



Trustees' Annual Report for 2025

Presented at the Annual Parochial Church Meeting of St Mary's Church, Greasley

Sunday 26th April, 2026

Opening Prayers: Present / Apologies

1. Minutes of the Meeting of Parishioners, held on 27th April 2025
 Meeting of Parishioners – Election of Churchwardens 2025
 Minutes of the Annual Parochial Church Meeting, held on 27th April 2025
2. Election of PCC Members
3. Election of Deanery Synod Members
4. The appointment of an independent Examiner or Auditor
5. Achievements and Performance:

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Aim and purpose

St Mary's Parochial Church Council (PCC) has the responsibility of cooperating with any incumbent in promoting in the ecclesiastical parish, the whole mission of the Church -- pastoral, evangelical, social and ecumenical. The PCC is also specifically responsible for the maintenance of the Church Hall and Church House.

The general functions of the PCC are stated within section 2 of the Parochial Church Councils (Powers) Measure 1956.

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's. It maintains an overview of worship throughout the parish and makes suggestions on how our services 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, we have considered the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit. We try to enable ordinary people to live out their faith as part of our parish community through:

- Worship and prayer, learning about the gospel, and developing their knowledge and trust in Jesus;*
- Provision of pastoral care for people living in the parish;*
- Missionary and outreach work.*

To facilitate this work, it is imperative that we maintain the fabric of the Church of St Mary's, the Church Hall and Church House.

Minutes of 2025 Annual Parochial Church Meeting

A. Welcome and Prayer:

Meeting was chaired by Revd Denise Dodd, who also led us in prayer.

B. Meeting of the parishioners:-

The minutes of the 2024 meeting were proposed as being a true and accurate account of the meeting by Robert Carlin and seconded by Martin Perry.

Election of churchwardens:-

There were two nominations:

Derek Fletcher – proposed by Martin Perry, seconded by Sue Fletcher.

John Timby – proposed by Peter Stanton, seconded by John Hind.

There being only two candidates and two vacancies, both were duly elected. Denise gave thanks to Derek and John for all their work so far.

C. Minutes of the 2024 Annual Parochial Church Meeting:

The minutes of the 2024 meeting were proposed as being a true and accurate account of the meeting by Derek Burnett and seconded by Neil Squires.

D. Election of PCC Members

No vacancies this year, so no new members.

E. Election of Deanery Synod representatives

Barbara Coleman has another year to go, meaning there are two further vacancies which remain unfilled. If anyone is interested, Heather Hazard put her name forward, proposed by Ian Wheeler, seconded by John Timby. All in favour.

F. Appointment of an independent Examiner or Advisor

Recommendations that we remain with Pell's accountants. unanimous agreement.

Reports:**Vicar's report** – nothing to raise**Churchwardens** – nothing to raise**PCC secretary report** – nothing to raise**Electoral Roll** – nothing to raise**Financial Review** – Revd Denise thanked Neil Taylor for all his work as Treasurer, working each week and giving up his time "to keep us in order". It is recognised that it is not an easy task.

Bob Willimott said he thought Neil's reports were "an excellent piece of work".

Martin Perry asked what was happening to the money raised by the Parish Oven, which currently stands at £82,000. Meeting heard that all money raised by the tearooms is in a restricted account for the redevelopment of the Sexton's cottage. It is hoped to display the plans in the tearooms so that people can see them.

Revd Denise, wardens and treasurer have been invited to a meeting with the Diocesan financial director and archdeacon to discuss Parish Share and future finances.

Bob Willimott asked if there was any "rainy day money" for anything which the next Quinquennial report may highlight. We are just short of having a three-month reserve.

Building & Property – Update from John Timby on building work. A Friday morning working party meets most weeks for which Denise gave thanks. The Church Terrier was signed by Denise and the wardens. Denise also gave thanks to all those involved in repairing the church tower when the louvres needed securing.**Choir** – Denise gave thanks to Robert Carlin. Pat Higham said that she appreciated all the work Robert and the choir have done. It is very inspiring.**BLAST!** – Fiona Edwards expressed thanks to Julie for all she does.**Deanery Synod** – nothing to raise.**Christian Aid** – nothing to raise. Katrine explained the team are grateful for all the support given by the congregation. Denise thanked everyone involved and urged others to please consider joining the group.**Tower Captain's report** – nothing to raise. Denise expressed her thanks to the team. They are part of our worship, are attracting new members and what they do is remarkable.**Friends of St Mary's** – Sue Fletcher expressed her thanks for the support which the group gets. Denise thanked the group, which represents another form of Mission for our church.**Ecochurch** – Nothing to raise. Denise expressed her thanks to Sheila Over for championing the eco-message in our church and the way she is looking after the environment within the church campus.**Social committee** – Nothing to raise. Ian gave thanks to all who help with events and appealed for more members to come forward.**Open Door** – nothing to raise. Ian thanked for all his work on the magazine.**Christmas Market** – Another successful day with a phenomenal result, financially.**Safeguarding** – Nothing to raise. Denise emphasised that safeguarding has become very important within the Church of England nationally as a result of leadership failings. We have to undergo safeguarding and DBS checks as that is the culture we have to work within. It shouldn't however stop people coming forward to volunteer as it's for everyone's benefit.**Pastoral visiting** – Pat Higham expressed her belief that pastoral visiting is important and very much needed and volunteered her services.**Parish Oven** – No comments.**Art & Soul** – Dave Sawyer reported that things are going in the right direction". Denise expressed her thanks – this is a group which is expanding and providing great fellowship, with most participants coming from outside our church.**Vicar's Round up**

Revd Denise expressed her thanks to everyone for attending and for the members of the PCC and leadership team. "God is working in this place and it's such a special place to work

Meeting ended with a prayer at 12:45pm**2. Election of PCC members for 2026/27:** Five vacancies to be filled**3. Election of Deanery Synod members:** Two vacancies to be filled**4. Appointment of an independent Examiner or Advisor:** Proposal needed

5. Achievements and performance

a) Vicar's report

As I reflect on this year's vicar's report, I am truly heartened by the progress we have made together. Revisiting the previous two reports and considering our collective journey over the past twelve months, it is inspiring to see how faithfully the Lord continues to guide us.

There are visible signs of new growth in our church life, and it fills me with joy to witness our community not only moving forward but also flourishing. This year, it is evident that the path we are on is becoming stronger and more mature, and we should all feel proud and encouraged by the positive trajectory we are experiencing.

The reports throughout this document unmistakably highlight the vibrant role St Mary's plays in enriching our community. Our occasional missional activities — open days, church performances, and social gatherings — have enjoyed ever-growing attendance and brought abundant blessings. Reflecting on each event in our church calendar even if we end the day a little tired, we are always filled with joy and satisfaction. We are truly thankful to God for the many ways He continues to bless us.

Church worship has also experienced growth. We have welcomed new members of all ages into our church family. Being part of baptisms, weddings, funerals, as well as significant events such as Christmas and Easter, has been an enriching experience, emphasising the profound importance these moments hold for families.

A particularly heartening example was when we welcomed over 100+ adults and 80+ children from Beauvale Greasley Primary School for their Christmas and Easter performances. The church was filled with joyful faces, especially during the Nativity on Christmas Eve, with so many children praising the Lord — such occasions are a testament to the vibrant life within our church.

We continue to be blessed with the ministries of Jane Byron and Andy Pointon, as Lay ministers who lead and preach with great skill. We continue to be blessed with Julie Stanton's willingness to co-ordinate and lead B.L.A.S.T group.

Ministry is not restricted to those in leadership positions. It has been a joy to see people grow in confidence — leading fellowship groups, co-ordinating rotas, managing the sound system and overhead projector, volunteering for readings and prayers, serving as sides people, welcoming newcomers, and showing dedication as bell-ringers. These contributions reflect a growing and maturing church.

An increasing number of community groups are selecting our church as their venue for gatherings. These partnerships have fostered positive relationships that benefit both St Mary's and the wider community. We extend our sincere appreciation to all volunteers, particularly those involved with the mid-week Parish Oven, whose continual dedication has contributed to its ongoing success!

We continue to face financial challenges and struggle to make ends meet. This is due not only to rising utility costs caused by difficult international circumstances but also to increased ministry and use of our building, placing considerable strain on resources. Sadly, St Mary's persists in experiencing financial instability, with a projected deficit for 2026.

I wish to reiterate my gratitude to everyone who provides financial support, as your contributions remain essential to the church's operations and represent our primary source of income. Your generosity enables us to accomplish everything we do. I am especially grateful to Neil Taylor, our Treasurer, for his diligent management and dedicated efforts to manage the church's finances on a daily basis.

One of the greatest strengths of our church community lies in the generous gift of time and effort shared by so many. As part of our discipleship, we are all encouraged to nurture and support one another in service, and at St Mary's, this is happening. The dedication shown by so many ensures the smooth running of our church, and words cannot truly express the depth of gratitude for what you do.

A special mention must go to our two churchwardens, Derek and John, whose unwavering commitment and tireless work is notable. Their willingness to step in wherever needed — often beyond their usual responsibilities — plays a crucial role in keeping St Mary's so well cared for. Thank you both for your steadfast service to our church family; your efforts make a real difference and are deeply appreciated.

Particular thanks go to Ian who supports me as PCC Secretary and co-ordinates all the social events for the church. Also, to our PCC who have worked with me throughout the year, especially as I have asked many questions, which often dragged our meetings much later than expected on some occasions.

There are of course vital ministries behind the scenes that continue to bless the life of the church. People who do so much behind the scenes that we rely on but don't see, such as Winifred and John Timby, who coordinate the hall hire, keeping everyone happy, while the 'flower ladies' team ensures the church remains beautifully decorated.

Please forgive me if I have forgotten to mention someone, but in a church of so many giving so much, I am bound to not be able to do justice to all. What is true though, is it is through the hard work of many that we can bless so many people in our community in Jesus' name. Thank you all so much.

As you will know only too well, it is always a risk to start thanking individuals, since someone important will inevitably get missed. So, I want to say this. You are all valued. And I do want to make it clear that it is not simply for what you do that you are valued, but also for who you are. The contributions each of you make are not to be measured, but rather to be treasured and cherished.

In summary, I think St Mary's church family should feel rightfully encouraged by all the hard work and goodwill of its volunteers and members. This church has an incredibly positive place in the hearts of our community, and there is widespread public goodwill, interest, and appreciation of our presence in this place.

There is much potential to be built upon. Please continue to pray for God's guidance and blessing as we seek to grow. Please keep sharing the good news of all that is happening here and invite others to join us. Please consider how your own gifts and skills can further build the kingdom of God in this place.

Thank you all for your unwavering support, perseverance, faithfulness, and positive spirit — all of which have been such a blessing.

I extend my gratitude for everything that builds our life together as a church and ask for God's blessing on the coming year.

With every Blessing – Revd Denise

b) Churchwardens' report

As in the previous years of our terms of office, the maintenance of the church, its fabric and fixtures and general day-to-day running, etc, has been challenging to say the least.

Our church wardens' remit is to ensure, as much as possible, the smooth and efficient running of our place of worship and we both believe we have worked hard with many others to achieve this.

Having worked together now for several years we know each other's strong points and have a mutual regard for what we each bring to the table. We maintain regular contact and have frequent discussions about the best way to tackle any problems or tasks as they arise. We have our differences of opinion but rarely have arguments and we are willing to share our aims and objectives with all who care to listen. We wouldn't have it any other way.

Above all we both know that whatever we set out to do, the success depends to a very great extent on the valuable contributions of so many others.

It's also true to say that we both get an enormous amount of satisfaction and pleasure being involved in our work for the church and that is something which can, and does, outweigh any difficulties that may arise. We also believe that it is better to be proactive than reactive and always have one eye on the future development of the church and its position of influence in the local and wider community

We extend our grateful thanks to everyone for their ongoing love and support over the past year. We ask for God's blessings on us both as we continue, with the hope that He will give us the strength and determination to achieve positive outcomes in all we set out to do.

Derek Fletcher & John Timby, Churchwardens

c) PCC Secretary Report

The Parochial Church Council (PCC) is elected to represent the whole church. In a normal year the PCC meets for six regular meetings, with additional extraordinary ones being held where necessary.

Any matters which members of the congregation wish to raise, or which cause concern, should be brought to the attention of a member of the PCC.

Members of the PCC, as of December 31st, 2025, are as follows: Denise Dodd (Chair), Derek Fletcher (churchwarden), John Timby (churchwarden), Neil Taylor (treasurer, co-opted), Ian Wheeler (secretary), David Bullock, Sue Fletcher, Pat Higham, Pauline Jackson, Dennis Pickworth, David Sawyer, Sandra Sawyer, Neil Squires, Julie Stanton, Peter Stanton, Robert Carlin (co-opted), Heather Hazard and Barbara Coleman (Deanery Synod reps).

Ian Wheeler, PCC Secretary

d) Electoral Roll Report

A brand-new Electoral Roll was compiled last year between Sunday, February 23rd and Sunday March 23rd, in line with Church of England regulations which dictate that a completely new Roll must be compiled every six years, the last one having been done in 2019 (but with annual minor revisions). The next completely new Roll is due in 2031.

The total number on the current Roll is 116, with three names removed (deceased) and four new ones added. There are 78 people resident in the Parish (38 non-residents), 78 females and 38 males.

Ian Wheeler, Electoral Roll Officer

e) Grants and fundraising group

Early in 2025 the group worked in collaboration with the Treasurer to sign St. Mary's up to the Easyfundraising scheme.

By this scheme whenever anyone in the church buys something online, the retailer will send the church a free donation based on how much they spend. There is no extra cost as the retailer pays the donation. Furthermore, the funds raised in this way are classed as unrestricted funds so we can use the donations in whatever way we wish.

The group was asked by the Wardens to look at possible grant funding to help with replacing some of the worn floor covering in three areas of the church, and the National Historic Churches Trust was found to offer grants that seemed to be suitable. A couple of meetings were held with the Wardens and it was decided to apply for a grant from them, but to look at this in detail for the first deadline in 2026.

During the year, on Wednesday 1st October 2025, Neil took part in a free one-hour training course on applying for grants from the National Churches Trust and the information from this will be of help whenever we might apply for grants from them in the future.

The group continued to investigate possible sources of grant funding during the year.

Neil Squires, Dave & Sandra Sawyer

NOTES:

f) Financial Review

TREASURER'S REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31 DECEMBER 2025

St Mary's, Greasley is a registered charity, ref 1172273.

A summary of the church's financial performance against budget are regularly presented to the PCC which includes a forecast for the year ahead. Revisions to the remaining budget are considered.

Pelis Chartered Accountants provided an independent examination of our accounts. Their report is attached herewith.

2025 saw an increase of 8% in our regular giving by Gift Aid, including tax refund, and Pledges; this being an achievement considering that we have lost 12 of our regular donors during the year. The year also saw an increase in cash donations, received through the plate, Sum-Up machine and various on-site donation boxes.

The Parish Share paid to Southwell for 2025 was set at £51,984. The PCC agreed that we would pay £45,600 (£3,800 per month) with a review after the third quarter of the year. As a result of the review the PCC decided that we would pay the remaining £6,384 in December.

Parish Share is St Mary's contribution to Southwell Diocese to pay towards the running of the Diocese, which then gives the church, at present, a full-time stipendiary minister. It also pays towards the training of future incumbents within the Diocese.

For 2025 we have been requested to pay £53,551 towards Parish Share. The PCC agreed that we would pay £48,000 (£4,000 per month) with a further review at the end of the third quarter of 2026.

Our Budget forecast for 2026 predicts a shortfall of £1,612. An increase of 3.2% in our donation and gifts should cover this – i.e. for every £10 we would require an additional 30p.

Excluding extraordinary expenses, our annual church activities cost around £80,000 or £219 per day. Based on 115 members on our electoral role this would equate to around £60 per member per month.

Social events, including tabletop sales and concerts in church, have complimented the Christmas market, Spring Open Day and church illumination as being an important source of income.

Thanks go to all those who contribute time and talents, which are not shown in the accounts, which benefit our church so much.

Should anyone have any questions about our finances or gift aiding then please feel free to speak or e-mail me.

Neil Taylor, Treasurer



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees

Charity Name

ST MARY'S CHURCH GREASLEY

On accounts for the year
ended

31 DECEMBER 2025

Charity no
(if any)

1172273

Set out on pages

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31/12/2025.

Responsibilities and
basis of report

As the charity's trustees, 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 Trust'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 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 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.

Signed:

Date:

19/03/2026

Name:

MISS GEORGINA DEAKIN

Relevant professional
qualification(s) or body
(if any):

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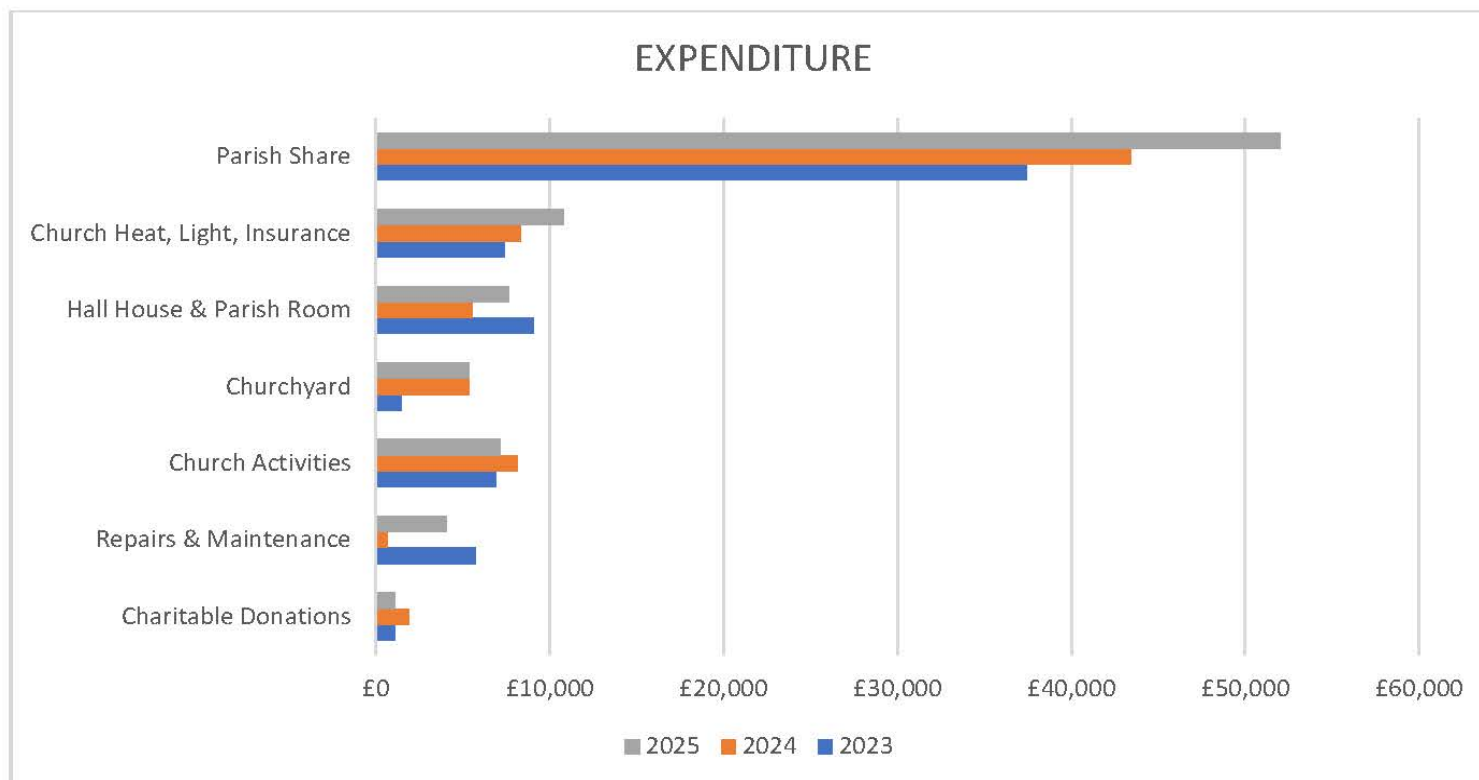
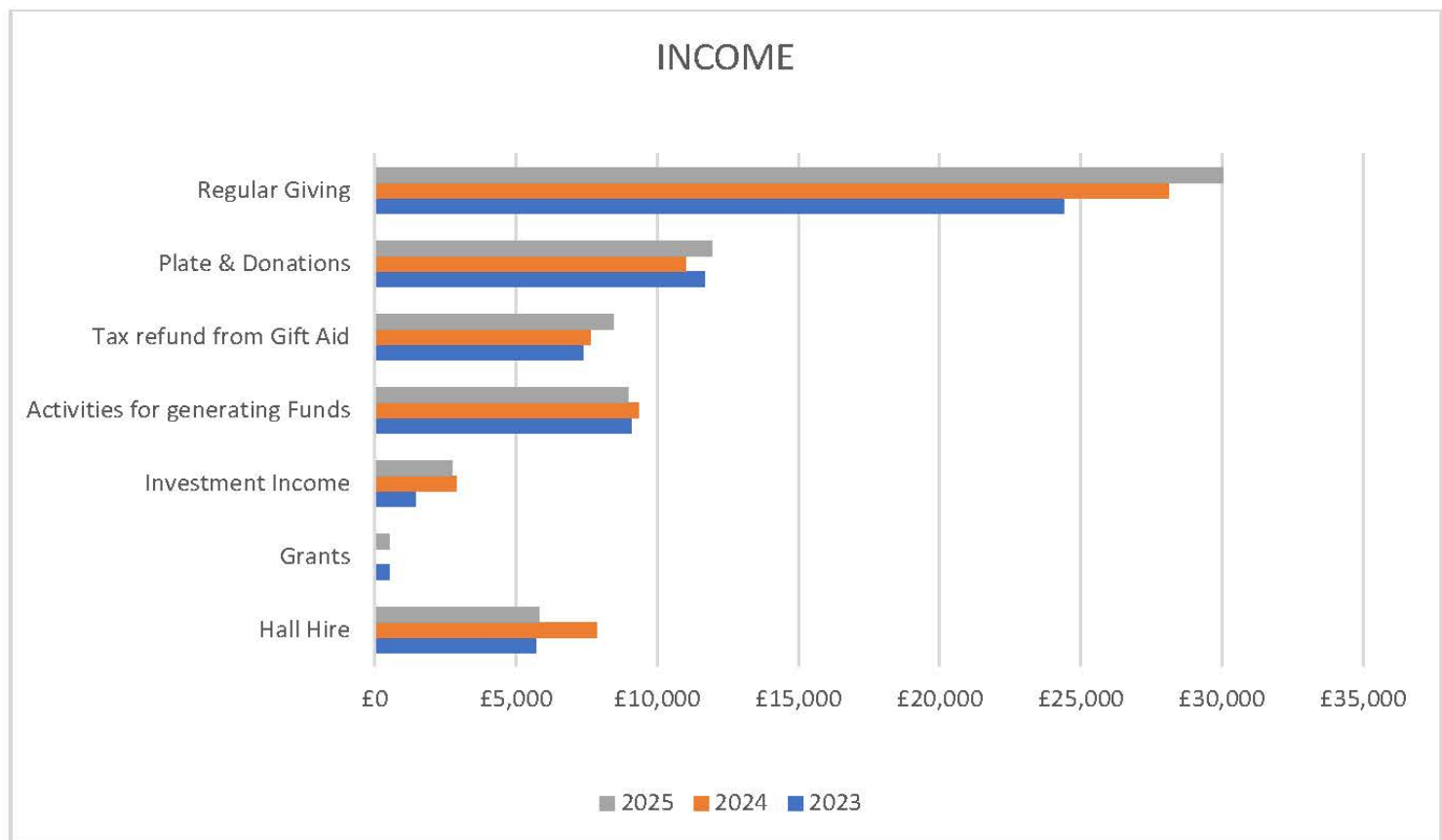
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Section B	Disclosure
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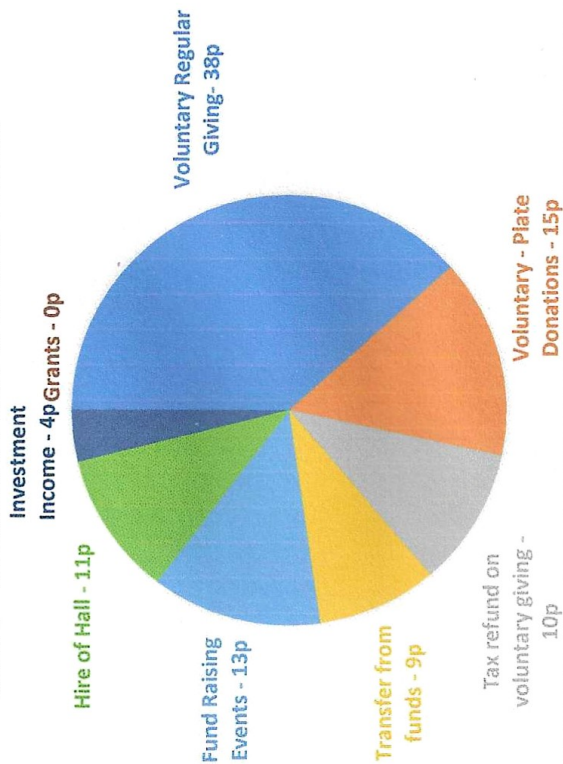
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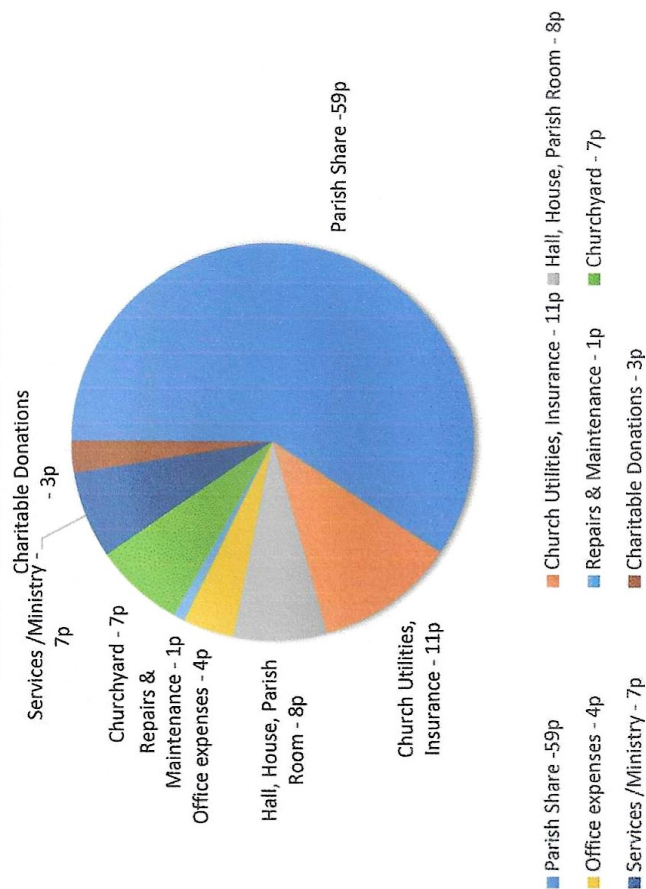
I can confirm that no matters of concern were identified during the review of the accounts for the year ended 31 December 2025.
Upon receipt of the initial draft from the client, a small number of formula errors were noted. The client worked collaboratively with us to correct these and update the accounts accordingly.
The final draft has since been re-reviewed and confirmed to be accurate.



2024 - WHERE EVERY £ CAME FROM



2024 - HOW EVERY £ IS SPENT



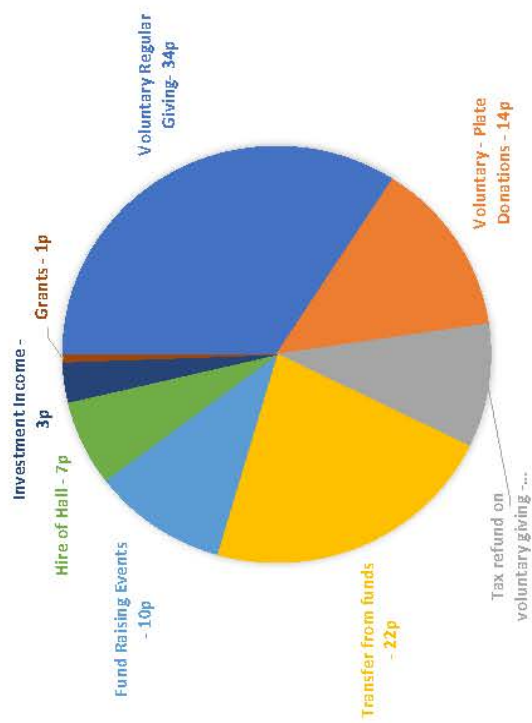
INCOME

Voluntary Regular Giving - 38p	£28,099	38%	Standing Orders, Gift Aid envelopes and Pledges
Voluntary - Plate Donations - 15p	£11,002	15%	
Tax refund on voluntary giving - 10p	£7,616	10%	
Transfer from funds - 9p	£6,558	9%	Fees. R&M, Organ, Roof
Fund Raising Events - 13p	£9,322	13%	Christmas Market, Open day, Lights, Other Social events
Hire of Hall - 11p	£7,855	11%	
Investment Income - 4p	£2,864	4%	Bank Interest, Dividends
Grants - 0p	£0	0%	
	£73,316	100%	

EXPENDITURE

Parish Share - 59p	£43,440	59%	
Church Utilities, Insurance - 11p	£8,304	11%	Gas, Electric Insurance
Hall, House, Parish Room - 8p	£5,527	8%	Gas, Electric, Insurance, Repairs, Effluent collection
Office expenses - 4p	£2,995	4%	Copier, Phone, Stationery, Postages
Repairs & Maintenance - 1p	£673	1%	Minor & Major
Churchyard - 7p	£5,331	7%	
Services /Ministry - 7p	£5,156	7%	Reader Exp, Organ, Licences, Candle
Charitable Donations - 3p	£1,890	3%	
	£73,316	100%	

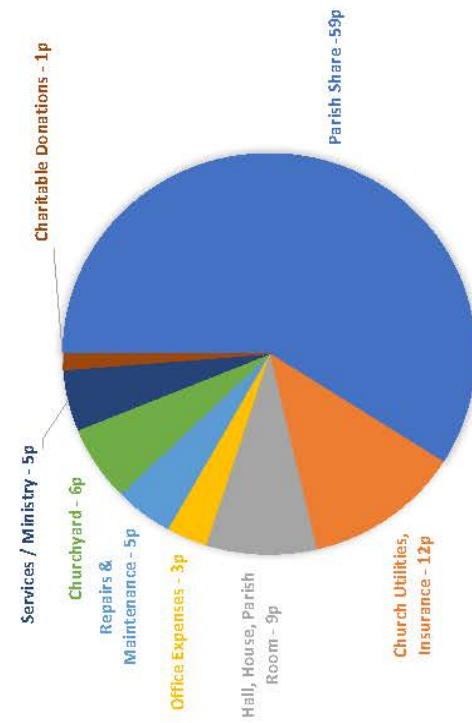
2025 - WHERE EVERY £ COMES FROM



INCOME

Voluntary Regular Giving - 34p	£30,019	34%	Standing Orders, Gift Aid envelopes and Pledges
Voluntary - Plate Donations - 14p	£11,923	14%	
Tax refund on voluntary giving - 10p	£8,465	10%	
Transfer from funds - 22p	£19,567	22%	Fees, R&M Organ, Roof
Fund Raising Events - 10p	£8,981	10%	Christmas Market, Open day, Lights, Other Social events
Hire of Hall - 7p	£5,815	7%	
Investment Income - 3p	£2,723	3%	Bank Interest, Dividends
Grants - 1p	£515	1%	
	£38,008	100%	

2025 - HOW EVERY £ IS SPENT



EXPENDITURE

Parish Share - 59p	£51,984	59%	Gas, Electric Insurance
Church Utilities, Insurance - 12p	£10,795	12%	Gas, Electric Insurance, Repairs, Effluent collection
Hall, House, Parish Room - 9p	£7,615	9%	Gas, Electric Insurance, Stationery, Postages
Office Expenses - 3p	£2,813	3%	Copier, Phone, Stationery, Postages
Repairs & Maintenance - 5p	£4,030	5%	Minor & Major
Churchyard - 6p	£5,336	6%	
Services / Ministry - 5p	£4,322	5%	Reader Exp, Organ, Licences, Candles
Charitable Donations - 1p	£1,113	1%	
	£38,008	100%	

St. Mary's Greasley (Charity No: 1172273)
Financial Statements for the year ended 31 December 2025
Receipts and Payments Account

RECEIPTS		Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	2025 Total £	2024 Total £
	note				
Donations and gifts	1	50,407	0	50,407	56,715
Trading Income	2	14,796	22,710	37,506	37,462
Investment income	3	873	1,850	2,723	2,864
Other income	4	0	500	500	5
Grants received	5	0	515	515	0
PCC Fees	6	0	25,825	25,825	26,503
Total Receipts		66,076	51,400	117,476	123,549
PAYMENTS					
Donations	7	0	1,113	1,113	1,890
Church activities	8	86,896	1,140	88,036	71,427
PCC Fees	9	0	9,311	9,311	9,376
Total Payments		86,896	11,563	98,459	82,693
NET RECEIPTS/ (PAYMENTS)		-20,304	39,322	19,017	40,856
Balances: B/F		60,722	70,499	131,221	90,365
Funds transfers		0	0	0	0
Balances: C/F		40,418	109,821	150,238	131,221

PCC APPROVAL

These Accounts have been approved by the Parochial Church Council
and are signed on their behalf.



Rev'd DK Dodd, Chair of Greasley PCC

Date: 12.04.2026

Greasley Parish Church (Charity No: 1172273)
Financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2025

note	Receipts			
	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	2025 Total	2024 Total
	£	£		
1 Donations and gifts				
Gift Aid	27,768	0	27,768	24,555
Pledges	2,251	0	2,251	3,544
Plate	3,817	0	3,817	4,508
Donations	4,644	3,462	8,106	6,494
Bequest	0	0	0	10,000
Tax credits	8,465	0	8,465	7,614
	46,945	3,462	50,407	56,715
2 Activities for generating funds				
Hire of Hall	5,815	0	5,815	7,855
Other Social	2,939	0	2,939	2,954
Christmas Market	3,946	0	3,946	4,166
Open Day	1,746	0	1,746	1,627
Parish Oven	0	22,710	22,710	20,285
Church Lights	350	0	350	575
	14,796	22,710	37,506	37,462
3 Investment income				
Funds from CBF	0	0	0	0
Bank interest	0	1,850	1,850	1,971
CBF Interest	873	0	873	893
	873	1,850	2,857	2,864
4 Other income				
Other				5
Bell Ringers' Fund		500	500	0
	0	500	500	5
5 Grants received				
	0	515	515	0
	0	515	515	0
6 PCC Fees				
Monuments	-	3,030	3,030	3,113
Funerals	-	19,892	19,892	21,121
Weddings	-	2,903	2,903	2,269
	-	25,825	25,825	26,503

St. Mary's Church Greasley (Charity No:1172273)
Financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2025

Payments

note	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	2025 Total £	2024 Total £
7 Charitable payments				
Age Concern Eastwood	0	375	375	0
Love Burundi	0	0	0	563
Eastwood Memory Café	0	0	0	437
Christian Aid	0	363	363	547
Children's Society	0	375	375	343
	0	1,113	1,113	1,890
8 Church activities				
Parish Share	51,984	0	51,984	43,440
Clergy Expenses	854	0	854	376
Administration	0	0	0	16
Churchyard	5,336	0	5,336	5,331
Printing & Stationery	914	0	914	1,667
Light & Heat - Church	5,149	0	5,149	2,820
Insurance	5,646	0	5,646	5,484
Minor Repairs and Refurbishment	212	0	212	673
Major Repairs and Refurbishments	3,818	0	3,818	0
Professional Fees	600	0	600	600
IT	906	0	906	712
Organist	2,268	0	2,268	1,949
Service Expenses	204	0	204	1,550
Safeguarding & DBS	79	0	79	180
Church House Expenses	2,214	0	2,214	1,292
Parish Room Expenses	386	0	386	272
Hall Running Costs	5,015	0	5,015	3,963
Hall Development	0	1,140	1,140	0
Social Event	150	0	150	198
BLAST	213	0	213	88
Licences	839	0	839	816
Sundries	110	0	110	0
	86,896	1,140	88,036	71,427
9 PCC Fees				
Funerals	0	7,381	7,381	7,753
Monuments	0	767	767	690
Weddings	0	1,163	1,163	933
	0	9,311	9,311	9,376

Fund Ref	Account/Fund	2025			2,024
		Total £	Restricted £	Unrestricted £	£
	Current Account	7,527		7,527	10,203
	Deposit Account - NatWest - General and Social	158,416	153,306	5,110	136,304
	Fees Account - Barclays	0	0		8
	Fees Account - Lloyds	131	131		6
	Deposit Account - Lloyds	11,296	11,296		12,432
	Petty Cash	11		11	42
	Smith Bequest Fund	6,559	6,559		790
	Hill Top Mission	9	9		1,224
	Rolleston Mansell Charities	258	258		5,914
	Social Committee / Parish Oven	399	399		9
	Friends of St Mary's	407	407		173
CB3035736-001	336	31	31		29
CB3035738-001	431	81	81		77
CB3035740-001	Barber Fund	200	200		200
CB3035742-001	Lucy Lowe	248	248		237
CB3035746-001	E Hanwood	375	375		375
CB3035748-001	J Hartshorn	150	150		150
CB3035752-001	M Hancock	3,065	3,065		3,065
CB3035754-001	Dorothy Elizabeth Wain	13	13		12
CB3035832-001	Hill Top Mission Church	28,064	28,064		26,849
CB3035735-001	R G Hanson	2,045	2,045		2,069
CB3035737-001	Church Expenses	400	400		416
CB3035739-001	I Fryer Trust for Grave Maintenance	488	488		509
CB3035741-001	Lindley Bequest Church Yard	355	355		370
CB3035743-001	M Fryer Hill- Top Mission	311	311		324
CB3035744-001	General Purpose J T Gilbert	311	311		324
CB3035745-001	General Purpose Miss Pearson	577	577		601
CB3035747-001	Hill Top Mission Church E Andrews	400	400		416
CB3035749-001	Sunday School Fund	400	400		416
CB3035750-001	Miss W A Leck Bequest	311	311		324
CB3035751-001	Mrs Hilda Smith	400	400		416
CB3035753-001	Mrs S E Wagstaff	821	821		856
CB3035755-001	Rowley Bequest	623	623		649
CB3040215-001	Rolleston & Mansell Educational	2,930	2,930		3,052
CB3016496-001	SNDBF - Worell	19,224	19,224		20,024
CB3016509-001	SNDBF - Chancel Fund	4,662	4,662		4,856
CB3016708-001	SNDBF - Chancel Fund	9,828	9,828		9,273
CB3016465-001	SNDBF - Smith (Poor & aged fund- income to be distributed at Christmas)	22,309	22,309		23,238
		283,632	270,984	12,648	266,232

FUNDS

	Total	Restricted	Unrestricted	
Bell Ringers' Fund	515	515		
Bell and Flood Lighting Fund	20,000	20,000		20,000
Fees	11,427	11,427		12,447
Bequest	10,000	10,000		10,000
Flower Fund	10	10		5
Parish Oven	399	399		790
Pastoral Care Fund	488	488		488
Organ Fund	472	472		0
Choir	20	20		0
Mission	155	155		126
Junior Church Fund	385	385		385
Hall Keyboard Fund				200
BLAST	302	302		0
Social Committee Fund	2,370	2,370		2,520
Community Centre Dev. Fund	103,636	103,636		82,526
Fabric Fund	13,440	13,440		12,440
Investments Funds	29,982	29,982		30,980
General Fund	12,679		12,679	16,314
Friends of St Mary's	407	407		1,224
Minor Repairs & Maintenance	656	656		966
Sunday Tea Donations Fund	825	825		578
Churchyard	844	844		879
Chancel Fund	14,490	14,490		14,128
Hill Top Mission Fund	28,073	28,073		26,858
Rolleston & Mansell Educational	3,188	3,188		3,226
Smith (Poor & Aged Fund)	22,309	22,309		23,238
Smith Bequest Fund	6,559	6,559		5,914
		283,632	270,953	12,679
				266,232

Property - Insurance Valuation

Church - Building and Contents	£10,000,000	91%
Church Hall - Building and Contents	£612,931	6%
Church House - Building and Parish Room Contents	£346,662	3%
		£10,959,593
		100%

BUDGET		2025 ACTUAL	2026 JAN TO DEC BUDGET
1- OVERALL	EXPENDITURE	92,280	81,530
1- OVERALL	INCOME	93,853	79,918
1- OVERALL	SURPLUS / SHORTFALL	1,573	-1,612
2- CHURCH	EXPENDITURE		
	ACTIVITY	2025 ACTUAL	2026 JAN TO DEC BUDGET
	Parish share	51,984	48,000
	Heat - Light	5,148	5,663
	Insurance	5,646	6,156
	Printing Stationery Admin IT	938	976
	Organist	2,268	2,268
	Minor Repairs/ Maintenance	949	1,467
	Other	189	250
	Clergy/Ministry Expenses	854	888
	Service Exp	24	25
	Licenses	939	977
	Professional Fees	600	660
	Churchyard	5,336	2,500
	Donation/Mission	1,157	1,203
	Web Site Dev	0	750
	Major Repairs / Maintenance	3,819	0
	BLAST	213	302
	Transfer to funds	3,995	2,380
	2- TOTAL EXPENDITURE	84,059	74,464
2- CHURCH	INCOME		
	ACTIVITY	2025 ACTUAL	2026 JAN TO DEC BUDGET
	Gift Aid	27,768	27,768
	Tax credit	8,465	8,465
	Pledges	2,251	2,251
	Plate	3,810	3,810
	Christmas market	3,946	3,946
	Open Day	1,757	1,757
	Other social events	2,939	2,939
	Donations	8,106	8,106
	Other	500	0
	Interest	2,723	2,500
	Bequest	0	0
	Church Lights	350	350
	Missionary	0	0
	Grants	515	0
	Transfer from funds	21,829	11,799
	2- TOTAL INCOME	84,959	73,691
2- CHURCH	SURPLUS / SHORTFALL	900	-773

3- HALL	EXPENDITURE		
	ACTIVITY	2025 ACTUAL	2026 JAN TO DEC BUDGET
	Gas	1,167	1,284
	Electric	1,185	1,304
	Insurance	372	406
	Maintenance	1,611	750
	New Equipment	210	0
	Effluent disposal	644	644
	Water	0	50
	Sundries	0	0
	Transfer to funds	606	0
	3- TOTAL EXPENDITURE	5,795	4,437
3- HALL	INCOME		
	ACTIVITY	2025 ACTUAL	2026 JAN TO DEC BUDGET
	Hire	5,765	5,765
	Social	606	0
	Transfer from funds	1,611	0
	TOTAL INCOME	7,982	5,765
3- HALL	SURPLUS / SHORTFALL	2,187	1,328
4- HOUSE	EXPENDITURE		
	ACTIVITY	2025 ACTUAL	2026 JAN TO DEC BUDGET
	Gas/Electric	981	1,100
	Insurance	186	203
	Water	347	364
	Maintenance	492	500
	4 -TOTAL EXPENDITURE	2,006	2,167
4- HOUSE	INCOME		
	ACTIVITY	2025 ACTUAL	2026 JAN TO DEC BUDGET
	Transfer from funds	492	0
	TOTAL INCOME	492	0
4- HOUSE	SURPLUS / SHORTFALL	-1,514	-2,167
5- PARISH ROOM	EXPENDITURE		
	ACTIVITY	2025 ACTUAL	2026 JAN TO DEC BUDGET
	Electric	420	462
	5 -TOTAL EXPENDITURE	420	462

5- PARISH ROOM	INCOME		
	ACTIVITY	2025 ACTUAL	2026 JAN TO DEC BUDGET
	Hire / Donations	420	462
	5- TOTAL INCOME	420	462
5 - PARISH ROOM	SURPLUS / SHORTFALL	0	0

g) Buildings & Property report

At some point during the proceedings of the APCM, the Church Logbook and Property Records (Terrier) will be presented to the meeting and then signed off by the vicar and church wardens as an up-to-date record.

These records have already have been presented at the previous PCC meeting, held on Tuesday, 17th March 2026, in accordance with the rules laid down by the CofE governing body.

If anyone wants to examine the records before they are put back in the church safe, they will be available for a short time after the annual meeting.

As well as these records I also have a maintenance list for work undertaken over the last few years and this allows me to keep track of the work as it happens, the materials used, costs and labour and other valuable information.

It is an informal diary which proves to be really valuable when we do similar jobs or when I need to provide feedback for church meetings, or for use by those who may take over the job later.

At this stage I could produce a list of everything that has been achieved over the past year. However, it suits me better to have people look around them and see the results of the church maintenance programme for themselves.

I've lost count of the number of times someone has made a reference to 'our beautiful church'. And I fully agree with them, it is beautiful in so many ways. But it doesn't get that way by accident. It is usually the result of hard work by dedicated volunteers, both within the church and from around the local community.

Sometimes it's just routine jobs such as cleaning, dusting, polishing, tidying up, emptying bins and so much else. These jobs are essential but there are always other issues which crop up which need immediate, professional and very often costly attention usually when we have just put our feet up after completing yet another essential task.

Are we alone in this here at Greasley? No, definitely not! In a recent *Church Times* article I read that the Church of England has 16,000 churches over 12,500 parishes, with around 12,000 of these church buildings being of historical and architectural interest, which accounts for almost 85% of all listed places of worship in the UK. Many of these buildings are medieval in origin and grade 2 listed or above. That's a whopping big problem for the CofE to face up to now, and in the future.

If we want to maintain our beautiful churches, we must all do our bit. Here at St Mary's we try not to be complacent, and we do more than our bit, in so many ways.

So, I want to thank those of you who give the time and expertise and put in a considerable amount of effort to make this place a haven of peace and tranquillity, a place where we can worship in comfort with our friends and neighbours and to be sure in the knowledge that with our combined efforts and God's help, our church will be here for many more years, fulfilling as it does, the needs of the community in today's world.

John Timby

h) Choir report

The Choir had a good year in 2025. Attendance has generally been high, although inevitably, since we had a few people in hospital at various times, and people on holiday over the summer, we had occasions of sparse attendance.

On the whole, however, commitment and enthusiasm from members of the Choir seems as strong as ever. I am very pleased to note that there is also a real sense of community amongst us as a group; members are close to each other and keep in regular contact, such that, during illness and other difficulties, there are offers of help and support from within the group. We also instigated a Choir outing to the cinema – to see *'The Choral'* – and I hope we can encourage such social events further, to deepen our friendships and fellowship.

Musically, we have tried to widen our horizons a little, introducing a number of new worship songs and hymns, even from within the regular hymn book – music never used before.

We usually begin practices with a prayer and a vocal warm-up, before turning to the music for the immediate services; after that, new music or items for services and performances further ahead. We have now given two showings of Stainer's *'Crucifixion,'* both of which involved considerable commitment towards extra rehearsal-time.

The performance on Sunday, 22nd March this year, was preceded by four consecutive Sunday afternoon rehearsals, as well as time spent in preparation on Friday evenings. We are grateful to Tom Hopkinson for his support for this event, and to Helen Tooth for making herself available to accompany us.

We have pinpointed actions that must take place if we are to carry on presenting works at Easter, not least being more pro-active in advertising ourselves; members of the Choir have come forward who will take this work on.

The other major Festival for us is the Carol Service at Christmas, of course, and we were all pleased with the way we acquitted ourselves in December. Similarly at Harvest and Remembrance. However, we are not complacent, and are aware of some criticism from the congregation; we aim to have more regular silences during the administration of Holy Communion, for example, for private contemplation.

For the year ahead, we are endeavouring to choose and learn alternative settings to the Communion service music, so as to refresh music in worship, and to give us new challenges and opportunities, though without entirely replacing what we already know and use.

We were sorry to learn of the passing of former organist, Alan Wilson, who was an excellent musician and a popular man.

His love for and commitment to St. Mary's was exemplary, and he came especially from London to handover to me, returning last year to play at the Lawrence Festival Service; his closing music, *'Country Gardens,'* was a lovely touch, and he will be long-remembered.

Robert Carlin

i) BLAST Report

BLAST group (Bible Learning And Sharing Together), for our younger members of the congregation, continues to meet on the first Sunday of every month, We are pleased to welcome Jayne Byron to join the leadership team with Rev. Denise and Julie.

Our numbers remain steady, at around five to seven, occasionally with other attendees, and all are very enthusiastic. Our meetings are held in the church hall at 10am, where we usually start with a prayer and include the reading for the day, followed by an activity/activities plus colouring sheets for the very young. We then move into church for the Communion part of the service.

During 2025 BLAST members were involved with various activities e.g. helping at the annual BBQ. They went to the Red Kangaroo Centre in Bulwell where they used the trampolines, they had great fun and finished off with a trip to McDonalds. For All Saints' Eve the group made memory bottles and watched a film called Coco which they enjoyed. They also drew and coloured character story boards for the Christmas Eve Crib Service production of *The Grumpy Owl* which was supported by members of the group ringing hand bells. We hope to continue with our successful group doing more fun activities this year.

Julie Stanton

j) Deanery Synod

Two members of the PCC, Barbara Coleman and Heather Hazard, sit on the Deanery Synod and Revd Denise Dodd, our vicar, is the clergy representative.

The Synod meets four times a year to provide a link between parishes within our Newstead Deanery and we meet at different churches each time.

Important news regarding finances, vacancies and appointments in parishes, together with some ideas of best practices, are shared.

At some meetings there is feedback from the General Synod of the issues they have been discussing and the decisions made.

Heather Hazard, Deanery Synod Rep

k) Greasley Christian Aid Group Report

This report, as usual, starts with Christian Aid Week 2025 which ran from 11th to 17th May and raised £2650 in total.

Sadly, with our advancing years and the break that Covid made, we are no longer able to manage the house-to-house collection.

We did, however, have a very generous response to the Church envelopes put out in the Week. They raised £463.30. We were very grateful to Morrison's Eastwood who gave us two days collecting prior to the Week. This resulted in a total of £578.64 due to the efforts of the collectors and the generosity of Morrison's customers.

These collections, together with other individual donations, the profit from our Afternoon Tea and a very small donation from Fair Trade, resulted in our final total of £2650. The emphasis for the Week was on Christian Aid's partner Congcoop, which gives support to farmers in Guatemala cope with climate change.

In addition to Christian Aid Week, we were able to support the Christmas Appeal 2024 for those who become refugees through warfare sending £350.

On Saturday 14th June, we held our second Afternoon Tea in the Church Hall. It was a lovely afternoon full of friendship, music and cake! We are so grateful to everyone who came, baked, served and washed up.

Particular thanks are due to Mrs. Joyce Widdowson who headed the sub-committee and to our friends Neil Squires and his daughter Natalie who provided such well-enjoyed music. This event raised £502.60.

On Saturday 11th October, we held our Annual Fairtrade Day at our usual venue Watnall WI Hall. It is harder to arrange since the demise of Traidcraft but our Treasurer copes valiantly with working out the best deal from the various fair-trade suppliers we deal with!

Due to the faithful support of our customers, we still together keep the flag of Fairtrade flying. The event raised £301.20 for Christian Aid.

As always, we sincerely appreciate the support of our Vicar, the PCC and our Church Family without whom this Group could not operate.

Janet Hedderly
Secretary, Greasley Christian Aid Group

I) Tower Captain Report

In terms of activities & achievements, it looks on the surface as if not much happened in the tower in 2025. But, as a band of seven members now, we have been focused on supporting each other, as we work on improving our individual ringing skills. Libby & Derek, who joined us last year, have each made good progress with their handling skills & call changes, & have become valued additions to the band. Other ringers have been working on 'calling' call changes, and leading the band in ringing the bells 'up' and ringing them 'down'.

Greasley is almost entirely a band of retired ringers, now. With the opportunity to take more holidays, it does mean that numbers for practices and Sunday service ringing can be affected. Having the addition of two new ringers means that we have been able to ring for nearly all services during the last twelve months. We continue to ring for services as long as we have a minimum of four. The role of calling worshippers to church continues to be our main function even if we are sometimes limited in what we can ring.

Maintaining the bells in good working order is another important role. Earlier this year, Graham attended a Bell Maintenance training session to update his skills. Maintenance of the bells and a thorough cleaning of the tower was carried out in Spring & Autumn by a team from our band, plus checks on ropes & clappers as needed throughout the year, by Graham.

This included a replacement washer on the tenor's staple bolt, making the clapper more secure. There hasn't been a problem of flies in the ringing room or bell chamber this year, and only one smoke bomb was used this September to prevent the flies from returning.

Mansfield District activities this year included two Rounds and Call Changes training sessions at Linby tower. Both Derek & Libby attended these, which they found very useful. This November there are training sessions for the Theory & Practice of Plain Hunting, which Libby is attending. There was also a District Quarter Peal week in October for which our band attempted a QP of Grandsire Doubles, and earlier in the year two ringers from Greasley joined a band made up of Mansfield District

ringers in a successful QP of Plain Bob Major, rung before the District AGM. The cluster of towers -- Greasley, Eastwood & Nuthall -- continue to support each other for practices, service ringing & special services such as weddings, Remembrance Day, carol services etc.

This support is vital to keep as many of our bells ringing as possible. Last year we had a joint Christmas meal for our cluster of towers, and this year Eastwood held a fund raising quiz night which Nuthall & Greasley bands entered teams.

I would like to thank Colin for his support as ringing master, Graham for keeping the bells in good working order, and everyone in the band for their commitment, as we come to the close of another good year in the tower.

Emmi Checkley, Tower Captain

m) Friends of St Mary's Report

The Friends of St Mary's produced their usual varied programme for the year in order to attract members and friends for the sole purpose of raising funds for church maintenance and repairs where necessary.

During its four-year life, more than £4,000 was raised and gratefully received by the PCC and treasurer.

Unfortunately, the committee had shrunk to a handful of helpers, which could not sustain the group indefinitely. It was eventually decided to close the group as the attendances of members and guests were also shrinking. Two members of the committee had other commitments and were unable to continue. A small profit was still made, due to the diligence of the remaining supporters, and so the last event was a meal at the Shipley Garden Centre.

Our Vicar, Revd Denise, thanked Friends for their hard work during their four-year run and said the money raised was very welcome.

Pauline Jackson

n) EcoChurch Report

The bees had a very good winter, despite it being so long, and emerged as two very healthy and busy colonies. They produced enough honey for the extraction of over 30 jars at the end of the Spring, which was sold within days when put into the tea room. Fortunately, I am able to obtain honey from a Nottinghamshire beekeeper, who can provide pure honey all year-round to sell in the Parish Oven.

Unfortunately, one hive appeared to lose the Queen as there was very little brood seen as I was preparing to shut the hives down at the end of September and it was decided to put the two hives together as one hive had a great deal of honey to see them through the winter, and the other hive had brood ready to hatch in the Spring. I did take off a small amount, which was sold very quickly.

I visited two groups, one attached to St Mary's Eastwood, and the other attached to St John's, Brinsley, this year, to talk about our EcoChurch work and how to upgrade to a Silver award.

The garden has been restocked with Spring bulbs and one of the climbing roses replaced by a clematis named Elizabeth.

The lighting in Church and outside has been updated as the application for our Silver award stated.

Sheila Over

o) Social Committee Report

The social committee organises events throughout the year which not only help raise money for our church but also provide ways in which church members and their friends and families can meet in an informal setting, as well as extending a welcome to members of the wider community.

The committee is currently made up of only four core members, with extra helpers pitching in for major events such as the spring Open Day, Christmas Market and Carols by Candlelight, at all of which the committee provides refreshments. Additional members are always welcome!

Traditionally, any profit raised from our events was set aside from general church funds, to be used at a time and for a purpose chosen by the members of the committee. However, given the church's current financial shortages, all profits are for the foreseeable future, being handed directly to our treasurer, Neil, for general funds

Since 2024 we have branched out into "the music business", with concerts held in church, and 2025 saw All Things McCartney and the popular Nottingham Bluecoat Singers performing. In 2026 we will be welcoming our very own Martin Perry and the Shad Tones, as well as the Blackwood Clarinet Orchestra.

We also hold both spring and autumn TableTop sales in the church hall, with last September's raising £708 for church funds.

Ian Wheeler, Social Committee Secretary

p) Parish Magazine 'Open Door'

Our church magazine, Open Door, is published every two months and is available in full colour by visiting the church website. Given the cost involved, it is unlikely that it will ever fully return to being a printed magazine, though I do run off a handful of copies for customers at the Parish Oven and they are proving to be very popular, with most of them being taken away by visitors. With the occasional customer coming from as far away as Australia, it's nice to think that Open Door is helping to spread the good news about St Mary's far and wide!

Members of our internal Facebook group will know that I flag up when a new edition is ready and ask that, where possible, people consider printing off a copy for friends or neighbours who they think might enjoy reading it.

I am grateful to those regular contributors who continue to come up with the goods every two months. Anyone else who feels that they might be able to contribute in any way is more than welcome to send in articles or photographs!

Ian Wheeler, Editor

q) Christmas Market Report

Our annual Christmas Market, which is held on the last Saturday in November, continues to be our biggest single fund-raising event of the year and in 2025 raised £3,976.22 for St Mary's.

My heartfelt thanks to everyone who in any way helps to make this event continue to be such a success. It wouldn't happen without you!

Ian Wheeler, Organiser

r) Safeguarding Report

The parish dashboard (a mechanism to ensure we comply with diocesan policy) continues to be updated. While it still requires some updating around training for specific roles in the church, progress is being made.

Pleased to report there have been no reports of safeguarding issues during the past year. Any safeguarding concerns have been followed up quickly and effectively this year, showing our policies around safeguarding and recruitment are robust and effective, and in consultation with the diocese where necessary. However, we are aware that role descriptions are required for various roles in the church, and these are being created/updated and approved by the PCC.

We continue to comply with diocesan policy by automatically bringing updates to the PCC for approval.

Revd Denise & Fiona Walker – Parish Safeguarding Officer

s) Parish Oven Report

The Parish Oven continues to grow from strength-to-strength and has become very much a part of both church and community life, being a safe place where people can visit for refreshments, a warm space and a chat.

Our varied customers are confirmed regulars, cyclists, walking groups, visitors from other churches, funeral attendees, DH Lawrence devotees, passing trade and, of course, a dedicated section of our church community.

May 2026 marks our fifth anniversary – how time flies! – and in that time (to the end of December 2025) we have raised £103,636 towards the development of the cottage. We hope to begin applying for grants in 2026.

All income from the Parish Oven is ring-fenced for future use on redevelopment of the Sexton's Cottage and is shown on the church accounts under the heading "Community Centre Development". This is supported by detailed accounts which show all income and expenditure on a weekly basis and are available for inspection on request.

Thanks, as ever, go to our enthusiastic volunteer staff and bakers for their tireless efforts over the past year, together with all those within our church and wider community who have supported us with their custom.

Ian Wheeler

t) Art & Soul Group Report

It has been another successful year for the Art & Soul Group. Membership remains steady with the morning being at full capacity. The afternoon session has also attracted new members during the year and is almost full.

We are always very conscious of the 'Soul' part of the group and make a point of emphasising that aspect of it when the group meets, or when new people enquire about joining.

The group runs on an informal basis, but we do have a weekly theme of suggested

subjects for people to try if they would like to. Among the themes covered are portraits, machines, rusty objects, landscapes etc. And, although the sessions are not structured classes, there is always help and advice available for anyone who needs it.

Most of the works are produced using water colours or acrylics, though we have also used pencil, coloured pencils, soft pastels and oil pastels. The only medium not used in such a short session is oil paint.

We had an exhibition in Eastwood Library in February 2025, and there is always some of the group's work on display in the Parish Oven as well. In addition, we took part in the Christmas Market again and had a very successful and enjoyable day and raised £77 for the church.

Group members give a voluntary donation every week, and by unanimous consent we donate £100 to the church every few weeks. Over the course of a year, the donations we are able to give along with the gift aid claimed amounts to approximately £1,500. One or two members of the group have also had paintings that have sold during the year – either having been on display in the Parish Oven or in a local library – and this has also contributed to the church's income.

Dave & Sandra Sawyer

u) Flower Arranging Group

2025 was a busy year for the flower arranging team. We prepared our arrangements for the usual festivals of Easter, Harvest, Remembrance and Christmas, but we also prepared displays for the Greasley Gathering, the 80th anniversary of VE Day and the open day for Eastwood's Blooming Marvellous event.

We were very pleased to be asked to prepare the church displays for Revd Denise's niece's wedding in May. It has been such a long time since we had done wedding flowers and we thoroughly enjoyed ourselves!

Our thanks go to all those who gave us donations in the year, particularly the PCC and the Wednesday Club, as they enabled us to buy fresh flowers at a time when the costs could have prevented us from buying them. We supplemented our stock of silk flowers which we are gradually building up. We are particularly fortunate because we do not have to buy the greenery for our displays as we have plentiful supplies in our gardens, with additional supplies from the churchyard

There are currently eight members of the team and we would welcome new members to join us.

Heather Hazard

6. Legacy Policy

It is the PCC's policy to record any legacies received and, if given without any restriction, to use them in such a way that – wherever possible – reflects the person who has given the legacy. Restricted legacies will be used in accordance with the restriction.

7. Structure, Governance and Management

The Parochial Church Council is a corporate body established by the Church of England. The PCC operates under the Parochial Church Council (Powers) Measure. St Mary's is a Registered Charity. The method of appointment of PCC members is set out in the Church Representation Rules. At St Mary's the membership of the PCC consists of the incumbent, Churchwardens, and members elected by those members of the congregation who are on the electoral roll of the Church.

All those who attend our services/members of the congregation are encouraged to register on the Electoral Roll and stand for election to the PCC. The PCC members are responsible for making decisions on all matters of general concern and importance to the parish, including deciding on how the funds of the PCC are to be spent. Individual PCC members receive training as and when deemed appropriate by the PCC.

Training may include trustee responsibility training, basic health and safety, risk assessment and management, child protection procedures and safeguarding vulnerable adults.

8. Risk Assessments

The PCC undertakes assessments to identify major risks as required. Procedures are then put in place to manage those risks and minimise their impact on the life of the Church.

9. Administrative Information

St Mary's Church is situated in Greasley, Nottinghamshire. It is part of the Diocese of Southwell & Nottingham within the Church of England. The correspondence address is Church Office, Church Road, Greasley, Nottinghamshire NG16 2AB.

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