

The Parish of Lancing with Coombes Parochial Church Council

Annual Report and Financial Statements 2025

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Vacancy – Since June 2025

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Parochial Church Council of Lancing with Coombes

Annual Report for 2025

Administrative Information

The Parochial Church Council (PCC) of the Ecclesiastical Parish of Lancing with Coombes is a registered charity with the Charity Commission (number 1145807). Its governing document is the Parochial Church Councils (Powers) Measure 1956, and the Church Representation Rules 2022. The Parish is part of the Diocese of Chichester and the Deanery of Worthing within the Church of England.

During the year the following served as members of the Parochial Church Council (PCC):

Ex-officio Members:

Father Felix Smith (Chairman and Parish Priest)	Resigned 22 nd June 2025
Father Ben Scott (Assistant Curate)	Chairman from 23 rd June 2025
Mr Peter Bowers (Churchwarden and Vice-Chair)	Until 2026
Mr Roger Frewin (Churchwarden)	Resigned April 2025
Miss Jacqueline Harwood (Deanery Synod Representative)	Until 2026
Mrs Pamela Durrant (Deanery Synod Representative)	Resigned April 2025
Vacancy (Deanery Synod Representative)	Until 2026
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Elected Members:

Mrs Amanda Hughes (PCC Secretary and Treasurer).....	Until 2027
Mrs Carol Packham.....	Until 2027
Mrs Sue Holland.....	Until 2027
Dr David Starbuck.....	Until 2028
Mrs Wendy Bowers.....	Until 2026
Mr Richard Doran.....	Until 2026
Mrs Jenny Flake.....	Until 2026
Mrs Judith Rawlinson.....	Until 2028
Mrs Patricia Phillips (Parish Safeguarding Officer)	Until 2028
Mrs Doreen Bashford	Resigned April 2025
Mrs Margaret Cooper	Resigned April 2025

Co-opted Members:

None

Standing Committee:

Father Felix Smith (Chairman until 22 nd June 2025)	Father Ben Scott (Chairman 23 rd June 2025)
Mr Peter Bowers (Churchwarden and Vice Chair)	Mrs Judith Rawlinson
Mrs Amanda Hughes (PCC Secretary and Treasurer)	Mrs Sue Holland - from April 2025
Mrs Jennifer Flake - Resigned April 2025	

Structure, Governance and Management

Membership of the PCC is determined under the Church Representation Rules and consists of certain ex-officio members (the incumbent/priest-in-charge, curate, lay readers licensed to officiate in the church), the churchwardens and members of the Deanery, Diocesan or General Synods and 12 members of the church who are elected at the Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM). Members are warmly encouraged to stand for election to the PCC, and we try to ensure a balance of skills and experience where possible. The PCC members are responsible for making decisions on all matters of general concern and importance to the parish including deciding on how the funds of the PCC are to be spent. New members receive initial training into the workings of the PCC.

Our aims and purposes as a charity:

Lancing with Coombes Parochial Church Council (PCC) has the responsibility of cooperating with the Vicar, Fr Felix Smith, in promoting in the ecclesiastical parish, the whole mission of the Church, pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical. The PCC is also specifically responsible for the maintenance of St James the Less Church and Coombes Church both Grade 1 listed buildings.

What we planned to do to achieve our objectives:

The PCC is committed to enabling as many people as possible to worship at our churches and to become part of our parish community at Lancing with Coombes. When planning our activities for the year, we have considered the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit and, in particular, the supplementary guidance on charities for the advancement of religion.

For this year we discussed and planned the following objectives and activities to fulfil our aims:

- Enabling as many people as possible to worship at our churches
- Enabling as many people as possible to become part of our parish community
- Teaching, baptising and nurturing new and existing believers
- Maintaining an overview of worship throughout the parish
- Considering how services can involve the many groups that live within the parish
- Putting faith into practice, through prayer and scripture, music and sacrament
- Offering worship and prayer, learning about the Gospel, in small group situations
- Assisting people from all walks of life to develop their knowledge of, and trust in, Jesus
- Provision of pastoral care for people living in the parish
- Providing assistance to the poor and needy of the parish
- Giving grants to missionary organisations
- Reaching out to the unchurched through provision of the village fete and offering food and fun at Harvest
- Maintaining the fabric of the church buildings as a historic centre and focus of life in the village of Lancing and hamlet of Coombes.

Achievements and performance

Church attendance

On 31 December 2024 there were 90 names on the church electoral roll, 48 of which are of people resident within the parish. Following the 2025 roll renewal one name was removed during the year. The average Sunday attendance was 35 adults and 1 child at St James and 6 Adults and 3 Children at Coombes. (based on October attendance figures).

Deaths 2024

From the Electoral Roll, the PCC was sad to say goodbye to Rachel Mary Hill.

Review of the Year

With the announcement that Fr Felix Smith would be leaving his role as Vicar in June to take up a new role with Leading your Church into Growth and the Diocese attention has turned to running the parish during the Vacancy. Fr Ben Scott (Assistant Curate) was appointed Chair of the PCC and Sequestrator together with the Churchwarden and the Rev Shirley Tupper (Rural Dean). An extraordinary PCC meeting was held in December in conjunction with the PCC of South Lancing and Sompting to agree the Parish Profile and elect parish representatives as part of the process to appoint a new vicar.

The appreciation for the continued support shown by our retired clergy, Canon Michael Hart and Fr Gerald Kirsch and Fr David Pike whilst always constant has been renewed for their support and ministry, especially since the Vacancy began. At a time when they hoped they might be doing less, they are doing much more, and this is deeply appreciated.

1. The PCC held six ordinary meetings during the year. During The year the Parish reviewed their Mission Action Plan (MAP) which has become a focus for discussion and action through the year. The sections of the MAP follow those of the Diocesan Strategy – Church Growth, Reimagining Ministry and Contributing to the Common Good.
2. Safeguarding has continued to be a permanent agenda item. We have complied with the duty to have due regard to the House of Bishops' guidance on safeguarding children and vulnerable adults under section 5 of the Safeguarding and Clergy Discipline Measure 2016. People working with children and vulnerable adults have attended online training sessions as appropriate to their roles with further support given as necessary. Safer Recruitment guidelines have been followed with recruitments to all posts either new or as roles becomes vacant. The Safeguarding Dashboard has been adopted and is a useful tool in ensuring compliance with diocesan requirements and to monitor progress. Policies encompassing safeguarding, health and safety, employment and other areas have been subject to discussion and annual review to ensure we remain compliant and aware of our responsibilities
3. Services: Regular Sunday and weekday services have been maintained at St James the Less. Attendance has remained constant. The number of funerals (7) remains steady. Numbers of baptisms (4) is lower than previously, and the number of weddings (2) remains low. Attendance at both Christmas and Easter was down on the previous year.

During the year we have welcomed the Archdeacon of London, Bishop Ruth, Jamie Gater, Zachery Allen Chris Skilton and the Archdeacon of Chichester to St James as guest preachers. Also, Fr Thomas Cotterill preached for Harvest at Coombes.

We hosted the World Day of Prayer service in March for Churches in Lancing and Sompting.

For the first time the clergy offered Ashing to Go at the Railway Station on Ash Wednesday.

Over 70 people took part in a Come and Sing Evensong at St James hosted by Aedan Kerney MBE.

The regular pattern of services has been maintained across the parish 10.30am Sunday Sung Parish Mass at Saint James, due to low attendance and lack of clergy Mass at Coombes is now offered 5 times a year including Easter and Christmas Day with Evensong for the agricultural festivals of Rogation and Harvest. Midweek Mass on Wednesday at 11am at St James has continued, there was a brief pause in the offering of Morning Prayer following Father Ian's Departure this now continues daily led by the laity. Both Churches remains open each day for private prayer and the lighting of candles at St James.

Members of the congregation have continued to take part in the monthly Ecumenical Morning Prayer and breakfast with people from all the churches in Lancing and Sompting. In common with many other churches in the diocese, we followed the diocesan Lent course "I Believe" based on the Nicene Creed. Twelve of us went on our annual parish pilgrimage to the Shrine of our Lady of Walsingham.

This year we partnered with St Michaels for their time to remember event in October and invited all those whose funerals had been taken by the clergy over the last year. Home Communion has been made available to housebound parishioners and those in Residential Care in the parish by the Parish Priest, Curate and Lay Ministers of Communion.

The prayer ministry team continue to co-ordinate the prayer chain for people to request prayers, the prayer tree, they organised two days of prayer and continued with the offering of prayer ministry following the Sunday Mass. Unfortunately, the Julian Group has been halted for the time being.

We participate in the Chalksprings Supper Club where parishioners from each of the 5 Churches gather bi-monthly to share food and fellowship.

4. Church Growth: Our regular groups continue to run - Coffee and Cake gathering continues monthly in the community space this welcomes over 30 people each month. We have also started a coffee morning raising money for charity approx. every six weeks. A monthly craft group create items to sell on behalf of the Church. The Chat and Chill (formerly monthly get together) has really taken off this year with a wide range of speakers and good numbers attending, although mostly members of the existing congregation. The lunch group meet monthly at a local garden centre, pub or café. Each add their own something to the social and spiritual life of the parish. Promotion of all groups has been made through posters, leaflets and social media.

The Parish benefit from a Parish Administrator, Heather Crookes. Heather's employment assists in lifting some of the administrative burden from the clergy and helping to streamline and develop working processes and practices. Heather now oversees the management of the community space which includes overseeing bookings and invoicing for use. Heather is employed by the Parish of South Lancing and Sompting and Worthing Deanery as Parish Administrator and for part of the year as Deanery Development Officer. There are Service Level Agreements in place for this work.

5. Reimagining Ministry: During the Year the PCC continued to care for its Church buildings in line with their Quinquennial Inspections. Little work was done to either Church during 2025, but work is planned on Coombes Church in 2026. We continued to care for the Churchyards at St James and Coombes and held successful Churchyard days where volunteers helped to tidy up certain areas, we have also developed a partnership where students from Lancing College come to assist us. Work on Role Descriptions still needs to take place and some more work on Stewardship following our Campaign in 2024 contactless giving is available at St James, text giving at Coombes and both have online giving sites and QR code links on service sheets at special events.

6. Contributing to the Common Good: Our Charitable giving in 2025 was £529 raised through individual donations, and collections at service including the Christingle Service where donations were given for the Children's Society. We supported Turning Tides at Harvest and Lancing and Sompting Churches Foodbank at Epiphany and through weekly boxes in Church.

There was a very successful joint Chalksprings walk to raise money for the Churches and Charity.

The major project during the year has been the rewinding of the Churchyard which begun with a talk by Jan Knowlson from the national park, a plan is being drawn up.

We have continued links with schools in the parish. Father Ben is Chair of Governors at The Globe Primary School. The Globe Primary held their Christmas Carol Service at St James. In his capacity as Rural Dean, Fr Felix is also a Governor of St Andrew's CE High School, Worthing and is Vice Chair of a School in South Lancing Parish. We welcomed classes for visits from North Lancing and The Globe Primary.

Since the Opening of the Community Space has been marketed as a venue for community groups but usage hasn't taken off yet we have one regular external hirer. Friends of St James the Less took off during 2025 with many events to support our fundraising efforts - An evening with Tim Loughton, Quiz, Spring Fayre, Matthew English, Caribbean Party, Quiz, Advent Fayre,

The Passmore and Flake families hosted a very successful Afternoon Tea Fundraising event at Coombes. The Lancing Parochial Charities of which the Vicar, Churchwardens and two local councillors are the trustees supported one family during the year.

Financial Review

1. The total receipts on general unrestricted funds received was £135,837 across the parish. We had unrestricted payments of £109,684, leaving a total surplus of £26,153
2. We continue to offer a range of opportunities for members of the congregation and visitors to support the work and ministry of the church financially. Gift Aid envelopes are made available for tax-paying visitors and worshippers not currently part of a regular giving scheme. Membership (individual and joint) of the Parish Giving Scheme, which offers the opportunity to give by direct debit with gift aid (if relevant) being added and an optional yearly inflationary increase, is at 3%. Contactless giving devices and online giving opportunities are also available for donors and are being well used.
3. The largest expenditure of the PCC was the sum of £50,400 paid to the Diocese to cover ministry costs. The Parish Share covers the housing, stipend and pension costs of the clergy together with a standard sum for diocesan central costs, clergy training and a contribution to national church funds.

Reserves Policy

1. It is PCC policy to maintain a balance on the general unrestricted funds which equates to approximately 3 months' worth of unrestricted payments as contingency against unforeseen circumstances.

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'B. Scott', is written over a light blue rectangular background.

Signed by Father Ben Scott, Chairman of the PCC
18th April 2026

Statement of Financial Activities

The financial effect of our activities during the year can be summarised as follows

	Unrestricted Fund	Restricted Fund/s	Total Funds 2025	<i>Total Funds 2024</i>	Notes
	£	£	£	£	
Income and endowments from:					
Donations and legacies	124,523	-	124,523	156,035	
Charitable activities	2,428	-	2,428	1,644	
Other trading activities	4,717	-	4,717	2,107	
Investments	4,179	-	4,179	7,115	
Other Income	-	-	-	-	
Total income	135,847	-	135,847	166,901	2
Expenditure on:			-		
Raising funds	6,144	-	6,144	2,265	
Charitable activities	97,038	-	97,038	100,084	
Other trading activities	6,074	-	6,074	259,251	
Other	428	-	428	267	
Total expenditure	109,684	-	109,684	361,867	3
Net gains (or losses) on investments	22,339	-	22,339	16,055	
Net income or (net expenditure)	48,502	-	48,502	(178,911)	
Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	
	48,502	-	48,502	(178,911)	
Other recognised gains/(losses):			-		
Gains/(losses) on revaluation of fixed assets	-	-	-	-	
Other gains/(losses)	-	-	-	-	
<i>Reconciliation of funds:</i>					
Net movement in funds	48,502	-	48,502	(178,911)	
Total funds brought forward	678,857	-	678,857	857,768	
Total funds carried forward	727,359	-	727,359	678,857	

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Balance Sheet

Our financial position and summary of funds at the year end were

	Total Funds 2025	<i>Total Funds 2024</i>	Notes
	£	£	
Intangible assets	-	-	
Tangible assets	152,664	152,664	11
Heritage assets	-	-	
Endowed investments	-	-	
Total fixed assets	152,664	152,664	
Stocks	-	-	
Debtors	11,327	10,617	12
Investments	536,529	482,328	11
Cash at bank and in hand	27,749	34,858	
Total current assets	575,605	527,803	
Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year	(910)	(1,605)	12
Net current assets or (liabilities)	574,695	526,198	
Total assets less current liabilities	727,359	678,862	
Creditors: Amounts falling due after more than one year	-	-	
Provisions for liabilities	-	-	
Total net assets or (liabilities)	727,359	678,862	
The funds of the charity:			
Endowment funds	-	-	
Restricted income funds	23,877	23,167	
Unrestricted funds	703,482	655,690	
Revaluation reserve			
Total unrestricted funds	703,482	655,690	
Total charity funds	727,359	678,857	14

This Financial Report for the year ended 31st December 2025, including the notes following, was approved by the PCC and signed on its behalf by Fr Ben Scott, PCC Chairman:



Date 21st March 2026

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Notes to the Financial Report

1 Accounting policies

Basis of preparation

The PCC is a public benefit entity within the meaning of FRS102. The financial statements have been prepared under the Charities Act 2011 and the Church Accounting Regulations 2006, in accordance with applicable accounting standards and the current Statement of Recommended Practice, Accounting and Reporting by Charities, (SORP (FRS 102)).

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention. 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 affiliation to another body, nor those which are informal gatherings of church members.

Funds accounting

Funds held by the PCC are:

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

Designated funds - monies set aside by the PCC out of unrestricted funds for specific future purposes or projects.

Restricted funds - a) income from trusts or endowments which may be expended only on those restricted objects provided in the terms of the trust or bequest; b) 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 for which the capital 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.

Income and endowments

All income and endowments, accounted for without deduction for any costs of receivability, are recognised when there is evidence of entitlement, receipt is probable, and the amount can be measured reliably.

Donations and legacies

Collections are recognised when received.

Planned giving receivable is recognised when there is evidence of entitlement, receipt is probable, and the amount accords with the Gift Aid declaration or other record of intention to donate.

Gift aid recovered is recognised when the income to which it is attached is recognised.

Grants and legacies are recognised when the formal offer in writing of the funding, is received by the PCC.

Charitable activities

Statutory fees for weddings and funerals are recognised when the office occurs.

Other trading activities

Trading activities are where income is receivable in return for selling goods or providing services. Income from trading is recognised either: a - when received, or b - in the case of concerts: for the year in which the event occurs, irrespective of date of receipt. Advance bookings are included in creditors until the concert has taken place.

Rents from property are recognised in accordance with the rental agreements, when receipt is probable

Investment income

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

All other income

All other income is recognised in accordance with the above overall policy.

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Gains and losses on investments

Realised gains are recognised when the investments are sold.

Unrealised gains and losses are accounted for on revaluation at 31 December.

Expenditure

Expenditure is recognised when there is evidence of entitlement, payment is probable, and the amount can be measured reliably.

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 on an annual basis, reflecting the allocation set by our Deanery. 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) of the Charities Act 2011.

Movable church furnishing held by the Vicar 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 but are not included in the financial statements. For other property acquired prior to *(date)* there is insufficient cost information available and therefore the cost of such assets is stated at a nominal £1 in the financial statements

All expenditure on consecrated or beneficed buildings and individual items costing under (put in limit, say £1,000) are written off in the year they were incurred

Depreciation

Depreciation is calculated to write down the cost of tangible fixed assets, excluding freehold properties, over their expected useful lives. The rates generally applicable are:

Land	Nil
Buildings	Nil
Fixtures and fittings	20%
Audio/visual	33%
Office equipment	25%

No depreciation is provided on freehold buildings as the useful economic life of these assets exceeds 50 years and residual values so high that potential depreciation would be immaterial. It is the PCC's policy to maintain these assets in a continual state of sound repair. Resulting from regular impairment reviews, provision will be made if there has been any permanent diminution in value

Investments

Investments are 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 uncollectible

Short-term deposits include cash held on deposit either with the CBF Church of England Funds, or at the bank.

Notes to the Financial Report

2 Analysis of income and endowments

	Unrestricted Fund	Restricted Fund/s	Total Funds 2025	Total Funds 2024	Notes
	£	£	£	£	
Planned giving (excl. tax refunds)	28,335	-	28,335	27,902	
Planned giving (no tax refunds)	3,749	-	3,749	3,534	
Loose cash collections	1,969	-	1,969	2,643	
Donations	5,531	-	5,531	5,124	
Other Special Appeals	-	-	-	1,144	
Gift Aid recoverable	8,316	-	8,316	9,553	
Legacies	73,411	-	73,411	80,000	
Fund Raising	3,212	-	3,212	1,870	
VAT recovered	-	-	-	25,821	
Donations and legacies	£124,523	-	£124,523	£156,035	
Fees for weddings & funerals	2,428	-	2,428	1,644	
Charitable activities	£2,428	-	£2,428	£1,644	
Friends of St James the Less	2,858	-	2,858	-	
Church space hiring fees	1,539	-	1,539	272	
Printing/Stationary Income	320	-	320	279	
Other trading activities	£4,717	-	£4,717	£2,107	
Bank & CBF deposit interest	55		55	840	
CBF investment fund dividend			-	205	
Rent from letting of investment property	4,124	-	4,124	6,070	
Investments	£4,179	-	£4,179	£7,115	
Sale of Church Hall complex	-	-	-	-	
Other receipts	-	-	-	-	
Other Income	-	-	-	-	
Total income and endowments on all funds	£135,847	-	£135,847	£166,901	

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3 Analysis of expenditure

	Unrestricted Fund	Restricted Fund/s	Total Funds 2025	Total Funds 2024	Notes
	£	£	£	£	
Special appeals costs	-	-	-	-	
Stewardship costs	81	-	81	181	
Investment management costs	5,830	-	5,830	1,745	
Other fundraising costs	233	-	233	339	
Cost of raising funds	£6,144	-	£6,144	£2,265	
Charitable grants and donations	-	-	-	1,144	4
Mission & evangelism costs	-	-	-	-	
Diocesan parish share	50,400	-	50,400	48,900	
Clergy and other people's expenses	2,427	-	2,427	4,704	
Salaries and honoraria incl NI	4,390	-	4,390	6,640	
Upkeep of services	1,482	-	1,482	1,870	
Church running costs	11,431	-	11,431	11,009	
Office Costs	6,678	-	6,678	7,099	
Church maintenance and repair	17,785	-	17,785	14,082	
Upkeep of churchyard	735	-	735	3,468	
Organ/Piano Tuning and Repair	1,617	-	1,617	1,085	
Financing	-	-	-	-	
Bank charges	93	-	93	82	
Governance	-	-	-	-	
Cost of charitable activities	£97,038	-	£97,038	£100,084	
Friends of St James the Less	-	-	-	-	
Church centre hiring costs	-	-	-	-	
Church Hall complex running costs	-	-	-	220	
Church reordering costs	6,074	-	6,074	251,517	
Professional fees - Church reordering	-	-	-	7,514	
Other trading costs	-	-	-	-	
Cost of other trading activities	£6,074	-	£6,074	£259,251	
Professional fees - Church Hall complex	-	-	-	-	
Other Expenditure	428	-	428	267	
Other	£428	-	£428	£267	
Total expended on all funds	£109,684	-	£109,684	£361,866	

Notes to the Financial Report

4 Missionary and charitable giving

	Unrestricted Fund	Restricted Fund/s	Total Funds 2025	Total Funds 2024	Notes
	£	£	£	£	
Home:					
<i>Childrens Society</i>	324	-	324	253	
<i>Caring & Sharing</i>	55	-	55	550	
<i>Friends of the Holy Land</i>	-	-	-	267	
<i>Lancing Food Bank</i>	-	-	-	74	
<i>Tear Fund</i>	150	-	150	-	
	529	-	529	1,144	

5 Staff costs

	Unrestricted Fund	Restricted Fund/s	Total Funds 2025	Total Funds 2024	Notes
	£	£	£	£	
Remuneration					
<i>Wages and salaries</i>	4,390	-	4,390	6,640	
	4,390	-	4,390	6,640	

6 Payments to PCC members

Mrs A Hughes received £4,390 for her role as Office Manager and Treasurer.

7 Transactions with persons related to PCC members

There were no transactions recorded between persons related to the PCC members.

Notes to the Financial Report

8 Fixed assets

a Investments

	Unrestricted Fund	Restricted Fund/s	Total Funds 2025	Notes
	£	£	£	
Market value 1 January 2025	482,328	-	482,328	
Disposals at carrying value	(36,064)	-	(36,064)	
Purchases at cost	68,636	-	68,636	
Net gains and revaluation	21,629	-	21,629	
Market value 31 December 2025	£536,529	-	£536,529	

b Tangible fixed assets

	Freehold land and buildings	Audio visual equipment	Total fixed assets	Notes
	£	£	£	
Cost or valuation				
At 1 January 2025	152,664	-	152,664	
Additions	-	-	-	
Disposals	-	-	-	
Revaluation	-	-	-	
At 31 December 2025	152,664	-	152,664	
Charge for impairment				
At 1 January 2025	-	-	-	
Additions	-	-	-	
Disposals	-	-	-	
Revaluation	-	-	-	
At 31 December 2025	-	-	-	
Net book amounts				
At 31 December 2025	152,664	-	152,664	
<i>At 31 December 2024</i>	<i>152,664</i>	<i>-</i>	<i>152,664</i>	

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8 Fixed assets *continued*

The property at St Michael's Court, Lancing is a one bedroom self-contained flat with a detached garage. The historical cost of the property is £152,664.

9 Net assets by fund

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Fund/s	Total Funds 2025	<i>Total Funds 2024</i>	Notes
	£	£	£	£	
St Michaels Court	152,664	-	152,664	152,664	
CCLA Deposit Fund	536,530	-	536,530	482,328	
Current assets (except cash)	-	-	-	-	
Cash at bank and on deposit	27,749	-	27,749	34,858	
Current liabilities	(911)	-	(911)	(1,605)	
Long term liabilities	-	-	-	-	
	£716,032	-	£716,032	£668,245	

10 Debtors

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Fund/s	Total Funds 2025	<i>Total Funds 2024</i>	Notes
	£	£	£	£	
Income tax recoverable	-	-	-	-	
Prepayments and accrued income	-	-	-	-	
Other debtors	-	11,327	11,327	10,617	
	-	£11,327	£11,327	£10,617	

11 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Fund/s	Total Funds 2025	<i>Total Funds 2024</i>	Notes
	£	£	£	£	
Deferred income	-	-	-	-	
Accruals for utilities and other costs	-	-	-	-	
Archdeacon's loan	-	-	-	-	
Other creditors	(910)	-	(910)	(1,605)	
	£(910)	-	£(910)	£(1,605)	

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12 Creditors: amounts falling due after one year

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Fund/s	Total Funds 2025	<i>Total Funds 2024</i>	<i>Notes</i>
	£	£	£	£	
Deferred income	-	-	-	-	
Accruals for utilities and other costs	-	-	-	-	
Archdeacon's loan	-	-	-	-	
Other creditors	-	-	-	-	
	-	-	-	-	

13 Comparatives for the statement of financial activities

	Unrestricted Fund	Restricted Fund/s	Total Funds 2024
	£	£	£
Income and endowments from:			
Donations and legacies	156,035	-	156,035
Charitable activities	1,644	-	1,644
Other trading activities	2,107	-	2,107
Investments	7,115	-	7,115
Other Income	-	-	-
Total income	166,901	-	166,901
Expenditure on:			-
Raising funds	2,265	-	2,265
Charitable activities	100,084	-	100,084
Other trading activities	259,251	-	259,251
Other expenditure	267	-	267
Total expenditure	361,867	-	361,867
Net gains (or losses) on investments	16,055		16,055
Net income or (net expenditure)	(178,911)	-	(178,911)
Transfers between funds	-	-	-
	(178,911)	-	(178,911)
Other recognised gains/(losses):			
Gains/(losses) on revaluation of fixed assets	-	-	-
Other gains/(losses)	-	-	-
<i>Reconciliation of funds:</i>			
Net movement in funds	(178,911)	-	(178,911)
Total funds brought forward	857,768		857,768
Total funds carried forward	678,857	-	678,857

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14 Statement of funds

Explanation of funds

Endowed funds are required by the donors to be invested and the income spent on specific objectives

Restricted funds are not invested permanently but are to be spent within reasonable timescales

The Fabric Fund is restricted to maintenance of the church building.

The Flower Fund is restricted to the purchase of flowers for the church.

The Organ Fund is restricted to maintenance and repair of the church organ.

The Insurance Grant is restricted to significant maintenance or repair of the church buildings.

Unrestricted funds are not subject to any donor restrictions and can be spent as the PCC decides

Summary of all funds

Fund income and expenditure and final balances are as follows:

	Balances b/fwd 1 Jan 2025	Income	Transfers, other gains and losses	Balances c/fwd 31 Dec 2025
	£	£	£	£
Grantly bequest	-	-	-	-
Fund B	-	-	-	-
Total of all endowed funds	-	-	-	-
Fabric fund	96	-	-	96
Flower und	135	-	-	135
Organ fund	2,171	-	-	2,171
Upkeep of Church	10,148	-	-	10,148
Chichester DBF Chancel Insurance Grant	10,617	710	-	11,327
Total of all restricted funds	23,167	710	-	23,877
Designated property and maintenance fund	482,328	90,266	(36,064)	536,530
General fund	173,362	67,210	(73,620)	166,952
Total of all unrestricted funds	655,690	157,476	(109,684)	703,482
Total funds	£678,857	£158,186	£(109,684)	£727,359

Independent Examiner's Report to the PCC of Lancing with Coombes for the Year Ended 31st December, 2025

This is my report to the Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish (PCC) of Lancing with Coombes on the annual report for the year ended 31st December 2025 set out on pages 2 to 12.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The PCC members are responsible for the preparation of the annual reports. The PCC members consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 ("the Charities Act") and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

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

Basis of independent examiner's statement

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

Independent examiner's statement

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention (other than that disclosed below in Section B *)

1. which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in, any material respect, the requirements:
 - a. to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; and
 - b. to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the Charities 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.

** Please delete the words in the (brackets) if they do not apply*

Examiner's signature

G. Turner

Examiner's name CAPITALS

GRAHAM TURNER

Date

Relevant professional qualification(s) or body if any

10/04/26

FELLOW MEMBER OF ASSOCIATION OF CHARTERED CERTIFIED ACCOUNTANTS (ACCA)

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Section B	Disclosure
	<p>Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight material problems <i>for example:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • accounting records have not been kept in accordance with s132 of the Charities’ Act 2011 and those accounts do not comply with the requirements of the 2008 Regulations setting out the form and content of charity accounts; • any material expenditure or action which appears not to be in accordance with the trusts of the charity; • any failure to be provided with information and explanations by any past or present trustee, officer or employee; and • any material inconsistency between the accounts and the trustees’ annual report.
Give here brief details of any items that the examiner wishes to disclose	