

**STORRINGTON (ST MARY'S) PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL
ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2025**

Trustees' Annual Report and Financial Report

**The Parochial Church Council of
the Ecclesiastical Parish of**

**St Mary's Church, Storrington
Registered Charity no. 1164989
For the year ended 31 December 2025**

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St Mary's Church, Church Street Storrington RH20 4LA
Incumbent

The Revd Jonathan Swindells
(Appointed 2 February 2025)

The Rectory, Rectory Road, Storrington RH20 4EF

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Trustees' Annual Report for 2025**

Aim and Purposes – 'Faith, Hope and Love' in Storrington

The primary objective of St Mary's is the promotion of Christianity according to the doctrines and practices of the Church of England. The PCC has the responsibility of co-operating with the incumbent, the Revd. Jonathan Swindells in promoting in the ecclesiastical parish the whole mission of the Church: pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical.

The parish is blessed to have the generous support of several retired priests: Revds. Charles Hadley, and John and Jacquie Peal and Rupert Toovey. Mrs. Viv Stuart, Parish Administrator, gives invaluable assistance with the administration of the parish.

Objectives and Activities

The PCC is committed to enabling as many people as possible to worship at our church and to become part of our parish community at St Mary. The PCC maintains an overview of worship throughout the parish and makes suggestions on how our services and activities can involve the many groups that live within our parish.

Our services and worship put faith into practice through prayer and scripture, music and sacrament.

When planning our activities for the year, the incumbent and the PCC have considered the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit and the specific guidance on 'charities for the advancement of religion'. We try to enable local people to live out their faith as part of our parish community through:

- Worship, preaching and prayer in services; learning about Christianity through study groups; and developing their knowledge of, and trust in, Jesus.
- Provision of pastoral care for people living in the parish, following illness, bereavement and other 'life events.'
- Activities for the common good of our community, such as the twice-monthly Café in the Church, Sunday Lunch Club, and SPACE – a place for people of all ages to enjoy doing arts and crafts, support for Family Support Work and the village Food Bank.
- Missionary and outreach work working with, among others, Storrington Primary School, uniform organisations such as Scouts and Guides, Air Cadets, and the British Legion. Rev J Swindells is the Chaplain of the ATC Squadron 2646 and royal British Legion-Storrington.

To facilitate this work, it is important that we maintain the fabric of the building of our church of St. Mary, Storrington.

Achievements and performance

Worship and Prayer

The PCC aims to offer a range of Church Services during the week and over the course of the year that our community finds both beneficial and spiritually fulfilling. All are welcome to attend our regular services.

St Mary's has a rich musical tradition under the excellent guidance of our Music Director, Stephen Bloxham and Deputy Director, Ian Miles. There is a good and very committed choir who are always willing to try new music.

We hold a Communion Service on the second Wednesday morning of the month and on the fourth and fifth Wednesday afternoons. This service along with 8am Holy Communion on Sunday and Evensong twice a month provides a quieter and more intimate and reflective environment for worship whilst our 10am services on Sundays give adults and children the opportunity to take part in a more outgoing style of worship. We have also started Messy Church once a month for children and their parents.

Usual attendance at all Sunday services averages 55 adults, and 8-10 on live streaming.

There were 192 parishioners on the church electoral roll, 77 of whom are not resident within the parish. The electoral roll was completely revised in the year resulting in a significantly decreased number on the roll but representing a more realistic list of church members.

As well as our regular services, we enable our community to celebrate and thank God at milestones of the journey through life. Through Baptism we thank God for the gift of life. In 2025 there were 13 baptisms and one wedding. Through funeral services friends and family express their grief and give thanks for the life which is now complete in this world, and we commend the person who has died into God's keeping. The clergy took 15 church funerals and another 2 services at the crematorium or funeral chapel. There were also 7 burials and 18 burials of Ashes in St Mary's churchyard. This is the only burial ground for the whole of Storrington.

The Church building

Our church is normally open during daylight hours as a Warm Space and it is used by people seeking space for prayer and reflection as well as regularly by visitors to the South Downs National Park.

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As one of the largest buildings in Storrington, the church is also used to hold concerts which we hope to cater for many musical tastes of people residing in the area whether members of the church or not. In 2025 there were 3 concerts, and 3 in 2024.

The Quinquennial Inspection by our Inspecting Architect was carried out in 2021 following that inspection work on the fabric of the Church being undertaken in accordance with the recommendations of that report.

The Rectory Office

The PCC is responsible for the repairs to the Rectory Office, the administrative hub of the parish, which is in reasonable order.

9 Longland Avenue

Our Stipendiary Curate moved from this house in September 2018 when she left the parish. The property has been rented out since 30 January 2019. The current lease was renewed for one year until 29 May 2026.

Pastoral Care

The pastoral care of people is a core part of what it is to be a Christian church. To this end in 2017 we chose and have trained a team of people as ministers of prayer and healing, known as the 'St Luke's Team'. Every third Sunday of the month at 10am service members of the team are available at the back of church for the laying on of hands and prayers for healing for anyone who wishes to avail themselves of this ministry. The team meets monthly for a time of further learning, reflection and prayer.

We have a small team of people who take Communion to the housebound. As a church we also continue to collect for Family Support Work.

In 2018 a new Pastoral Visiting Team was chosen and trained. Members of the Team visit the ill and housebound, or support the bereaved, or those with new babies. We are particularly aware of the needs of a growing elderly and isolated population in an area often chosen for retirement.

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Mission and Evangelism

Vision and Renewal Group

In July 2025 the PCC established a Vision and Renewal Group to draft narrative for the church's strategy for ministry and mission. The VRG met twice in 2025 and has sought to build on the church's aspiration of 'Faith, Hope and Love at the heart of the community'.

Study Groups

Study and Bible Study Groups meet on Thursday mornings and met regularly during 2025.

Churchyard

The voluntary Churchyard team entered the South and Southeast in Bloom awards, obtaining a gold award again. The score was the best ever-179 out of 200 (89.5%)– an excellent result, very justly deserved. Our thanks must go to the dedicated Churchyard team which meets on a Monday morning.

Eco Church

St Mary's has a bronze award for eco church activities, awarded by the A Rocha organisation. As part of our commitment to the environment, we have an active partnership with Sussex Wildlife Trust who regularly do surveys of insects and flora in the churchyard, and monitor bats and swifts around the church and the rectory.

Community

Over the last few years, the church has been used by Storrington Primary School and the local nursery school as they find out about places in the local community. The Rev Jonathan Swindells went to the Christmas Assembly for the whole School in December. In October all the juniors (240 Children) came to Church for a Harvest Service. In December the Year 6 children came and sang carols at the Café in the Church which was enjoyed and appreciated by all.

Scouts, Beavers, and Cubs came to church for a Carol service as well as attending the Annual Remembrance Service with Brownies, and Guides and Air Training Corps.

The "3 Heralds" the church magazine for Storrington, Thakeham, Sullington and Warminghurst contains details of our church services and Christian messages, as well as local community information. It is widely read and enjoyed throughout the parish and adjacent area by members of the congregations and others. The circulation is more than 800 copies.

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Ecumenical relationships

We join Christians in Storrington to provide a monthly Sunday lunch for elderly members of the community, as well as a monthly midweek lunch for elderly single people. We share a monthly short prayer service with other denominations at the Catholic Church. We also join Christians in Storrington for a service of Carols in the middle of Storrington at Christmas, and for the Good Friday Procession.

Revd. Charles Hadley's work with Chemin Neuf has meant that we have developed closer links with this religious community, and occasionally at a Sunday service we host young people from different parts of Europe.

We have in place policies on the following matters:

Complaints Handling
Confidentiality
Conflicts of Interest
Data Protection
Equality
Investment
Risk Management
Safeguarding of Children and Vulnerable Adults
Lone Working Party
Volunteering Policy and Guidance for Volunteers

Financial Review

We have shown a deficit on unrestricted funds of £18,952 after receiving legacies of £5,000. Without these we would have a deficit of £23,952. After the Endowment Income of £11,539 and the balance on the designated Fund we have an overall deficit of £5,160. We used £37,747 of our designated fund on the louvre repairs.

Like many parishes we rely on legacies for our survival. Our Expenses have increased during 2025 by just over £22,000. The largest expense remains the Parish Share which was £79,800. This amount covers the housing, stipends and Pension costs of clergy and a sum for Central Diocesan costs, Clergy training and a contribution to Central Church funds.

There was no movement on the Restricted Funds. We also received interest on the G & E Robinson Fabric Fund of £2,500. The increase in the Endowment Fund amounted to £104,986.

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Reserves Policy

Currently we have sufficient unrestricted reserves for two to three years of foreseeable operating deficits, but the PCC will need to keep this under review. We currently have six months' expenditure in General Reserves which exceeds the minimum requirement of two months.

We utilised the majority of the Designated Reserve of £40,000 repairing the louvres and have written the balance back to general reserves.

Volunteers

We would like to thank all the volunteers who work so hard to make our church the lively and vibrant community it is. This enables us to avoid the costs of employing additional people.

Structure, governance and management

Membership of the PCC is determined under the Church Representation Rules under which the membership consists of certain ex-officio members (the incumbent and one licensed minister), the churchwardens and members of the Deanery, Diocesan or General Synods and 13 members of the church. All those who are members of our congregation or attend our services are encouraged to register on the Electoral Roll and stand for election to the PCC.

Every year five members of the congregation are elected to the PCC at the Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM) and these five members hold office for a period of three years. PCC members are responsible as Trustees for making decisions on all matters of general concern and importance to the parish including on how the funds of the PCC are to be spent. Members of the congregation are warmly encouraged to stand for election to the PCC and we try to ensure a balance of skills and experience where possible.

The full PCC met 7 times during 2025 and the average number of PCC members attending was 13. Sub-committees meet between meetings and minutes of their deliberations were received by the full PCC and discussed where necessary.

Administrative information

St Mary's Church is situated in Church Street Storrington. It is part of the Diocese of Chichester. The correspondence address is The Rectory Office, Rectory Road, Storrington, RH20 4EF.

The PCC is a body corporate (PCC Powers Measure 1956 as amended and Church Representation Rules (as amended 2025). It is registered with the Charity Commission under Number 1164989.

Lewis Brownlee (Chichester) Limited have been appointed as Independent Examiners for the year ending 31 December 2025.

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

Ex Officio members

Rev'd. Jonathan Swindells (Appointed 2 February 2025)	Rector	Chair
Mrs Christine Tuson	Churchwarden	Vice Chair
Mr Michael Taylor	Churchwarden	

Elected Members

Elected until 2026	Elected until 2027	Elected until 2028
Stephen Bloxham	Barbara Buchanan	Rosemary Humphries
Dennis Cowdrey	Simon Emerson	Martyn Freeman
David Rice		Katharine Bridge
John Taylor		
Alison Miles		

*Deanery Synod (holding office
until 1 June 2026)*

Christine Tuson	Gwen Fisher	Sonia Fox
Jacqueline Lee	Hilary Fritche	

Custodial Trustee

The Diocese of Chichester acts as Custodial Trustee and holds the investments on behalf of the PCC.

This Trustees' Annual Report was approved by the PCC and signed on their behalf by The Rector, PCC Chair.

Date: 26th March 2026

 Jonathan Swindells

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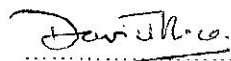
BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2025

	Note	2025	2024
		£	£
FIXED ASSETS			
Investment property	2	560,000	560,000
Investment assets	3	574,289	469,303
Tangible assets	4	-	-
		<u>1,134,289</u>	<u>1,029,303</u>
CURRENT ASSETS			
Debtors	6	2,983	12,320
Prepayments	6	1,559	770
CBF Deposit account		150,597	182,580
Cash at bank and in hand		34,740	32,290
		<u>189,879</u>	<u>227,960</u>
CURRENT LIABILITIES			
Creditors and accrued expenses	6	11,305	6,726
		<u>178,574</u>	<u>221,234</u>
NET CURRENT ASSETS			
NET ASSETS		<u>1,312,863</u>	<u>1,250,537</u>
FUNDS			
<u>Unrestricted Funds</u>			
General Fund		85,223	90,383
Designated Funds:			
Property Fund		560,000	560,000
Development Fund		-	40,000
		<u>560,000</u>	<u>600,000</u>
		<u>645,223</u>	<u>690,383</u>
<u>Restricted Funds</u>			
G & E Robinson Fabric Fund		60,039	57,539
Tower Capital Project		20,000	20,000
Rector's Discretionary Fund		13,312	13,312
		<u>93,351</u>	<u>90,851</u>
<u>Endowment Fund</u>			
Trustee Account		574,289	469,303
TOTAL FUNDS		<u>1,312,863</u>	<u>1,250,537</u>

Where the Funds are held is set out in Notes 2-5.

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


Jonathan Swindells


David Rice

The notes on pages 11 to 19 form part of these accounts.

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**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2025**

		Unrestricted Funds		Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds		
	Note	General £	Designated £	£	£	2025 £	2024 £
INCOME FROM:							
<i>Donations and legacies</i>	7	87,978				87,978	109,336
<i>Church activities</i>	8	16,829				16,829	14,485
<i>Investments</i>	9	22,234		2,500	11,539	36,273	37,375
<i>Other sources</i>	10	18,131				18,131	-
TOTAL INCOME		145,172		2,500	11,539	159,211	161,196
EXPENDITURE ON:							
<i>Church activities</i>	11	161,185				161,185	140,443
<i>Repair works</i>	12	2,939	37,747			40,686	1,611
TOTAL EXPENDITURE		164,124	37,747			201,871	142,054
<i>Net Income/(expenditure) before gains on investments</i>		(18,952)	(37,747)	2,500	11,539	(42,660)	19,142
<i>Net gains on investments and (Decrease)/Increase in valuation</i>					104,986	104,986	(1,405)
NET INCOME/ GAIN ON INVESTMENTS		(18,952)	(37,747)	2,500	116,525	62,326	17,737
<i>Transfer between funds</i>		13,792	(2,253)		(11,539)		
NET MOVEMENT IN FUNDS		(5,160)	(40,000)	2,500	104,986	62,326	17,737
Reconciliation of funds: BROUGHT FORWARD 1 January 2025		90,383	600,000	90,851	469,303	1,250,537	1,232,870
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD 31 December 2025		85,223	560,000	93,351	574,289	1,312,863	1,250,537

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1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of preparing the financial statements

The financial statements of the charity, which is a public benefit entity under FRS 102, have been prepared in accordance with the 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 2019)', 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 except for investments which are included at market value, as modified by the revaluation of certain assets.

The Financial Statements have been prepared in Sterling and are rounded to the nearest £.

Funds

Unrestricted Funds

These represent 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. Funds raised for specific purposes are held in a restricted fund.

Restricted Funds

These represented funds given or raised for specific purposes as set out on the Balance Sheet.

Endowment Funds

These comprise those bequests to the PCC where the capital sum must be used to provide income for the General Purposes of the PCC. The Capital may not be applied for any other 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 main affiliation to another body or those that are informal gatherings of church members.

Income

Voluntary income and capital sources

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

Planned giving receivable under Gift Aid is recognised only when received.

Income tax recoverable on Gift Aid donations is recognised when the income is recognised.

Grants and legacies to the PCC are accounted for as soon as the PCC is notified of its legal entitlement, the amount due is quantifiable and its ultimate receipt by the PCC is reasonably certain.

Funds raised by the fete, garden party and similar events are accounted for gross.

Sales of books and magazines from the church bookstall are accounted for gross.

Other income

Rental income is recognised when the rental is due.

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Income from investments

Dividends are accounted for when due and payable. Interest entitlements are accounted for as they accrue. Tax recoverable on such income is recognised in the same accounting year.

Gains and losses on investments

Realised gains or losses are recognised when investments are sold.

Unrealised gains or losses are accounted for on revaluation of investments at 31 December.

Expenditure

Grants

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

Activities directly relating to the work of the Church

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

Fixed assets

Consecrated property and movable church furnishings

Consecrated and beneficed property of any kind is excluded from the accounts by s.102(2) (a) and (c) of the Charities Act 2011. Movable church furnishings held by the Rector and Churchwardens are listed in the church's Inventory.

Investment Property

The House at 9, Longland Avenue was purchased by the PCC in 1996 at a cost of £101,500. This is owned by the Diocese of Chichester as custodial Trustees for the PCC. Until September 2018 it was occupied by the Curate. Since 2019 the property has been treated as an investment property and is rented out. The current lease was renewed for one year until 29 May 2026.

Fixed asset property

The Church Office and Carport was completed in 1996 at a total cost of £59,386. They are situated in the grounds of the Rectory which is not owned by the PCC and have no realisable value. This cost has been written off.

Both properties were acquired by using the very generous Legacy left to us by Joyce Brett.

The parish also owns a piece of land known as the 'Bell Acre' adjacent to Rycraft Lane, which was formerly used as allotments, and which is being considered for development. This is owned by the Diocese of Chichester as Custodial Trustees for the PCC.

Other fixtures, fittings and office equipment

Furniture used within the church premises is depreciated on a straight-line basis over 5 years. Electronic equipment (computer hardware, software etc) is depreciated on a straight-line basis over 3 years. Individual items of equipment with a purchase price of £500 or less are written off when the asset is acquired.

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Investments

Investments are valued at market value at 31 December.

Current assets

Amounts owing to the PCC at 31 December 2025 in respect of fees, rents or other income are shown as debtors less provision for amounts that may prove uncollectible.

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

2. INVESTMENT PROPERTY

	<u>Total</u> £
Valuation	
At 1 January 2025	<u>560,000</u>
At 31 December 2025	<u>560,000</u>

The property is held as a designated fund. The property has been rented out since 31 January 2019.

The market value of the Investment Property was determined in January 2025 and again in January 2026 by a suitably qualified Estate Agent. The value hasn't significantly altered during the year.

3. INVESTMENTS

	<u>CBF Church of England Funds</u> £	<u>AstraZeneca</u> £	<u>Cash</u>	<u>Total</u> £
Market Value at 1 January 2025	128,988	340,315		469,303
Revaluation Gain(loss)	(5,157)	109,754	389	104,986
Market Value at 31 December 2025	<u>123,831</u>	<u>450,069</u>	<u>389</u>	<u>574,289</u>
Original Cost	<u>27,048</u>	<u>1,625</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>28,673</u>

The above investments all relate to the Endowment Fund.

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4. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

	Office Furniture and Equipment £	Total £
COST		
As at 1 January 2025	8,912	8,912
As at 31 December 2025	8,912	8,912
DEPRECIATION		
As at 1 January 2025	8,912	8,912
As at 31 December 2025	8,912	8,912
NET BOOK VALUE		
At 31 December 2025	£ -	£ -
At 31 January 2025	£ -	£ -

There is no cost included in the fixed assets for the land known as 'Bell Acre' which was left to the parish.

5. ANALYSIS OF NET ASSETS BY FUND

	Unrestricted Funds		Restricted Funds	Endowment Fund	Total
	General	Designated			
	£	£	£	£	£
Tangible Fixed Assets	-	560,000	-	-	560,000
Investment Fixed Assets	-	-	-	574,289	574,289
Net Current Assets	85,223	-	93,351	-	178,574
Fund balances	85,223	560,000	93,351	574,289	1,312,863

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Restricted Funds

The Restricted Funds represent:

- The late Edna Robinson bequeathed a sum of money to the Church "for use on Capital Projects only" and which, with the agreement of her executors, has been placed in a separate Fabric Fund named after Edna and her husband Geoffrey and may be used for repairs of the Fabric of the Church in an emergency.
- In 2021 £20,000 was received towards a possible Capital development of the bottom of the tower and £13,312 as a fund for use at the Rector's discretion.

6 DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

Creditors all relate to Unrestricted Funds.

	Unrestricted Funds		Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Total
	General	Designated			
	£	£	£	£	£
Debtors and	2,381	-	602	-	2,983
Prepayments	1,559	-	-	-	1,559
CBF Deposit Account	57,848	-	92,749	-	150,597
Cash at Bank	34,740				34,740
Creditors	(11,305)				(11,305)
Total	85,223		93,351		178,574

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INCOME

	Note	Unrestricted Funds		Restricted	Endowment	TOTAL FUNDS	
		General	Designated	Funds	Funds	2025	2024
		£	£	£	£	£	£
7 Donations and Legacies							
Planned Giving							
Donations with Gift Aid		58,574	—	—	—	58,574	61,966
Pledge and regular giving		2,147	—	—	—	2,147	2,112
Direct Giving							
Collections at services		6,218	—	—	—	6,218	6,380
Donations and gifts		16,039	—	—	—	16,039	1,656
Legacies		5,000	—	—	—	5,000	37,222
TOTAL		87,978	—	—	—	87,978	109,336
8 Income from Church activities							
Fees due to the PCC		8,112	—	—	—	8,112	7,737
Boxes and bookstall		769	—	—	—	769	510
Sundry fundraising and other income		7,948	—	—	—	7,948	6,238
TOTAL		16,829	—	—	—	16,829	14,485
9 Income from investments							
Income from PCC Endowment investments			—	—	11,539	11,539	11,095
Rental Income		17,128	—	—	—	17,128	16,875
Deposit and bank interest		5,106	—	2,500	—	7,606	9,405
TOTAL		22,234	—	2,500	11,539	36,273	37,375
10 Other Income (note13)		18,131	—	—	—	18,131	—
		145,172	—	2,500	11,539	159,211	161,196

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EXPENDITURE

		<u>Unrestricted Funds</u>		<u>Restricted</u>	<u>Endowment</u>	<u>TOTAL FUNDS</u>	
		<u>General</u>	<u>Designated</u>	<u>Funds</u>	<u>Funds</u>	<u>2025</u>	<u>2024</u>
		<u>£</u>	<u>£</u>	<u>£</u>	<u>£</u>	<u>£</u>	<u>£</u>
11	<i>Church activities</i>						
	<u>Ministry costs</u>						
	Parish Clergy	1,670	—	—	—	1,670	87
	Assistant Clergy	—	—	—	—	—	100
	Maintenance-clergy houses	15,351	—	—	—	15,351	4,202
	Parish Contribution	79,800	—	—	—	79,800	76,800
	Interregnum expenses		—	—	—		—
		96,821	—	—	—	96,821	81,189
	<u>Church and services</u>						
	Heating, Lighting and Water	8,497	—	—	—	8,497	10,142
	Insurance	3,431	—	—	—	3,431	3,336
	Maintenance of Church	2,560	—	—	—	2,560	2,153
	Maintenance of Churchyard	4,337	—	—	—	4,337	2,820
	Upkeep of Services	1,593	—	—	—	1,593	955
	Remuneration of Organists & Verger	11,395	—	—	—	11,395	10,274
	Hire of Halls	1,020	—	—	—	1,020	1,020
	Sundries	2,988	—	—	—	2,988	4,524
		35,821	—	—	—	35,821	35,224
	<u>Secretarial and general</u>						
	Cost of Longland Avenue	4,218	—	—	—	4,218	2,202
	Photocopying	764	—	—	—	764	1,028
	Stationery postage & printing	2,541	—	—	—	2,541	546
	Telephone	1,105	—	—	—	1,105	1,338
	Social Events	2,363	—	—	—	2,363	1,003
	General expenses	2,225	—	—	—	2,225	2,708
	Bank charges inc Contactless payments	582	—	—	—	582	658
	Independent Examiner's fees	4,098	—	—	—	4,098	4,938
	Secretarial services	8,155	—	—	—	8,155	7,810
	Cost of Office	2,492	—	—	—	2,492	1,799
		28,543	—	—	—	28,543	24,030
		161,185	—	—	—	161,185	140,443
12	<i>Major Items costs</i>						
	Louvres and Zoom Equipment	2,939	37,747	—	—	40,686	1,611
TOTAL EXPENDITURE		164,124	37,747	—	—	201,871	142,054

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13. Other Income

Other income in 2025 consisted of £11,470 being 2nd instalment of sale of Glebe and other grants of £6,661 (In 2024 £nil)

14. STAFF COSTS

During the year, secretarial assistance was provided to the PCC at a cost of £8,155 (2024 £7,810) and a total of £11,395 (2024 £10,274) was paid to the choirmaster, other organists and the vergers. There were four employees (2024 four).

15. DISCLOSABLE TRANSACTIONS

There were no disclosable transactions in respect of PCC members, persons closely connected with them or other related parties. Two trustees received £8,620 (2024 £7,555) (included in figures above). Nine Trustees received refunds of expenses incurred of £5,222 (2024 Six Trustees received £3,537).

16. GOING CONCERN

The PCC does not have unrestricted funds to cover more than six months expenditure. However, the PCC have considered the position having controlled expenditure and anticipating a full year's rental income from the property with reduced costs for that property.

The trustees are satisfied that the going concern basis for the preparation of the accounts is appropriate. In reaching this conclusion, they have considered a period of at least 12 months from the date of signing the balance sheet.

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17. COMPARATIVE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES 2024

	<u>Unrestricted Funds</u>		<u>Restricted</u>	<u>Endowment</u>	
	<u>General</u>	<u>Designated</u>	<u>Funds</u>	<u>Funds</u>	<u>2024</u>
	£	£	£	£	£
Income from					
Donations and Legacies	109,336	-	-	-	109,336
Church Activities	14,485	-	-	-	14,485
Investments	23,463	-	2,817	11,095	37,375
Other Sources	-	-	-	-	-
	<u>147,284</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>2,817</u>	<u>11,095</u>	<u>161,196</u>
Expenditure on:					
Raising Funds					
Church Activities	140,073	-	370	-	140,443
Repair Works	1,611	-	-	-	1,611
Total Expenditure	<u>141,684</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>370</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>142,054</u>
Net income before gains on investments	5,600	-	2,447	11,095	19,142
Net loss on investments	-	-	-	(1,405)	(1,405)
Net income	5,600	-	2,447	9,690	17,737
Transfer between Funds	11,095	-	-	(11,095)	-
Net movement in Funds	16,695	-	2,447	(1,405)	17,737

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Independent examiner's report to the Trustees of Storrington (St Mary's) Parochial Church Council

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of Storrington (St Mary's) Parochial Church Council for the year ended 31 December 2025 which are set out on pages 2 to 19.

Responsibilities and basis of report

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

I report in respect of my examination of the Trustee's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act.

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 giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

- (1) accounting records were not kept in respect of the Trust 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 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 to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.



~~Sam Ede~~

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Date: / April 2026