



ST MARY THE VIRGIN, BATTLE

ANNUAL REPORT

AND

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

OF THE

PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL

For the year ended 31 December 2025

St Mary the Virgin, Upper Lake, Battle, TN33 0AN

Dean: The Very Reverend Lee Duckett, The Deanery, Caldbec Hill, Battle TN33 0JY

Independent Examiner: Manningtons Chartered Accountants, 39 High Street, Battle, TN33 0EE

Bankers: National Westminster Bank plc Hastings (A) Branch, Havelock Road, Hastings, East Sussex TN34 1GW

Parochial Church Council of St Mary the Virgin, Battle

Annual Report for 2025

Administrative Information

St Mary the Virgin is situated adjacent to the High Street, Battle. It is part of the Chichester Diocese within the Church of England.

The PCC Secretary during 2025 was Mr Roy Hyde.

The parish is a charity and is registered with the Charity Commission under the terms of the Charities Act 1993, as subsequently amended. The registration number is 1141300.

Following the 2025 Annual Parochial Church Meeting the following served as members of the Parochial Church Council (PCC):

Dean	The Very Reverend Lee Duckett (Chair)	
1. Churchwarden	Mr Paul Lewis (until April 2024) then vacancy.	
2. Churchwarden	Mr Philip Collins	
Retired Priest with PTO	The Reverend Canon Edward Bryant Reverend Paul Messenger Reverend Christopher Channer	
Readers	Mrs Alison Hassell, Mr Peter Armstrong	
Deanery Synod Representatives (4) (elected for 3 years)		Mrs J Thorp (re-elected until April 2026) Mr P Armstrong (elected until April 2026) Vacant Vacant
Elected Members (elected in April)	Until 2025	Mrs Gia Selmon (retired April 2025) Mrs Carolyn Collins (retired April 2025) Vacant Vacant
	Until 2026	Mrs Tracy Dixon (re-elected April 2023) (Eligible for re-election if continues as treasurer) Mrs Jackie Richards (re-elected April 2023) (Eligible for re-election for a further 2 years) Vacant Vacant
	Until 2027	Jonny Snow (elected April 2024) Sandra Walker (elected April 2024) Vacant Vacant
	Until 2028	Paul Lewis (elected April 2025) Vivienne Watts (elected April 2025) Roy Hyde (Co-opted May 2025) Vacant

Structure, governance and management

Membership of the PCC is determined under the Church Representation Rules and consists of certain ex-officio members (the Dean; Readers, Mrs Alison Hassell, Mr Peter Armstrong; the Churchwardens and members of the Deanery Synod) and twelve members of the church who are elected at the Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM). The latter twelve members are elected on a rotary basis, four being elected each year to serve for a three-year term. Individuals may serve for a total of six years and then must stand down for two years before being eligible for re-election.

Objectives and Activities

The primary objective of St Mary's Parochial Church Council (PCC) is the promotion of the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to the doctrines and practices of the Church of England. In accordance with the PCC Powers Measure 1956, the PCC works with the Dean of Battle, as incumbent of the parish, to promote the whole mission of the Church—pastoral, evangelistic, social, and ecumenical—within the parish.

The PCC is responsible for the worshipping life and general mission of the parish, together with the stewardship, maintenance, and development of the buildings on the St Mary's site. The Church of the Ascension and the churchyard at Telham are owned and governed by a separate charity, Dean Crake's Gift, which has its own managing trustees. While the PCC collaborates with those trustees where appropriate, it holds no responsibility for their governance or property.

The PCC provides public benefit through regular public worship; Christian education for adults and children; pastoral care; and the availability of St Mary's for Christian marriage, funeral, and memorial services. The Church Hall supports the wider community by hosting uniformed organisations, Battle & Bexhill Foodbank, and a range of local groups. These facilities and activities are open and accessible to parishioners and the general public, in line with the legislative provisions of the Church of England and the requirements of charity law.

Achievements and performance

As at 31st December 2025 there were 149 members of the Church Electoral Roll, of whom 43 were not resident in the parish.

Major Parish Church Status and Strategic Development

The PCC continues to work with the Dean to develop a financially sustainable model for the parish in line with the Mission Action Plan. Current priorities include exploring opportunities for tourism and heritage engagement at St Mary's and planning the refurbishment of the Upper Hall to support both mission and community use.

At its meeting on 23 May 2024, the Church Buildings Council confirmed that St Mary the Virgin, Battle meets the criteria for designation as a Major Parish Church. This designation, agreed with Historic England and the National Lottery Heritage Fund, recognises churches that are significant in scale and heritage and whose ministry and civic role are comparable to that of a cathedral, but without equivalent staffing or financial resources.

The financial and operational complexity associated with Major Parish Church status continues to present challenges for the PCC, particularly given the parish's limited financial and human resources. During 2025, the church roof sustained storm damage, and work is underway to replace missing tiles and ensure the building remains secure and watertight.

St Mary's continues to benefit from engagement with the Major Churches Network, which provides opportunities to share knowledge, expertise and best practice with similar churches nationally and regionally. The Dean is working with the Diocese of Chichester to establish a local regional group within the Network to support the Major Churches of the diocese more effectively.

Contribution to the Life of Local Schools.

St Mary's continues to maintain strong and constructive relationships with local schools, contributing to their educational and spiritual life.

Battle Abbey School

The historic partnership between St Mary's and Battle Abbey School continues to thrive. The annual Founders' Day Service, Christmas Carol Services and Speech Day all took place at St Mary's as usual. Since 2022, the School has also held its weekly Tuesday assembly and end-of-term Mark Reading in the church. A series of summer lunchtime concerts presented by Battle Abbey students was again well supported by parents and members of the public.

Organ Scholarship

The St Mary's Battle Organ Scholarship continues to operate successfully. The programme is overseen by the Dean, the Director of Music at Battle Abbey School, and St Mary's Director of Music. The scholar receives regular tuition on the church organ and gains experience of church music, liturgy, and performance through participation in services and festivals. Each scholar also undertakes a study visit to Chichester Cathedral to meet the Cathedral Organist and experience cathedral worship.

The aim of the scholarship is to encourage talented young musicians to work towards organ scholarships at universities, conservatoires or music colleges, helping contribute to the future provision of organists in the Church of England. This aim has been realised in 2025, with the current student securing a place at Birmingham Conservatoire for 2026. Funding for future scholars has been generously provided by a parishioner, ensuring sustainability of the scheme.

Battle & Langton Church of England Primary School

The Dean has continued to serve as a Foundation Governor at Battle & Langton Primary School, alongside another Foundation Governor appointed in 2024. During the year, the School received a 'Good' rating from Ofsted and met the requirements of its 2025 SIAMS inspection. The Dean extends thanks to Mrs Vikki Cook and Battle Baptist Church for their ecumenical partnership in leading collective worship and supporting the school.

The School held its Christmas Carol Service and annual Leavers' Service at St Mary's, both of which were well attended.

Other Schools and Educational Links

Claremont Independent School held carol services for its pre-prep, prep and senior schools at St Mary's. Marlborough House and Vinehall School held their first carol service in the church and plan to return in 2026. Claverham Community College held its awards evening and its first carol service in nearly twenty years at St Mary's. School tours also took place during the year, and the Dean extends thanks to all who helped facilitate these visits.

Significant Services at St Mary's

St Mary's continues to fulfil its role as a Civic Centre Church. The annual Remembrance Sunday Service was attended by civic representatives, including the Deputy Lieutenant, Simon Corello, who represented His Majesty the King. The Dean gave the address, and RAF Battle 88 SQN ATC formed a guard of honour and participated in the service. The event was well supported by the wider community, including local schools and uniformed organisations. Seasonal services—including Advent Carols, Carols by Candlelight, Carols in the Churchyard, and Christingle—were well attended. St Michael's Hospice held its annual Lights of Love Service at St Mary's, which was warmly received by all present.

Occasional Offices

During 2025, St Mary's recorded the following occasional offices:

Baptisms: 9
Confirmations: 18
Weddings: 4
Funerals: 16

Archdeaconry Services

St Mary's hosted the Archdeacon's Visitation Service for the swearing-in of Churchwardens, as well as the DAC Roadshow for the eastern area of the Diocese.

Overview and Financial Review of the Year

1. PCC Meetings and Strategic Work

The PCC met eight times during the year. Members continued to progress work with Craigmyle Fundraising Consultants on the development of a long-term fundraising strategy and feasibility studies in preparation for an application to the Heritage Lottery Fund, with the aim of securing the long-term financial sustainability of the church and PCC.

2. Pastoral, Liturgical and Volunteer Support

The Dean and PCC express their sincere thanks to the Pastoral Care Team for their continued support of the elderly, sick and housebound. Thanks are also extended to the Sacristan and Assistant Sacristan, the church cleaning and flower-arranging teams, and those who prepare and serve refreshments. The PCC also recognises the contribution of the retired clergy and Readers coordinated by Mrs Julia Thorp in providing cover for services at St Mary's and at the Church of the Ascension, Telham.

3. Parish Share

The PCC pledged £33,000 to the Diocese of Chichester for 2025. This amount was based on projected income and reserves, despite a budgeted deficit of £5,000 and planned use of £19,000 from reserves. The pledge was honoured in full.

4. Legacies

No legacies were received during 2025.

5. Concerts and Events

St Mary's welcomed a range of musical events during the year, including concerts by Battle Choral Society and the Whatlington Singers.

6. Outward Giving

A total of £5,089 was donated from PCC funds to external charities. This included proceeds from the Christmas Tree Festival, Remembrance Services and Mothers' Union Services, among others.

7. Busy Bees Toddler Group

The Busy Bees toddler group continues to flourish under the leadership of Mrs Angie Duckett, supported by a dedicated team of volunteers and former participants.

8. Battle Branch of Bexhill Foodbank

The Foodbank continued to operate from the Church Hall and remains an important ecumenical outreach in line with the diocesan commitment to serving the common good. The PCC charges for use of the premises but provides a 99% rebate as part of its community support. The Foodbank increased its assistance to help clients mitigate rising fuel costs.

9. Christmas Tree Festival

The main Christmas Tree Festival was held on 30 November and 1 December, with an Artisan Fair on the preceding weekend. Both events were successful and well attended. Donations of £1,400 each were made to two charities, with additional funds allocated to the Flower Guild, Mothers' Union, Pastoral Care Fund and general church funds.

10. Safeguarding

Mrs Jan Collins continued to serve as Parish Safeguarding Officer in 2025. There were no safeguarding issues reported during the year. The PCC confirms that it has complied with its duty to have due regard to the House of Bishops' Safeguarding Policy and Practice Guidance.

11. Volunteers

The PCC records its appreciation for the many volunteers who support the ministry and mission of St Mary's. The increasing demands of modern life create challenges in sustaining volunteer numbers, and the PCC remains grateful for the commitment of all who give their time and service.

12. Reserves Policy and Public Benefit

In accordance with Charity Commission recommendations, the PCC maintains a reserves policy requiring unrestricted funds (excluding property) to equate to at least nine months' unrestricted expenditure, taking into account reliable income streams. This requirement was met as at 31 December 2025.

When planning activities, the Dean and PCC considered the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit, especially in relation to the advancement of religion. Public benefit is achieved through:

Provision of worship, prayer and the sacraments;
Christian education and discipleship;
Pastoral care to those living in the parish;
Missionary and outreach activities.

13. Fabric and Buildings

To support the ongoing mission and worship of the parish, the PCC continues to prioritise maintenance of St Mary's Church, the Church of the Ascension at Telham, and the Deanery. Signed on behalf of the PCC,

Chairman

Date

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF ST MARY THE VIRGIN, BATTLE, PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL

I report on the accounts for the year ended 31 December 2025 which are set out on pages 7 to 16.

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(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 Act;
- follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 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 management committee concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in a full 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 material matters have come to my attention which gives 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 matter considered as 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 enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

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MANNINGTONS
Chartered Accountants
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Battle
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Date:

THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF ST MARY THE VIRGIN, BATTLE
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2025

	Note	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Total Funds 2025
INCOMING RESOURCES	2				
Voluntary Income		95485	4493	-	99978
Activities for generating funds		6701	-	-	6701
Income from investments		8915	9346	-	18261
Income from Church Activities		44926	-	-	44926
Total incoming resources		£ 156027	£ 13839	£ -	£ 169866
RESOURCES EXPENDED	3				
Costs of generating voluntary income		-	-	-	-
Fund Raising Costs		3127	-	-	3127
Church Activities		150938	15571	-	166509
Governance Costs		2520	-	-	2520
Total resources expended		£ 156585	£ 15571	£ -	£ 172156
Net (outgoing)/incoming resources		(558)	(1732)	-	(2290)
Other recognised gains/(losses)					
<i>Gains /(Losses) on investment assets</i>		-	-	(3972)	(3972)
<i>Fund transfers</i>		6131	(6131)	-	-
Net movement in funds		5573	(7863)	(3972)	(6261)
 Total funds brought forward 1 January 2025		 £ 801674	 £ 215126	 £ 105618	 £ 1122418
 Total funds carried forward 31 December 2025		 £ 807247	 £ 207263	 £ 101646	 £ 1116156

There are no recognised gains or losses for 2024 and 2025 other than those included in the statement of Financial Activities

THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF ST MARY THE VIRGIN, BATTLE

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2025

Comparative Statement of Financial Activities for 2024:

	Note	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Total Funds 2024
INCOMING RESOURCES	2				
Voluntary Income		223537	12532	-	236069
Activities for generating funds		6804	-	-	6804
Income from investments		11651	8316	-	19967
Income from Church Activities		45631	-	-	45631
Total incoming resources		<u>£ 287623</u>	<u>£ 20848</u>	<u>£ -</u>	<u>£ 308471</u>
RESOURCES EXPENDED	3				
Costs of generating voluntary income		-	-	-	-
Fund Raising Costs		4184	-	-	4184
Church Activities		160739	4495	-	165234
Governance Costs		2160	-	-	2160
Total resources expended		<u>£ 167083</u>	<u>£ 4495</u>	<u>£ -</u>	<u>£ 171578</u>
Net (outgoing)/incoming resources		120540	16353	-	136893
Other recognised gains/(losses)					
<i>Gains /(Losses) on investment assets</i>		-	(2490)	2690	200
<i>Fund transfers</i>		(181)	181	-	-
Net movement in funds		<u>120359</u>	<u>14044</u>	<u>2690</u>	<u>137093</u>
Total funds brought forward 1 January 2024		<u>681315</u>	<u>£ 201082</u>	<u>£ 102928</u>	<u>£ 985325</u>
Total funds carried forward 31 December 2024		<u>£ 801674</u>	<u>£ 215126</u>	<u>£ 105618</u>	<u>£ 1122418</u>

THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF ST MARY THE VIRGIN, BATTLE
BALANCE SHEET
AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2025

	Note	2025	2024
FIXED ASSETS			
Tangible Fixed Assets	5	598242	598242
Investment Assets	6	<u>101646</u>	<u>105618</u>
		699888	703860
CURRENT ASSETS			
Stock		-	-
Debtors	7	3609	4059
Deposits at Central Board of Finance		356409	340206
Cash at Bank, Building Society and in Hand		<u>58650</u>	<u>76573</u>
		418668	420838
CURRENT LIABILITIES			
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	8	<u>2400</u>	<u>2280</u>
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES			
		416268	418558
CREDITORS: amounts falling due after one year			
		-	-
NET ASSETS	9	<u>£ 1116156</u>	<u>£ 1122418</u>
Represented by:			
Unrestricted Funds	10	807247	801674
Restricted Funds	10	207263	215126
Endowment Funds	10	<u>101646</u>	<u>105618</u>
		<u>£ 1116156</u>	<u>£ 1122418</u>

Approved by the the Parochial Church Council on

and signed on it's behalf by:

LEE DUCKETT
Dean

PHILIP COLLINS
Churchwarden

THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF ST MARY THE VIRGIN, BATTLE
NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2025

1 ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The financial statements have been prepared under the Church Accounting Regulations 2006 in accordance with applicable accounting standards and the current (2015) Statement of Recommended Practice Accounting and Reporting by The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention as modified by the inclusion of investments at market value. 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 those which are informal gatherings of church members.

Going concern

The trustees consider that there are no material uncertainties about the Charity's ability to continue as a going concern.

Funds

Funds held by the PCC are:

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

Designated funds - funds earmarked for a particular future purpose.

Restricted funds -

- i) income from trusts or endowments which may be expended only on those restricted objects provided in the terms of the trust or bequest.
- ii) donations or grants received for a specific object or invited by the PCC for a specific object. The funds may only be expended on the specific object for which they were given. Any balance remaining unspent at the end of the year is carried forward as a balance on that fund.

Endowment funds - funds the capital of which must be maintained: only income arising from the investment of the endowment may be used, either as restricted or unrestricted funds, depending on the 'purpose' set out in the terms of the original endowment.

Incoming resources

All incoming resources are accounted for gross.

Voluntary income

Collections are recognised when received. Planned giving receivable recognised only when received. Income tax recoverable on Gift Aid donations is recognised when the income is recognised.

Grants and legacies to the PCC are recognised when the PCC is legally entitled to the amount due.

Other income

Rental income from the letting of church premises and all other income is recognised when it is receivable.

THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF ST MARY THE VIRGIN, BATTLE
NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS (continued)
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2025

Income from investments

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

Gains and losses on investments

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

Resources used

Resources expended are accounted for on an accruals basis and are accounted gross.

Grants

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

Church Activities

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

Fixed Assets

Tangible Fixed Assets

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

Movable church furnishings held by the Dean and Churchwardens on special trust for the PCC, and which require a faculty for disposal, are accounted as inalienable property unless consecrated. They are listed in the Church's Inventory which can be inspected. For inalienable property acquired prior to 2000 there is insufficient cost information available and therefore such assets are not valued in the accounts.

All expenditure incurred in the year on consecrated or beneficed buildings and individual items costing under £1000 are written off in the year they were incurred.

The Church Hall is shown in the accounts at the 2007 insurance value, this is the deemed valuation as per the Trustees. No depreciation is provided on land and buildings as it is the PCC's policy to maintain these assets in a continual state of sound repair. The useful economic life of these assets is so long and residual values

Church equipment is depreciated on a straight-line basis over four years. Individual items of equipment with a purchase price of £1000 or less are written off when the asset is acquired.

Investments

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

Current assets

Amounts owing to the PCC at 31 December in respect of fees, rents or other income are shown as debtors less provision for amounts that may prove uncollectable.

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Chancel trust and income grant

presentation of Chancel Funds had been misunderstood and that a revision was required.

Income received from Chancel trusts is not investment income, as the PCC does not own the trust fund nor its investments.

Accumulated grant income not yet received from Chichester DBF amounted to £2,606 at 31st December 2025 (2024 £2,490). This is available for Chancel repairs upon request to the DBF.

THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF ST MARY THE VIRGIN, BATTLE
NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS (continued)
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2025

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total 2025	Total 2024
2 INCOMING RESOURCES				
a. Voluntary income				
Planned giving:				
Gift Aid Donations	49048	-	49048	46738
Tax recoverable	18986	-	18986	16209
Collections at services	17375	-	17375	17313
Donations	5132	2265	7397	16846
Grants - Other	90	1721	1811	2205
Legacies and Donations in Memory	-	-	-	132137
Other Voluntary Income	4854	507	5361	4621
	<u>£ 95485</u>	<u>£ 4493</u>	<u>£ 99978</u>	<u>£ 236069</u>
b. Activities for generating funds				
Christmas Tree Festival	5778	-	5778	4202
General fund raising	923	-	923	2602
	<u>£ 6701</u>	<u>£ -</u>	<u>£ 6701</u>	<u>£ 6804</u>
c. Income from investments				
Dividends and interest	<u>£ 8915</u>	<u>£ 9346</u>	<u>£ 18261</u>	<u>£ 19967</u>
d Income from Church Activities				
Church and Church Hall lettings	22434	-	22434	19964
Benedicta Whistler Centre	3953	-	3953	3396
Fees from weddings etc	13852	-	13852	17774
Magazine	4087	-	4087	3571
Insurance claim	600	-	600	926
	<u>£ 44926</u>	<u>£ -</u>	<u>£ 44926</u>	<u>£ 45631</u>
TOTAL INCOME RESOURCES	<u>£ 156027</u>	<u>£ 13839</u>	<u>£ 169866</u>	<u>£ 308471</u>

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NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS (continued)
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2025

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	2025	2024
3 RESOURCES EXPENDED				
a. Costs of generating voluntary income				
Stewardship costs	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -
b. Fundraising costs	£ 3127	£ -	£ 3127	£ 4184
c. Church activities				
Ministry costs:				
Parish contribution to Diocese	33000	-	33000	32000
Other clergy costs	16985	-	16985	14880
Church running expenses	30478	1431	31909	28688
Church maintenance	9718	10328	20046	9165
Upkeep of services	15409	990	16399	19283
Stationery and telephone	2176	-	2176	2365
Expenditure on magazine	2629	-	2629	2471
Church Halls running costs	15351	-	15351	19038
Benedicta Whistler Centre	3311	-	3311	6000
Flowers	-	1453	1453	575
Mission, Outreach and Charitable Giving	4876	-	4876	5576
Staff wages	13299	-	13299	12404
Bank charges	606	-	606	472
Sundry and subscriptions	2684	1369	4053	6760
Eco Church Garden	364	-	364	3225
Merchandise Purchases	52	-	52	2332
	£ 150938	£ 15571	£ 166509	£ 165234
d. Governance costs				
Independent examination fee	2520	-	2520	2160
Legal and professional fees	-	-	-	-
	£ 2520	£ -	£ 2520	£ 2160
TOTAL RESOURCES EXPENDED	£ 156585	£ 15571	£ 172156	£ 171578

4 REGULAR CONTRACTORS' COSTS

During the year payments were made to a church caretaker, parish clerk Sacristan, finance officer, and organists at St Mary's, an organist at Telham, and a church hall cleaner, caretaker and parish worker. The total of these payments was £28,784 (2024: £26,107).

THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF ST MARY THE VIRGIN, BATTLE
NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS (continued)
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5 TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

	Land and Buildings	Church Equipment	Restricted Fund Equipment	Total
Cost or Valuation				
As at 1 January 2025	598242	20063	4285	622590
Additions	-	-	-	-
Disposals	-	-	-	-
As at 31 December 2025	<u>£ 598242</u>	<u>£ 20063</u>	<u>£ 4285</u>	<u>£ 622590</u>
Depreciation				
As at 1 January 2025	-	20063	4285	24348
Charge for the year	-	-	-	-
Disposals	-	-	-	-
As at 31 December 2025	<u>£ -</u>	<u>£ 20063</u>	<u>£ 4285</u>	<u>£ 24348</u>
Net Book Value at 31 December 2025	<u>£ 598242</u>	<u>£ -</u>	<u>£ -</u>	<u>£ 598242</u>
Net Book Value at 31 December 2024	<u>£ 598242</u>	<u>£ -</u>	<u>£ -</u>	<u>£ 598242</u>

The land and buildings comprise the Church Hall which is shown at an insurance valuation, which is the deemed valuation as per the Trustees.

The equipment consists of a photocopier, the Lady Chapel chairs purchased in 2007, the piano purchased in 2009, projector and screen purchased in 2011 and kitchen equipment, safe and chairs purchased 2012.

6 INVESTMENT FIXED ASSETS

Investments held by the Diocese on behalf of the PCC:

Permanent endowments:	Purpose:	Historical	Market Value	
		Cost	2025	2024
1,574 shares in CBF Investment Fund	Church Fabric	3567	34940	36395
1,822 shares in CBF Investment Fund	General Religious	1500	40445	42129
1,004 shares in CBF Investment Fund	Ecclesiastical	3359	22287	23215
2,601 shares in CBF Fixed Interest Securities	Ecclesiastical	3525	3974	3879
Expendable endowment:				
672 shares in CBF Investment Fund	Chancel Fabric Repairs		-	-
(See note on page 13)			-	-
Total Investments			<u>£ 101646</u>	<u>£ 105618</u>

	2025	2024
7 DEBTORS		
Income tax recoverable	-	-
Chichester DBF Chancel insurance grant	-	-
Prepayments and accrued income	-	-
Other debtors	3609	4060
	<u>£ 3609</u>	<u>£ 4060</u>

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	2025	2024
8 CREDITORS: amounts falling due within one year		
Accruals for utilities and other costs	£ 2400	£ 2280

9 ANALYSIS OF NET ASSETS BY FUND

	31.12.25 Unrestricted Funds	31.12.25 Restricted Funds	31.12.25 Endowment Funds	31.12.25 Total Funds
Fixed Assets	598242	-	101646	699888
Current Assets	211405	207263		418668
Less: Liabilities	(2400)	-	-	(2400)
Fund Balance	£ 807247	£ 207263	£ 101646	£ 1116156

10 STATEMENT OF FUNDS

	Balance b/f 01.01.25	Income	Expenditure	Transfers/ other gains & losses	Balance c/f 31.12.25
Unrestricted funds					
General fund	639980	140415	149343	13103	644155
Designated fund				-	
Busy Bees	259	717	380	-	596
Pastoral Care Team	779	55	166	-	668
Magazine	6262	4032	2629	(2000)	5665
Legacies	30364	-	-	-	30364
Eco Church Project	1577	90	363	-	1304
Events Committee	291	5438	3653	(2010)	66
Legacy	117591	5147	-	-	122738
Events	439	-	-	-	439
Giftday	2962	-	-	(2962)	-
Merchandise	1170	133	51	-	1252
	<u>801674</u>	<u>156027</u>	<u>156585</u>	<u>6131</u>	<u>807247</u>
Restricted funds					
Fabric funds (incl. Dean and Church Warden's Fabric)	99440	2730	10328	-	91842
Flower fund	1924	507	1453	-	978
Dean and Churchwardens (genera	10000	4168	-	-	14168
Tom Long Legacy	99400	4168	1368	(6131)	96069
Telham Organ fund	380	-	-	-	380
Telham Electricity	1900	-	1431	-	469
Organ Scholar	30	2000	990	-	1040
St Mary's Organ Fund	2053	265	-	-	2318
	<u>215126</u>	<u>13838</u>	<u>15570</u>	<u>(6131)</u>	<u>207264</u>
Endowment funds	<u>105618</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(3972)</u>	<u>101646</u>
Total funds	£ 1122418	£ 169865	£ 172155	£ (3972)	£ 1116156

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10 STATEMENT OF FUNDS (Continued)

- a. The endowment funds comprise investments held by the Diocese on behalf of the PCC as detailed in note 6 to these accounts.
- b. The Fabric Funds are restricted to expenditure on the fabric of the church.
- c. The Pastoral Care Fund is money raised or donated specifically to be used by the Pastoral Care Team for incidental expenses.
- d. The Flower Fund represents monies given and used specifically for the provision of flowers at St Mary's.
- e. The Telham Organ Fund represents surplus funds from an appeal made prior to 1 January 2008 for the major refurbishment of the organ at the Church of the Ascension. The monies shown were transferred to the Parish during 2008 and are held for future major refurbishment of the organ but not for routine tuning or minor maintenance.
- f. Telham Electricity Fund is donations and expenses for the cost of electricity of Telham Church.
- g. St Mary's Organ Fund is donations specifically for the repair and upgrade of the organ. Remaining money will be used for future repairs.
- h. Legacies is a separate fund to be used for projects that may include items for the church and church hall as agreed by the PCC. The Audrey Marshall legacy received in 2024 is being kept in a separate legacies fund along with accrued interest until a decision can be made for its use. It is unrestricted.
- i. The Tom Long Legacy is a restricted fund under the care of the Dean and Churchwardens. Under terms of the will it is to be used for 'primarily for the furtherance of worship at Telham; but is not exclusive to this.

11 TRANSACTIONS WITH PCC MEMBERS

No members of the PCC received expenses or payments for services apart from:

T Dixon	£5,545	(2024: £5,548)	Finance Officer
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