

Parish of Long Ashton



Our Vision for the Family of Churches in
Long Ashton, Barrow Gurney & Flax Bourton

2025 Annual Report and Accounts

For the year ended
31st December 2025

Charity Commission Number 1163733

The Ecclesiastical Parish of Long Ashton

This is the annual report and accounts of the PCC of the Ecclesiastical Parish of Long Ashton for the year ended 31st December 2025.

Ecclesiastical Parish: Long Ashton – Registered with the Charity Commission Number 1163733

Church Dedications: All Saints Church, Church Lane, Long Ashton, BS41 9LU
Keedwell Church (Church of the Ascension), Keedwell Hill, Long Ashton, BS41 9DR

Rector: Reverend James Harris

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Revd Joanna Moule, (Curate)
Revd Dr David Mumford, (Assistant Minister)
Tony Miles (Church Warden)
Fiona Cunningham (Deanery Synod Rep and Deputy Warden)
Colin Havill (Treasurer)
John Britton (Fabric)
Gill Miles (Safeguarding and Health & Safety) (Co-opted 6th April 2025)
Nini Anamah
Cliff Bond
Val Bond
Michael Crabtree
Sheila Crabtree
Annie Hodgetts
Elizabeth Karsch
Collette Miyagawa
Andrea Muxworthy

PCC Secretary: Carolyn Conolly (until 13/11/25) May Wong (from 4/12/25)

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Benefice: Our family of churches comprises the two parishes of Long Ashton and of Barrow Gurney and Flax Bourton.

Benefice website: www.laflaxandbarrow.org.uk

AIMS AND ORGANISATION

The PCC exists to co-operate with the Rector in promoting in the parish the whole mission of the Church, pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical. It is responsible for keeping the buildings in good order. It normally meets monthly, except August and December, with additional meetings if required.

Committees and associated administrations

Ministry Team – benefice-wide group consisting of all licensed Ministers, Ordinands and Churchwardens – has responsibility for co-ordinating the worship and teaching ministry across the benefice.

Standing Committee, consisting of Rector, Curate, Churchwarden, Treasurer and another PCC member, Valerie Bond. It meets monthly and deals with business between full meetings of the PCC. Its remit is to provide strategic oversight and assist the Rector in the management of the parish, bringing recommendations to the full PCC as appropriate.

Health & Safety is coordinated by Gill Miles in conjunction with the Churchwarden and Rector – they meet periodically to ensure policy and procedures are kept up to date.

Buildings for Mission. Re-established by the PCC in October 2025 to keep track of progress on the development of our buildings, liaise with our architect, make decisions (up to £1,000) and report back to PCC on a regular basis. The focus initially is on All Saints but the group is also keeping Keedwell Church in view until such time as a major project can be resourced.

A number of activities are undertaken by working groups which report regularly to the Rector and/or PCC - including Community Lunches, Warm Welcome Cafe, Emerge youth group and Choir.

Church Membership

Following a full revision of the electoral roll, there were 94 members on the roll immediately prior to the APCM on 27th March 2025 (2024: 118). An updated roll will be displayed shortly before the 2025 APCM.

The average adult Sunday attendance in October 2025 was 72 but this excludes those joining us online and at other gatherings during the week.

VISION AND PRIORITIES

Both of the benefices' PCCs met together in October 2024 to begin the process of reviewing, discerning and planning priorities for the next season of the life of our family of churches in Long Ashton, Barrow Gurney and Flax Bourton. Over the following months, we sought to discern how to build on the foundations of the past to ensure Jesus' promise, of abundant life and that all may flourish (John 10:10), may be more widely realised.

The new vision was launched at an open meeting in Keedwell Church on 4th October and a booklet setting out our vision and priorities, 'That all may flourish', is available on the website. A series of workshops is planned for 2026 to explore how the four foundations of the vision can be embedded within our church life.

- Community; open to encounter – creating a sense of belonging where we can see, hear, know and value everyone across generations, deepening trust and sharing values
- Spirituality; rooted in prayer – lifting our gaze to the horizons of eternity in every situation, connecting to wisdom, imagination and power beyond ourselves
- Wisdom; committed to growth – cultivating habits of study, discussion and challenge: engaging in dynamic conversation with the riches of the Bible and the experiences of Christians past and present
- Action, inspired to serve – recognizing the gifts we have among us: putting them to work generously and with purpose in the service of God and neighbour.

Worship

It is our aim that our church services should be community focused and open to all. In the best tradition of a local, parish church, we endeavour that everyone should feel welcome at any of our services, wherever they are coming from and whatever they bring on their heart or mind. We continue to recognise there are obstacles which may prevent people engaging with the life of the church.

Our worshipping life has evolved to include:

- a greater variety of music
- opportunities to worship outdoors in creation - especially within our Breakfast@9 community
- the prioritisation of children and young families with a children's activity area at the front of the church
- exploring how we encounter with Jesus through sermons and discussion around Bear Grylls' recent book 'The Greatest Story Ever Told'.

It has been encouraging to see these developments bearing fruit and for new people to find ways to encounter the living God through the local church. We believe this will be further enhanced as we live out the vision 'that all may flourish'.

We have enjoyed getting together most months for benefice-wide worship including special occasions such as an outdoor celebration of Rogation - the 'Big Church Day Out'; the annual 'Remembered with love' memorial service and for marking the key milestones of Lent and Holy Week. We held two joint series of talks during Lent exploring the Old Testament and key questions of faith.

The 2025 Statistics for Mission confirm the prominent role that pastoral ministry plays in serving our community, particularly funerals and burials, of which we conducted 21 during the year, either at church, at a crematorium or in the burial ground. We have also celebrated with the families of 6 infants and children at their baptisms and with the families and friends of 2 couples at their weddings.

It continues to be a joy and privilege, as the parish church, to provide a sacred space for the marking of life events and community celebrations in this way.

Ministry

We continue to be grateful for the ministry of our Rector, Revd James Harris, Curate, Revd Joanna Moule, our Assistant Ministers, Revd John Andrews, Revd Michael James (who joined us during 2025) and Deacon, Revd David Mumford; as well as the many lay members of the congregation who offer their gifts to enable our worship week by week - notably Tony and Gill Miles with the team who nurture the Breakfast@9 community; and the leaders of our Emerge youth group: Henry and Annabel Moule and Collete Miyagawa.

We were sorry to hear in October that Revd David Mumford has had to withdraw from ministry for the time being while he undergoes treatment for an ongoing illness. We hold him and his family in our prayers.

We were pleased to be joined for a second year by Sophie Duncan, an Ordinand from Sarum College, as part of her training in context. We consider it a privilege to receive the gifts Ordinands bring during their placements and to support those God is calling to serve the Church in this way.

The Choir continues to offer faithful service under Annie Fowler's leadership, ably supported by Val Bond, and we are grateful for the ways they have helped enable the evolving shape and expression of our worship. We give thanks to God for the abundant gifts Colin Smith offers in many and varied ways to provide musical expression to our worship and prayers, on piano and organ, not least at funerals where countless grieving families have found comfort and inspiration in his offering.

Tony Miles and Fiona Cunningham were reappointed Church Warden and Assistant Churchwarden respectively at the 2025 Annual Meeting. The roles of warden are vital in providing lay leadership, prayerful counsel and insight alongside the Rector. We are most grateful to them for their diligent and faithful service.

Mission and outreach

Our partnership with Northleaze Church of England Academy continues to develop and flourish, both through involvement of clergy in the day-to-day teaching and worship at the school and through the commitment of the Governing Body, for which the church provides three Foundation Governors, who monitor and support its distinctively Christian ethos. These posts are currently held by Revd Jo Moule, Nini Anamah and Gill Miles.

Jo leads the termly lunchtime Bible Club, which always attracts an enthusiastic group of children who are keen to explore Bible texts more deeply, and gives pastoral support for staff. We have been delighted to find continued enthusiasm, co-operation and commitment for our partnership in our newly appointed Head teacher, Corinne Clarke who joined the school in September 2025 and has quickly evidenced her belief in the importance of strong church-school links. We look forward to developing new ideas for flourishing together, building on the strong foundations already in place.

The benefice website provides up to date information on our activities and the weekly benefice Church News email newsletter (which now has over 350 subscribers) provides a digest of news, information and resources, both practical and spiritual, for the church family and wider community.

The monthly Parish magazine provides a printed medium to celebrate life and faith in Long Ashton through a variety of articles and pictures. We received over 250 subscriptions during 2025 and it is also available free online from the website. We thank the Editorial Team, now led by Val Bond, for its hard work and creativity. We also give thanks for all those who distribute the magazine and, in particular, the coordinator Richard Pillinger and former distributor John Edwards, who retired after many years of faithful service.

The ministry of prayer is a key area for focus this year and we are currently exploring how to incorporate prayer ministry after every service, as well as providing more and varied opportunities for parishioners to engage in prayer: our Advent 'Soul Space' evenings have provided a good model in which to build. We are very grateful to Collette Miyagawa who provides us with prayer points for the Persecuted Church in different countries each month.

A highlight of 2025 was the Midsummer Magic festival in June and our thanks go to Elizabeth Holford and her team for their inspirational leadership. Over the weekend of 21st/22nd June there were two concerts at All Saints Church, a midsummer lunch, an art exhibition at Keedwell Church, family activities at All Saints and a film-show at the community centre. Worship on the Sunday took place 'among the trees' with a specially designed liturgy exploring faith as a journey through the forest. The funds raised allowed us to send £1,000 for the planting of trees at the Wraxall site of Children's Hospice South West and £2,400 for the provision of a borehole at Ndola School in Zambia.

Our weekly Warm Welcome Cafe at Keedwell, monthly Community Lunch and occasional Cream Teas continue to provide a vital meeting point and source of friendship, care and support for a diverse group of people from across our community, notably reaching a number of people for whom these gatherings are their primary engagement with the local church. We are grateful to Karen Barratt and Fiona Cunningham, who lead the running of Cafe with a dedicated team of volunteers; and to Beth Karsch and members of the team who run the Community Lunches. North Somerset Council, Long Ashton Community Association and the Co-operative Society have all supported these projects with grants and facilities.

The monthly visits to Lampton House are hugely appreciated by the residents and we are grateful to Beverley Crocker for co-ordinating and helping to lead services alongside James and Jo. There is a monthly Communion

service for the community of worshippers at Audley Redwood retirement village, augmented by a homegroup led by members of the community and pastoral visits on request.

The Long Ashton Branch of the Royal British Legion disbanded in November and their Standard was officially received by the Rector for safekeeping at All Saints at the close of the Remembrance Sunday service. We join others in thanking Dave Addis, the branch secretary, for his unstinting work over many years.

Finance and fabric

There is much positive news to report and give thanks for. There was a surplus of £2,500 on the General Fund before transfers – for the first time in several years we did not require legacy income or special gift days to cover day to day running expenses. Regular giving increased by 5% - the increased giving by existing and new members therefore more than offset the impact of the lost income from those no longer with us. Further details of our finances are given in the Accounts and in the Funds and reserves report below.

In June 2025, we completed the sale of Church House. In line with the announcement of the proposed sale, the PCC has decided to transfer the proceeds, totalling £237,900 net of disposal costs, to a designated fund which will be used for the refurbishment of Keedwell Church in due course. The receipt of the proceeds also allowed us to replenish the General Fund which had borne the costs prior to sale, thus enabling us to pay off the arrears of our historical Parish Share commitments

The PCC continued to progress its *Buildings for Mission* objectives, with the aim of ensuring both All Saints Church and Keedwell Church are sustainable and fit for purpose, facilitating accessibility through aesthetics, welcome, worship and hospitality for all.

All Saints Church

The planning for the investment of the Jean Limmer legacy at All Saints has progressed with the PCC agreeing a vision and priorities and an architect has provided options for what can be achieved. The three key priorities determined by the PCC are Aesthetics, Welcome & Hospitality and Worship. The PCC presented its preliminary plans to the congregation in May 2025 and received feedback which is being fed into our future plans. A temporary reordering licence has been obtained in order to experiment with the removal of a number of pews, predominantly from the side aisles, to provide two areas capable of more flexible uses.

A number of fabric improvement, repair and maintenance projects have been undertaken at All Saints following receipt of the 2024 quinquennial inspection report. In particular, work has been undertaken to ensure the roof is watertight so that the side aisles could be re-plastered and redecorated in November. The repainting of the nave and chancel ceilings is currently underway (January 2026).

Keedwell Church

Keedwell is first and foremost a place of worship with regular weekly and monthly services taking place there with many attending who consider it 'their home church' rather than All Saints. Keedwell also provides an expression of God's love in the heart of our community with hospitality, fellowship and support offered through various other outreach and community-building activities. In 2024 the roof was re-felted and in 2025 a number of smaller improvements were made including various overdue electrical works.

Eco-church

We have been liaising with the eco team at Flax Bourton church, who are to be congratulated on achieving a Gold Eco-church award from A Rocha. We received a bronze Eco-church award in January 2026. We have installed our first Swift boxes at All Saints Church in order to encourage the establishment of a new swift colony. The Keedwell Wildlife Garden has also been restocked with a variety of native plants. We are hopeful of making progress towards a silver Eco-church award during 2026 and our sermon series in January is incorporating teaching on our discipleship with Jesus through a sustainable lifestyle.

Church operations

The PCC is grateful to Carolyn Conolly for the administrative support she provided over 21 years prior to her retirement in November. We look forward to appointing a Church Operations Coordinator who will provide a shared resource across the benefice. May Wong has been appointed as interim coordinator for the five months to April 2026.

Funds and reserves

During 2025 the accounts show a reduction across all funds of £39,500 due primarily to the costs incurred as we invested in All Saints and Keedwell Churches along with the remaining costs relating to the Church House disposal.

Unrestricted Funds

Unrestricted funds represent the income and expenditure of the PCC excluding where the use of any income is legally restricted by the donor beyond our normal charitable purpose. The PCC now has three separate unrestricted funds following the closure of the Church House Fund.

At 31st December 2024 total unrestricted funds were £347,200 but this included the Church House Revaluation Fund of £340,000 leaving just £7,200 of other unrestricted reserves. The PCC had therefore deferred payment of 40% (£31,200) of its Parish Share until the Church House disposal proceeds are received.

At 31st December 2025 the unrestricted reserves of £314,500 were all made up of bank balances and money on deposit

General Fund

Our General Fund represents the ongoing day to day income and expenditure. Voluntary income increased 4% from £121,600 to £126,000. Our regular giving income increased by 6% (2024 up 17%) to £98,300, and we received Lump Sum Gifts of £3,800 (2024 £4,500) and Gift Aid of £20,100 (2024 - 19,300).

Overall the surplus on the General Fund is £2,500 (2024 deficit £12,400). The balance on the General Fund is £78,600 (2024 - £5,800). The increase arising following the disposal of Church House and the reimbursement of the General Fund with the expenses of disposal.

Legacy Fund

We are grateful for two unrestricted legacy gifts of totalling £5,700 (2024 - £16,400). These funds are being used in line with the families' wishes.

Keedwell Church Fund

As explained above, the £237,900 net proceeds of the Church House sale were transferred by the PCC to this Fund and will be used for the redevelopment of Keedwell. The PCC authorised preliminary works during 2025 of £10,000 to be undertaken primarily relating to the electrics, noticeboards and external doors. The proceeds are held on deposit, generating £5,700 of income in the second half of the year.

Restricted Funds

Limmer Legacy Fund

The £233,700 balance on this fund comprises the 'restricted' legacy received during 2023 which is available for the upkeep and renewal of Church Fabric (excluding day to day running expenses). £32,700 has been expended during the year and £10,400 of interest has been earned on the monies on deposit. As noted above, £14,600 of 2024 expenditure has been reimbursed to this fund now the Church House disposal proceeds have been received. The PCC intends to continue to utilise this Fund for the upkeep and renewal of All Saints Church.

Other restricted funds

The balance on the Future Facilities Fund has reduced from £19,200 to £17,300 following the repayment of a £2,000 historical loan from the Bells Fund. It is anticipated that much of this fund will be used, in combination with the Limmer Legacy Fund, on improvements to All Saints Church. The Bells Fund, for work to the bells and bell ringing facilities of All Saints Church stands at £3,200 (2024 - £1,300). The Churchyard Fund for the upkeep of specific graves in the churchyard, stands at £8,300 (2024 - £8,300).

Looking ahead to 2026

We enter 2026 with a small projected deficit which we hope and pray will be covered by increased giving from across the congregation. Much of the increased giving in recent years has come from a relatively small number of households and our prayer for this year is to see a broader spread as we focus on our use of the talents and money God has given us.

We hope to finalise and obtain further approvals for the refurbishment and proposed developments at All Saints Church so that the work can proceed shortly thereafter. We will then start to focus on the options for the redevelopment of Keedwell Church using the funds provided from the sale of Church House

Safeguarding

Safeguarding remains a priority for the Church of England nationally and there is much good practice to commend locally. The PCC continues to give significant time and attention to this vital area of ministry and governance. We have embraced the diocesan 'dashboard' system, which facilitates monitoring of progress against requirements; and safeguarding remains a standing item on the PCC's agenda.

All PCC members are required to have valid DBS certificates and to complete the Basic, Foundation and Domestic Abuse diocesan training modules. For those leading particular activities, leadership-level training has been completed where necessary under our Safer Recruitment guidelines.

We remain committed to developing a culture where worshippers, volunteers and visitors in our church are affirmed, equipped and protected from harm to the best of our ability - a reflection of the care God has for all his children. We are hugely grateful to Gill Miles for the diligent way in which she undertakes the role of Parish Safeguarding Officer.

We confirm that there have been no safeguarding incidents reported under the Safeguarding and Clergy Discipline Measure during 2025.

Associated trusts

The PCC is represented on two independent trusts which are registered with the Charity Commission:

- **The Long Ashton Churchyard and War Memorial Trust:** The Rector (*ex officio*) NB: *the trustees agreed during 2025 that the Churchyard element of the Trust would be wound up and the relatively small amount of remaining funds disbursed on a churchyard interpretation project. The Trust will therefore in future focus solely on the upkeep of the Village War Memorial.*
- **The Long Ashton Parochial Charity,** with responsibility primarily for care of the Almshouses: The Rector and Church Wardens (*ex officio*).

Statement of Trustees' Responsibilities

The PCC, as trustees, are responsible for preparing the Trustees' Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards including Financial Reporting Standard 102: The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

The law applicable to charities in England & Wales requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity and of the income and expenditure of the charity for that period. In preparing these financial statements, the trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP;
- make judgments and accounting estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable UK Accounting Standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements; and
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in business.

The trustees are responsible for keeping sufficient accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011, the Charity (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 and the provisions of the trust deed/constitution. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

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In conclusion, we look forward to 2026, encouraged by all we have seen of God's faithfulness in the past and enthused by God's promise to continue to walk closely with us. With all God's people in this place, we stand committed, by God's grace, to continue to discern and serve his mission in this parish in the year to come.

Signed on behalf of the Parochial Church Council

Revd James Harris
Rector

Tony Miles
Churchwarden

21st January 2026

PAROCHIAL CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS LONG ASHTON
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
for the year ended 31 December 2025

Note

	Unrestricted <u>funds</u> £	Restricted <u>funds</u> £	2025 <u>Total funds</u> £	Unrestricted <u>funds</u> £	Restricted <u>funds</u> £	2024 <u>Total funds</u> £
INCOMING RESOURCES						
(1) Donations and legacies	132,007	262	132,269	137,907	240	138,147
(2) Other trading activities	22,559	-	22,559	14,216	-	14,216
(3) Investments	7,092	11,354	18,446	2,803	13,205	16,008
(4) Church Fees	3,794	-	3,794	3,040	-	3,040
Total Incoming Resources	<u>165,452</u>	<u>11,616</u>	<u>177,068</u>	<u>157,966</u>	<u>13,445</u>	<u>171,411</u>
RESOURCES EXPENDED:						
(5) Church activities	148,336	33,165	181,501	147,050	17,589	164,639
(7) Costs of generating income	35,111	-	35,111	28,392	-	28,392
Total Resources Expended	<u>183,447</u>	<u>33,165</u>	<u>216,612</u>	<u>175,442</u>	<u>17,589</u>	<u>193,031</u>
Net incoming/(outgoing) resources before transfers and other gains/(losses)	(17,995)	(21,549)	(39,544)	(17,476)	(4,144)	(21,620)
Transfers between funds	(14,652)	14,652	-	-	-	-
	(32,647)	(6,897)	(39,544)	(17,476)	(4,144)	(21,620)
(8) Gains/(losses) on investment assets	-	(793)	(793)	340,000	489	340,489
NET MOVEMENT IN FUNDS	<u>(32,647)</u>	<u>(7,690)</u>	<u>(40,337)</u>	<u>322,524</u>	<u>(3,655)</u>	<u>318,869</u>
Reconciliation of funds:						
(9) Total funds brought forward	<u>347,158</u>	<u>272,248</u>	<u>619,406</u>	<u>24,634</u>	<u>275,903</u>	<u>300,537</u>
Total funds carried forward	<u>314,511</u>	<u>264,558</u>	<u>579,069</u>	<u>347,158</u>	<u>272,248</u>	<u>619,406</u>

PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF ALL SAINTS, LONG ASHTON

Balance sheet at 31 December 2025

	Note	<u>2025</u>		<u>2024</u>	
		£	£	£	£
INVESTMENTS					
Market value at 31/12/2025	(8)		18,643		359,436
CURRENT ASSETS					
Debtors and prepayments		4,644		5,748	
Cash at Bank and in hand		14,222		19,549	
Cash on Deposit		549,659		282,389	
		<u>568,525</u>		<u>307,686</u>	
CURRENT LIABILITIES					
Creditors and accrued charges:					
Charities control	(10)	1,667		1,143	
Church general creditors		6,432		46,573	
		<u>8,099</u>		<u>47,716</u>	
Net current assets/(liabilities)			560,426		259,970
<u>NET ASSETS</u>			<u>579,069</u>		<u>619,406</u>
Represented by:					
<u>Unrestricted Funds</u>	(12)				
Legacy		3,695		395	
Church House		-		934	
Keedwell/Property revaluation fund		232,225		340,000	
General Fund		<u>78,591</u>		<u>5,829</u>	
			314,511		347,158
<u>Restricted Funds</u>	(13)				
Future facilities		17,326		19,208	
Limmer legacy		233,727		241,428	
Lighting		2,006		2,006	
Bells		3,179		1,303	
Churchyard		8,320		8,303	
			264,558		272,248
<u>TOTAL FUNDS</u>			<u>579,069</u>		<u>619,406</u>

Approved on behalf of the Parochial Church Council

Revd. James Harris

21st January 2026

PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF ALL SAINTS, LONG ASHTON

Notes to the Financial Statements for the year ended 31 December 2025

Note	2025			2024		
	£	£	£	£	£	£
	Unrestricted	Restricted	Totals	Unrestricted	Restricted	Totals
<u>INCOMING RESOURCES</u>						
(1) <u>Voluntary income</u>						
Giving	98,268	262	98,530	92,853	240	93,093
Lump sum gifts (excluding Gift Aid)	3,800	-	3,800	4,500	-	4,500
Other non-recurring donations		-	-	424	-	424
Other charitable giving/donations	2,780	-	2,780	1,582	-	1,582
	104,848	262	105,110	99,359	240	99,599
Tax recovered through Gift Aid	20,099	-	20,099	19,258	-	19,258
Total giving (excluding legacies)	124,947	262	125,209	118,617	240	118,857
Grants	1,383	-	1,383	2,937	-	2,937
Legacies	5,677	-	5,677	16,353	-	16,353
	132,007	262	132,269	137,907	240	138,147
(2) <u>Trading activities</u>						
Parish Magazine - subscriptions/advertising	3,951	-	3,951	4,378	-	4,378
Keedwell - hall lettings	6,020	-	6,020	5,359	-	5,359
MidsummerMagic(MSM) ticket sales/donations	6,810	-	6,810	-	-	-
Solar electricity generation (All Saints)	1,539	-	1,539	1,427	-	1,427
Other activities	4,239	-	4,239	3,052	-	3,052
	22,559	-	22,559	14,216	-	14,216
(3) <u>Investment income</u>						
Deposit interest	7,092	10,972	18,064	1,307	12,728	14,035
Dividend income	-	382	382	-	477	477
Church House - hall lettings and other income	-	-	-	1,496	-	1,496
	7,092	11,354	18,446	2,803	13,205	16,008
(4) <u>Fees</u>						
Statutory PCC Fees	2,773	-	2,773	2,389	-	2,389
Heating of the Church and other fees	1,021	-	1,021	651	-	651
	3,794	-	3,794	3,040	-	3,040
<u>RESOURCES EXPENDED</u>						
(5) <u>Church activities</u>						
Diocesan Parish share	80,200	-	80,200	79,200	-	79,200
Clergy expenses (net of recharges)	676	-	676	1,430	-	1,430
PCC staff salary and cleaning costs Note 6	26,448	-	26,448	25,197	-	25,197
Church office costs	5,344	-	5,344	3,778	-	3,778
Utilities and insurance						
All Saints	8,936		8,936	11,521	-	11,521
Keedwell	3,334		3,334	3,679	-	3,679
Maintenance						
All Saints	3,411	33,165	36,576	5,477	2,937	8,414
Keedwell	10,914		10,914	9,258	14,652	23,910
Church Services and evangelism	6,023		6,023	5,878		5,878
Charitable giving (Note 11)	3,050	-	3,050	1,632	-	1,632
	68,136	33,165	101,301	67,850	17,589	85,439
	148,336	33,165	181,501	147,050	17,589	164,639

(6A) The PCC employed a part-time administrator until her retirement in November 2025. In addition the PCC pays for cleaning services, an organist and a choir leader. No employer National Insurance contributions were made in 2025 or 2024. Employer contributions to the Church Workers Pension Fund were £588 in 2025 (£559 in 2024).

(6B) In December 2025, the PCC appointed May Wong as interim part-time church operations coordinator on a fixed contract to 30th April 2026. May Wong is a 'connected person' as she is married to the Chairman of the trustees, Rev James Harris. Her employment is on the same terms as the previous administrator and she received total remuneration of £1,062 in 2025.

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Note	2025			2024		
	£	£	£	£	£	£
<u>INCOMING RESOURCES</u>	Unrestricted	Restricted	Totals	Unrestricted	Restricted	Totals
Note	£	£	£	£	£	£
	Unrestricted	Restricted	Totals	Unrestricted	Restricted	Totals
(7) <u>Costs of generating income</u>						
Church House:						
Utilities, business rates and insurance	1,717	-	1,717	12,302	-	12,302
Repairs and maintenance	1,354	-	1,354	1,375	-	1,375
Professional fees	17,468	-	17,468	9,297	-	9,297
		-	-		-	-
	20,539	-	20,539	22,974	-	22,974
MSM expenses and charitable donations	6,846		6,846	-	-	-
Lunch Club, Warm Café and sundry costs	4,366		4,366	1,660		1,660
Parish magazine - printing	3,360	-	3,360	3,758	-	3,758
	35,111	-	35,111	28,392	-	28,392

(8) Gains/(losses) on investment assets

	2025		2024	
	Cost	Market Value	Market Value	Gain/(loss)
<u>Restricted - Churchyard</u>				
222 shares - CBF Investment Fund	1,379	4,927	5,147	(220)
347 shares - CBF Fixed Interest	499	533	517	16
	1,878	5,460	5,664	(204)
<u>Restricted - Future facilities</u>				
2023 - 594 shares - CBF Investment Fund	460	13,183	13,772	(589)
<u>Unrestricted - General</u>				
2022 - 594 shares - CBF Investment Fund	-			
	2,338	18,643	19,436	(793)
Church House (investment property)	see note		340,000	
		18,643	359,436	

During 2025 Church House was disposed for £340,000 being the valuation at 31st December 2024. The PCC decided to retain £237,900 in a designated Keedwell reserve being the proceeds net of the costs of disposal and development costs already incurred at Keedwell Church.

	2025	2024
	£	£
(10) CHARITIES - control account		
Creditor balance at 1st January	1,143	350
<u>Receipts:-</u>		
Donations (Note 11)	6,450	1,632
<u>Payments:-</u>		
Charities	(5,926)	(839)
Creditor balance at 31st December	1,667	1,143

(11) Charities - Donations raised and received

	2025	2024
	£	£
Sisters of the Church	1,017	289
Christian Aid	671	-
Disasters Emergency Committee Middle East	-	1,143
Childrens Society	395	-
Ripple Effect	166	-
Other (individually under £150)	362	50
	3,050	1,632
St Pauls School, Ndola, Zambia (MSM)	2,400	-
Childrens Hospice South West (MSM)	1,000	-
	6,450	1,632

Other donations include £100 to Bristol Schools Connection of which PCC member, Tony Miles, is Chair of the Trustees

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(12) FUNDS ANALYSIS - UNRESTRICTED FUNDS

	<u>General</u> <u>2025</u>	<u>General</u> <u>2024</u>	<u>Church</u> <u>House 2025</u>	<u>Church</u> <u>House 2024</u>	<u>Keedwell</u> <u>Fund 2025</u>	<u>Revaluation</u> <u>Reserve</u> <u>2024</u>	<u>Legacy</u> <u>Fund 2025</u>	<u>Legacy Fund</u> <u>2024</u>	<u>Total 2025</u>	<u>Total 2024</u>
Incoming Resources:-										
Donations and legacies	126,330	121,554					5,677	16,353	132,007	137,907
Other trading activities	22,559	14,216					-	-	22,559	14,216
	-	-					-	-	-	-
Investment income	3013	1307		1496	4079		-	0	7092	2,803
Church Fees	3,794	3,040	-	-			-	-	3,794	3,040
Total Incoming Resources	155,696	140,117	-	1,496	4,079	-	5,677	16,353	165,452	157,966
Resources expended:-										
Church activities	(138,582)	(147,050)			(9,754)		-	-	(148,336)	(147,050)
Costs for generating income	(14,572)	(5,418)	(20,539)	(22,974)			-	-	(35,111)	(28,392)
							-	-	-	-
Total Resources Expended	(153,154)	(152,468)	(20,539)	(22,974)	(9,754)	-	-	-	(183,447)	(175,442)
Net income/(outgoing)	2,542	(12,351)	(20,539)	(21,478)	(5,675)	-	5,677	16,353	(17,995)	(17,476)
Gains/(losses) on investment assets	-	-				340,000		-	-	340,000
Fund transfers	70,220	6,000	19,605	10,000	(102,100)		(2,377)	(16,000)	(14,652)	-
Net income/(outgoing) resources	72,762	(6,351)	(934)	(11,478)	(107,775)	340,000	3,300	353	(32,647)	322,524
Fund balance at 01/01/2025	5,829	12,180	934	12,412	340,000		395	42	347,158	24,634
Fund balance at 31/12/2025	78,591	5,829	-	934	232,225	340,000	3,695	395	314,511	347,158
<i>Represented by:</i>										
Investments at market value	4,644	5,748	-	-	-	340,000	-	-	-	340,000
Debtors and prepayments	82,046	40,097	-	8,634	232,225	-	3,695	395	4,644	5,748
Cash at Bank and on deposit	(8,099)	(40,016)	-	(7,700)	-	-	-	-	317,966	49,126
Creditors	78,591	5,829	-	934	232,225	340,000	3,695	395	(8,099)	(47,716)
Fund Value									314,511	347,158
Fund Value excluding Investments	78,591	5,829	-	934	232,225	-	3,695	395	314,511	7,158

On sale, the £340,000 revaluation reserve in respect of Church House became realised and the reserve renamed as the Keedwell Fund
Following the disposal, £19,605 was transferred from the General Fund to clear the deficit on the Church House Fund and the General Fund was reimbursed with the £87,448 costs to disposal
The £237,900 net proceeds of the Church House sale have been designated by the PCC for the redevelopment of Keedwell Church. Works to date include the refelling of the roof and electrical improve

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(13) FUNDS ANALYSIS - RESTRICTED FUNDS

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	<u>Future facilities Fund**</u>	<u>Limmer legacy</u>	<u>Bells</u>	<u>Churchward</u>	<u>Lighting</u>	<u>Total 2025</u>	<u>Total 2024</u>
Donations, grants and legacies	-		262			262	240
Activities for generating funds						-	-
Investment income	-	10,386	40	221		11,354	13,205
Total Incoming Resources	707	10,386	302	221	-	11,616	13,445
Resources expended:-							
Church activities		32,739	426			33,165	17,589
Total Resources Expended	-	32,739	426	-	-	33,165	17,589
Net incoming/(outgoing)	707	(22,353)	(124)	221	-	(21,549)	(4,144)
Gains/(losses) on investment assets	(589)			(204)		(793)	489
Fund transfers	(2,000)	14,652	2,000	-		14,652	-
Net incoming/(outgoing) resources	(1,882)	(7,701)	1,876	17	-	(7,690)	(3,655)
Fund balance at 01/01/2025	19,208	241,428	1,303	8,303	2,006	272,248	275,903
Fund balance at 31/12/2025	17,326	233,727	3,179	8,320	2,006	264,558	272,248

** The Future Facilities Fund (previously named The Fabric Fund) includes the former Heating and Access Fund of £14,279

Represented by:

Investments at market value	13,183	-	-	5,460	-	18,643	19,436
Debtors and prepayments	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Cash at Bank and on deposit	4,143	233,727	3,179	2,860	2,006	245,915	252,812

Fund Value	17,326	233,727	3,179	8,320	2,006	264,558	272,248
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Fund Value excluding Investments	4,143	233,727	3,179	2,860	2,006	245,915	252,812
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	2025	2024	2023
Total restricted and unrestricted	<u>579,069</u>	<u>619,406</u>	<u>68,214</u>

£14,652 was transferred from unrestricted funds to reimburse the Limmer Fund for expenditure on Keedwell Church incurred in 2024

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ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with applicable accounting standards and the current Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP): Accounting and Reporting by Charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Ireland (FRS102) issued on 16 July 2014, and the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Ireland (FRS102) and the Charities Act 2011.

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention except for the valuation of investment assets, which are shown at market value.

The trustees have considered the Church's ability to continue as a going concern. They are satisfied of its ability to do so as ultimately it has discretion over the amount paid in respect of Parish Share which represented over 50% of unrestricted expenditure in 2024.

The PCC constitutes a public benefit entity as defined by FRS102.

Funds

The General Fund represents the funds of the PCC that are not subject to any restrictions regarding their use and are available for application on the general purposes of the PCC. Funds designated for a particular purpose by the PCC are also unrestricted. The unrestricted revaluation fund is in respect of the market value of Church House.

Restricted funds are those derived from gifts which are restricted to a particular purpose.

The accounts 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 that are informal gatherings of Church members.

Incoming Resources

All income is recognised once the PCC has entitlement to the income, there is sufficient certainty of receipt and it is therefore probable that the income will be received, and the amount of income can be measured reliably.

Income from gifts

Collections are recognised when received by or on behalf of the PCC.

Planned giving receivable by standing order under gift aid is recognised when received.

Planned giving received in lump sums designated for a particular year is deferred to that year.

Gift aid is accrued on donations received.

Grants and legacies to the PCC are accounted for as soon as the PCC is notified of its legal entitlement and the amount due.

Funds raised at fund raising events are accounted for based on the net receipts to the PCC. Accrual is made for outstanding expenditure

Rental and lettings income from the letting of the church properties is recognised when the rental is due.

Income from Investments

Dividends and interest are accounted for when receivable.

Gains and losses on Investments

Realised gains and losses are recognised when investments are sold. Unrealised gains and losses are accounted for in the revaluation of investments at 31 December each year.

Resources expended

Activities directly related to the work of the Church

The diocesan parish share is accounted for in accordance with the agreed intention of the PCC.

Support costs

All of the support costs relate to the church's ministry and are included in the appropriate cost category in note 5.

Grants

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

Governance

These are the costs of the governance arrangements of the church and include audit, legal advice and cost related to statutory requirements. Professional fees in respect of the disposal of Church House are disclosed separately.

Fixed Assets

Consecrated Land and Buildings and Moveable Church Furnishings

Consecrated and beneficed property is excluded from the accounts by s.96(2)(a) of the Charities Act 1993. No value is placed on moveable Church Furnishings held by the Church Wardens on special trust for the PCC and which requires a faculty for disposal since the PCC considers this to be inalienable property. Expenditure incurred during the year on consecrated or beneficed buildings and moveable church furnishings, whether maintenance or improvement is normally written off as expenditure in the SOFA and is separately disclosed. Major new capital items would be capitalised and depreciated along with other equipment over their estimated useful working lives.

Properties owned by the PCC

Freehold premises are not depreciated as it is the PCC's policy to maintain the buildings to a high standard. As a result the properties maintain residual values at least equal to their book values. This means any depreciation charge for the year and cumulative depreciation is rendered immaterial.

Properties are reviewed for impairment at the end of each accounting period.

Other fixtures, fittings and office equipment

Office, IT and other equipment would be depreciated at 20% on a straight line basis. Individual equipment of £1,000 or less and fittings of £4,000 and less are written off as acquired.

Investments

Investments are valued at market value at 31 December each year.

Current Assets

Amounts owing to the PCC at 31 December in respect of Gift Aid, fees, rents or other income are shown as debtors less provision for amounts that may prove uncollectable. Short term deposits include cash held on deposit either at NatWest Bank or the CCLA.

Pensions

The church participates in the Pension Builder Scheme section of Church Workers Pension Fund for lay staff. The Scheme is administered by the Church of England Pensions Board, which holds the assets of the schemes separately from those of the Employer and the other participating employers. The scheme is considered to be a multi-employer scheme as described in Section 28 of FRS 102.

Contributions payable are therefore charged to the statement of financial activities (SOFA) in the year to which they relate.

Creditors and provisions

Creditors and provisions are recognised when the PCC has a present obligation arising from a past event that will probably result in the transfer of funds to a third party and the amount due to settle the obligation can be measured or estimated reliably.

Independent Examiner's Report to the Parochial Church Council of All Saints Long Ashton

I report on the accounts for the year ended 31 December 2025, which are set out in the financial statements for 2025.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

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 Commissioner (under section 145(5)(b) of the Charities Act 2011);
- 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 Commissioners. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning any such matters.

The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts offer a 'true and fair view' and my opinion is limited to those matters set out in the next statement.

Independent Examiner's Statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination 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 no concerns and 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.

Mark Packham
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Independent Examiner

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21st January 2026