

### **Structure, governance and management**

Members of the PCC are either elected by the Annual Parochial Church Meeting, (APCM) in accordance with the Church Representation Rules or act ex officio. All Church attendees are encouraged to register on the Electoral Roll and stand for election to the PCC.

### **Objectives and activities**

St. Mary's PCC as trustees have the responsibility of co-operating and working with the incumbent in the ecclesiastical parish of West Moors, sharing in the whole mission of the church, pastoral, evangelical, social, and ecumenical. It also has maintenance responsibilities for the St Mary's Parish Church and the Church Hall.

### **PCC Chair / Vicar's Report**

I begin my report once again with effusive thanks for the hard work of all our volunteers, clergy, and team who have kept St Mary's busy and full of God's love throughout 2025.

It would be impossible to list everyone who has contributed to the ministry of this church over the past 12 months, but please know that your dedication and hard work do not go unnoticed. Special thanks go to our ordained ministry team—Reverend Lynne Morris, Reverend Alan Butler, and LLM Alyson Scott—our Churchwardens, Louise Collins and Stuart Stebbings, and our Assistant Churchwardens, Paul Brealey, Debbie Brown, and Christine Nutland.

An enormous thank you goes to Parish Safeguarding Officer Alex Clare, who steps down at this year's APCM. Alex has worked incredibly hard during a period of great change in safeguarding practice in the Church of England, ensuring not only that our parish keeps up with policy and paperwork, but also that safeguarding is embedded in the culture of St Mary's, so that people of all ages and backgrounds can feel this is a safe space for them. Thank you also, Alex, for your service on the PCC.

Thank you to Chris Wilson, who steps down this year as Chair of the Events Committee. Our events calendar is always something to be proud of here at St Mary's, and the past year has been no exception.

Thanks also to the PCC, who lead, make decisions on behalf of, and pray for our church community. Special thanks go to Julie Hardman (Secretary); the Chairs of each of the sub-committees, Gill Clarke, Noel Moss-Holland, Peter Short and Chris Wilson; and Mike Bowler our Treasurer.

Thank you especially to Nick Osborn for his diligence in cleaning, maintenance, and churchyard upkeep. Our church is a more beautiful place because of the work you do, and it is greatly appreciated.

This is by no means an exhaustive list, and I am grateful to everyone who contributes to the life, mission, and worship of this church family in myriad ways.

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### **Review of the Year**

Our average Sunday attendance according to our mission statistics this year was 63 adults and 1 child, which remains fairly steady compared with last year.

Statistics for occasional offices are as follows: 1 wedding, 14 funerals, and 7 baptisms. Baptisms continue to be a growing ministry here at St Mary's, and I predict that next year's number will grow again.

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### **Youth and Children**

Hall@4 is taking a hiatus while I am on maternity leave, in order to rethink the aims and objectives of the service and how we can effectively achieve them.

Messy Church continues to go from strength to strength. We regularly welcome around 35 children with their parents to our half-termly events. I am grateful to Isobel Dale for leading Messy Church with me, and for taking responsibility for keeping it running while I am away.

St Mary's School services are always a joyful experience, and many parents attend our services for Harvest, Christmas, Easter, and the end of term. This year, we started offering the St Mary's Children's Choir for pupils in Years 3 and 4. After a successful first performance at the Christmas Carol Service, the children will return to lead worship on Mothering Sunday and again in the summer term. We are very proud of our budding choristers.

Our Nativity service, in collaboration with Rock-A-Tots Nursery, attracted a congregation of over 200 people. It was so popular that we are hoping to host two Nativity services with the nursery this year.

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### **Other Services**

The autism-friendly service, in collaboration with Sturts Farm, has been one of our great success stories this year. We now regularly welcome congregations in excess of 50 people. The service is joyful and spiritual, and all are very welcome to join us on the third Saturday of each month.

The quarterly Forget-Me-Not Service continues to attract a core group of faithful attendees. It is led by Reverend Lynne, with help from ministers from local churches. This is currently our only regular inter-denominational service at St Mary's.

New services this year include the Pet Blessing, which attracted around 30 people and their pets and will hopefully be repeated this summer.

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### **Advent and Christmas**

Christmas attendance this year was up almost a third on last year, which was a great success and a real joy for us as a church community. Our challenge for next year is how to build on and consolidate those gains, and to see them reflected in congregational numbers throughout the year.

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### **Parish and Community Life**

West Moors Mothers' Union continues to go from strength to strength. Mary Hurdley has completed her first year as leader of our MU chapter very successfully. Thank you to everyone in the Mothers' Union for all that you do for the St Mary's community and beyond.

The Parish Breakfast continues to flourish under Stuart Stebbings' leadership, with chef Paul Brealey, Laura, Jan Munn, and Peter Dunning, whose hard work helps make this a continuing success.

Tea@3 provides a welcoming space for many people in our community to spend time together. The monthly quiz is, of course, a highlight, as are the many delicious baked goods. Thank you to Mary and Geoff Keegan, Jan Cribben, and everyone who helps them run such a fabulous event each month.

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### **Fundraising**

Both church fayres—the Autumn Fayre and the Christmas Bazaar—were successful and well attended by our local community. They featured a variety of stalls from church groups, games, and local artists. These events made a significant contribution to our fundraising efforts and help keep the doors of St Mary's open to all in West Moors.

The 24-hour Pianothon fundraiser was a lot of fun (and a lot of hard work!). Paul and I even managed to get ourselves on the radio to advertise our efforts. We raised well over our target and were able to purchase a wonderful keyboard for the parish, which has since been used at Carols on the Petwyn, the Pet Blessing, and school assemblies.

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### **Stewardship Campaign**

Although our recent stewardship campaign fell somewhat short of our target to close the predicted £27,000 deficit, we did see an uplift of almost £10,000 in planned giving, which goes some way toward securing our financial future. A generous legacy has also helped significantly to reduce our deficit this year, which now stands at £13,000 at year-end—much better than predicted.

I mention this not to diminish the seriousness of our situation. It is not ideal to make a loss year on year, and eventually we would find ourselves in difficulty. However, this year has shown a substantial step in the right direction for our parish finances, which must be followed by many more good steps if we are to reach our goals.

I encourage parishioners to consider how they might support the financial aims of this parish through planned giving, legacies, and fundraising.

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### **Looking to the Future**

Although I will not be with you for the remainder of 2026 while I am on maternity leave, I will be thinking of you and praying for you all. I leave you in the capable hands of Reverend Jeff Adams, who will provide full-time cover at St Mary's for the foreseeable future.

I pray that we continue on our current trajectory of growing in love, faith, and confidence for the future. We remain in a strong position, though there is still much room for growth in both numbers and depth of faith. Our church family continues to walk together in God's love through the years, and we await with joy and expectation the Spirit moving in our midst.

With love and prayers,  
Reverend Lizzie Duckhouse  
*PCC Chair & Vicar*

## **Independent examiner's report to the Trustees of the Parochial Church Council of St Mary the Virgin, West Moors**

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Parochial Church Council of St Mary the Virgin, West Moors (the PCC) for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> December 2025.

### **Responsibilities and basis of report**

As the charity trustees of the PCC you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ("the Act").

I report in respect of my examination of the PCC's accounts carried out under section 145 of the Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(B) of the Act.

### **Independent examiner's statement**

I have completed my examination. I can confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

- 1    accounting records were not kept in respect of the PCC as required by section 130 of the Act; or
- 2    the accounts do not accord with those records; or
- 3    the accounts do 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 the accounts give a true and fair view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

I confirm that there are no other matters to which your attention should be drawn to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Name: J A Ridout



Relevant professional qualification or body: FCCA

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Date: 26 April 2026

PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF ST MARY THE VIRGIN, WEST MOORS  
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES  
For the year ended 31 December 2025

Note	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	TOTAL FUNDS	
			2025 £	2024 £
<b>RECEIPTS</b>				
Voluntary Receipts				
2(a) Planned giving	63,663.44	50.00	63,713.44	66,031.86
2(b) Activities for generating funds	16,927.97	-	16,927.97	10,749.43
2(c) Other voluntary incoming resources	15,405.50	-	15,405.50	2,176.06
2(d) Investment income	3,304.67	-	3,304.67	3,694.89
2(e) Church activities	3,601.33	-	3,601.33	8,172.00
<b>Total receipts</b>	<b>102,902.91</b>	<b>50.00</b>	<b>102,952.91</b>	<b>90,824.24</b>
<b>PAYMENTS</b>				
<i>Church Activities</i>				
3(a) Diocesan parish contribution	74,943.00	-	74,943.00	77,036.52
3(b) Clergy and staffing costs	203.19	189.19	392.38	990.07
3(c) Church running expenses	29,285.67	2,330.40	31,616.07	29,335.09
3(d) Running costs	6,874.77	-	6,874.77	4,142.07
3(e) Mission	1,565.00	-	1,565.00	1,805.55
<b>Total payments</b>	<b>112,871.63</b>	<b>2,519.59</b>	<b>115,391.22</b>	<b>113,309.30</b>
<b>Excess of receipts over payments</b>	<b>(9,968.72)</b>	<b>(2,469.59)</b>	<b>(12,438.31)</b>	<b>(22,485.06)</b>
<b>Transfers between funds</b>			-	-
<b>Net movement in funds</b>	<b>(9,968.72)</b>	<b>(2,469.59)</b>	<b>(12,438.31)</b>	<b>(22,485.06)</b>
<b>Reconciliation of Funds</b>				
Total funds brought forward At 1 January 2025	60,847.12	38,816.50	99,663.62	122,148.68
Total funds carried forward At 31 December 2025	50,878.40	36,346.91	87,225.31	99,663.62
<b>Analysis of funds</b>	<b>At 1/1/25</b>	<b>Movement</b>	<b>31/12/25</b>	
Restricted				
Fabric	28,816.50	(2,330.40)	26,486.10	
Youth	10,000.00	(139.19)	9,860.81	
Unrestricted				
General fund	44,897.62	(3,318.46)	41,579.16	
With designations				
Fabric and other	9,363.90	(526.50)	8,837.40	
Fees	6,293.27	(6,030.74)	262.53	
Appeals	292.33	(93.02)	199.31	
	99,663.62	(12,438.31)	87,225.31	

PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF ST MARY THE VIRGIN, WEST MOORS  
BALANCE SHEET  
At 31 December 2025

	Not	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	2025 £	2024 £
FIXED ASSETS					
Investments		36,346.91	8,653.09	45,000.00	45,000.00
		<u>36,346.91</u>	<u>8,653.09</u>	<u>45,000.00</u>	<u>45,000.00</u>
CURRENT ASSETS					
Cash at bank and in hand	4	5,878.40	36,346.91	42,225.31	54,663.62
		<u>5,878.40</u>	<u>36,346.91</u>	<u>42,225.31</u>	<u>54,663.62</u>
LIABILITIES					
NET CURRENT ASSETS					
		<u>5,878.40</u>	<u>36,346.91</u>	<u>42,225.31</u>	<u>54,663.62</u>
TOTAL NET ASSETS					
		<u>42,225.31</u>	<u>45,000.00</u>	<u>87,225.31</u>	<u>99,663.62</u>
Represented by:					
PARISH FUNDS	5				
General funds		41,579.16	-	41,579.16	71,355.15
Designated funds		9,299.24	-	9,299.24	11,977.03
Restricted funds		-	36,346.91	36,346.91	38,816.50
		<u>50,878.40</u>	<u>36,346.91</u>	<u>87,225.31</u>	<u>122,148.68</u>

Approved by the Parochial Church Council on 26 April 2026 and signed on its behalf by:

Rev E R Duckhouse

*pp J A Arden*

Louise Collins

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Stuart Stebbing

*Stuart Stebbing*

Gillian Clarke

*Gillian Clarke*

PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF ST MARY THE VIRGIN, WEST MOORS  
NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
For the year ended 31 December 2025

## 1 ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The financial statements of the charity, which is a public benefit entity under FRS 102, have been prepared in accordance with Charities SORP (FRS 102) "Accounting and reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2015)", Financial Reporting Standard 102 "The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland" and the Charities Act 2011.

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 funds of church groups that owe an affiliation to another body nor those that are informal gatherings of church members.

### Funds

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

The purpose of any restricted funds is noted in the accounts. Any balance unspent at the end of the year must be carried forward as a balance on that fund.

### Incoming Resources

#### *Voluntary income and capital sources*

Planned giving, collections and donations are recognised when received. Tax refunds are recognised when the incoming resource to which they relate is received. Grants and legacies are accounted for when the PCC is legally entitled to the amounts due. Dividends are accounted for when receivable, interest is accrued. All incoming resources are accounted for gross.

#### *Other ordinary income*

Rental income is accounted for by reference to letting date.

Fees due are accounted for on an event by event basis.

### Resources expended

Grants and donations are accounted for when paid over, or when awarded, if that award creates a binding or constructive obligation on the PCC. The diocesan parish share is accounted for when due. Amounts received specifically for mission are dealt with as restricted funds. All other expenditure is generally recognised when it is incurred and accounted for gross.

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2 INCOME

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	TOTAL 2025 £	2024 £
<b>2(a) Voluntary income</b>				
Planned giving				
Tax efficient	34,190.77		34,190.77	35,551.00
Other planned giving	9,358.37		9,358.37	8,703.00
Collections at services	5,061.88		5,061.88	5,402.72
Tax recovered through Gift Aid	14,030.44		14,030.44	14,802.49
Miscellaneous donations and appeals	1,021.98	50.00	1,071.98	1,572.65
	<u>63,663.44</u>	<u>50.00</u>	<u>63,713.44</u>	<u>66,031.86</u>
<b>2(b) Activities for generating funds</b>				
Magazine	1,050.00		1,050.00	900.00
PV Panels	1,972.88		1,972.88	1,766.95
General	1,971.98		1,971.98	2,115.38
Events	7,877.44		7,877.44	4,745.10
Fees	4,055.67	-	4,055.67	1,222.00
	<u>16,927.97</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>16,927.97</u>	<u>10,749.43</u>
<b>2 © Other voluntary incoming resources</b>				
Donations	3,405.50		3,405.50	1,131.08
Legacies	12,000.00		12,000.00	1,044.98
Grant	-		-	-
	<u>15,405.50</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>15,405.50</u>	<u>2,176.06</u>
<b>2(d) Investment income</b>				
Bank interest received	3,304.67	-	3,304.67	3,304.67
	<u>3,304.67</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>3,304.67</u>	<u>3,304.67</u>
<b>2(e) Church activities</b>				
Weddings and funerals	3,601.33	-	3,601.33	8,172.00
	<u>3,601.33</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>3,601.33</u>	<u>8,172.00</u>
<b>TOTAL INCOMING RESOURCES</b>	<u>102,902.91</u>	<u>50.00</u>	<u>102,952.91</u>	<u>90,434.02</u>



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3 EXPENDITURE

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	TOTAL FUNDS	
			2025 £	2024 £
3(a) Diocesan parish contribution				
Deanery share	74,943.00	-	74,943.00	77,036.52
	<u>74,943.00</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>74,943.00</u>	<u>77,036.52</u>
3(b) Clergy and staffing costs				
Clergy expenses	97.99	-	97.99	990.07
Work with young people	105.20	189.19	294.39	-
	<u>203.19</u>	<u>189.19</u>	<u>392.38</u>	<u>990.07</u>
3(c) Church running activities				
Service and support expenses	1,101.37	-	1,101.37	994.17
Repairs and replacement	745.00	-	745.00	402.00
Fire safety equipment	329.40	-	329.40	381.28
Organ maintenance	216.00	-	216.00	201.60
Heat, light and insurance	11,896.79	-	11,896.79	14,904.53
Provision of music	2,279.12	-	2,279.12	1,946.49
Vicarage	526.50	-	526.50	447.75
Fund raising	-	-	-	-
Magazine costs	-	-	-	-
Wedding and funeral costs	4,888.80	-	4,888.80	3,114.45
Flowers	-	-	-	43.50
Fabric	-	2,330.40	2,330.40	450.00
Licence	562.50	-	562.50	329.50
Events	2,014.48	-	2,014.48	1,561.93
Cleaning	3,570.60	-	3,570.60	3,533.00
General activities	1,155.11	-	1,155.11	1,024.89
	<u>29,285.67</u>	<u>2,330.40</u>	<u>31,616.07</u>	<u>29,335.09</u>
3(d) Other running costs				
Administration costs	5,251.45	-	5,251.45	3,527.57
Bank Charges	75.00	-	75.00	120.00
Sundries	1,223.32	-	1,223.32	169.50
Independent examiners fee	325.00	-	325.00	325.00
	<u>6,874.77</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>6,874.77</u>	<u>4,142.07</u>
3(e) Mission giving and donations				
Planned	-	-	-	341.20
Appeals	1,115.00	-	1,115.00	1,464.35
Mission and evangelism	450.00	-	450.00	-
Restricted	-	-	-	-
	<u>1,565.00</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,565.00</u>	<u>1,805.55</u>
<b>TOTAL RESOURCES USED</b>	<u>112,871.63</u>	<u>2,519.59</u>	<u>115,391.22</u>	<u>113,309.30</u>

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4 CASH AT BANK AND IN HAND	2025	2024
	£	£
Bank current accounts	8,182.41	7,122.23
CBF CE Deposit Fund	34,042.90	42,042.91
Covenant accounts	-	5,498.48
Cash	-	-
	<u>42,225.31</u>	<u>54,663.62</u>

5 ANALYSIS OF NET ASSETS BY FUND

	Unrestricted Funds £	Designated Funds £	Restricted £	Total £
Investments	-	8,653.09	36,346.91	45,000.00
Net current assets	41,579.16	646.15	-	42,225.31
	<u>41,579.16</u>	<u>9,299.24</u>	<u>36,346.91</u>	<u>87,225.31</u>

The market value of the investment at 31/12/2024 is £62,617.59 (2024 - £66,319.91).

6 RESERVES POLICY

The PCC's policy is to maintain sufficient reserves to enable the council's continued operation in the event of the temporary loss of use of the Church for any reason. With particular reference to potential costs of maintaining the fabric of the Church, the Council considers that the reserves held are adequate but not excessive.

7 PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF ST MARY THE VIRGIN, WEST MOORS  
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES  
For the year ended 31 December 2025  
Comparative information for previous year

Note	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	TOTAL FUNDS	
	£	£	2024	2023
				£
RECEIPTS				
Voluntary Receipts				
2(a) Planned giving	66,031.86	-	66,031.86	98,964.58
2(b) Activities for generating funds	9,527.43	-	9,527.43	8,614.94
2(c) Other voluntary incoming resources	2,176.06	-	2,176.06	3,310.56
2(d) Investment income	3,694.49	-	3,694.49	2,452.05
2(e) Church activities	9,394.00	-	9,394.00	7,119.00
Total receipts	90,823.84	-	90,823.84	120,461.13
PAYMENTS				
Church Activities				
3(a) Diocesan parish contribution	77,036.52	-	77,036.52	71,380.16
3(b) Clergy and staffing costs	990.07	-	990.07	712.40
3(c) Church running expenses	29,335.09	-	29,335.09	25,436.77
3(d) Running costs	4,142.07	-	4,142.07	3,641.05
3(e) Mission	1,805.55	-	1,805.55	4,308.51
Total payments	113,309.30	-	113,309.30	105,478.89
Excess of receipts over payments	(22,485.46)	-	(22,845.06)	14,982.24
Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-
Net movement in funds	(22,485.46)	-	(22,485.46)	14,982.24
Reconciliation of Funds				
Total funds brought forward				
At 1 January 2024	83,332.18	38,816.50	122,148.68	107,166.14
Total funds carried forward				
At 31 December 2024	60,846.72	38,816.50	99,663.62	107,166.44
Analysis of funds				
Restricted	At 1/1/24	Movement	31/12/24	
Unrestricted	38,816.50	0.00	38,816.50	
General fund	71,355.15	(26,457.53)	71,355.15	
With designations				
Fabric and other	10,261.65	(897.75)	10,261.65	
Fees	1,235.72	5,057.55	1,235.72	
Appeals	479.66	(187.33)	479.66	
	122,148.68	(22,485.06)	122,148.68	