

Trustees Annual Report and Financial Report

The Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish of St Andrew's Alfriston with Lullington

For the year ended 31st December 2025

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Bankers: Barclays Bank Plc

Charity Registration No: 1185209

St. Andrew's Church, Alfriston with Lullington

Trustees Annual Report for the year ended 31 December 2025

St Andrew's PCC has the responsibility for working with the incumbent, Reverend Prebendary Stephen Stuckes, and the Ministry Team in promoting in the ecclesiastical parish the whole mission of the Church, pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical.

Structure, governance and management of the charity

The Parochial Church Council (PCC) is registered with the Charity Commission as required by the Charities Act 2011. Its governing document is the Parochial Church Councils (Powers) Measure 1956. Charity Registration No 1185209.

When carrying out its duties the PCC and the incumbent give consideration to the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit and, particularly, the specific guidance on 'charities for the advancement of religion'.

Members/ Trustees of the PCC are either ex officio or elected by the annual parochial church meeting in accordance with the Church Representation rules.⁶

During the year the following served as members of the PCC and trustees of the charity:

The Incumbent: Reverend Prebendary Stephen Stuckes, the Chairman.

The churchwardens: William Rendall, Sylvia Daw (until 15th June 2025) and Pauline Kennard (from 30th November 2025).

The elected members/trustees from the APCM 2025 were Nigel Baelz, Paul Duenas (resigned 18th November 2025), Jane Ellis, Pauline Kennard (until 30th November 2025), Diana Monteath-Wilson, Rodney Young (Treasurer), Patrick Stevens (deputy churchwarden)(resigned 1st October 2025)

The ex-officio members were the Ministry Team, Revd. Christyan James (Associate Priest) (until 18th May 2025), Revd. Damien Brennan (Curate and Associate Priest from 15 October 2025) and Kelly Ellis (Pastoral Minister).

Co-opted to the PCC during the year were Anthony Brown (Safeguarding Officer) and Gayle Hudson (Secretary to the PCC).

Pauline Kennard served as Secretary to the PCC until 20th October 2025 with Gayle Hudson succeeding her.

Committees

The Restoration and Fabric Sub-Committee, responsible to the PCC, raises funds for the restoration of the church and oversees the maintenance and development of the building along with the church wardens

The Standing Committee consists of the Rector, Churchwardens the Treasurer and, until 30th November 2025, the Parish Bookkeeper. It has power to transact the business of the PCC between its meetings, subject to any directions given by the PCC.

Financial Review

It is the responsibility of the PCC to ensure that the income, expenditure and financial assets of the parish are prudently managed and applied effectively in support of the mission and objectives set out elsewhere in this report. In addition to the role of honorary treasurer the PCC employs a bookkeeper to look after the records of day to day transactions, making use of accounting software package Xero.

The investment policy of the PCC entails the use of CCLA/CBF funds, mainly the CBF Church of England Fixed Interest Securities Fund, for all the parish's endowment funds. A level of funds sufficient for anticipated day to day activities is maintained in a Barclays current account, backed up by an additional reserve in a Barclays savings account which can be accessed quickly if needed. The remainder of the PCC funds, both restricted and general, are pooled for investment purposes and placed in 3-9 month short term fixed interest bank deposits via the platform provided by CAF and managed by Flagstone. The income from the bank and CAF accounts is then apportioned among the relevant PCC funds in accordance with the average balances of these funds during the year. This approach enables the PCC to maximise investment income consistent with accessibility and security.

For the year to 31 December 2025 the total receipts on general unrestricted funds totalled £117,365 (2024 £113,322) as detailed in the Accounts section of this report. The total unrestricted donations and grants received amounted to £78,171 (2024 £75,189). No legacies were received in 2025. Unrestricted income from all other sources, excluding investment income, amounted to £30,410 (2024 £ 26,523) with a significant increase in fees from weddings and funerals. Grant income, at £11,324 remains well below what needs to be found if we are to proceed with essential repairs and renovations. This reflects the fact that 2025 was primarily a further year of planning and scoping and identifying potential sources of grants. Activity needs to be stepped up in 2026.

In 2025 total planned giving and general donations held up well, but the parish's income continues to be dependent to a considerable extent on large donations from a small number of generous donors. Partly as a result of donor death, some significant donations will not be repeated in 2026 and we face a challenge in replacing the lost income to enable us to continue our current level of mission activities.

A further change in the parishes financial arrangements in 2025 resulted from the resignation of Assistant Priest Christyan James in May. Subsequently Damien Brennan completed his curacy and was appointed Assistant Priest in Christyan's place in October, on a slightly different contract to Christyan's.

It has been the PCC's policy to maintain a minimum balance on the general unrestricted funds equating to approximately three months of unrestricted payments, as a contingency against unforeseen circumstances. However, with the church building of St Andrew's still on the "At Risk" register and, given the uncertainty about the level of income from donations that we can expect in 2026, it has been deemed appropriate to retain a balance well above this level. A further £1,500 has been set aside for replacement, in one form or another, of the St Andrew's gas boilers, bringing the total of this designated fund to £16,500.

Endowment Funds

As at the beginning of 2024 the PCC benefited from eight permanent endowment funds, most of which were small and all of which had a capital value of less than £25,000. The Charities Act 2022 allows the PCC, subject to certain conditions, to pass a resolution enabling access to the capital of permanent endowment funds valued at less than £25,000.

In 2024 the PCC passed the appropriate resolution in respect of the Parker Property Fund. This is the largest of the eight endowments and it was clear that the testator's intentions could be better met if the capital could be used to contribute to the major restoration projects now facing St Andrew's. In 2025 the PCC passed further resolutions in respect of the much smaller Penfold Trust – Flowers, and the Dr Thomas – beautification endowment which also provides for flowers. Research into the Wimbush Foundation indicated that in fact it had never been established as a permanent endowment in the first place. As a result, capital has been withdrawn from the Penfold Trust – Flowers and the Wimbush Foundation during 2025 and will be withdrawn from the Parker fund and the Dr Thomas endowment as needed. The remaining endowments will be kept under review.

Sharing the Ministry Costs of the Diocese of Chichester

The largest item of expenditure of the PCC was the sum of £47,337 (2024 £44,763) paid to the Diocese of Chichester for our share of Parish Ministry Costs. These costs include housing, stipend and pension costs of the clergy and also a standard sum for diocesan central costs, clergy training and a contribution to national church funds. The PCC's aim, to the extent that finances allow, is to progressively increase our contribution to the parish's allocated share of these costs which, in common with many other parishes, we do not currently meet in full. For the 2025 year we met approximately 90% of our allocated share (2024 85%)

Staff Costs

In 2025 the PCC employed a lay Pastoral Minister, a Parish Administrator and a Bookkeeper. The salaries for these roles are reflected in Note 5 to the accounts. In addition, the costs of the two Assistant Priests who were in post during 2025, have been for the most part paid to the diocese. (Certain additional costs payable under the contract for Assistant Priest Damien Brennan are paid directly to him or on his behalf.) The costs of the Assistant Priests and the Pastoral Minister are met from the restricted Rector's Mission Fund. Further details are provided in the notes to the accounts.

Trustee Payments and Expenses

The PCC also supported the rector by paying council tax, water charges and some minor rectory expenses. In 2025 the rector claimed expenses of £1,317 (2024 £1,354) bringing the total rectory and rector's expenses to £5,951 (2024 £5,712)

The only elected member of the PCC receiving payments in connection with the church was the Bookkeeper. There were no payments to persons related to or connected with the trustees.

Church attendance.

At the Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM) held on 6 April 2025 it was reported that there were 108 parishioners on the church electoral roll, a decrease of five from that reported at the previous APCM. The church electoral roll was entirely reconstituted in early 2025 which may partly explain this fall in numbers and it is to be noted that three new names have subsequently been added.

During 2025 average church attendance on Sundays remained at somewhere between 50 and 60 for normal services but with considerably increased numbers for Christmas, Easter and other major festivals and special services.

There remains a small number of generally older parishioners who prefer to attend the midweek morning Eucharist on Thursday mornings, rather than the Sunday service, but the number of such communicants remains at between four and six.

Of particular note was the remarkable attendance at the Christingle service for children and their parents, grandparents and others on the afternoon of Christmas Eve when the church was packed with at least 275 children and their relatives. It is clear that this service draws attendance from a far wider area than just the Cuckmere churches parishes and includes a considerable number of people who regard the service as their principle act of worship for Christmas, regardless of whether they have children or grandchildren involved.

There were a number of special services and worthy of mention are the service for All Souls, the service for the licensing of Damien Brennan as Associate Priest presided over by Bishop Will Bishop of Lewes and the service of lessons and carols prior to Christmas which were all well attended.

The monthly summer services held at the Church of the Good Shepherd at Lullington continued to be popular and well-attended in 2025 and the Easter morning and Advent Lantern services attracted an attendance of about 25 and 60 respectively.

There were five weddings and a service of blessing for marriage held in St Andrew's in 2025 and two weddings held in the Church of the Good Shepherd at Lullington which continues to attract those couples wanting a smaller wedding venue.

The Parish continues to attract a considerable number of betrothed couples looking for a traditional church wedding and there are a number of bookings for weddings in both the churches of St Andrew's and that of the Good Shepherd in 2026. It is gratifying that a number of couples who were married in St Andrew's continue to regularly worship here.

Review of the year.

The PCC met 4 times during 2025 with the Standing Committee continuing to take a more active role in the day-to-day management of the church and the ecclesiastical parish affairs.

The PCC is very conscious of its role in reaching out to the less fortunate and continues to actively support Christian Aid. Funds have been made available to enable more charitable work to be carried out.

St Andrew's has for a long time been a supporter of our local Families Support group run by Chichester Diocese for the benefit of families in the diocese in need of support..

St Andrew's continues to attract a very large number of tourist visitors each year, drawn by its history and picturesque location on a mound by a loop in the Cuckmere River with the green of the Tye in the front of it. The PCC attempts to accommodate the visitors as much as possible by keeping the church open during daylight hours and conducting occasional guided visits but continues to look for ways to improve the experience for visitors.

The hugely popular South Downs Summer Music Festival continues to be centred round the church for a week in July and there are an increasing number of organisers of musical concerts making use of the excellent acoustics that the church offers. This is something that the church is actively seeking to encourage as both a source of income and as an artistic benefit for the community.

Mission and Evangelism

During the year the Ministry team changed with departure of Cristyan James as Associate Priest and the licensing of Damien Brennan in that role which has enabled the Ministry of the Church to remain active and strong during the recent year. We engage with people through every activity from the choir, which continues to attract new members, to the support of the South Downs Summer Music Festival, where we meet many hundreds of people. Without churches of any other faith in the Benefice we are regarded as 'The Church' and our Ministry is sought even by those without faith.

Pastoral Ministry

Several key church members have 'gone to glory' recently but we continue to engage with and attract new members whilst giving thanks for those who have gone before us. Our ministry to couples seeking marriage is significant given that many of them require a 'Qualifying Connection' meaning they attend church for six months prior to the wedding. This results in some couples forming a deeper connection and especially returning for Baptisms of children subsequently born. All members of the Ministry team engage in pastoral ministry but Pastoral Minister Kelly Ellis takes the lead, especially with the Alfriston primary school. The school children attended for Christmas and Easter.

Music and the choir

Choir membership has grown to 16 this year with additional support from a loyal group of singers on special occasions. As a result, the choir repertoire has grown considerably, and the inclusion of a choir anthem at the 10.30am Eucharist is now firmly established. Highlights of the year included the Christmas Carol Service, the Judges' Service, and the All Souls' Evensong in October. The choir also enjoyed the opportunity to sing carols in the Clergy House and at Alfriston Court. In addition to singing together, the choir continue to enjoy socialising together!

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Bellringing

Once again St Andrew's Bellringers have rung all 6 bells at the majority of Sunday services. The bells have rung for weddings and funerals with the help of ringers from local towers. Two recruits have started being taught and it is hoped that they will make a welcome addition to the band in due course. Practicing on a Monday morning allows many visitors to the church to watch the ringing; an advantage of ringing from the Chancel Crossing. The cameras in the belfry are a wonderful aid to explain to non-ringers how the bells are rung and encourage them to learn to ring in their own local towers. More people wishing to learn to ring would be very welcome, particularly younger recruits, and practice times could be arranged to suit. It is essential that younger ringers are found before the current band become too old to teach them and the bells fall silent.

The Church of the Good Shepherd, Lullington

Despite being off the beaten track, the Church of the Good Shepherd at Lullington continues welcome people from our local communities, visitors from the UK, Europe and travellers from around the world. Being part of the Pilgrims Path and being open every day has encouraged people of all ages to enjoy the stunning views, peace and tranquillity, to quote 'a thin space nearer to heaven'. All agree it is a very special place and there has been continued media interest in this unique church and setting.

Despite very unreliable weather during the year, the services were once again blessed with some dry weather and glimpses of sunshine. The candlelit Church was full on Easter Sunday morning and the lantern service celebrating the first Sunday of Advent at the end of November concluded with candle light. Evensongs and refreshments on every second Sunday afternoon in the month through the summer were well attended, culminating with Harvest Festival in September. An additional early morning Eucharist Service is now offered on Ascension Day.

In the Churchyard, the variety of young trees and drifts of snowdrops continue to flourish, attracting birds and wildlife. With careful maintenance, the Church of the Good Shepherd and it's surrounds continue to give everyone a special haven of peace.

Deanery Synod

The Deanery Synod provides the PCC with an important link between the parish and the wider structure of the church. Important matters such as church finance are discussed and it remains a forum in which parishes in the Deanery can take matters of concern to further levels of Church Government. There is only one lay Deanery Synod representative, our churchwarden Bill Rendall, although we are entitled to three. Most meetings are attended by the Rector, Damien Brennan and Bill and also by Rod Young, our treasurer, for the meeting at which the Diocesan budget is presented.

Church cleaning and decoration

Members of the Flower Guild provide their skills to ensure that the church is beautifully decorated for all occasions including, frequently for weddings, providing a further source of income for the church.

Monthly in-house cleaning sessions by a team of volunteers keep the Church of St Andrew in good day-to-day order.

The fabric of the church building

The condition of the church remains a concern. The detailed Quinquennial report prepared by the architect in 2021 highlighted the aspects most in need of addressing.

In last year's report it was stated that "It is disappointing to report again that little progress has been made in 2024 in addressing the most urgent matters. This is because it is considered that the best approach is to combine both the restoration and headline maintenance work required with plans for an overall re-ordering of the church to make it suitable for the needs of the 21st century in one overall plan that can be pushed forward as a combined project." It is now recognised that in order to attract funding it will be necessary to break this ambitious plan down into "bite sized chunks" and approach it in several and therefore more affordable separate stages. The initial stage of this approach needs to be pushed forward in 2026.

During 2025 some large chunks of stone fell off the tower and damaged the north transept roof. This has been repaired but it is apparent that other stonework on the tower could be similarly shed. This is to be investigated further but it is possible that some expense will be required to remedy the problem.

Work to replace and repoint crumbling flints at several points in the base of the exterior walls is due to take place shortly.

The Chair of the Fabric and Restoration Committee, Paul Duenas, resigned before the end of 2025 as he has moved out of the Parish and his place has been taken by Adrian Harris who has extensive knowledge of property matters as a Chartered Surveyor and manager of a considerable property portfolio. The PCC wishes to record its thanks to Paul Duenas for the considerable time, energy and knowledge that he provided to Fabric and Restoration Committee during the time that he chaired it.

The Friends of St. Andrew's

The Friends of St Andrew's is an independent charity the purpose of which is to assist in the conservation of the church building with membership drawn from those who are not necessarily churchgoers but who value the building and what it represents. The charity is standing ready to assist the funding of the individual stages for restoration and re-ordering and refurbishment of the church as described in the preceding section of this report when it is anticipated that it will play a major role in fund-raising that will be required.

Risk management

The PCC consider that the principal risks and uncertainties are:

- the need to fund unexpected costs associated with the church's listed buildings status;
- an unexpected fall in income, particularly, given the dependence of the church on a limited number of major regular donors;
- the requirement to find volunteers and staff with the appropriate skills, time and commitment to support the ministry of the congregation.

The PCC seeks to manage these risks and uncertainties by regularly reviewing its mission action plan and its plans for the use of the church buildings.

The trustees annual report was approved by the PCC and signed on their behalf by Reverend Prebendary Stephen Stuckes

Signed: S. Stuckes Date: 24th March 2026

Statement of Financial Activities

	Unrestricted Fund	Restricted Fund/s	Endowed Fund/s	Total Funds 2025	Total Funds 2024	Notes
	£	£	£	£	£	
Income and endowments from:						
Donations and legacies	78,171	33,267	-	111,438	102,696	
Charitable activities	10,073	-	-	10,073	6,868	
Other trading activities	16,177	2,215	-	18,392	15,690	
Investments	8,784	3,482	1,620	13,886	15,445	
Other receipts	4,160	-	-	4,160	3,965	
Total income	117,365	38,964	1,620	157,949	144,664	2
Expenditure on:				-		
Raising funds	793	-	-	793	830	
Charitable activities	97,321	26,890	579	124,790	118,049	
Other trading activities	7,697	1,435	205	9,337	9,777	
Other expenditure	8,853	-	207	9,060	7,701	
Total expenditure	114,664	28,325	991	143,980	136,357	3
Net gains (or losses) on investments	-	-	(105)	(105)	1,552	8
Net income or (net expenditure)	2,701	10,639	524	13,864	9,860	
Transfers between funds (net effect) and funds introduced	-	13,179	(13,179)	-	-	7
	2,701	23,818	(12,655)	13,864	9,860	
Other recognised gains/(losses):						
Other gains/(losses) on investments	-	-	-	-	-	
<i>Reconciliation of funds:</i>						
Net movement in funds	2,701	23,818	(12,655)	13,864	9,860	
Total funds brought forward	96,950	90,120	57,752	244,822	234,961	
Total funds carried forward	£99,652	£113,938	£45,097	£258,686	£244,821	

Balance Sheet

	Total Funds 2025	Total Funds 2024	Notes
	£	£	
Intangible assets	-	-	
Tangible assets	-	-	
Heritage assets	-	-	
Endowed investments	45,097	57,752	
Total fixed assets	45,097	57,752	8
Stocks	1,100	1,200	
Debtors	9,842	10,800	10
Investments	-	-	
Cash at bank and in hand	218,441	193,953	
Total current assets	229,383	205,953	
Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year	(15,793)	(12,634)	11
Net current assets or (liabilities)	213,590	193,319	
Total assets less current liabilities	258,687	251,071	
Creditors: Amounts falling due after more than one year	-	(6,250)	12
Provisions for liabilities	-	-	
Total net assets or (liabilities)	£258,687	£244,821	
The funds of the charity:			
Endowment funds	45,097	57,751	
Restricted income funds	113,938	90,119	
Unrestricted funds	99,652	96,950	
Total charity funds	£258,687	£244,821	13

Notes to the financial report (continued)- Note 2

Analysis of income and endowments

	Unrestricted Fund	Restricted Fund/s	Endowed Fund/s	Total Funds 2025	Total Funds 2024
	£	£	£	£	£
Planned Giving	22,739	-	-	22,739	18,754
Donation Box	6,821	-	-	6,821	7,077
Service collections	4,396	-	-	4,396	4,735
General donations	35,022	1,093	-	36,115	32,878
Gift Aid recoverable	2,869	-	-	2,869	5,707
Restoration Income incl Gift Aid	-	70	-	70	45
Rectors Mission Fund incl Gift Aid	-	27,104	-	27,104	24,849
Legacies	-	-	-	-	-
Grants	6,324	5,000	-	11,324	8,651
Donations and legacies	£78,171	£33,267	-	£111,438	£102,696
Fees for weddings & funerals	10,073	-	-	10,073	6,868
Charitable activities	£10,073	-	-	£10,073	£6,868
Music events	6,562	-	-	6,562	7,005
Other fundraising Income	1,800	-	-	1,800	-
Flowers for weddings & funerals	-	2,215	-	2,215	1,850
Cuckmere News adverts	5,001	-	-	5,001	4,800
Stall sales	2,815	-	-	2,815	2,035
Other trading activities	£16,177	£2,215	-	£18,392	£15,690
Bank & CAF deposit interest	3,384	3,118	-	6,502	7,641
CCLA investment fund dividend	-	-	1,620	1,620	1,864
Chancel Trust Fund income	-	363	-	363	541
Rent from letting of investment property	5,400	-	-	5,400	5,400
Investments	£8,784	£3,482	£1,620	£13,886	£15,445
Other parish contributions to joint benefice costs	4,160	-	-	4,160	3,965
Total income on all funds	£117,365	£38,964	£1,620	£157,949	£144,664
Increase (Decrease) in investment values	-	-	(105)	(105)	1,552
Total income and endowments on all funds	£117,365	£38,964	£1,515	£157,844	£146,216

Notes to the financial report (continued)- Note 3

Analysis of Expenditure

	Unrestricted Fund	Restricted Fund/s	Endowed Fund/s	Total Funds 2025	Total Funds 2024	Notes
	£	£	£	£	£	
Fundraising incl Restoration fund	793			793	830	
Cost of raising funds	£793			£793	£830	
Charitable grants and donations				-	-	4
Rectors Mission Fund		22,256		22,256	24,048	
Diocesan parish share	47,337			47,337	44,763	
Clergy and rectory expenses	5,951			5,951	5,712	
Parish administration	8,368			8,368	7,926	
Service costs	588			588	638	
Insurance	3,673			3,673	3,554	
Utility costs	9,598			9,598	7,900	
Office and misc expenses	4,653			4,653	3,353	
Flowers in church		1,311		1,311	532	
Churchyard and memorial garden	6,587			6,587	6,203	
St Andrew's church maintenance and cleaning	4,647	-	576	5,223	4,675	
The Good Shepherd Maintenance	1,797		3	1,800	1,800	
Restoration project building costs		3,138		3,138	3,414	
Bell fund expenses		185		185	-	
Governance	-			-	-	
Accountancy and bookkeeping assistance	4,123			4,123	3,912	
Bank charges and investment fees	-			-	154	
Youth Fund	-			-	-	
Cost of charitable activities	£97,321	£26,890	£579	£124,790	£118,581	
Cuckmere News and other printing	6,095	-	-	6,095	5,864	
Stall costs	1,603			1,603	984	
Flowers		1,435	205	1,640	2,397	
Cost of other trading activities	£7,697	£1,435	£205	£9,337	£9,245	
Music costs	8,200		207	8,407	7,060	
Lullington cottage maintenance and insurance	653			653	641	
Total expended on all funds	£114,664	£28,325	£991	£143,980	£136,357	

Notes to the financial report (continued)

4. Missionary and charitable giving:

	Unrestricted Fund	Restricted Fund/s	Endowed Fund/s	Total Funds 2025	Total Funds 2024	Notes
	£	£	£	£	£	
Family Support		-	-	-	-	
Childrens Society	343	-	-	343	473	
	343	-	-	343	473	

5. Staff costs

Three members of staff were employed throughout 2024

	Unrestricted Fund	Restricted Fund/s	Endowed Fund/s	Total Funds 2025	Total Funds 2024	Notes
	£	£	£	£	£	
Remuneration						
Wages and salaries	11,654	10,024	-	21,678	21,348	
Employer social security costs	-	-	-	-	-	
Employer pension costs	-	-	-	-	-	
	11,654	10,024	-	21,678	21,348	

6. Governance

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Fund/s	Endowed Fund/s	Total Funds 2025	Total Funds 2024	Notes
	£	£	£	£	£	
Independent examination	-	-	-	-	-	
	-	-	-	-	-	

7. Transfers between funds

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Fund/s	Endowed Fund/s	Total Funds 2025	Total Funds 2024	Notes
	£	£	£	£	£	
Transfer from unrestricted funds to Boiler designated funds	1,500		-	1,500	1,500	
Transfer from Restoration Fund to Bell Restoration Fund (being donations to the Bell Restoration Fund in 2021)	1,500		-	1,500	1,500	

Notes to the financial report (continued)

8. Fixed Assets

Investments

	Unrestricted Fund	Restricted Fund/s	Endowed Fund/s	Total Funds 2025	Notes
	£	£	£	£	
Market value 1 January 2025	-	-	57,752	57,752	
Disposals at carrying value	-	-	(12,550)	(12,550)	
Purchases at cost	-	-	-	-	
Transfer from other endowments	-	-	-	-	
Net gains and revaluation	-	-	(105)	(105)	
Market value 31 December 2025	-	-	£45,097	£45,097	

Notes to the financial report (continued)

9. Analysis of net assets by fund

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Fund/s	Endowed Fund/s	Total Funds 2025	Total Funds 2024	Notes
	£	£	£	£	£	
Fixed assets			45,097	45,097	57,752	
Stock	1,100	-	-	1,100	1,200	
Current assets (except cash)	6,423	3,419	-	9,842	10,800	
Cash at bank and on deposit	107,337	111,104	-	218,441	193,953	
Current liabilities	(15,209)	(584)	-	(15,793)	(12,634)	
Long term liabilities	-	-	-	-	(6,250)	
	£99,651	£113,938	£45,097	£258,687	£244,821	

10. Debtors

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Fund/s	Endowed Fund/s	Total Funds 2025	Total Funds 2024	Notes
	£	£	£	£	£	
Accounts receivable	1,145			1,145	2,599	
Gift Aid and VAT recoverable	2,818		-	2,818	1,911	
Prepayments	-	-	-	-	179	
Chancel trust funds	-	3,419	-	3,419	3,266	
Accrued Income	2,459			2,459	2,844	
	£6,423	£3,419	-	£9,842	£10,800	

11. Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Fund/s	Endowed Fund/s	Total Funds 2025	Total Funds 2024	Notes
	£	£	£	£	£	
Accruals for utilities and other costs	2,117	-	-	2,117	1,317	
Church collections for charities		584	-	584	513	
Fees paid in advance	1,110	-	-	1,110	690	
Income received in advance	6,250	-	-	6,250	6,250	
DBF re Fees	3,732	-	-	3,732	2,663	
Wedding deposits	2,000	-	-	2,000	1,200	
	£15,209	£584	-	£15,793	£12,634	

12. Creditors: amounts falling due after more than one year

Deferred income		-	-	-	£6,250	
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Notes to the financial report (continued)

13. Statement of funds

	Balances b/fwd 1 Jan 2025	Income	Expenditure	Transfers, other gains and losses	Balances c/fwd 31 Dec 2025
	£	£	£	£	£
Parker - Property	20,487	576	(576)	(819)	19,668
Dr Thomas Beautification	5,459	204	(204)	134	5,593
Penfold Trust- Flowers	3,081	29	(1)	(3,109)	-
Penfold Trust- Music	5,534	207	(207)	135	5,669
Wimbush Foundation Lullington	9,364	88	(3)	(9,449)	-
Endowment Fund - AA Baker for Sick and Needy	5,452	204		(71)	5,586
Endowment Fund - Breton for Sick Poor	2,212	82		(28)	2,266
Endowment Fund - Charles Edward Austen Leigh	6,163	230		(79)	6,314
Total of all endowed funds	57,752	1,620	(991)	(13,284)	45,097
Fabric fund	29,542	970	-	-	30,512
Flower Fund	-	2,215	(2,746)	3,135	2,604
Bell Ringers fund	4,002	804	(185)	4,282	8,903
Bell Restoration fund	4,282	-	-	(4,282)	-
Restoration fund	18,560	5,711	(3,138)		21,133
Wimbush Lullington fund	4,794	893		9,528	15,215
Rectors Mission fund	20,034	27,842	(22,256)		25,620
Chancel Trust funds	3,877	363	-		4,241
Alfriston Charity Fund	5,028	165		516	5,709
Total of all restricted funds	90,120	38,964	(28,325)	13,179	113,938
General fund	81,950	117,365	(114,664)	(1,500)	83,152
Designated Boiler fund	15,000			1,500	16,500
Total of all unrestricted funds	96,950	117,365	(114,664)	-	99,652
Total funds	£244,822	£157,949	£(143,980)	£(105)	£258,687

Independent Examiner's Report to the PCC of St Andrew's Church, Alfriston with Lullington

For the year ended 31 December 2025

This is my report to the Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish (PCC) of St Andrew's Alfriston with Lullington on the annual report for the year ended 31st December 2025 set out on pages 1 to 16

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The PCC members are responsible for the preparation of the annual reports. The PCC members consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 ("The Charities Act") and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

1. Examine the accounts under section 145 of the Charities Act,
2. To follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission (under section 145{5}{b} of the Charities Act, and
3. To state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of Independent Examiner's statement

My examination was carried out in accordance with general Directions given by the Charity Commission. 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 the trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair' view, and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

Independent Examiner's Statement

In connection with my examination, no material matters have come to my attention which gives me cause to believe that in any material respect:

- Accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act or
- The accounts do not accord with the accounting records

I have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Examiner's signature



Examiner's name

MR PAUL STRICKLAND

Date:

24/3/2026

Relevant professional qualification{s} or bodies if any:

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