

St Mary Magdalene, South Bersted

Trustees Annual Report for 2025

OUR AIMS AND PURPOSES AS A CHARITY

The primary objective of St Mary Magdalene's PCC is the promotion of the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to the doctrines and practices of the Church of England. The PCC has the responsibility of co-operating with the incumbent, the Revd Tim Crook, in promoting in the ecclesiastical parish the whole mission of the Church, pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical.

Our aim at South Bersted, as stated in our Mission Statement, is, 'To know Jesus Christ better and make Him better known' and to make and mature more, maturing-making disciples of Jesus Christ. Mindful always of this, our strategy for a B-E-R-S-T-E-D pathway for 2025 were:

B RING: Hospitality, welcome, advertising and 'Bring-vitations' to Sunday gatherings and events.

E VANGELISE: Unashamed clear & confident Gospel sharing at gatherings, events, courses & 1-2-1's.

R OOT: Discipleship grounding, including 'The Luke Series'.

S TRENGHTEN: Small Groups following-up Sunday sermons to help apply them to everyday life.

T RAIN: Gospel-driven Bible truth, equipping all ages to navigate God's way and thrive in life's challenges today. A 'Train To Serve' leadership pipeline cohort.

E XALT: Raising our supernatural God to His rightful first place in all of our thoughts, words and deeds. Meeting for corporate prayer (Powerhouse) and expressing with gratitude our entire dependence on Him

D ISPATCH: Sending out workers into the Harvest field to make and mature more disciple-making, growing and grace filled Jesus followers, locally, regionally, nationally and overseas.

WHAT WE PLANNED TO DO TO ACHIEVE OUR CHARITABLE OBJECTIVES

When planning our activities for the year, our incumbent and the PCC have considered the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit and, in particular, the specific guidance on 'charities for the advancement of religion'. The PCC has complied with the duty to have due regard under section 5 of the Safeguarding and Clergy Discipline Measure 2016, fully recognising its duty to have full regard to House of Bishop's guidance on safeguarding children and vulnerable adults. The safeguarding policy is accessible from the Church's website.

For 2025, the following objectives and activities were planned to fulfil our aims:

- to provide worship services which are relevant and accessible to all members of our parish community to teach, baptise and nurture new and existing believers to engage in evangelism and outreach to the parish in various ways
- to provide pastoral care for people whether part of South Bersted Church or not to support Christian mission activities in this country and abroad

WHAT WE ACHIEVED AND HOW WE AFFECTED BENEFICIARIES LIVES

ATTENDANCE AT WORSHIP

Our worshipping community welcomes visitors from within as well as outside the parish boundary, especially on our Livestream. It is our great pleasure to serve anyone from all walks of life to take part in the life of the church. We believe that voluntary attendance to worship the Lord Jesus Christ is a major demonstration of the public benefit of our activities.

The Electoral Roll at the end of 2025 stood at 33, of whom 12 were resident in the parish and 21 were non-resident.

The church endeavoured to continue providing worship opportunities through on-line live-streamed services on YouTube. We look to encourage the deepening of the faith of all ages, our monthly 'Powerhouse' prayer meeting continued and reintroduced a daytime option to supplement the evening opportunity.

Over the Christmas period a variety of gatherings were held including: 'Operation Christmas Child' shoebox collection partnering with Samaritan's Purse, Advent Sunday Christingle, South Bersted School Carols, Carols by Candlelight, Christmas Eve Crib Gathering, Christmas Communion and All-Age Celebration.

TEACHING, BAPTISING AND NURTURING NEW AND EXISTING BELIEVERS

Throughout the year the Gospel has been preached faithfully in Sunday sermons, which are also available on the website for those who miss them for any reason.

Termtime preaching series are followed up in Small Groups, which enable members to dig deeper into the Bible together, to learn more about God's plan for us, and to encourage one another in our daily walk. We preached through the Gospel of Luke in 32 sermons. We reviewed the Two Ways To Live outline in the summer. The Word@Work daily bible reading app was also promoted.

'Sunday Gang' in our Hall at 10am in term-time for families continued. We'd used up all the excellent resource material for 'Jude's Sunday Gang', a puppet lion who introduces bible stories so material following our Luke Series, was prepared in-house. Families sat and learnt together at tables, engaging in the up-front bible teaching and discussions, quizzes, crafts and songs. Children must be accompanied by an adult. Breakfast Baps are served from 9.45am.

As a church, we are involved in helping the children of our local Church of England primary school to explore all aspects of faith, and once again our vicar has gone into the school on a regular basis for collective worship, R.E lessons, and whole school worship in the church building. Helen Lambert continues her position as an invaluable Foundation Governor and Sandra-Louisa Bosley resigned from her role leaving a position vacant.

Everyone@11 visiting preachers included Rev Ben Martin, 'Teach us to number our days so that we may gain a heart of wisdom' (*Psalms 90:12*), Rupert Shelly (Crosslinks), Roger Purdom, 'A vision for ministry in schools', Nick McQuaker (A Passion for Life), Martin Povey, 'Is happily ever after just wishful thinking?' (*John 21:1-14*), Simon Allaby, 'Who Wants To Live Forever?' (*John 3:16-21*), and Bishop Rob Munro, 'Common Grace Evangelism'.

Church members have participated in a variety of additional and extremely helpful training opportunities including Bishop Ruth speaking on at the Chichester Diocesan Evangelical Fellowship gathering in Hove, the Passion for Life Evangelism Conference in Eastbourne and 'Responding To The Rebirth' conference in London.

3 weddings, 2 adult baptisms, 2 Blessing/Thanksgivings and 6 funerals were held in the church building during 2025 and 1 funeral elsewhere.

TO ENGAGE IN EVANGELISM AND OUTREACH TO THE PARISH IN VARIOUS WAYS

As well as regular special gatherings during the year, including Good Friday, Harvest and Remembrance to which we invite all resident of the parish beyond, we endeavour to host various social events to which we can invite friends, family, colleagues, neighbours and contacts. In 2025 these were the annual Hotham Wreath Laying ceremony (18th Jan), Charity Festive Christmas Conder with Bognor Regis Concert Band, raising funds for our bibles for the children at our school project.

The 'Heaven, How I Got Here,' one person show was offered on Good Friday evening and a Gingerbread Christmas Tea family party in December.

Our monthly Powerhouse parish prayer meeting was offered at both evening and daytime and regular opportunities to receive Prayer Ministry after our morning gathering was revived.

In addition to The Luke Series preaching on Sundays, this was also offered as our own home-grown evangelism engine flag-ship course on a Tuesday morning and Wednesday evening, with a terrific opportunity for questions and discussion.

Our church continues to be appreciated by our parishioners and others as a space where life events are celebrated with joy and thanksgiving. Funerals are a special time for 'providing comfort to the bereaved'. An evening Commemoration for the faithful departed was held around the time of All Souls, followed by refreshments.

Saturday morning 'Open For Coffee' continued until June, in the church building providing a community Fairtrade café, a 'warm welcome' space for local people to come and enjoy a hot-drink, homemade caked, and there were always church members or the vicar there to talk to. This was supplemented with Thursdays 9-11.30am, in our church hall which also came to end in the early summer.

Our Church Hall is available for us by community groups and organisations. The church seeks to ensure that the hall serves the local community and aims to maintain good relationship with hall users. A new caretaker was appointed this year, whilst other volunteers work hard to ensure that hall is clean, safe and fit for purpose.

TO PROVIDE PASTORAL CARE FOR PEOPLE WHETHER PART OF SOUTH BERSTED CHURCH OR NOT

Our church has provided pastoral care to many members who have been ill or housebound during the year. This has involved hospital visiting, taking round meals, sending cards, taking people to hospital, telephoning, praying and many other things, often quietly in the background with no-one knowing.

We have partnered with the Bognor Regis Food Bank for many years. CAP Money (Christians Against Poverty) courses have been promoted.

Some 'Everyone@11' gatherings with visiting speakers are followed by a fellowship Bring & Share lunch to help unite our church family and hear more from our speaker.

TO SUPPORT CHRISTIAN CHARITIES AT HOME AND ABROAD

In 2025 we continued our commitment that the first 5% of income should go to Christian outreach mission giving.

We also support the Samaritan's Purse Operation Christmas Child Shoebox Appeal.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

RESERVES POLICY

The trustees have considered the level of reserves they wish to retain, appropriate to the charity's needs. This is based on the charity's size and level of financial commitments held. The trustees aim to ensure that the charity will be able to continue to fulfil its charitable objectives even if there is a temporary shortfall in income or unexpected expenditure.

The trustees have not impinged in any way on restricted funds or CCLA investments and will endeavour not to set aside funds unnecessarily.

The trustees undertake an annual Risk Assessment and actively review the major risks which the charity faces on a regular basis and believe that maintaining the free reserves stated, combined with the annual review of the controls over key financial systems carried out on an annual basis will provide sufficient resources in the event of adverse conditions. The trustees have also examined other operational and business risks which they face and confirm that they have established systems to mitigate the significant risks.

The PCC has written policies on the following procedures:

1. Legacies;
2. Investments;
3. Conflict of Interest;
4. Complaints Handling;
5. Risk Management;
6. Committed to Volunteering;
7. Safeguarding

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

The Parochial Church Council [PCC] is registered with the Charity Commission as required by the Charities Act 2011. Its governing document is the Parochial Parish Councils [Powers] Measure 1956. During the year the following served as members of the Parochial Church Council.

Ex-Officio members

Incumbent	Revd Tim Crook	Chairman
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<i>Deanery Synod Reps</i>	Mr Paul Lacy [re-appointed to PCC May 2024 until 2027, and to Deanery Synod July 2026] resigned 20 th August 2025 Mr Peter Lambert [re-appointed to PCC May 2025 until 2028, and to Deanery Synod until 2026] Mrs Paula Moorcroft [re-appointed to PCC May 2024 until 2027 and to Deanery Synod until 2026] Resigned 26 th August 2025
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<i>Elected Members</i>	Mr Darren Barber [re-appointed May 2022, until 2025]	Treasurer
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Membership of the PCC is determined under the Church Representation Rules and consists of certain ex-officio members [the Incumbent, Churchwardens and Deanery Synod representatives] and up to 6 members of the Electoral Roll who are elected at the Annual Parochial Church Meeting [APCM] to serve for 3 years on a staggered basis. The PCC has not passed a resolution to limit those who have served from being re-elected. Members are warmly encouraged to stand for election to the PCC and we try to ensure a balance of skills and experience where possible.

This Trustees' Annual Report was **approved** by the PCC and signed on their behalf by The Revd Tim Crook, PCC Chairman



Date 29th April 2026

**ANNUAL REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED
31ST DECEMBER 2025**

**PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL
ST MARY MAGDALENE
SOUTH BERSTED, BOGNOR REGIS**

CHARITY REGISTRATION NUMBER: 1162924

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INDEPENDENT EXAMINER:

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INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT ON THE ACCOUNTS

Report to the trustees/members of the South Bersted Parochial Church Council on the annual accounts for the year ended 31st December 2025 set out on pages 3 to 8.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year (under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the Act), and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts (under section 145 of the Act),
- to follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commission (under section 145(5)(b) of the Act, and
- 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 Commissioners. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the organisation 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 the course of my examination, no matter has come to my attention

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

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Date: 11/5/2026

SOUTH BERSTED PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL

**STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2025**

	Notes	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2025 £	Total 2024 £
RECEIPTS :					
Voluntary Receipts	2a	26,822	-	26,822	35,619
Activities for Generating Funds (Trading)	2b	24,931	-	24,931	36,001
Charitable Activities	2c	2,253	-	2,253	3,925
Investment Income	2d	-	124	124	122
Other Receipts	2e	3,682	1,699	5,381	14,540
TOTAL RECEIPTS		57,688	1,823	59,511	90,207
PAYMENTS :					
Fundraising Costs (Trading)	3a	16,346	-	16,346	21,576
Charitable Activities	3b	58,470	1,168	59,637	84,611
TOTAL PAYMENTS		74,816	1,168	75,983	106,187
NET INCOMING/(OUTGOING) RESOURCES		-17,128	656	-16,472	-15,980
Cash funds last year end		35,611	3,650	39,261	55,241
Funds Transfer		0 -	0	-	-
CASH FUNDS THIS YEAR END		18,483	4,305	22,788	39,261

The notes on pages 5 to 8 form part of these accounts.
All operations are continuing operations.

SOUTH BERSTED PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL

**STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES
AS AT 31ST DECEMBER 2025**

	Unrestricted Fund £	Restricted Fund £	31-Dec 2025 Total £	31-Dec 2024 Total £
ASSETS				
Church Cash Funds:				
Current Account	18,483	4,305	22,788	39,261
TOTAL CASH FUNDS	18,483	4,305	22,788	39,261
Represented by:				
Unrestricted Funds	0	0	0	17,165
Designated Funds	18,483	0	18,483	18,446
Restricted Funds	0	4,305	4,305	3,650
	18,483	4,305	22,788	39,261
Assets retained for the Charity's own use:				
Fletcher Income Shares	0	4,096	4,096	4,317
	0	4,096	4,096	4,317
LIABILITIES				
Diocesan Fees (Weddings & Funerals)	1,943	0	1,943	266
Credit Card	525	0	525	179
	2,468	0	2,468	445

TRUSTEES RESPONSIBILITIES IN RELATION TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Charity Law requires the Trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which comply with the regulations set out in the Charities Act 2011. The Trustees have elected to take advantage of the provisions that apply to small charities and have prepared a Receipts and Payments Account and Statement of Assets and Liabilities which are set out on pages 3 to 4.

Approved by the Parochial Church Council on **30th April 2026**.

And signed on their behalf by



Revd Tim Crook, Chairman

SOUTH BERSTED PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL

**NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2025**

1. BASIS OF ACCOUNTING

The accounts have been prepared under the "Receipts and Payments" basis as prescribed by the Charity Commissioners, and they meet the appropriate legal requirements.

2. RECEIPTS

	Note	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2025 £	Total 2024 £
a) Voluntary Receipts					
Planned Giving		15,058	0	15,058	19,128
Legacies		1,000	0	1,000	0
Donations		4,193	0	4,193	3,517
Loose Offerings		1,982	0	1,982	2,947
Easy Fundraising		70	0	70	41
Gift Aid Tax Recovered		4,519	0	4,519	6,193
Special Appeals		0	0	0	3,793
		26,822	0	26,822	35,619
b) Activities for Generating Funds (Trading)					
Weddings & Funerals - PCC Fees	7	1,880	0	1,880	2,898
Weddings & Funerals - Diocesan Fees		1,943	0	1,943	3,670
Weddings & Funerals - Provision of Organist		0	0	0	580
Weddings & Funerals - Provision of Verger		295	0	295	505
Weddings & Funerals - Winter Heating		150	0	150	550
Church Hall Lettings		20,663	0	20,663	27,798
		24,931	0	24,931	36,001
c) Charitable Activities					
Open For Coffee	4	1,193	0	1,193	2,226
Hospitality	4	118	0	118	898
Teaching Resources	4	237	0	237	292
Hall Roof Fund	4	120	0	120	292
Other Designated Funds	4	585	0	585	469
Other Restricted Funds	4	0	0	0	40
		2,253	0	2,253	3,925
d) Investment Income					
Fletcher Dividends Received	4	0	124	124	122
		0	124	124	122
e) Other Receipts					
Appeals	4	0	1,699	1,699	804
Insurance Claim	4	2,625	0	2,625	13,472
Miscellaneous Receipts		657	0	657	65
Returnable Deposits		400	0	400	199
		3,682	1,699	5,381	14,540

SOUTH BERSTED PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL

**NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2025**

3. PAYMENTS

	Note	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2025 £	Total 2024 £
a) Fundraising Costs (Trading)					
Weddings & Funerals					
Weddings & Funerals - Diocesan Fees (Prior Year Liability)		0	0	0	2,000
Weddings & Funerals - Diocesan Fees (Current Year)	7	0	0	0	3,404
Weddings & Funerals - Provision of Organist	7	560	0	560	140
Weddings & Funerals - Redeemed Deposits	7	200	0	200	300
Church Hall					
Caretaker		4,167	0	4,167	3,075
Insurance		2,496	0	2,496	2,419
Maintenance & Hall Supplies		568	0	568	405
Utilities		6,669	0	6,669	5,618
Waste Collection		730	0	730	610
Events and Resources					
Open for Coffee	4	676	0	676	2,246
Hospitality	4	230	0	230	888
Teaching Resources	4	50	0	50	471
		16,346	0	16,346	21,576
b) Charitable Activities					
Ministry Costs					
Parish Share	6	19,250	0	19,250	20,362
Locum Fees		0	0	0	152
Church Running Costs					
Office Expenses		2,324	0	2,324	2,535
Services		1,587	0	1,587	1,303
Vicar's PA		7,862	0	7,862	7,488
National Insurance		76	0	76	0
Broadband		577	0	577	510
Church Maintenance					
Utilities		7,698	0	7,698	4,932
Insurance		3,051	0	3,051	2,957
Repairs and Maintenance		2,487	0	2,487	3,662
Organ Tuning		260	0	260	245
Vicar and Vicarage					
Council Tax and Utilities		3,958	0	3,958	3,987
Vicar's Expenses		2,051	0	2,051	1,867
Other General Fund Payments					
Examination and Accountancy Costs		691	0	691	56
Governance		0	0	0	12
Restricted and Designated Fund Payments					
Mission Giving	4	1,751	0	1,751	1,487
Appeals	4	0	426	426	250
Church AV	4	2,238	0	2,238	4,614
Carpark and Hall Improvements		0	0	0	12,796
Insurance Claim Expenditure	4	546	0	546	0
All Other Designated Funds Payments	4	2,062	0	2,062	13,300
All Other Restricted Funds Payments	4	0	742	742	2,096
		58,470	1,168	59,637	84,611

SOUTH BERSTED PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL

**NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS
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4. FUNDS

	Note	Balance 01-Jan 2025 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers £	Balance 31-Dec 2025 £
GENERAL FUNDS		17,165	52,515	67,262	-2,417	0
DESIGNATED FUNDS						
Christians Against Poverty (CAP)		396				396
Churchyard		3,461				3,461
Church Sound and Projection		0	51	2,238	3,034	847
Hall Roof Fund		0	120			120
Heaven How I Got Here		0	499	499		0
Hospitality		405	118	230		293
Insurance Claim		0	2,625	546 -	2,079	0
Mission		193		1,751	1,558	0
Open for Coffee		2,732	1,193	676 -	557	2,692
Quinquennial Provision		1,200			600	1,800
Storage Container		1,434		375 -	1,059	0
Teaching Resources	-	136	237	49		53
Verger's Fund		946	295		920	2,161
Other Designated Accounts		7,814	35	1,189		6,660
TOTAL DESIGNATED		18,446	5,173	7,553	2,417	18,483
TOTAL UNRESTRICTED		35,611	57,688	74,816	0	18,483
RESTRICTED FUNDS						
Appeals		543	1,699	426 -	1,816	0
Choir		52				52
Fletcher Alms		2,162	124			2,287
Flower Fund		128				128
Hall Kitchen		98		50		48
Puppets		12				12
School Bible Project		-		623	1,816	1,193
Sunday School		599		69		530
Vicar's Projects		54				54
TOTAL RESTRICTED		3,650	1,824	1,168	0	4,305
GRAND TOTALS		39,261	59,512	75,984	0	22,788

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5. STAFF COSTS AND PAYMENTS TO TRUSTEES

The collective PCC members received reimbursement payments for purchases made on behalf of the Church totalling **£677.41**. No payments were made to PCC members in the form of salary or wage as employees of the PCC.

The collective PCC members made voluntary contributions to Church funds, excluding Gift Aid claimed on their behalf, totalling **£5,934.03**. No material transactions took place between the Church and PCC members or any person connected to them.

6. PARISH SHARE

For 2025, South Bersted PCC pledged a figure of **£21,000** which was equal to ca. 25% of the Parish Ministry Costs for the year and during the year were able to pay **£19,250**. The PCC informed the Diocese that the balance of **£1,750** could not be met and have not carried this forward as a liability into 2026.

7. FEES FROM WEDDINGS & FUNERALS

5 Year Historic Activity Overview

2021 - 11 funeral services, 2 weddings

2022 - 8 funeral services, 2 weddings

2023 - 9 funeral services, 3 weddings

2024 - 17 funeral services, 4 weddings

2025 - 7 funeral services, 3 weddings

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	18,483	4,305	22,788	39,261
Assets retained for the Charity's own use:				
Fletcher Income Shares	0	4,096	4,096	4,317
	0	4,096	4,096	4,317
LIABILITIES				
Diocesan Fees (Weddings & Funerals)	1,943	0	1,943	266
Credit Card	525	0	525	179
	2,468	0	2,468	445

TRUSTEES RESPONSIBILITIES IN RELATION TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Charity Law requires the Trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which comply with the regulations set out in the Charities Act 2011. The Trustees have elected to take advantage of the provisions that apply to small charities and have prepared a Receipts and Payments Account and Statement of Assets and Liabilities which are set out on pages 3 to 4.

Approved by the Parochial Church Council on **30th April 2026**.

And signed on their behalf by



Revd Tim Crook, Chairman

SOUTH BERSTED PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL

**NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2025**

1. BASIS OF ACCOUNTING

The accounts have been prepared under the "Receipts and Payments" basis as prescribed by the Charity Commissioners, and they meet the appropriate legal requirements.

2. RECEIPTS

	Note	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2025 £	Total 2024 £
a) Voluntary Receipts					
Planned Giving		15,058	0	15,058	19,128
Legacies		1,000	0	1,000	0
Donations		4,193	0	4,193	3,517
Loose Offerings		1,982	0	1,982	2,947
Easy Fundraising		70	0	70	41
Gift Aid Tax Recovered		4,519	0	4,519	6,193
Special Appeals		0	0	0	3,793
		26,822	0	26,822	35,619
b) Activities for Generating Funds (Trading)					
Weddings & Funerals - PCC Fees	7	1,880	0	1,880	2,898
Weddings & Funerals - Diocesan Fees		1,943	0	1,943	3,670
Weddings & Funerals - Provision of Organist		0	0	0	580
Weddings & Funerals - Provision of Verger		295	0	295	505
Weddings & Funerals - Winter Heating		150	0	150	550
Church Hall Lettings		20,663	0	20,663	27,798
		24,931	0	24,931	36,001
c) Charitable Activities					
Open For Coffee	4	1,193	0	1,193	2,226
Hospitality	4	118	0	118	898
Teaching Resources	4	237	0	237	292
Hall Roof Fund	4	120	0	120	292
Other Designated Funds	4	585	0	585	469
Other Restricted Funds	4	0	0	0	40
		2,253	0	2,253	3,925
d) Investment Income					
Fletcher Dividends Received	4	0	124	124	122
		0	124	124	122
e) Other Receipts					
Appeals	4	0	1,699	1,699	804
Insurance Claim	4	2,625	0	2,625	13,472
Miscellaneous Receipts		657	0	657	65
Returnable Deposits		400	0	400	199
		3,682	1,699	5,381	14,540

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3. PAYMENTS

	Note	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2025 £	Total 2024 £
a) Fundraising Costs (Trading)					
Weddings & Funerals					
Weddings & Funerals - Diocesan Fees (Prior Year Liability)		0	0	0	2,000
Weddings & Funerals - Diocesan Fees (Current Year)	7	0	0	0	3,404
Weddings & Funerals - Provision of Organist	7	560	0	560	140
Weddings & Funerals - Redeemed Deposits	7	200	0	200	300
Church Hall					
Caretaker		4,167	0	4,167	3,075
Insurance		2,496	0	2,496	2,419
Maintenance & Hall Supplies		568	0	568	405
Utilities		6,669	0	6,669	5,618
Waste Collection		730	0	730	610
Events and Resources					
Open for Coffee	4	676	0	676	2,246
Hospitality	4	230	0	230	888
Teaching Resources	4	50	0	50	471
		16,346	0	16,346	21,576
b) Charitable Activities					
Ministry Costs					
Parish Share	6	19,250	0	19,250	20,362
Locum Fees		0	0	0	152
Church Running Costs					
Office Expenses		2,324	0	2,324	2,535
Services		1,587	0	1,587	1,303
Vicar's PA		7,862	0	7,862	7,488
National Insurance		76	0	76	0
Broadband		577	0	577	510
Church Maintenance					
Utilities		7,698	0	7,698	4,932
Insurance		3,051	0	3,051	2,957
Repairs and Maintenance		2,487	0	2,487	3,662
Organ Tuning		260	0	260	245
Vicar and Vicarage					
Council Tax and Utilities		3,958	0	3,958	3,987
Vicar's Expenses		2,051	0	2,051	1,867
Other General Fund Payments					
Examination and Accountancy Costs		691	0	691	56
Governance		0	0	0	12
Restricted and Designated Fund Payments					
Mission Giving	4	1,751	0	1,751	1,487
Appeals	4	0	426	426	250
Church AV	4	2,238	0	2,238	4,614
Carpark and Hall Improvements		0	0	0	12,796
Insurance Claim Expenditure	4	546	0	546	0
All Other Designated Funds Payments	4	2,062	0	2,062	13,300
All Other Restricted Funds Payments	4	0	742	742	2,096
		58,470	1,168	59,637	84,611

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4. FUNDS

	Note	Balance 01-Jan 2025 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers £	Balance 31-Dec 2025 £
GENERAL FUNDS		17,165	52,515	67,262	-2,417	0
DESIGNATED FUNDS						
Christians Against Poverty (CAP)		396				396
Churchyard		3,461				3,461
Church Sound and Projection		0	51	2,238	3,034	847
Hall Roof Fund		0	120			120
Heaven How I Got Here		0	499	499		0
Hospitality		405	118	230		293
Insurance Claim		0	2,625	546 -	2,079	0
Mission		193		1,751	1,558	0
Open for Coffee		2,732	1,193	676 -	557	2,692
Quinquennial Provision		1,200			600	1,800
Storage Container		1,434		375 -	1,059	0
Teaching Resources	-	136	237	49		53
Verger's Fund		946	295		920	2,161
Other Designated Accounts		7,814	35	1,189		6,660
TOTAL DESIGNATED		18,446	5,173	7,553	2,417	18,483
TOTAL UNRESTRICTED		35,611	57,688	74,816	0	18,483
RESTRICTED FUNDS						
Appeals		543	1,699	426 -	1,816	0
Choir		52				52
Fletcher Alms		2,162	124			2,287
Flower Fund		128				128
Hall Kitchen		98		50		48
Puppets		12				12
School Bible Project		-		623	1,816	1,193
Sunday School		599		69		530
Vicar's Projects		54				54
TOTAL RESTRICTED		3,650	1,824	1,168	0	4,305
GRAND TOTALS		39,261	59,512	75,984	0	22,788

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5. STAFF COSTS AND PAYMENTS TO TRUSTEES

The collective PCC members received reimbursement payments for purchases made on behalf of the Church totalling **£677.41**. No payments were made to PCC members in the form of salary or wage as employees of the PCC.

The collective PCC members made voluntary contributions to Church funds, excluding Gift Aid claimed on their behalf, totalling **£5,934.03**. No material transactions took place between the Church and PCC members or any person connected to them.

6. PARISH SHARE

For 2025, South Bersted PCC pledged a figure of **£21,000** which was equal to ca. 25% of the Parish Ministry Costs for the year and during the year were able to pay **£19,250**. The PCC informed the Diocese that the balance of **£1,750** could not be met and have not carried this forward as a liability into 2026.

7. FEES FROM WEDDINGS & FUNERALS

5 Year Historic Activity Overview

2021 - 11 funeral services, 2 weddings

2022 - 8 funeral services, 2 weddings

2023 - 9 funeral services, 3 weddings

2024 - 17 funeral services, 4 weddings

2025 - 7 funeral services, 3 weddings