



**Annual Report and Financial Statements of the
Parochial Church Council**

for the Year ended 31 December 2025

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The trustees of the Parochial Church Council of St Nicholas', Marston (the members of the PCC) present their report and financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2025.

Incumbent

The Revd Elizabeth (Skye) Denno

Charitable Status

All Parochial Church Councils in the Church of England are recognized as charities by the Charity Commission; PCCs such as ours, with a gross income over £100,000, are required to register with the Commission. The members of the PCC are the trustees of the charity.

Registered Charity Number 1138507

Legal Name of the Charity

The Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish of St Nicholas Marston

Working Names of the Charity St Nicholas' PCC
PCC (of) St Nicholas, Marston

Address of the Charity

The Vicarage, Elsfield Road, Marston Oxford OX3 0PR

Independent Examiner

Mr Gerald Prickett, 6 Elsfield Road, Oxford OX3 0PR

Bankers

The Cooperative Bank, 1 Balloon Street, Manchester.

Officers

Incumbent (Vicar)	Revd Skye Denno
Curate	Revd Sam Durley (from April 2025)
Associate Priest	Revd Andy Gosler
Permission to Officiate (PTO)	Revd Stephanie Bullock
Licensed Lay Ministers	David Cranston
	Joel Denno
	Neil Barker
Churchwardens	Judith Piggott
	Jan Lawrie
PCC Chair	Skye Denno
PCC Secretary	Debbie Bailey
PCC Treasurer	Eileen Palayiwa

Representatives on Cowley Deanery Synod

Skye Denno
Isabel Fenton (to April 2026)
Millius Palayiwa

The clergy are members of Deanery Synod *ex officio*.

Members of the PCC

In accordance with the Church Representation Rules, members of the PCC are either elected at the Annual Parochial Church Meeting, are co-opted by the PCC, or are members of the PCC *ex officio*.

The following served as members of the PCC during the calendar year 2025:

Duncan Hatfield	Emily Meredith	Jackie Whittaker
Ginny Ross	Tessa Hennessy	Eileen Palayiwa
Maureen Davis	Jan Lawrie	Millius Palayiwa
Skye Denno	Judith Piggott	Isabel Fenton
James Lawrie	Ian Ross	Linda Prickett

Elected PCC members serve for three-year terms. The current terms of office of the elected PCC members are as follows:

Serving until 2026	Serving until 2027	Serving until 2028
Maureen Davis	Duncan Hatfield	Eileen Palayiwa
Tessa Hennessy	Emily Meredith	Ian Ross
Jackie Whittaker	Ginny Ross	
	James Lawrie	

Objectives and Governance

The parish of St Nicholas, Marston, is one of the parishes in the Deanery of Cowley, within the Diocese of Oxford. It shares a joint benefice with the separate parish of St Thomas of Canterbury, Elsfield.

The Parochial Church Council ('the PCC') is governed by the Parochial Church Council (Powers) Measure (1956) as amended, and by the current version (2011) of the Church Representation Rules. Its responsibilities include that of co-operating with the incumbent in promoting in the ecclesiastical parish the whole mission of the Church, pastoral, evangelistic, social, and ecumenical.

The PCC is committed to enabling as many people as possible to worship at our church and to become part of our parish community at St Nicholas'. The PCC maintains an overview of worship throughout the parish and makes suggestions on how our services can involve the many groups that live within our parish. Our services and worship put faith into practice through prayer and scripture, music and sacrament.

When planning our activities for the year, the incumbent and the PCC have considered the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit and specifically the guidance on charities for the advancement of religion. In particular, we try to enable ordinary people to live out their faith as part of our parish community through:

Worship and prayer; learning about the Gospel; and developing knowledge of and trust in Jesus Christ.

Provision of pastoral care for people living in the parish.

Missionary activity and outreach work.

Facilitating this work depends on the voluntary work of many people, and the PCC very much appreciates their service to the church and to the local community. The incumbent receives a stipend paid by the Diocese. No other trustees are paid for their services.

A connected charity is Marston Church Properties Ltd ('MCP'), which is both a registered charity, no. 1085739, and a company limited by guarantee. Three of

the five directors of MCP are members of the PCC, and the vicar is the chair of the company by virtue of her incumbency.

Vicar's Report

As I sit in the quiet of our beautiful chancel to write this report for 2025, the sun is catching the medieval glass, reminding me of the centuries of prayer that have soaked into these stones. Yet, my mind isn't on the distant past; it's on the vibrant, messy, and beautiful life that has pulsed through St Nicholas over the last twelve months.

If 2024 was about finding our feet again in a changing political post-covid climate, 2025 has been the year we decided to walk, and sometimes run, into the calling God has for Old Marston. We have moved from asking "How do we survive and increase our numbers?" to "How do we serve and show God's love?" It has been a year of transition, but more importantly, a year of growth.

One thing that remained with me from 2024 was the call to be **constant** in prayer in all that we *do* and *be* (Romans 12:12). With this verse echoing in my mind, I was keen to make sure all meetings and services began in prayer, that we prayed in our church every day, reintroduced quiet days in preparation for our festival celebrations and Night Prayer on Thursday evenings. Thank you to Ginny Ross and Sally Richards for preparing two quiet mornings so far and making sure we plan a further two for 2026.

Looking back on the past year, I am struck by the sheer variety of ways we have seen God at work, both in our community and within the church. We have seen our 'Eco-Church' initiatives take flight, the Celtic gatherings have become a nurturing inclusive community, and our churchyard, including the Eco Hub a space of sanctuary not just for our parishioners, but for the local wildlife, echoing our role as stewards of creation. The churchyard and Reading Room area look beautiful with all the Spring flowers. Thank you to Revd Andy, Tessa and Isabel who led the Green church and to Revd Sam our Curate who has enabled us to acquire our first Eco Award (Bronze) and who is inspiring us to aim for Silver this coming year. Our hope is to have clearer eco signs in the churchyard and a community information board inside containing information on all the Eco and Creation care at St Nicholas Church and what can still be further developed.

Thank you to Helen Norman (Family and Children Minister) for continuing to build bridges in our community with families and young people. Thanks to her, and the team (Margaret Harding and Duncan Hatfield) who helped with the *Mindfulness Club*, our relationship with St Nicholas Primary School has deepened significantly with them going in each week during term time. Seeing the church filled with the chaotic, joyful energy of the *Road to Easter* and Fun Days reminded us that the heart of our mission is to pass on a living faith. Messy Church is growing thanks to a dedicated team under the care of Jane Burd. Growth hasn't just been about the young, but also the young at heart. Our Coffee Pot and Lunch Club has become a lifeline for many in the village, proving that the simplest act sharing a cup of tea and a listening ear, or providing a hot meal, is often where the Holy Spirit does her best work. Thank you to Eileen Palayiwa who oversees the Pastoral care with me and runs the Coffee Pot. Pastoral care

is a very important aspect of ministry and church life here in Marston. I am so thankful we have a Pastoral Care Network - thank you to all the leaders and to Eileen for overseeing this with me. Thank you to Jackie and Judith who run the Lunch Club and for all the helpers that make it possible each month.

We have also embraced the digital age with more confidence thanks to Duncan who manages our Website, and Joel Denno and Ginny Ross who livestream up to four services monthly. For those in our community who can no longer make it up the path to the north door, our streamed services and WhatsApp Church group have ensured that no one is left behind. We are a village church with a global reach, and that is something to celebrate. Harvey Burd has continued faithfully to make sure we can be heard each week on the Sound desk and would be very happy to have others to share this role with him.

We have two excellent Churchwardens and I am grateful to Jan Lawrie and Judith Piggott who together care for the fabric of this beautiful building, making sure she is still standing and that our worship services run smoothly. I am also grateful for their care and support, making sure I keep standing! Judith will be stepping down this year after six busy years, but she will continue coordinating the Readers/servers rota and helping with Lunch club. Thank you, Judith!

Our PCC are committed and give so much wisdom and time to meetings and many take on additional roles. Thank you to Jane Burd for taking on the Treasurer role in the New Year. We are looking for two more Deanery Representatives in 2026 APCM elections. Neil Barker retired from his role as Music Director at the end of August in 2025, and we welcomed Lewis Morrin as our new Music Director re-starting Choral Evensong once a month with a growing adult choir. Thank you to all our worship leaders, those in our choirs and in the music group. Millius Palayiwa tried to step down last year in the hope that a new Safeguarding officer would emerge, but when this didn't happen, he offered to remain until one is found. Thank you Millius for continuing in this vital role and making sure Safeguarding remains at the heart of all that we do. Debbie Bailey has continued to be our parish administrator, ensuring the church hall is booked, booklets are printed and managing the phones and visitors with care and a listening ear. Colin Harris is our Sacristan and is on duty most Sundays. At present we only have Colin and Adam serving in this role (and Adam will soon be leaving for university). If anyone would like to be a server, please speak to me or Colin to shadow a service. You are welcome to try before you decide!

It is a joy to serve the Benefice, especially working alongside a great ministry team, thank you Sam Durley, Andy Gosler, and Stephanie Bullock as fellow priests, Joel Denno, Neil Barker and David Cranston our LLM's. Matty Fearon joined us in September as our Ordinand from Sarum College and he will be with us for two years; he brings energy and insight.

LOOKING FORWARD

As we look toward 2026, I want to anchor our vision in the heartbeat of the very first church. The description of the believers in Acts 2:42-47 isn't a dusty historical record; it's a provocative, contemporary manifesto for how we should live today.

'They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and to fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer'.

When the early church gathered, they weren't just attending a service. They were building a life together. As we move into the coming year, I want to challenge us to lean into these three acts of *being* an inside-out church.

Devoted to the Teaching and the Table

The world is in chaos and we need the grounding of the Word and Eucharist more than ever in our lives.

For many of us, the Tuesday small group remains an important lifeline in a busy week, as does the midweek Communion, but I would like to encourage you to think about the people and spaces with whom and where you sit and explore Scripture. In May 2026 I intend to start a monthly small group that connects scripture with the complexities of 21st-century life in Oxford and which starts with an Agape meal. Faith at St Nicholas must remain communal and I am aware that so many of us are pulled in different directions with work and responsibilities. Friendship and belonging are what is wanted and needed the most in a world that is creating distances between us.

Our Lunch Together - 'the shared Table' on the first Sunday of the month, will continue to be an important focus in our planning in 2026. Over this meal, we intentionally sit with people we don't know well, breaking down the barriers of age and background.

A People of Awe and Generosity

Acts tells us that "everyone was filled with awe at the many wonders and signs." Do we still expect God to move us in Old Marston? This awe led the first Christians to radical generosity, 'They sold property and possessions to give to anyone who had need.' As we face the ongoing cost-of-living challenges in our own community, St Nicholas will continue to be a hub of practical support with the Community Larder at the Giving Garage. Thank you to Linda and Gerry Prickett and all the volunteers for ensuring this practical offer of love is there each Saturday. Our partnerships with Oxford Food Banks, OMCT, PC and Marston Zero Carbon, and our own desire to share individually and together will remain central to who we are and how we express the Love of God to all.

We are not here to be a social club for the 'holy.' We are here to be a place where the curious can ask questions, the weary can find rest, and the passionate can find a purpose. We will continue to invest in our children's ministry, but we will also look at how we can better support the 'squeezed middle' those juggling careers and caring responsibilities who need the church to be a place of peace, not just another item on the to-do list.

A Call to be Family

This report is not a summary of my work as Vicar; it is a celebration of *our* work as the body of Christ. St Nicholas doesn't function because of one person; it breathes because of the wardens, the cleaners, the bell ringers, the flower arrangers, the intercessors, the coffee and cake makers, and everyone who

offers a smile at the door. I am so grateful for the gift of each person and the different abilities, insights and wisdom you all bring. We need each other, to know when we must step back and rest, but also to know and be nudged when we can step forward and offer our service.

In the words of Acts, "the Lord added to their number daily." My prayer for 2026 is that as we devote ourselves to prayer, fellowship, and service, our community will see something so different, so loving, and so authentic in us that they can't help but want to find out why.

Thank you for your courage, your faithfulness, and your friendship over this past year. The best is yet to come. *Skye Denno*

Curate's Report

Since being officially licensed in the Benefice on 1st May 2025, I have been fortunate to be involved in so much of the mission and ministry of St Nicholas Church. St Nicholas is a busy church with a very large clergy and lay ministry team, a dedicated pair of church wardens, and a dedicated and enthusiastic cohort of volunteers who lead a number of mission initiatives. All told, this leads to a vibrant church that offers a welcoming place to worship God, to deepen faith, and to offer love and care for the community. I wanted to draw out three highlights from my year that might otherwise go unnoticed.

Churches Together in Marston and Northway (CTIMN)

There is a wonderful and dedicated group of people who are committed to good relationships between the churches of Marston and Northway. St Nicholas is well represented in this group, and it is encouraging to see good attendance at the regular 'Third Thursday Together' events. I was delighted to be asked to lead one of these sessions just before Lent, and I am very encouraged to see other members of St Nicholas to be asked, too. A highlight for me was the 'Carols at Victoria Arms' during Advent, which was organized as a Churches Together initiative. This was well attended by a number of churches, and was a highly successful event. I think it is a key part of St Nicholas's ministry in the parish to support CTIMN to show our commitment to ecumenical partnership and the flourishing of God's church for all people in all places. I hope St Nicholas can continue to be so active and supportive in CTIMN.

Care for the Elderly and Isolated

St Nicholas has a number of initiatives to connect and care for the elderly and isolated in our community. There are a number of touch points during the week where people can be welcomed, shown hospitality and offered pastoral care. This includes the mid-week Communion Service, Lunch Club, Coffee Pot, and pastoral care. We are blessed with a diverse congregation, but it is my

assessment that the section of our community most in need are the elderly and isolated. In the last two months I have attempted to kick start an initiative to bring those to church who would otherwise be unable to do so on the first Sunday of the month. Since my time at St Nicholas, the lunch following the service on the first Sunday of the month has become a well-attended and well-loved fixture in the life of the church. Going forward, I think it is important that the church celebrates and embraces the importance of the Pastoral Care Network, and looks to develop and expand our offering of mission and ministry initiatives that meet the need of the elderly and the isolated in our community.

Home Groups

A particular passion of mine is to help people discuss, explore and develop their Christian faith. In the last 12 months, I have been heavily involved with three courses in the Benefice: a lent course in Elsfield, a course on the Nicene Creed, and a confirmation course. On each occasion, I was hugely encouraged by the desire and enthusiasm for these offerings to deepen an understanding of the Christian faith. Each course was well and faithfully attended, each offering interesting discussions, and, I hope, a further desire to strengthen, deepen, and develop a commitment to the beliefs of the Christian Church. Over the next year, I hope the PCC identifies opportunities and initiatives to help people ask questions about their faith and beliefs, and to offer well-informed and sensitive responses.

Looking ahead, I am pleased to be helping St Nicholas work towards a second Eco Church Award. This will require a significant body of work, mostly centering on policy documents that commit St Nicholas to operating in a sustainably and environmentally sensitive way. Aligned with the objectives of Eco Church, St Nicholas will also need to promote healthy lifestyles, reducing personal carbon emissions, and sustainable living. This is a great opportunity for St Nicholas to demonstrate to the community that, alongside other initiatives, we are committed to stewarding creation in a responsible way. *Sam Durley*

Deanery Synod Report

The synod met three times during the year, with all meetings occurring in person. There was no joint meeting with the Oxford Deanery in 2025. In February we received an update from Renew Oxford, an initiative of Oxford Community Church that aims to build collaboration between churches across the city. They talked about their 'Safe Families in Oxford' project, and highlighted their conference which was to be held in October. Over the year, they have been working on a report which they published in November (and raised in the November synod meeting). They identified 6 areas of need, with a particular

focus on children youth and families, and people in crisis. This report will feed in to the mission action plan for the deanery when that is updated. We also heard from Citizens UK, which has launched an Oxford local branch. There has been a lot of work in supporting children and young families across the deanery, with many positive stories of churches running successful activities. In terms of finance, this year was the first time of implementing a new formula for splitting the deanery share among parishes. There have been some challenges, with ongoing discussions about the new process. However, with the help of a few one-off donations from parishes the required amount was successfully raised. There were a number of changes during the year. Revd Heather Carter left Holy Family Church, Blackbird Leys. Revd Paul Niemiec is stepping down from his role at All Saints, Headington due to ill health. The long-standing Area Dean, Revd Geoff Bayliss stepped down at the end of the year and Revd Clare Hayns has taken over the role.

St Nicholas Church's representatives on the Deanery Synod are Millius Palayiwa (who is also Lay Chair and, on the Deanery, Standing Committee) and Isabel Fenton (who is also the Deanery Synod Minute Secretary). Isabel will be standing down in early 2026. *Isabel Fenton*

Diocesan Synod Report

Through their roles in Deanery Synod, both Rev Sam Durley (clergy representative) and Millius Palayiwa (laity representative) are members of the Oxford Diocesan Synod.

In 2025, there were meetings in March (in person), June (in person), and November (online). Over these three meetings the following core themes can be drawn out, all of which affect St Nicholas Church in some way:

1) Finance

Whilst the Diocese of Oxford is relatively well-off in comparison to other dioceses, it has been affected by the increase in clergy stipends (an increase in the stipend itself and the increase in national insurance contributions) and a gradual decrease in parish share contributions. Whilst the Diocese has sufficient funds in reserve to cover a deficit budget, this is not a long-term solution. Therefore, it is expected that there will be a continued increase in the parish share contributions required from St Nicholas church in the future.

2) Living in Love and Faith

The 'Living in Love and Faith' process looked to move proposals for a stand-alone service to bless (civil) same-sex marriages. During this process, 'Prayers of Love and Faith' were commended as a resource for praying for people in same-sex marriages as part of a main service. There was also a question on whether clergy could also be in same-sex

marriages, as opposed to civil partnerships. These questions were discussed as part of Diocesan Synod, particular due to the expectation that there would be significant decisions made at General Synod in February 2026. However, the LLF process has now come to an end, with the *status quo* being maintained.

3) Young People

There is a diocesan initiative to actively engage and increase the number of young disciples in the church. To this end, the diocese applied for national funding to implement a programme specifically designed to engage young people, but this bid was unsuccessful. However, new programmes to engage young people, both within school and in the community, are being rolled out. These will be reported on in 2026.

‘Amplfy’, the diocesan youth summer camp, is one such programme that St Nicholas engages with. *Revd Sam Durley*

Elsfield

During 2025, the Elsfield PCC and ministry team continued to engage members of the Elsfield village – both regular church goers and those who are not involved with church activities – looking to strengthen the both the social and spiritual aspects of this small community.

Our monthly services continue to attract a loyal congregation to celebrate matins, common worship, holy communion, evensong (including our popular Hymns and Pimm’s in June) and celebrations at Mothering Sunday, Harvest Festival and Christmas.

Our compline services, held every Thursday evening during Lent, were well attended by members of Elsfield and Marston for a period of quiet contemplation, reflection and prayer.

Our Maundy Thursday fish and chip supper with informal communion, now a regular feature of the Elsfield calendar, was attended by 34 friends from Elsfield and Marston. This evening provides a joyous occasion with plenty of conversations as well as songs and poems.

Our village community calendar includes the ever-popular inter-village wine tasting competition on the first Saturday in February, as well as a bring-and-share Harvest supper, the Christmas fair and carols around the Christmas tree with mulled wine served through the kitchen window.

Although Elsfield is a small village in its own right, we are very well supported by members of St Nicholas Church and are pleased to feel the strengthening bonds of friendship with those “down the hill” in Marston. *James Plunkett*

Committees and Working Groups

The PCC operates with committees and working groups, which meet and report to it as appropriate. Participation in these groups is open to all church members.

Standing Committee

Elected annually, this comprises the Vicar, churchwardens, treasurer and such other members as the PCC agrees. It exists to conduct essential business between full meetings of the PCC.

Pastoral Care Network

We continue to provide Pastoral Care for our congregation through St Nicholas Pastoral Care Network – this is the new name for the Prayer and Care Groups, we feel it better reflects what the groups are for. Approximately 100 households are covered by this network and there are 8 leaders who keep in touch with the members of their group and bring any needs or concerns to the attention of either Skye or Eileen. Leaders meet from time to time to discuss issues but always ensure confidentiality is kept. Home Communion is provided to housebound group members who request it. *Eileen Palayiwa*

Communications

I believe the monthly Marston Times continues to be a welcomed feature of parish life. Quarterly print runs are distributed by Colin Harris' team of deliverers, while the other eight editions are circulated digitally by Debbie Bailey, who continues to print a number for the church and for loyal readers outside the parish needing a posted copy.

I must thank Colin, who receives 1800 magazines and proceeds to bundle and label them for our mature paperboys and girls to collect from St Nicholas (many thanks to them too!). Applause to Jennie Burrow, Tessa Hennessy and Colin (again) who provide material each month for our features page of poem, nature notes and recipe. Roy Peach and Tim Cann continue to provide bellringers' notes and a PC report.

Over 2025 we have also aired the credentials of (amongst others) Oxford Pro Musica singers, Marston Forest Garden, Wild Oxfordshire, the Parish Council, Old Marston library, the Repair Café and Marston's Women's Institute. The front page is always reserved for an essay by one of our estimable team of clergy and page 2 will feature our monthly timetable of church services. Further posters will highlight particular church events.

And finally...the back page continues to carry a list of local clubs, services and amenities.

I am always happy to consider material for printing in the Marston Times. marstontimes@gmail.com will find me. *Jan Lawrie*

Website

The website is an important connection within the wider community and is widely used. It provides information about all our services, events and community activities as well as the latest news, archives and past editions of the Marston Times. Website maintenance takes several hours of time each week to maintain and keep up-to-date. Checking to make sure that the information is correct and contacting Duncan to let him know of anything that is going on is essential as this is how many people find out about us and what we do.

Our Facebook page reaches a wider audience with information about all our activities. If you have any ideas regarding the website or our Facebook page or would like to contribute then please do contact us. *Duncan Hatfield*

Churches Together

St Nicholas is an active member of Churches Together in Marston and Northway (CTIMN). Our representatives during 2025 were Skye Denno, Maureen Davis, Neil Barker and Helen Meredith.

CTIMN continues to organise a range of joint activities that strengthen fellowship across our churches and serve the wider community. These include the monthly dementia-friendly service, *This is the Day*; the ecumenical *Thursday Together Fellowship*; and shared Advent and Lent study groups.

In January, St Nicholas hosted the 2025 Week of Prayer for Christian Unity service. Organised by Neil Barker, the service was very well attended and provided a meaningful opportunity for worship across our congregations.

In March the World Day of Prayer service, organised by Maureen Davis, was held at St Michael's, New Marston. With the theme "*I Made You Wonderful*", the service drew on resources prepared by women from the Cook Islands and featured contributions from representatives of CTIMN member churches.

The highlight of the year was the all-age community event *Love Marston Love Life*, held at Mortimer Hall Park on Sunday 21 June. The event was a tremendous success and a joyful celebration of our local community. Revd Sam Durley chaired the programme, which featured music from the CTIMN united choirs and music band, Joel Denno's imaginative storytelling about mayflies and Simeon, and an engaging and inspiring address from guest speaker Cristo Rodríguez of the Oxford Centre for Christian Apologetics.

A wide range of community organisations contributed stalls and activities, including Marston WI, the Oxfordshire Historic Preservation Trust and the Garne Way allotments. Children's activities were led by Helen Norman and Alison Parkinson, and the Connect team was led by Revd Cara Heafey.

The event was supported by a large team of volunteers who managed logistics and hospitality. Particular thanks are due to lead organiser Neil Barker, whose vision and dedication were instrumental in making the day possible, and to site manager Isobel Fenton for her careful coordination.

The strong community spirit and collaborative effort throughout the afternoon reflected a genuine celebration of life in Marston and the unity of our churches working together. *Helen Meredith*

Review of the Year

Church attendance

The completely new electoral roll was presented at the APCM last year. The Electoral Roll as of end of December 2025 contained 104 names of which 36 were non-resident.

Attendance at Sunday services during October 2025 was as follows:

	In church	Online views
October 5th	115	84
October 12th	62	No online
October 19th	63	20
October 26th	67	30
Average	77	34

Comparison with Sunday Services in October 2024

	In church	Online views
October 6th	129	34
October 13th	63	No online
October 20th	78	No online
October 27th	86	No online
Average	89	34

The equipment for online viewing was not working for most of October.

Statistics for occasional offices: baptisms, weddings, and funerals

Baptisms.	There were 2 baptisms (2024:0)
Confirmations.	There were 0 confirmations (2024:0)
Weddings.	There was 1 wedding. (2024:1)
Funerals.	The clergy conducted 10 funeral services. (2024:18)

Ministry Team

The team is led by Revd Skye Denno and assisted by Revd Stephanie Bullock (PTO), Revd Andy Gosler (Associate Priest), Revd Sam Durley (Curate) from April 2025 and Matty Fearon (Ordinand) from Sept 2025

Preaching was shared with licensed lay ministers David Cranston, Joel Denno, Neil Barker. Neil Barker continued to serve as Director of Music, Organist and Choir Master and to lead our informal cafe services until Sept 2025 when Lewis Morrin took over the role.

Debbie Bailey continues as Parish Administrator.

Helen Norman continues as Children and Family Minister.

Music

Music at St. Nicholas' has seen significant change in the last year. My key aims on starting as DoM were to reintroduce monthly services of choral evensong, and to continue to encourage participation and enthusiasm amongst choir members and congregants alike.

Evensong has been successfully reinstated on the final Sunday of each month, and additionally the choir has sung at numerous special services, including at the All Souls memorial and Nine Lessons and Carols. Numbers in the adult choir have remained relatively steady after the beginning of the new academic year saw a few new joiners. The junior choir continues to rehearse each week, and has joined in singing for certain special services. Numbers in this choir have struggled somewhat, but I am very interested to see how the Church of England's recent funding announcement for youth choirs will have an impact moving forwards.

The organ underwent some restoration work in October 2025 in order to improve the reliability of the pedal notes. This has been successful and the reliability of the instrument has thus been safeguarded for the near-medium term future.

Lewis Morrin

Children and Family Minister

It has been a very busy year with activities for children and families across the schools, scouts, Toddler group, Messy Church, Sunday school 'Energy', youth group 'Pulse', Holiday club and the biannual fun days.

I have continued to work with St Nicholas school and have just finished running the fifth session of Mindfulness after school club with Margaret Harding and Duncan Hadfield. It is based on a scheme written by the Diocese of Oxford entitled 'Space makers' which encourages reflection in areas of noticing, reflecting, blessing, dwelling and flourishing. The club has always been oversubscribed, and we have had full attendance of children from foundation stage (aged 3 and 4) up to year 6 (aged 11). Each session includes time for silent guided reflection, a linked art activity and collaborative group activities. Many children enjoyed the activities so much they returned to the club more than once and invited their friends. We covered a wide range of topics from noticing the natural world, to mindful colouring, flower prayers that open in water, scented playdough, creating art from found nature objects, blessing trees, exploring forgiveness through a Charlie and Lola story and pizza making.

Around once each half term with a group of volunteers the church has run 'Open the book' assemblies (where bible stories are brought to life with an interactive story and costumes), but this has reduced to around three times a year for Christmas, Easter and the Summer due to the school focusing on Outdoor learning. We will continue to see this relationship with assemblies develop over the coming year as the schools' priorities change. Many thanks to Ginny, Matty, Sam, Skye and Joel for their commitment to this venture.

This year as part of their RE lessons, sixty Year 5 children from St Nicholas school attended 'The Road to Easter' prayer stations in the church. This was a powerful opportunity to share the last week of Jesus's life through thoughtful interactive activities which included acting out the last supper, foot washing, mediating on the cross, thinking about being alone in the garden of Gethsemane and thinking of the joy of Palm Sunday and the resurrection. A big thank you to Brian, Ginny, Eileen, Matty, Sam and Margaret for the day required to set up and run this activity.

The link with the local scout group 43rd Oxford has been maintained and we hosted their annual Scout service in November with renewal of Scout Promises, an interactive bible story to raise awareness this year for The British Heart Foundation and the importance of defibrillator and CPR training. The scouts

have also played an important part in our fun days by running a fire pit and craft activities. I also took the Space makers to the beaver pack, and we ran through a meditation which used the symbolism of hands and in turn we created art and clay models of hands. *Helen Norman*

Mission in the Parish

Messy Church

Meeting monthly in the church hall, Messy Church has been busy this year, with between 45 and 50 attendees each month. Thanks to our wonderful Messy Church team, we enjoy a delicious breakfast, imaginative crafts, fun songs with a Bible story and a chance to meet a member of the church family. This year, we have joined with the congregation in church for some special moments, such as the Palm Sunday procession, a communion where the children were able to assist Sam at the altar, and the Christmas service, where Messy Church led the prayers. We also hosted the after-church coffee in July, which brought to life our story of Feeding the 5000! *Jane Burd*

Baby and Toddler Group

Baby and Toddler group meets on a Wednesday morning in term time from 9.30-11.30. We have a theme for each term and a wide range of toys suitable for toddlers and babies. The numbers for the group ebb and flow as children start nursery and pre-schools but we can have up to twenty families. Each week during notices we invite the families to church events such as carol services, fun days and Messy Church and we have seen considerable crossover into Messy Church and fun days. After struggling with volunteers, we have extra help to set up and clear away and a special thanks to Margaret Harding and Felicity for their continuing dedication as well as Carmen, Gillian and Terry for stepping in to help on a regular basis. *Helen Norman*

Energy - Junior Church

‘Energy’ Sunday school has continued with similar numbers to previous years, with crafts, singing, prayer and stories as part of each session run in the vestry on the second and fourth Sunday. A volunteer rota has been established for the group to run, with anything from zero to eight children aged from under two to seven and eight. Many families, due to time and work constraints, may attend infrequently which can make planning activities tricky. On the first Sunday of the month an activity is run on tables at the back of church near to the font with the children staying in the service. *Helen Norman*

Fun days

The biannual fun days in Autumn and Spring were both exceptionally well attended by the local communities and were days of fun and joy. There were a range of seasonal crafts at both events, face painting, hot cross buns or hot dogs as well as cake and coffee and games. This year an Easter trail following the last week in the life of Jesus and Easter egg hunt in the church and church yard was so oversubscribed we ran out of tickets! The events were generously supported by the parish council and could not have gone ahead without the large list of volunteers who so generously gave up their time from across the parish and village community. *Helen Norman*

Holiday Club

Holiday club ran successfully in July for one day with around thirty children attending and supported by more than fifteen volunteers throughout the day. The day was themed 'Caring for God's creation' and was based upon Eco church theme which covered the wonders of creation, being sustainable, fairtrade choices as well as a survey of wildlife around the church and churchyard and ways to look after the planet. The day included singing, games, craft and art and a sustainable home-made pizza lunch. The parents were very complimentary and many of the children did not want to leave at the end of the day.

Helen Norman

Coffee Pot

Coffee Pot meets monthly and provides an opportunity for social contact, particularly for the bereaved and those who live alone. It continues to be very popular, and many thanks are due to the excellent team who set up the hall, provide refreshments, give lifts, clear up and to those who give the short talk each month. *Eileen Palayiwa*

Lunch Club

Lunch Club meets on the last Friday of each month. Again this year the lunch club has been thriving with growing numbers. Most months the numbers exceed 45 people present. The feedback from attendees has been very positive.

We have now become part of the Community Lunch Scheme with Cook in Summertown which enables us to get a 30% discount on any purchases, but this year they have also generously donated food. However, the lunch club would not exist without the very hard-working volunteers who help in the kitchen and serve the food, with a particular thank you to Jackie for all the work she does.

As we cannot hold a Lunch Club in December (because it would fall between Christmas and New Year), we once more had a New Year meal at the Victoria Arms (on 2nd January 2026). This is sponsored by Victoria Arms and OMTC but organised by St Nicholas. This year 55 people were present and we are discussing a possibly of extending this to a summer event too. *Judith Piggott*

Pulse Youth Group

‘Pulse’ Youth Group continues to meet on the second and fourth Saturdays in term time. We said goodbye to some of our older members as they left to go to work or university, but through the holiday club, new year 7 children joined us. The group attendance can be up to twenty in their teens, and they enjoy a varied programme of games, food-based activities like ready steady cook, craft and outdoor activities with snacks and fizzy drinks available at each session. We start each session with a slot linked to the Sunday morning Gospel reading and we have successfully had Compline around the firepit, Lent pizza and prayer groups. This group continues to be a challenge in terms of the age range (11-18) as well having enough volunteers to safely run each session, but the teenagers seem to really enjoy attending and bring their friends. Six of the group attended the Amplify adventure diocese youth camp in July and seven are signed up to go again this year. Thank you to Brian, Joel, Sam and Skye for their faithfulness to volunteering at this group and to all our guests who have come to teach new skills or judge competitions. *Helen Norman*

Mission in the World

Church Mission Society

We support Andy and Kati Walsh in Brazil and we recently sent them a gift for their work. They continue to develop their prison ministry work working together with others and they also support the ministry of a local church. Copies of updates they have sent are made available in Church. *Neil Barker*

Church Fabric

As reported in the 2024 Annual Report, the question of chairs being purchased for the font area was taken to the January 2025 PCC with a recommendation to buy 10 chairs. This was agreed and the chairs were purchased with donations from members of the congregation.

Agreement for CCTV to be installed in the church was received from the Archdeacon and purchased from Christ Lewis Security. This was set up and running from March 2025. A log is kept of when the CCTV is viewed (it can only be viewed by the Vicar, Church Wardens and Data Protection Officer) and this year it has been viewed 5 times and footage supplied to the police 3 times.

We are still monitoring the heating, trying to find the right balance of warmth against costs.

The Quinquennial Survey of the building and churchyard happened in November 2025. There were some minor issues highlighted for immediate repair such as a couple of slates missing but it was generally thought the fabric was in very good condition.

At present we have a list B application with the Archdeacon to crown a number of trees in the churchyard and this is an ongoing application.

Judith Piggott and Jan Lawrie

Safeguarding

No safeguarding issues or concerns have been reported during the year. We are up to date with our DBS checks for all those who needed to be checked.

Makin Review. As reported last year the Makin Review continued to dominate Safeguarding. The publication of the report led to widespread publicity and the resignation of the Archbishop of Canterbury. The impact of the Makin Review was not found on the Church of England reputationally but also at diocesan level across the country, where there were substantive increase in contacts safeguarding teams.

Diocese wise, there was a huge increase the increase in reactive work following the Review, that figure was falling towards the end of the year. The Safeguarding Team was receiving, on average, 117 safeguarding enquiries per month (excluding training enquiries) compared with an average of 89 the previous year. The enquiries related to low level concerns, safer recruitment and advice on other areas of preventive safeguarding activity. (Congregants wondering if they should report such and such a “thing” as a safeguarding matter!) The Team was receiving an average of 33 safeguarding referrals per month. The Team supports parishes to manage the risk of those who have sexually offended.

Data Breach at APCS. However, the data breach at APCS has caused other major problems. 10 PSOs resigned following the breach. At the end of the year,

there are 60 parishes without a PSO. The Makin Review and the data breach have affected the diocese's ability to recruit PSO in particular and volunteers in general!

In total, 258 parishes in the diocese of Oxford were affected by the breach, equating to 1,908 individuals. 10 other dioceses were also affected. The Experian free credit service was offered to run for a year. 687 Experian codes were issued.

The data subjects affected were offered a 12-month free access to a credit checking and monitoring service from Experian and were advised to contact Experian Identity Plus for support.

Procurement of a new DBS Provider. Following the data breach, the Diocese advised that we pause using APCS for DBS and recommended using Thirty-one Eight instead. 148 parishes did do so that and processed 466 applications. We had only one person to process since the data breach and we did it thorough APCS.

The Diocese undertook a procurement exercise to find a new provider that they could recommend to parishes. An Invitation to Tender was issued in October. Five providers were shortlisted. One did not turn up. In the end a company called Verifile was chosen and is being recommended for use by parishes.

Out of the 808 parishes in the diocese of Oxford, 60 have chosen to use Verifile.

People. The Diocesan Safeguarding Adviser (DSA), Erica Hegg covered Oxford and Dorchester areas. That has now been split up, and Sophie Harrold was appointed to be the new DSA for Oxford & Cowley deaneries. Millius will continue as St Nicholas PSO for another year whilst we look for a replacement.

Millius Palayiwa

Financial Report

Receipts

In 2025 we were exceptionally fortunate in receiving two large legacies. One, from Caroline Jones, the widow of the late Roy Jones, for £50, 000, and the second, from Jenny Wren, for £220,500. We are extremely grateful for the generosity of these two individuals and the PCC will now consider prayerfully how these monies should be spent. The legacy from Caroline Jones is restricted to Church Fabric and has been put into the fabric fund. The Wren legacy has mostly been transferred to investment funds.

The majority of our planned giving (around 80%) now comes through the Parish Giving Scheme which is a great help to the treasurer!

The accounts for 2025 have been prepared on an Accruals basis. The planned budget for 2025 had a deficit of around 16K. However, discounting the legacies of 270,500 and the loss on our investments, the deficit for the year was £10,978.

Payments

Our Parish share payment rose by about 4% but the majority of this increase as a voluntary payment which we made to help poorer parishes in the Deanery. who could not find the funds to pay the share allocated to them.

Maintenance payments were higher than expected due to organ repairs and maintenance needed for the Quinquennial Inspection. Utility bills were lower than we budgeted for and we look forward to further savings next year as we now have a cheaper, green energy contract.

WE spent more money than budgeted on Mission in The Parish but this was covered by grants from the Parish Council towards Fun Days etc.

The apparent overspend on cleaning and administration costs is actually a change in how these recorded – i.e. the income from MCP(Marston Church Properties) towards these costs is recorded separately rather than being offset against them.

Investments

The value of our investments on 31st December was £345,694 including £250K from legacies. This means that there was a loss of 4K overall.

Account Preparation 2025

PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF ST NICHOLAS MARSTON

Financial Statements for the Year ended 31 Dec 2025

Notes to the Accounts

1. Basis of Preparation

(a) The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Church Accounting Regulations 2006, the Charities Act 2011, together with applicable accounting standards.

(b) The accounts are prepared on an Accruals basis, as permitted when the annual income is between £250,000 and £500,000

(c) The financial statements include all transactions, assets, and liabilities for which the PCC is responsible in law. They do not include the accounts of church groups that owe their main affiliation to another body, nor of those that are informal gatherings of church members.


2. Accounting Policies (a) The funds of a charity, under charity law, have to be categorized in one of three ways. Unrestricted funds: these contain money that can be spent in any way the PCC chooses (within general charity law)

Designated funds: these contain money that the PCC has allocated to a specific purpose. They include funds designated for maintenance of church property. Money in a designated fund can be undesignated by a subsequent decision of the PCC. Restricted funds: these contain money that has been given for a purpose specified by the donor. Such money can only be spent on the specified purpose (within the overall objectives of the PCC), or else returned to the donor.

(b) The PCC uses a number of bank accounts and investment funds General Account: This holds current funds, including General (unrestricted), Designated and Restricted Funds. The PCC holds a current account with the Cooperative Bank Investment Accounts. Reserves are held in the CBF Church of England Investment Fund administered by CCLA Investment Management Ltd. Investments are valued at the basic value (between bid price and offer price) on 31 December.

(c) Fixed assets Consecrated land and buildings and benefice property are not included in the accounts. Movable church furnishings which are held by the vicar and churchwardens on trust for the PCC and which require a faculty for disposal are listed in the church's inventory. Such assets are not included in the financial statements. The freehold property at 1B Mill Lane belongs to the PCC, with the deeds held on its behalf by the Diocese. It is included in the statement of overall assets and liabilities at its market value.

Signed: Revd Skye Denno – Vicar of Marston

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read 'E Denno', written in black ink on a light background.

Date: 4th June 2026

**INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE PCC OF THE PARISH OF ST NICHOLAS,
MARSTON
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2025**

I report on the accounts of the Charity for the year ended 31 December 2025, which are set out in pages 25-35 below.

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 needed.

The charity's gross income exceeded £250,000 and I am qualified to undertake the examination by being a qualified member of Association of Chartered Certified Accountants.

It is my responsibility to:

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

BASIS OF INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S 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 statement below.

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S STATEMENT

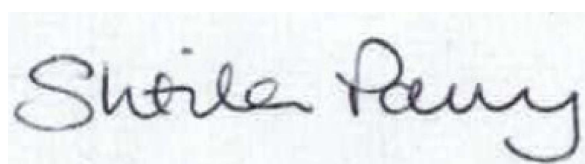
In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

(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 accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting 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.



Sheila Parry FCCA

Date: 5th June 2026


PCC OF THE PARISH OF ST NICHOLAS, MARSTON
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2025

		Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2025 £	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2024 £
	Notes						
Income from:							
Donations and legacies	3	314,824	52,948	367,772	95,900	2,988	98,888
Charitable activities	4	9,660	8,734	18,394	18,785	8,812	27,597
Investments		3,494	-	3,494	3,311	-	3,311
Other trading activities	5	10,140	-	10,140	9,912	-	9,912
Other income	6	598	-	598	117	890	1,007
Total income		<u>338,716</u>	<u>61,682</u>	<u>400,398</u>	<u>128,025</u>	<u>12,690</u>	<u>140,715</u>
Expenditure on:							
Charitable activities	8	<u>116,583</u>	<u>24,292</u>	<u>140,875</u>	<u>97,540</u>	<u>26,489</u>	<u>124,029</u>
Total expenditure		<u>116,583</u>	<u>24,292</u>	<u>140,875</u>	<u>97,540</u>	<u>26,489</u>	<u>124,029</u>
Net income / -expenditure		222,133	37,390	259,523	30,485	- 13,799	16,686
Transfers between funds		- 5,745	5,745	-	-	-	-
Gains / -losses on revaluation of fixed assets		- 3,966	-	- 3,966	1,792	202	1,994
Net movement in funds		<u>212,422</u>	<u>43,134</u>	<u>255,556</u>	<u>32,277</u>	<u>- 13,597</u>	<u>18,680</u>
Reconciliation of funds:							
Total funds brought forwards		<u>455,662</u>	<u>23,812</u>	<u>479,474</u>	<u>423,385</u>	<u>37,409</u>	<u>460,794</u>
Total funds carried forward		<u>668,084</u>	<u>66,946</u>	<u>735,030</u>	<u>455,662</u>	<u>23,812</u>	<u>479,474</u>

PCC OF THE PARISH OF ST NICHOLAS, MARSTON
BALANCE SHEET
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2025

		2025	2024
		£	£
	Notes		
FIXED ASSETS			
Tangible Assets	9	350,000	350,000
Fixed asset investments	10	345,695	99,661
CURRENT ASSETS			
Debtors	11	4,962	9,876
Cash at bank		36,863	22,517
		41,825	32,393
CREDITORS: Amounts falling due within one year	12	2,490	2,580
NET CURRENT ASSETS		39,335	29,813
NET ASSETS		735,030	479,474
FUNDS			
INCOME FUNDS			
Unrestricted Income funds	13	276,769	66,562
Designated funds	13	41,315	39,100
Revaluation reserve	13	350,000	350,000
Restricted Income funds	14	66,946	23,812
TOTAL INCOME FUNDS		735,030	479,474

Signed: Revd Skye Denno – Vicar of Marston



Date: 4th June 2026

PCC OF THE PARISH OF ST NICHOLAS, MARSTON
NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2025

1. ORGANISATION STATUS

The PCC of the Parish of St Nicholas, Marston is a charity, registered with the Charity Commission in England and Wales. St Nicholas is part of the Church of England.

2. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Church Accounting Regulations 2006 together with applicable accounting standards and the charities SORP 2015.

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention and 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.

This is the first year that accruals accounts have been prepared. The prior year figures have been restated from the previous receipts and payments basis.

Funds

Endowment funds are funds in which the capital must be maintained. Holy Trinity PCC does not have any such funds.

Designated funds are unrestricted funds that have been set aside by the PCC for a particular purpose.

Restricted funds may only be expended on the specific object for which they were given.

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

Incoming resources

Planned giving, collections and donations are recognized when received. Tax refunds are recognized when the incoming resource to which they relate is received. Grants and legacies are accounted for when the PCC is legally entitled to the amounts due. All other income is recognized when it is receivable. All incoming resources are accounted for gross and included in the SOFA.

PCC OF THE PARISH OF ST NICHOLAS, MARSTON
NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS (CONTINUED)
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2025

Resources expended

Grants and donations are accounted for when paid over or when awarded. The diocesan parish share is accounted for when due. All other expenditure is generally recognized when it is incurred and is accounted for gross and is included in the SOFA. Expenditure is included on an accruals basis.

Fixed assets

Consecrated and benefice property is not included in the accounts.
Freehold property, 1B Mill Lane is recorded at a revalued amount, based on current market value.

3. DONATIONS AND LEGACIES

	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total Funds	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total Funds
	2025			2025		2024
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Planned giving	66,030	600	66,630	57,465	2,892	60,357
Reclaimed from HMRC	17,225	-	17,225	19,934	-	19,934
Loose cash collections	4,081	82	4,163	4,080	-	4,080
Donations	5,374	2,266	7,640	12,880	120	13,000
Legacy	221,000	50,000	271,000	1,000	-	1,000
Wall safe	510	-	510	382	-	382
Lunch Club income	418	-	418	151	- 24	127
Sundries	186	-	186	8	-	8
	<u>314,824</u>	<u>52,948</u>	<u>367,772</u>	<u>95,900</u>	<u>2,988</u>	<u>98,888</u>

4. CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES

	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total Funds	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total Funds
	2025			2025		2024
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Fees	7,293	-	7,293	8,382	-	8,382
Grants	1,750	8,734	10,484	9,278	8,700	17,978
Sunday morning coffee	52	-	52	161	-	161
Events	565	-	565	964	112	1,076
	<u>9,660</u>	<u>8,734</u>	<u>18,394</u>	<u>18,785</u>	<u>8,812</u>	<u>27,597</u>

PCC OF THE PARISH OF ST NICHOLAS, MARSTON
NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS (CONTINUED)
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2025

5. OTHER TRADING ACTIVITIES

	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total Funds 2025	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total Funds 2024
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Rent	10,140	-	10,140	9,912	-	9,912

6. OTHER INCOME

	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total Funds 2025	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total Funds 2024
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Marston Times income	598	-	598	117	890	1,007
	598	-	598	117	890	1,007

PCC OF THE PARISH OF ST NICHOLAS, MARSTON
NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS (CONTINUED)
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2025

7. EXPENDITURE ON CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES

	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total Funds 2025	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total Funds 2024
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Payments outside the Parish						
Parish share	54,133	-	54,133	51,482	-	51,482
Charitable donations	5,274	799	6,073	7,814	-	7,814
Church running expenses						
Utilities	7,709	-	7,709	14,081	-	14,081
Insurance	3,778	-	3,778	2,869	-	2,869
Maintenance	13,317	3,403	16,720	1,180	2,483	3,663
Cleaning (net)	2,104	-	2,104	1,940	-	1,940
Cost of services	1,529	-	1,529	1,525	-	1,525
Messy Church	29	39	68	114	84	198
Organists	4,783	-	4,783	4,471	-	4,471
Choir (including Junior Choir)	125	-	125	-	-	-
Gardening	2,900	1,350	4,250	-	4,650	4,650
Ministry in the Parish						
Clergy expenses	2,264	-	2,264	1,381	-	1,381
Junior Church	85	-	85	-	-	-
Youth Work	368	768	1,136	150	243	393
Lunch club	338	-	338	-	-	-
Eco Hub	310	-	310	-	53	53
Mission with the Parish	2,637	-	2,637	1,459	364	1,823
Family Minister	-	17,925	17,925	-	16,042	16,042
Fabric						
Equipment	1,187	-	1,187	-	2,241	2,241
Inspection	-	-	-	-	250	250
Other expenditure						
Administration	8,491	-	8,491	6,857	-	6,857
Marston Times	1,357	-	1,357	1,356	-	1,356
Maintenance of 1B Mill Lane	708	-	708	861	-	861
Flowers	133	5	138	-	79	79
Fees other	924	3	926	-	-	-
Curate's rent	1,200	-	1,200	-	-	-
IE and accounts prep fee	900	-	900	-	-	-
	<u>116,583</u>	<u>24,292</u>	<u>140,875</u>	<u>97,540</u>	<u>26,489</u>	<u>124,029</u>

PCC OF THE PARISH OF ST NICHOLAS, MARSTON
NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS (CONTINUED)
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2025

8. STAFF COSTS AND EMOLUMENTS

	2025 £	2024 £
Wages and salaries	26,047	26,600
Social security costs	-	-
Pension contributions	796	759
	<u>26,843</u>	<u>27,359</u>
Headcount	<u>4</u>	<u>4</u>

9. FIXED ASSETS

	1B Mill Lane £
COST	
At 1 January 2025	350,000
Disposals	-
Revaluation	-
Additions	-
At 31 December 2025	<u>350,000</u>
DEPRECIATION	
At 1 January 2025	-
Disposals	-
Charge for the year	-
At 31 December 2025	<u>-</u>
NET BOOK VALUE	
At 1 January 2025	<u>350,000</u>
At 31 December 2025	<u>350,000</u>

10. INVESTMENTS

	2025 £	2024 £
At 1 January 2025	99,661	97,666
Disposals	-	-
Additions	250,000	-
Revaluation	- 3,966	1,995
At 31 December 2025	<u>345,695</u>	<u>99,661</u>

PCC OF THE PARISH OF ST NICHOLAS, MARSTON
NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS (CONTINUED)
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2025

11. DEBTORS

	2025	2024
	£	£
Other debtors	1,038	6,557
Gift Aid owing	2,859	2,257
Prepayments	1,065	1,062
	<u>4,962</u>	<u>9,876</u>
	<u><u>4,962</u></u>	<u><u>9,876</u></u>

12. CREDITORS

	2025	2024
	£	£
Accruals	2,489	2,082
	<u>2,489</u>	<u>2,082</u>
	<u><u>2,489</u></u>	<u><u>2,082</u></u>

PCC OF THE PARISH OF ST NICHOLAS, MARSTON
NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS (CONTINUED)
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2025

13. UNRESTRICTED INCOME FUNDS

Current year	Bal at 1 January 2025 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Change in investment £	Transfers £	Bal at 31 December 2025 £
General funds	66,562	331,043	- 111,125	- 3,966	- 5,745	276,769
Designated funds						
Fabric	22,043	1,000	- 3,598	-	-	19,445
Marston Times	- 933	458	- 1,018	-	-	- 1,493
1B Mill Lane	17,446	5,915	- 708	-	-	22,653
Music Events	83	300	- 34	-	-	349
Lunch Club	461	-	- 100	-	-	361
	<u>39,100</u>	<u>7,673</u>	<u>- 5,458</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>41,315</u>
Revaluation reserve	350,000	-	-	-	-	350,000
	<u>455,662</u>	<u>338,716</u>	<u>- 116,583</u>	<u>- 3,966</u>	<u>- 5,745</u>	<u>668,084</u>

Prior year	Bal at 1 Jan 2024 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Change in investment £	Transfers £	Bal at 31 Dec 2024 £
General funds	45,016	117,519	- 95,973	-	-	66,562
Designated funds						
Fabric	20,251	-	-	1,792	-	22,043
Marston Times	- 372	117	- 678	-	-	- 933
1B Mill Lane	7,887	9,912	- 353	-	-	17,446
Music Events	154	365	- 436	-	-	83
Lunch Club	449	112	- 100	-	-	461
	<u>28,369</u>	<u>10,506</u>	<u>- 1,567</u>	<u>1,792</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>39,100</u>
Revaluation reserve	350,000	-	-	-	-	350,000
	<u>423,385</u>	<u>128,025</u>	<u>- 97,540</u>	<u>1,792</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>455,662</u>

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14. RESTRICTED INCOME FUNDS

Current year	Bal at 1 January 2025	Income	Expenditure	Change in investment	Transfers	Bal at 31 December 2025
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Flowers	259	-	- 5	-	-	254
Choir	146	500	-	-	-	646
Choir Treats	30	-	-	-	-	30
Fabric	- 1,867	51,660	- 3,403	-	-	46,390
Bells	14,648	-	-	-	-	14,648
Memorial Garden	- 3,879	-	- 1,350	-	5,229	-
Charity	- 613	900	- 803	-	516	-
Youth Work	461	1,024	- 768	-	-	717
Messy Church	- 4	148	- 39	-	-	105
Eco Hub	578	-	-	-	-	578
Family Minister	13,581	6,950	- 17,924	-	-	2,607
Fun Day	262	500	-	-	-	762
Warm Spaces	210	-	-	-	-	210
Total funds	23,812	61,682	- 24,292	-	5,745	66,947

Two restricted funds which were in deficit have been topped up by a transfer from general funds.

Prior year	Bal at 1 Jan 2024	Income	Expenditure	Change in investment	Transfers	Bal at 31 Dec 2024
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Flowers	1	337	- 79	-	-	259
Choir	-	350	- 204	-	-	146
Choir Treats	30	-	-	-	-	30
Fabric	- 34	650	- 2,483	-	-	- 1,867
Bells	15,680	-	- 1,234	202	-	14,648
Memorial Garden	146	700	- 4,725	-	-	- 3,879
Charity	- 110	1,217	- 1,720	-	-	- 613
Youth Work	704	-	- 243	-	-	461
Messy Church	52	22	- 78	-	-	- 4
Eco Hub	631	-	- 53	-	-	578
Family Minister	20,211	8,700	- 15,330	-	-	13,581
Fun Day	98	504	- 340	-	-	262
Warm Spaces	-	210	-	-	-	210
Total funds	37,409	12,690	- 26,489	202	-	23,812

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15. ANALYSIS OF NET ASSETS BY FUND

	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total Funds
	£	£	2025 £
Fixed assets	350,000	-	350,000
Fixed asset Investment	295,695	50,000	345,695
Net current assets/liabilities	22,389	16,946	39,335
Total funds	<u>668,084</u>	<u>66,946</u>	<u>735,030</u>

16. TRANSACTIONS WITH MEMBERS OF THE PCC AND OTHER RELATED PARTIES

Total donations from members of the PCC were £14,073.

There were no other related party transactions.

17. TRUSTEE PAYMENTS AND EXPENSES

No trustees were paid for their services or reimbursed for any expenses.