindly stepped in to take her place and has swiftly learnt the ropes.

We continue to be supported by those who ensure we have enough wine and communion wafers.

Deb Stevens

11. Cleaners Report

The five cleaning teams continued to do a fantastic job at St James'. With the ever-increasing visitor numbers in the village, many of whom come into the church – often after a muddy walk, there's no shortage of things to do. With a surprising number of visitors going up to the lectern, the carpeted steps can prove a bit of a challenge.

There was no Annual Big Clean in 2025 as I was confidently expecting that someone would answer my plea to take over from me and organise all cleaning. Sadly, my confidence was misplaced.

St Mark's in Peaslake has a wonderful team helping to keep the church clean and tidy, but sadly the numbers continue to dwindle and there are now only twelve people involved. Helen Mills is going to try something of a recruitment drive!

Cathy Mead and Helen Mills

12. Church Choirs of St James' and St Mark's Report

It is a real pleasure to look back over another strong and rewarding year for the church choirs of St James' and St Mark's, and to record heartfelt thanks to all the singers whose commitment, generosity of spirit and considerable musical talents continue to enrich the worship of both churches so profoundly. Week by week, and often behind the scenes, choir members give their time, energy and skill with remarkable faithfulness, and we are deeply grateful to each and every one of them.

The year was marked by a number of memorable musical highlights but also the choir sang wonderful music beginning with Benjamin's Britten's *The Birds*, a song which speaks of Christ's infancy and which they performed on Epiphany Sunday. The choir then joined the choir of St Nicolas Cranleigh to sing choral evensong in late January which was a lovely opportunity to sing some rather roly-poly Victorian music and some of those choral gems which make evensong such a precious part of our choral tradition. St Nicolas then joined us in March to sing for the confirmation service led by the late Bishop Andrew who was, as ever, very enthusiastic about the music in worship in the parish and we will miss his kind words and enthusiastic support.

The main work of the summer term was a choir concert to raise funds for the new lighting system in the church. We performed a programme of music centred around the theme of light including Elgar's *Light of the world* and Wood's *O thou the Central Orb*. The programme also included some much 'lighter' items such as an African gospel song *Babethandaza* accompanied by djembe drum and Irving Berlin's perennial favourite *Blue Skies*.

Later in the year, the deeply moving All Souls' service in late October set the tone, followed soon afterwards by another fine carol service which saw the church filled to capacity. These services not only demonstrated the choir's musical standards, but also their ability to support and enhance moments of great reflection and shared devotion.

Advent Sunday was particularly busy and joyful. The day began with a lovely Advent carol service at Peaslake in the morning, before the choir went on to join forces in the evening with the choir of St Nicholas, Cranleigh for a carol service that was very warmly received. This spirit of collaboration and shared music-making was a real feature of the season.

Soon after came the Service of Nine Lessons and Carols at Shere, where the choir once again led a capacity congregation with confidence and warmth. Alongside much-loved congregational carols, the choir offered classic choral works, including Bach's famous *Wachet auf!* and a beautifully sensitive setting of John Joubert's *There is no rose*, both of which were sung with poise and expressive depth.

In addition to all of these regular services and commitments the choir also sang at numerous weddings and some funerals and we thank them for this extra commitment to helping people celebrate and commemorate these important family events. These extra events require a lot of extra help, as does the running of the choir and we must highlight the huge amount of work that Cathy Mead does in organizing the choir for events, sorting out music, setting up for choir practices and translating the choir master's instructions/intentions to sometimes slightly baffled choir members! Thank you Cathy, your capacity for getting things done and your clear thinking are what holds the choir together!

This has been another strong and life-giving year for the choirs of St James' and St Mark's. We look ahead with confidence and enthusiasm—and we are always delighted to welcome new members, so please do spread the word!

Doug Mcilwraith, Director of Music

13. Report on the Fabric, Goods and Ornaments of the Churches

St James' Church

Thanks to the members of our Property Team who together do so much to keep our buildings in such good repair, particularly to Robert Beck and Ken Mead, who put in enormous efforts during the year in initiating, reviewing mobilising contractors and implementing projects concerning the interior and exterior maintenance aspects.

Projects

The major project completed in May 2025 was the successful upgrading of the electricity at St James' to a LED system, with appropriate PAT certificates for the completed electrical works. The system is working satisfactorily and will result both in better lighting and in terms of cost savings.

The property Committee has inspected in detail the condition of the fabric of the building and identified priority works that need to be done in the short term. A contractor has been approached to implement in the immediate future essential works including guttering and downpipe replacement at high level to the Nave roof north side, repairs to damaged churchyard boundary wall in two places, bird/squirrel damage to underside of roof above Gallery, toilet door repairs, and the checking and clearing of valley gutter. Future works comprising render and stonework repairs and a loose louvre panel to the bell tower were noted for when funds are available.

Assessments and Reviews

A fire risk assessment has been carried out and quotations received for a wireless fire detection and alarm system to principally provide protection for the tower bellringers. The team will be contacting Surrey Fire & Rescue Services to request their specialist advice over the risks and whether the proposed alarm was the appropriate solution.

A Risk Management Survey was carried out by a surveyor from Ecclesiastical Insurance on the valuation and buildings contents including a review has been of health & safety checks in the Church and regular churchyard inspection will be carried out and recorded to check for trip hazards on paths and the safety of headstones. A working party will be organised to reduce hazards.

An Energy Audit was carried out from Inspired Efficiency (Guildford Diocese) in April 2025 and the possibility reviewed of replacing the current gas heating system with an electrical system in the future. Preliminary costs have been estimated. These will require fund raising projects.

A draft comprehensive and detailed *Health and Safety Policy* has been prepared by Robert Beck and will be presented for review and approval by the PCC. This will cover inter alia risk assessments, information dissemination and training, first aid, accident reporting and all aspects related to larger church buildings etc.

Routine Servicing and Inspections

During the year expenditure ensured that the high standard levels were ensured for routine servicing and inspections of the gas boiler for the heating, 5 year installation electrical test certificate, maintenance of the clock in the Bell tower, and tuning and repair of the organ. The regular check on fire extinguishers was carried out, as well as the lightning conductor test.

Treeline have been requested to inspect the two large trees on the northern boundary of the churchyard by the river when they come into leaf. This follows concerns raised by the Swimming Pool Committee. The churchyard and cemetery have had grass cutting and strimming on a regular programme, with a special attempt to control the hedging on Lime Walk

Goods and Ornaments

Goods and ornaments are generally satisfactory. It should be mentioned that the altar frontals should be kept in review to ensure that any maintenance is carried out in a timely manner.

Javed Kumar, Churchwarden

St Mark's Church

St Mark's Church had its quinquennial this year. The quinquennial is the five yearly detailed inspection by a qualified architect. Overall, the church is in a good state of repair but in the next year the roof of the building will need an inspection by a competent roofer. Bats continue to come and go depending on the time of year. The heating boiler was serviced last June and a Hive system to control the heating was installed in September. To allow the system to work, the broadband connection was extended into the vestry and additional electricity sockets were installed near the fuse board in the vestry.

The goods and ornaments are in a satisfactory condition. However, the white altar frontal is in a bad state of repair and it was decided that we would repair it in house. In the churchyard the cherry tree at the south side of the church had its canopy reduced early last year so it's state will continue to be reviewed.

The Old School Room has had a new access door fitted. The eaves were painted last year which improved the look of the building but more work needs to be done on windows and porches.

The church has been working with the community to raise funds to replace the fencing around the Cemetery. Finally I would like to thank all of those people who contribute so selflessly to the life of St Mark's, especially the sides people, the flower arrangers, the cleaners, the locking and opening team, Robin who looks after the clock, Chris who looks after the Cemetery and the Harrisons who look after the activities in the Old School Room and anyone else I may have forgotten.

Kate Denny, Churchwarden

14. Peaslake Visitors and Lunch Group

The Group was set up following an initiative from the Diocese, in the early 1980's, to ensure that elderly and vulnerable people in rural parishes were identified and kept in contact with. The remit of the Group developed over time and in the late 1980's the scope was extended to include a lunch each month during the autumn and winter periods when the food would be prepared by members of the committee and served in The Old School Room.

In addition, the programme now includes a summer drive-and-tea at a garden centre as well as summer and Christmas lunches at Ridgmount.

From 2012 a monthly coffee morning has been held for members and the wider community.

This year, 2025, the monthly lunches were served in September, October, November, January, February and March to approximately 30 persons.

Summer and Christmas lunches were held at Ridgmount for members and guests.

In May there was a visit to Newbridge Garden Centre for members, with a cream tea.

Monthly coffee mornings were held throughout the year in The Old School Room, on the last Friday of each month, which were well attended.

Christine Harrison

15. The Old School Room

It has been a good year for The Old School Room (OSR) with use for church related functions and use by community organisations. We have benefited from having the wheelchair access availability, particularly for village lunches, church and coffee mornings. In addition the WC refurbishment this year is a great improvement and there have been many appreciative comments by visitors.

Church related functions have free use of the OSR. Other organisations pay a charge according to the period of use.

Church related use has included:

- Coffee after morning service
- Church meetings
- Eco Church events
- Peaslake Visitors & Lunch Group, Last Friday Coffee Morning
- MacMillan Coffee Morning
- Deanery Quiet Day
- Little fishes
- Peaslake School

Other organisations

Other organisations who have used the OSR include: Peaslake Mah-Jong group, Villagers Book Club, Peaslake Players, Shooting Club, British Legion Womens' Section, Villagers Group, Bridge Club, Friends of the Hurtwood, Recreation Ground Committee, Community Fund,

Bookings

I keep a calendar of bookings and collect payments which are remitted to Shere PCC Treasurer.

Christine Harrison

16. Shere Bell Tower Report

We had a core band of 12 regular ringers throughout 2025. One former ringer came along and revived their old skill for a while, but then found that arthritis in their hands was making this too difficult and gave up again. Towards the end of the year we were joined by a mature learner who seems to be making good progress. We have been unable to recruit any young people to learn and it is a concern that we find this so difficult as most of us find that our own abilities seem to decline as we age. During 2025 three of our experienced ringers decided that they no longer have the stamina to ring a quarter peal as that requires 45 minutes of unbroken ringing.

We rang the bells for 16 weddings during 2025, but sometimes did need to call for help from neighbouring tower bands when we could not find enough available Shere ringers to pull the 6 ropes required. I believe that we also rang for every regular service that we were expected to mark.

We were unable to enter the District Striking Competition in 2025, as it clashed with one of the weddings we had been asked to ring for. This was a little disappointing as we had gained some useful experience at this event in 2024. We managed to ring one successful quarter peal of Plain Bob Doubles during the autumn. This was Richard Morris's and Andrew Baker's first for this method on the treble and on an inside bell respectively. We lost a subsequent attempt at a quarter peal of Plain Bob Minor (changes rung on 6 bells, so more complicated than the 5 bells changing in "Doubles") and will try that again in 2026. Barbara Norman continues to ring advanced methods with ringers from a range of towers around the district and we are glad of her continued help and support in Shere.

In September we took part again in the Heritage Open Day, giving demonstrations and talks about bell ringing to an impressively large number of visitors. The sound of a bell being chimed repeatedly probably brought visitors into the church as well. And over the year our bells have been used by several visiting bands of ringers – we are grateful for the support of the clergy when these requests come in, as there is a long tradition of ringers moving around to gain experience and skill on different bells.

The bells themselves appear to remain in good condition, and no significant maintenance problems were found in 2025.

Graham Hughes, Bell Captain, St James' Bell Tower

17. Mission Support Report

Our Parish gives a guaranteed source of income to a number of charities. These are (currently): Barnabus in Manchester, the Al Ahli Hospital in Gaza and the Larchfield Orphanage in Tanzania. The money is paid out of the Parish's Outward Giving fund.

Barnabus - the Christian Homeless Centre supported by our Parish

Shere Parish, through the Mission Support Group, has continued to give financial aid (£4000) during the last year to Barnabus, which is situated in Manchester. In addition, their Chief Executive, Yvonne Hope, addressed the congregation at St. James' one Sunday morning in September. She spoke of the current crisis in homelessness in Manchester and gave details of how Barnabus are expanding their work into also providing supported housing for clients genuinely wanting to change their lives and to come to terms with a settled life within the community. Yvonne was very warmly welcomed and sent back to Manchester with the donation from the Parish, plus many gifts of food from parishioners. The reasoning behind our support of Barnabus is that the Mission Support Group feel that it is important to look outward beyond our immediate area whilst, at the same time, supporting local people in need.

Al Ahli Hospital

Our Support for the Al Ahli Hospital in Gaza continues in a sadly declining situation of greater uncertainty and violence amid virtual physical destruction of all utilities and buildings. The situation has been compounded by the difficulties of getting any aid blocked by the Israelis. Despite this the Hospital continues to operate at a basic level. We committed £4000 for the year and funds are being held by the Amos Trust until opportunities and a conduit arises for getting through to help with key initiatives such as hospital activities and trauma therapy.

The Larchfield Orphanage, Tanzania

On Sunday, August 3rd, at the Parish Communion Service in St Mark's, the congregation had the opportunity to hear from Jim Berry, founder, and Rob Sherman, Project Manager of the Larchfield Children's Home in Tanzania—an orphanage that the church supports as part of its mission outreach programme. Their insightful and uplifting story of Larchfield was by way of an interview during which Jim and Rob were able to articulate the ethos of Larchfield, its children and current and future plans for the development of the campus. Jim told us that the home aims to promote a strong sense of community and responsibility among the children. Funding mainly comes from generous benefactors, with ongoing plans for self-sustainability. Rob described some of the key projects recently finished, along with future plans, focusing on improving the living conditions, education, and self-sustainability of vulnerable children. Projects such as a 25-metre-deep borehole, a desalination plant, and a large multi-purpose hall are designed to enhance the lives and learning environment for the 41 children. Future initiatives include developing a sustainable fish farm to support everyone on campus and generate additional income through sales in the local market, together with their current sales of fruit and vegetables. Additionally, there are plans for a solar power system to reduce energy costs and increase reliability.



There was much to captivate the congregation due to the vision and energy of these two selfless gentlemen. The Larchfield story will surely go from strength to strength. *Mike Currier*

Photo, by Jonathan Cross, shows Rev Mike Currier with Jim and Lulu Berry (lead of the Larchfield Child Development Programme) and Rob Sherman.

The Delhi Brotherhood, India

Towards the end of 2025 the Mission Support Team recommended The Delhi Brotherhood as the fourth charity to support - to replace the Camino Refugee project completed in 2024. Whilst no decision was made to support them on an ongoing basis a donation of £2100 was made. The Brotherhood was established in 1877 with the objective of promoting education and social outreach among disadvantaged communities in Dehli. It is a Christian institution which from the very beginning, has focused on the upliftment of disadvantaged children and families, disadvantaged backgrounds, supporting them through education, care, and hope for a better future.

Children's Society Boxes – £937.96 was collected in 2025. Thanks to Christine O'Loughlin for all the hard work to look after the boxes this year.

Food Bank – we continue to collect and deliver donated food and hygiene items to the local foodbanks, alternating each month between the Salvation Army in Guildford and the North Guildford food banks. We delivered 15 car loads of food products during the year. On a number of occasions, we also delivered food to the Food Larder in Gomshall, to add to their stocks. Our local donation points are in St James' and St Mark's, and food purchased at the Coop in Shere can be left at the counter for the food bank.

Caroline Evans, on behalf of the Mission Support team

18. Songs of Praise

During 2025 we continued our services of Songs of Praise which have been welcomed by many people, especially those who are not able to come to the regular Sunday services. They are held during the afternoon, usually Wednesdays, and we share four gatherings during the year.

We arrange one to coincide with Easter tide when the brighter days are arriving and the signs of Spring are around us. Then we mark the warmer days of summer before suddenly finding ourselves marking Harvest time before realising the year is coming to an end as we celebrate Christmas time. After the singing there are good opportunities for people to chat to those they might not see very often – there's a good deal of laughter and happy voices helped along by cups of tea and seasonal cakes and biscuits. It really is a delight to share with everyone as we remember that we worship God and give thanks for his goodness.

Judy Potter

19. Eco-Church Report

The Parish of Shere Eco Church has continued to team up with Tillingbourne Earth to run a monthly Climate Café event, usually on the first Sunday of the month and based in the Old School Room, Peaslake. Attendance is usually between 20-35 people, with approximately 80 people attending different events. Talks have included an evening learning about 'Doughnut Economics' and another all about designing Peaslake Community Garden. Daytime, outdoor events included a Community Litter Pick and 'Walking with Trees', a meditative afternoon thinking deeply about our relationship with trees and nature. More actively, about 60 people helped with a day of hedge planting at Peaslake Farm/Community Garden with more than 2000 hedging whips planted in the day.

In March we hosted our first Eco Film Festival. This had two sections – an afternoon of short films in St James' on a wide variety of sustainability related subjects. This worked well as a 'walk-in' event, with some people staying for the whole afternoon and many people dropping in for a shorter time. The evening film event was a very well attended collaboration with Shere Village Cinema, showing 'Wilding', preceded by an excellent talk by the Chief Ecologist of Knepp.

We continue to have a monthly Eco Church page in the Parish Magazine which aims to inform the community of local events which they might join in with and ideas to help people think sustainably.

As an Eco Church, we are delighted that the lights in St James' were converted to low energy LEDs in 2025.

Jenny Janse & Shiona Bacon, Eco-church Officer

20. Safeguarding Report

The last 12 months have seen an increasing awareness of the importance of safeguarding within the parish and the community as a whole, with some good progress on the activities within the Safeguarding Action Plan.

Some of the high (and low) lights of the last 12 months:

- We have had good support from the Diocese with the occasional safeguarding issues that have occurred.
- In August 2025 APCS (our DBS handler) notified us that their software supplier had suffered a data breach. This affected seven members of our church and was handled in a sensitive and timely manner.
- As a result of the above the Diocese has selected MSW as the DBS enabler and their system is now being used for all future checks.
- Our **Safeguarding Dashboard**, which tracks how well we are doing to keep abreast of the mandatory items concerning training etc, and which generates an Action Plan for the PCC, has improved from the high 60s to the low 80s. Further improvements are anticipated in the near future as additional items are updated, and additional work is carried out on the Safeguarding Standards.
- The **Safeguarding Hub**, which helps us keep track of the forthcoming training and DBS needs for the 60 or so people involved in church activities, is being populated; this will bring all of this data into one secure place thus making the ongoing management of this task much simpler.

Our Church Culture

The PCC, following a request from the Diocese, submitted their comments on the **Strengths and Weaknesses** of the church culture. The comments were encouragingly positive with many key words such as: tolerant, welcoming, approachable and loving. The leadership team is seen as inclusive and approachable. However areas of concern included:

- Not enough young people attending, or becoming involved, in the church
- Apparent reluctance to change - we've always done it this way
- Meetings rushed with insufficient time for discussion
- Some people carrying too heavy a load
- Difficult for some newcomers to feel at home

The role of Parish Safeguarding Officer is both satisfying and, on occasion, dare I say, frustrating, and I am looking forward to the continued improvement of our work in this area. Thank you for your support and encouragement as I settle into my new role. *Philippa Galloway, Parish Safeguarding Officer*

21. Parish Magazine Report

EDITORIAL (Jane Kumar)

Another year of hard work and deadlines for the team of Rev Mike Currier, Naia Edwards and Wendy Innes. Rosanna Collingwood is our loyal proof reader.

Deadlines are sadly being ignored by many contributors, which makes a lot of extra work for me. They are clearly marked on the back cover of each magazine, and it would be much appreciated if they could be observed. I try to be flexible but my limits are being stretched!

Stag Print Services Ltd has proved a very worthy successor to Sy Hills Print and maintained a high standard of printing with excellent photo reproduction making for a clean and professional magazine.

We have reduced our print run to 900 copies per month as there were too many copies being left over and the magazine routinely runs to between 88 and 96 pages of news and information.

ADVERTISING (Javed Kumar) In terms of adverts the number have shown a little variation but broadly kept the same as the following table shows:

DATE	QUARTER B&W	QUARTER COLOUR	HALF COLOUR	FULL PAGE COLOUR	TOTAL
2024 (March)	13	41	28	3	85
2025(January)	14	43	24	6	87
2026 (Feb)	15	40	28	4	86

Over time, some advertisers retire or, due to economic circumstances stop. However, in terms of revenue, while the loss particularly of full-page adverts affects the overall income, this is usually compensated by new adverts during the year. It was decided not to increase charges in the current year since they had been increased in the previous year, an eye is being kept on printing costs, so that rates can be reviewed if necessary at the year end.

In terms of pages devoted to advertising, these have remained at around one-third to ensure that editorial copy is not affected. *Javed Kumar, Advertising Manager*

DISTRIBUTION (Ken Mead)

Another successful year of distributing our magnificent Parish Magazine is down to the 50 distributors who work tirelessly without a whimper. Thanks to Steve and Louisa, who coordinate the Peaslake distribution and also to Chris Capstick for stepping in when I have not been in the country. Over 700 magazines are delivered to the villages along with a number that are posted out and are looked after by Margaret Jones, who makes sure the local news is spread far and wide. Thanks to everyone that is involved in bringing together our impressive magazine for us to deliver to the happy subscribers.

22. Financial Statements for the year ended 31 December 2025

Notes

a) Accounting Policies

- The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Church Accounting Regulations 1997 together with applicable accounting standards and the Charities SORP.
- The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention except for the valuation of investment assets, which are shown at market value.

b) Funds

- The general reserve includes 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. Funds given for a particular purpose are restricted to use for that purpose.
- The accounts include all transactions, assets and liabilities for which the PCC is responsible in law. They do not include the accounts of church groups that owe their main affiliation to another body nor those that are informal gatherings of Church members.

c) Incoming resources

Voluntary income and capital sources

- Collections are recognised when received by or on behalf of the PCC.
- Income tax recoverable on gift aid donations is recognised in the same accounting year as the associated income is received.
- Grants and legacies to the PCC are accounted for as soon as the PCC is notified of its legal entitlement and the amount due.
- Funds raised by parish events are accounted for gross.
- Sales of books and magazines from the church bookstall are accounted for gross.

Other ordinary income

- Rental income from the letting of church premises is recognised for the period of rental falling within the accounting year.

Income from investments

- Dividends are recognised when receivable.
- Interest is recognised in respect of the periods for which it is earned that fall within the accounting year.

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. Unrealised gains are included in the revaluation reserve.

d) Resources used

Grants

- Grants and donations are accounted for when paid over, or when awarded, if that award creates a binding obligation on the PCC.

Activities directly related to the work of the Church

- The Diocesan quota or Parish Share is accounted for when payable. Any quota unpaid at 31 December is provided for in these accounts as an operational (though not a legal) liability, and is shown as a creditor in the Balance Sheet.

e) Fixed assets

Consecrated land and buildings and movable church furnishings

- Consecrated and beneficed property is excluded from the accounts by s.96(2)(a) of the Charities Act 1993.
- No value is placed on movable church furnishings held by the 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 benefice buildings and movable church furnishings, whether maintenance or improvement, is written off as expenditure in the SOFA and separately disclosed.

Other fixtures, fittings and equipment

- Equipment is depreciated on a straight line basis over each asset's estimated useful life.

f) Investments

- Investments are carried at market value at 31 December.

g) 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 uncollectible.


Shere Parochial Church Council
Statement of Financial Activities
For the period from 01 January 2025 to 31 December 2025

	Unrestricted funds	Designated funds	Restricted funds	Total funds	Prior year total funds
Incoming resources					
Income from Donors	-	-	-	-	-
Planned Giving	113,406 -	-	-	113,406	116,167
Donations	17,686 -	-	11,126	28,812	22,167
Collections	8,813 -	-	-	8,813	7,898
Wall safe	1,845 -	-	-	1,845	1,721
Bequests and Grants	7,689 -	-	6,617	14,306	45,718
Income from Fees	-	-	-	-	-
Weddings	9,986 -	-	-	9,986	4,957
Funerals	8,787 -	-	-	8,787	6,566
Income from Property & Trading	-	-	-	-	-
Magazine	29,641 -	-	-	29,641	28,713
OP Rent	18,689 -	-	-	18,689	18,689
OSR Hire	1,883	70 -	-	1,953	2,238
Bookstall sales	-	-	-	-	46
Income from Investments	4,833 -	-	-	4,833	4,732
Other Income	334	417 -	-	751	571
Total income	223,595	487	17,743	241,826	260,188
Resources used					
Mission Support & Other Giving	17,412 -	-	380	17,793	19,345
Ministry Team	1,430 -	-	5	1,436	3,306
Upkeep of Services	3,315 -	-	-	3,315	3,123
Church Buildings	-	-	-	-	-
Utilities	6,008 -	-	-	6,008	8,056
Maintenance and upkeep	9,372 -	-	37,016	46,389	6,671
Churchyard	4,641 -	-	-	4,641	7,235
Other	5,516 -	-	-	5,516	5,232
Music	13,148 -	-	-	13,148	11,688
Diocesan, Deanery & Tower Costs	-	-	-	-	-
Parish Share	98,508 -	-	-	98,508	95,566
Deanery and Tower	170 -	-	-	170	165
Events & Christian Development	5,087 -	-	32	5,120	7,429
Administration	-	-	-	-	-
Administrator	10,697 -	-	70	10,767	10,034
Telephone / Internet	2,422 -	-	-	2,422	2,185
Bank Charges	553 -	-	-	553	397
Examiner / other	1,002 -	-	930	1,933	1,819
Property and Trading	-	-	-	-	-
Magazine	22,047 -	-	-	22,047	24,846
OP	963 -	-	-	963	5,420
OSR and PO	4,086 -	-	-244	3,843	40,736
Bookstall	1,398 -	-	-	1,398	1,030
Total expenditure	207,784 -	38,192	38,192	245,977	254,292
Net income resources before transfer	15,810	487	-20,450	-4,152	5,895
Transfers:					
Gross transfers between funds - in	5,530	570	22,378	28,479 -	-
Gross transfers between funds - out	-22,949	-570	-4,961	-28,480 -	-
Other recognised gains / losses	-	-	-	-	-
Gains/losses on investment assets	-2,866 -	-	-	-2,866	1,322
Gains on revaluation, fixed assets	-	-	-	-	-
Net movement in funds	-4,474	487	-3,032	-7,018	7,218
Reconciliation of funds					
Total funds brought forward	124,698	878,900	28,230	1,031,828	1,024,610
Total funds carried forward	120,225	879,387	25,198	1,024,811	1,031,828

Balance Sheet

Shere Parochial Church Council Balance Sheet (Separate funds)						
	General	Designated	Restricted	Endowment	At 31/12/2025 £	At 31/12/2024 £
Fixed assets						
Tangible Assets	-	875,000	-	-	875,000	875,000
Investments	57,015	-	-	-	57,015	59,881
	57,015	875,000	-	-	932,015	934,881
Current assets						
Debtors	9,694	-	1,088	-	10,782	7,496
Investments	62,975	-	-	-	62,975	60,249
Cash At Bank And In Hand	7,467	4,387	51,538	-	63,393	59,939
	80,136	4,387	52,627	-	137,151	127,684
Liabilities						
Creditors: Amounts Falling Due In One Year	16,927	-	27,428	-	44,355	30,737
	16,927	-	27,428	-	44,355	30,737
Net current assets less current liabilities	63,209	4,387	25,198	-	92,795	96,947
Total assets less current liabilities	120,225	879,387	25,198	-	1,024,811	1,031,828
Liabilities						
	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total net assets less liabilities	120,225	879,387	25,198	-	1,024,811	1,031,828
Represented by						
Unrestricted						
Unrestricted - General Fund	120,225	-	-	-	120,225	124,698
Designated						
Designated - Holiday Club	-	417	-	-	417	-
Designated - Rectory Premises Reserve	-	1,000	-	-	1,000	1,000
Designated - Young People	-	600	-	-	600	600
Designated - Old School Room	-	1,870	-	-	1,870	1,800
Designated - Old Parsonage	-	875,000	-	-	875,000	875,000
Designated - Parish Emergency Fund	-	500	-	-	500	500
Restricted						
Restricted - Camino	-	-	-	-	-	380
Restricted - OSR Wheelchair Access	-	-	1,241	-	1,241	998
Restricted - St James Lighting 2024	-	-	50	-	50	3,444
Restricted - St Marks Fencing 2024	-	-	1,818	-	1,818	1,818
Restricted - StJ - General	-	-	6,952	-	6,952	6,952
Restricted - St James - Churchyard	-	-	250	-	250	250
Restricted - StJ - Spire	-	-	3,295	-	3,295	3,295
Restricted - StM - General	-	-	1,422	-	1,422	922
Restricted - StM - Cemetery	-	-	4,765	-	4,765	4,765
Restricted - Old School Room	-	-	4,425	-	4,425	4,425
Restricted - Choir Social	-	-	979	-	979	979
Fund Totals	120,225	879,387	25,198	-	1,024,811	1,031,828

Balance sheet signed:



Rev Tim Heaney, Rector

Analysis of income and expenditure

a) Income

Shere Parochial Church Council

Analysis of income and expenditure 01 January 2025 to 31 December 2025

	General	Designated	Restricted	This year	Last year
Incoming resources					
Income from Donors					
0101 - PG GA (Standing Orders)	18,411	-	-	18,411	22,356
0102 - PG GA (PGS Direct Debits)	72,904	-	-	72,904	70,416
0600 - Tax Reclaim - PG non-PGS	4,561	-	-	4,561	6,428
0601 - Tax Reclaim - ex-PGS	17,528	-	-	17,528	16,965
0450 - Donations GA & NGA	4,814	-	5,956	10,770	6,168
0470 - Donations Online Giving	9,674	-	3,335	13,009	13,513
0610 - Tax Reclaim - Donations	3,197	-	1,835	5,032	2,485
0310 - Cash Collect GASDS	8,127	-	-	8,127	7,151
0375 - BMF Collections GASDS / NGA	686	-	-	686	747
0430 - Wall Safes	1,845	-	-	1,845	1,721
Income from Donors Totals	141,751	-	11,126	152,877	147,955
Bequests and Grants					
0700 - Bequests	5,000	-	500	5,500	-
0750 - Grants	2,689	-	6,117	8,806	45,718
Bequests and Grants Totals	7,689	-	6,617	14,306	45,718
Income from Fees					
1111 - Fees - Weddings - PCC	6,966	-	-	6,966	3,217
1112 - Fees - Weddings - Verger / Other	3,020	-	-	3,020	1,740
1121 - Fees - Funerals - PCC	7,152	-	-	7,152	5,401
1122 - Fees - Funerals - Verger / Other	1,635	-	-	1,635	1,165
Income from Fees Totals	18,773	-	-	18,773	11,523
Income from Property & Trading					
1250 - Mag - adverts	18,120	-	-	18,120	18,201
1260 - Magazine - sales	1,909	-	-	1,909	1,824
1265 - Magazine - subscriptions	9,611	-	-	9,611	8,688
1140 - OP Rent	18,689	-	-	18,689	18,689
1230 - Rent - OSR hire and other	1,883	70	-	1,953	2,238
1220 - Bookstall Sales	-	-	-	-	46
Income from Property & Trading Totals	50,214	70	-	50,284	49,687
Income from Investments					
1010 - Interest - Bank	411	-	-	411	759
1020 - Interest - CBF / other	4,421	-	-	4,421	3,972
Income from Investments Totals	4,833	-	-	4,833	4,732
Other Income					
1210 - Unexpected Income	334	417	-	751	571
Other Income Totals	334	417	-	751	571
Incoming resources Grand totals	223,595	487	17,743	241,826	260,188

b) Expenditure

Shere Parochial Church Council

Analysis of income and expenditure 01 January 2025 to 31 December 2025

	General	Designated	Restricted	This year	Last year
Resources used					
Mission Support & Other Giving					
3610 - Outward Giving - Partner 1 Barnabus	4,000	-	-	4,000	5,000
3630 - Outward Giving - Partner 3 Larchfield	4,000	-	-	4,000	2,500
3640 - Outward Giving - Partner 4 Amos Trust	4,000	-	-	4,000	2,500
3690 - Outward Giving - Other	5,412	-	380	5,793	9,345
Mission Support & Other Giving Totals	17,412	-	380	17,793	19,345
Ministry Team					
3110 - Ministry Team - Expenses	1,430	-	5	1,436	1,725
3120 - Ministry Team - Other	-	-	-	-	1,221
3130 - Ministry Team - Training / Retreats	-	-	-	-	360
Ministry Team Totals	1,430	-	5	1,436	3,306
Upkeep of Services					
3710 - Upkeep of Services - Consumables	669	-	-	669	589
3720 - Upkeep of Services - Printing	343	-	-	343	307
3730 - Upkeep of Services - Other	911	-	-	911	1,159
3740 - Upkeep of Services - Flowers	21	-	-	21	137
3750 - Upkeep of Services - Verger	1,370	-	-	1,370	930
Upkeep of Services Totals	3,315	-	-	3,315	3,123
Church Buildings					
4510 - StJ - Gas	2,451	-	-	2,451	2,875
4520 - StJ - Electricity	1,545	-	-	1,545	2,602
4530 - StJ - Water	183	-	-	183	187
4610 - StM - Gas	1,368	-	-	1,368	1,852
4620 - StM - Electricity	458	-	-	458	538
4550 - StJ - Maint / Housek	5,950	-	-	5,950	2,649
4560 - StJ - Projects	-	-	37,016	37,016	-
4650 - StM - Maint / Housek	3,421	-	-	3,421	4,022
4540 - StJ - Churchyard	3,001	-	-	3,001	5,760
4640 - StM - Churchyard	1,640	-	-	1,640	1,475
4580 - StJ - Insurance	3,661	-	-	3,661	3,455
4680 - StM - Insurance	1,855	-	-	1,855	1,776
Church Buildings Totals	25,539	-	37,016	62,556	27,195
Music					
3310 - Music - Organist Fees	11,391	-	-	11,391	9,880
3330 - Music - Choir Expenses	1,619	-	-	1,619	1,618
3390 - Music - Music Licences and Other	137	-	-	137	190
Music Totals	13,148	-	-	13,148	11,688
Diocesan, Deanery & Tower Costs					
3500 - Parish Share	98,508	-	-	98,508	95,566
3510 - Deanery & Tower	170	-	-	170	165
Diocesan, Deanery & Tower Costs Totals	98,678	-	-	98,678	95,731
Events & Christian Development					
3810 - Parish Events	-	-	32	32	-
3820 - Community Engagement	3,266	-	-	3,266	1,065
3840 - Christian Development - Adult	613	-	-	613	455
3850 - Christian Development - Schools	1,005	-	-	1,005	407
3860 - Christian Development - Children & You	201	-	-	201	5,500
Events & Christian Development Totals	5,087	-	32	5,120	7,429
Administration					
4400 - Admin - Parish Administrator	9,599	-	-	9,599	9,339
4470 - Online Giving Fees	1,097	-	70	1,168	694
4430 - Admin - Telephone / Internet	2,422	-	-	2,422	2,185
4460 - Admin - Bank Charges	553	-	-	553	397
4410 - Admin - Stationary, Postage & Books	215	-	-	215	92
4420 - Admin - Office Equipment	18	-	-	18	960
4440 - Admin - Examiner	350	-	-	350	350
4450 - Admin - PCC expenses	15	-	930	945	20
4490 - Admin - Other	402	-	-	402	397
Administration Totals	14,675	-	1,001	15,676	14,437
Property and Trading					
5310 - Magazine - Printing	20,817	-	-	20,817	23,669
5320 - Magazine - Editor Expenses	736	-	-	736	735
5330 - Magazine - Distribution	493	-	-	493	441
4950 - OP - Maint	-	-	-	-	4,282
4990 - OP - Other	963	-	-	963	1,138
4710 - OSR - Utilities	1,393	-	-	1,393	1,805
4750 - OSR - Maint / HouseK	2,122	-	-	2,122	1,400
4755 - OSR - Projects	-	-	244	244	37,002
4760 - OSR - Insurance	571	-	-	571	528
5440 - Bookstall - Stock	1,398	-	-	1,398	1,030
Property and Trading Totals	28,495	-	244	28,252	72,034
Resources used Grand totals	207,784	-	38,192	245,977	254,292

Movement of Funds

Shere Parochial Church Council
Fund movement summary
Selected period: 01 January 2025 to 31 December 2025

Fund	Fund balances brought forward	Incoming Resources	Outgoing Resources	Transfers	Gains and Losses	Journal Entries	Fund balances Carried forward
Cam - Camino	380	-	380	-	-	-	-
HC - Holiday Club	-	417	-	-	-	-	417
OSR-WA - OSR Wheelchair Access	998	-	(244)	-	-	-	1,241
Rectory - Rectory Premises Reserve	1,000	-	-	-	-	-	1,000
StJ-Light - St James Lighting 2024	3,444	16,307	37,119	17,417	-	-	50
StM-Fence - St Marks Fencing 2024	1,818	-	-	-	-	-	1,818
Tim W 2025 - Tim Heaney Wedding 2025	-	936	936	-	-	-	-
General - General fund	124,698	223,595	207,784	(17,418)	(2,866)	-	120,225
YP - Young People	600	-	-	-	-	-	600
StJ-Gen - StJ - General	6,952	-	-	-	-	-	6,952
StJ-C - St James - Churchyard	250	-	-	-	-	-	250
StJ-Spire - StJ - Spire	3,295	-	-	-	-	-	3,295
StM-Gen - StM - General	922	500	-	-	-	-	1,422
StM-Cem - StM - Cemetery	4,765	-	-	-	-	-	4,765
OSR - Old School Room	6,225	70	-	-	-	-	6,295
Ch-Soc - Choir Social	979	-	-	-	-	-	979
OP - Old Parsonage	875,000	-	-	-	-	-	875,000
PEF - Parish Emergency Fund	500	-	-	-	-	-	500
Totals	1,031,828	241,826	245,977	-	(2,866)	-	1,024,811

These accounts as approved by Shere Parochial Church Council and dated 19th April 2026.

Signed:



Rev Tim Heaney, Rector

Independent Examiners Report

SHERE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL.

Independent Examiner's Report to the PCC of the Parish of Shere

I report on the accounts for the year ended 31st December 2025 which are set out in the Financial Statements section of this Annual Report.

Respective responsibilities of the Trustees and Independent 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 of the Charities Act 2011 ("the Charities Act") and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the Charities Act;
- follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners in section 145(5)(b) of the Charities Act; and
- state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of Independent Examiner's Statement

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 the 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 statement below.

Independent Examiner's Statement

In connection with my examination, no matters have come to my attention which give me cause to believe that, in any material respect:

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; or
- the accounts did not accord with the accounting records; or
- the accounts did not comply with the 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 part of an independent examination.

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



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29th January 2026