



MIDHURST

PARISH CHURCH

**Trustees Annual Report
and
Financial Report
for the year ended 31st December 2025**

of The Parochial Church Council of

St. Mary Magdalene & St. Denys Church

Church Hill, Midhurst, West Sussex, GU29 9PB
Registered Charity No.1194217

OUR AIMS AND PURPOSES AS A CHARITY

The PCC has the responsibility of co-operating with the incumbent in:

- The promotion of the gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ according to the doctrines and practices of the Church of England.
- Promoting in the parish the whole mission of the church, pastoral, social, evangelistic and, ecumenical.
- Knowing Jesus better and making Him better known.
- Practical support and care for people in the parish, from the youngest to the oldest, irrespective of level of need or, ability to pay.
- Providing support to those in need and by giving financial support to other organisations with similar objectives.

The PCC is also responsible for the maintenance of St Mary Magdalene & St Denys Church, Church Hill, Midhurst as well as the interior of St Ann's Hall, the parish room which is rented from the Cowdray Estate.

WHAT WE PLANNED TO DO TO ACHIEVE OUR CHARITABLE OBJECTIVES

When planning our activities for the year, our incumbent and the PCC have considered the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit and, in particular, the specific guidance on 'charities for the advancement of religion'.

The PCC has complied with the duty under section 5 of the Safeguarding and Clergy Discipline Measure 2016, fully recognising its duty to have due regard to House of Bishops' guidance on safeguarding children and vulnerable adults.

For this year we discussed and planned the following objectives and activities to fulfil our aims:

- Enabling as many people as possible to worship at our church.
- Enabling as many people as possible to become part of our parish community.
- Teaching, baptising and nurturing new and existing believers.
- Diversifying our programme of worship to enable more people to attend services in the parish.

- Putting faith into practice, through prayer and worship, and by acts of kindness in our community.
- Offering prayer, learning about scripture, and fellowship in small group situations.
- Assisting people from all walks of life to develop their knowledge of Christianity and their trust in Jesus.
- Provision of pastoral care for people living in the parish.
- Raising money and food for other charities.
- Reaching out to young people and families through groups and regular services and activities aimed at them.
- Maintaining the fabric of the church building as a historic centre and focus of life in the town.
- Keeping the church building open to receive those who come in to find quiet and prayer and provide resources for them.

ACHIEVEMENTS & PERFORMANCE

Every time I sit down and review the reports from the various church groups I find myself amazed by just how much we, as a church, actually do. And, as always, I am also reminded of the other ways in which we support our local community that don't quite fit into any of the organised groups who report below.



For example – our support of the bereaved at funeral or memorial services, at All Soul's and Advent with Candles of Remembrance, the collective generosity of so many in supporting the Foodbank, The Community Hub, Midhurst Palliative Care, Family

Support Work and, newly this year, Chestnut Tree House and Naomi's Place, and the excellent work undertaken by our foundation governors at local schools – none of these feature in our reports but yet they are still happening.



Whilst unheralded, our shared ministry with local schools has brought many moments of joy for both the youngest in our communities and some who are longer in the tooth. The range of services, concerts and



celebrations that take place in the church are one thing, but it was a true joy to see members of the Mother's Union remembering their own experiences of school whilst distributing bibles to children in Midhurst Primary School a few months ago – those bibles being gifted to the students by the church ... the literal handing down of the word of God!

Our engagement with children and young people has led to our founding a new community choir for children, Sing Squad, in which children from primary and secondary schools in the region gather for the sheer joy of singing – with some decent snacks! It is early days but the choir already has 14 children and is slowly growing.

The church primarily exists to be the place where Holy encounter becomes more likely, to serve as a focal point where we hope to be closer to God, to be the place where we can be fed and sustained on our faith journeys, to be the place where we can find companions for the road and become disciples as we do so. Our spiritual life is robust: regular worship has been sustained, and our worship community has modestly grown despite the relatively large number of bereavements we have suffered over the past few years. We wed more couples in the past year than in previous years

and have always been able to present candidates for confirmation at each deanery confirmation service – and, for the first time in the history of our church – also admitted a child to Holy Communion. That is a big shift for us theologically: in coming to understand that full membership of the church is about a sense of belonging and not only an appreciation of doctrine.

This year has seen the relaunching of our prayer chain, the vocational discernment of a new Authorised Lay Minister in Susan Hughes who will be commissioned by the bishop in a few week's time, the running of an Alpha course, our catering and practical support of a diocesan family pilgrimage known as Family Camp, the growth in vocation of Valerie Heath to fulfil her role as an altar server and chalice assistant, all whilst countless other people have found new ways to serve as part of our worship community.

As you would hope for a community of love, our church is also a place where we can enjoy each other's company in fellowship and have a little fun. The social committee report gives a detailed breakdown of what we got up to in this regard. My thanks echo Glynis' to the small army of people who make these events as enjoyable and successful as they have proven to be.

Thinking of our role in the wider church, our safeguarding officer (report below!) has been spearheading face-to-face training not just within our parish but across the wider deanery: the first non-diocesan staff to be authorised for this important ministry. As your vicar I hold a few wider roles – I am part of the team that has launched Family Camp, serve as a spiritual director, and occasionally support the chaplaincy team at Westbourne House school as well as continuing to serve as chaplain to the Royal British Legion, Midhurst Primary School and serve on the Deanery standing committee.

I commend all the reports that follow – they are a reflection of the breadth and depth of our community and illustrate the varied ways in which we can all come to know and serve the Lord.

Revd. Marcus

THE PARISH OFFICE

The primary role of the Parish Administrator is to support the incumbent and the PCC in meeting their aims and purposes as a charity and delivering their charitable objectives. To that end, the Parish Admin Office, based in St Ann's Hall, is open 16 hours a week.

The tasks undertaken to provide that support are many and varied including: printing service booklets; designing and printing posters; maintaining and updating Church Suite (the church's administrative system); ordering supplies (everything from coffee to candles); supporting the church wardens with arranging routine maintenance updates for the church and St Ann's; fielding phone calls covering every topic imaginable from family history enquiries to requests for help with arranging an exorcism etc. No two days are ever the same.

The most tangible output from the office is printed matter – during the year, circa 74,000 sheets were printed, which included over 5000 orders of service.

It is a privilege to be part of the church family and to try to support all those who make church life so rich and full.

*Lucy Quail
Parish Administrator*

DEANERY SYNOD REPORT

The Deanery Synod met on 3 occasions during the year, with the standing committee meeting on a further 3 occasions.

The year has been led by the Rural Dean Revd Trish Bancroft and the Lay Chair Christina Heath.

The representatives on the Diocesan Synod were elected in the early summer and are -

Revd Trish Bancroft (Rural dean)
Christina Heath (Lay Chair)
Revd Canon Derek Welsman

Kevin Edgeley (Deanery Treasurer)
Revd Marcus Collie
Roger Bricknell (Deanery secretary)

Parish Ministry Costs (PMC)

The system has changed. Statutory fees are no longer counted as part of the PMC. The PMC for 2025 was set at £81,445 for a full time Priest.

Pledges were made in the normal way, with not every benefice aiming for 100% PMC. The Deanery monitored the compliance with the pledges which have been complied with by the end of the year.

Deanery finances

The parishes contributed £30 to the deanery for expenses incurred by the Deanery such as –

Church Wardens Swearing in Service

Awayday expenses

Confirmation Service

Family Social Work

All benefices managed to contribute the desired amount to the project which was £800. It was paid to the Deanery Treasurer who made the required payments to FSW at the end of the year. One Benefice was found to be considerably in advance with its payment and adjustment to account for this were made. Kirsty the FSW Practitioner for our Deanery left during the year. Limited cover was provided by nearby benefice Practitioner. A replacement for Kirsty was recruited at the second attempt and is now in place.

The monthly newsletters are circulated to all members of the deanery and indicate the work that goes on. FSW is proving to be a great service for the Deanery. We would have struggled to cope with these problems without them.

Deanery Mission Action Plan

The deanery monitors the action plan at each meeting and the progress made is noted.

Safeguarding

This Deanery is one of the most advanced in this field. We have Safeguarding officers in each benefice. They now have regular meetings

and other methods of communication. Two of our safeguarding officers had devised training courses which have been approved by the Diocese. They have provided these courses in the benefice, which allows for the regular qualifications to be achieved. A Dashboard system is now available and in use in each benefice

Diocesan Net Carbon Zero by 2030 Project.

The Deanery is now aware of what is entailed in this project. It has made very strong recommendations on the subject.

- All PCC's should have NCZ as a permanent item on all their agenda's. We have asked members of the Synod to make sure it happens.
- The deanery strongly recommend the use of the Roche system either direct or through the Diocesan Roche system.
- A diocesan group exists to give advice and exchange ideas. It has conferences to assist everyone in this area.
- A presentation on the ECO Church was given to the Deanery on their awayday.

The deanery is endeavouring to keep track of these actions. Some benefices are well advanced others not so. Advice and guidance is available.

Awayday

A very interesting presentation from Sarah Adams on the Chichester Food bank was given in the Afternoon. The Chichester Foodbank has 4 sites that they operate – Chichester; Midhurst; Petworth; Selsey.

Future activity

- Review and discussion on how the deanery system operates, with particular attention on its relationship both up and down the system.
- Selection of a new Bishop of Chichester.
- Please note that the existing 3-year term of lay members finishes at the 2026 at the APCM. All members of the next 3-year term of the deanery Synod must be elected or re-elected at that the 2026 APCM. Please endeavour to fill all available places.

*Roger Bricknell
Deanery Secretar*

CHURCHWARDENS' REPORT

April 2025 saw the retirement of Gerry Randall and Barry Semark as Churchwardens. We owe them our grateful thanks for their years of service, including a difficult vacancy period prior to Marcus's arrival.

Diane Ruinet and Lorraine Graham were appointed the posts in April 2025. The major event of 2025 was the installation of our new lighting system and Gerry and Barry with Marcus have to be congratulated for all the behind the scenes work that this project entailed. We now have a completely new lighting system installed by CES Lighting that is fit for the future. LED and controllable. It allows us the flexibility for quiet contemplation or entertaining concerts. The funding for this enormous project was achieved by grants and donations.

The North Wall continues to be a visible issue and is still in the process of drying out. The collapsing lychgate has continued to be a serious problem, least of all the question arose as to who is responsible for the repair. Finally, Chichester District Council have agreed to carry out the works. We have no date, as yet when the lychgate will be restored and open again.

In 2025 we commissioned all recurring annual maintenance works including the clearing of gutters, maintenance of fire extinguishers, boilers, electrical PAT testing in Church and St Anns. A new alarm system was installed in the Autumn and can now be monitored by the Vicar and Churchwarden. Any faults can be analysed remotely and will remove the cost of having engineers visit unless there is a hardware or wiring issue.



The stained-glass window in the Narthex of St Cecilia had a small round hole in the glass. There is no explanation as to how this happened. It has been repaired and was covered by our Church Insurance.

The sound system, for playing recorded music or conveying clear speech from the pulpit or at the lectern, had also proved to be intermittently faulty. With the arrangement of some new microphone wiring, and radio boosters the faults have been rectified by Sound Advice AV Installations LTD. Following the report of several accidental falls by visitors to the church



and parishioners, the Vicar and Churchwardens took the precaution of inspecting the flooring quality and different levels around the building. Where levels vary and may not be considered by some to be easily recognisable, white lines have been added to make them more visible. The wooden block flooring has undergone repairs to clean and secure loose sections. This has become part of the regular maintenance schedule.

Other parts of our ancient building, grounds and notice boards are regularly inspected to ensure that timely repairs and improvements, where possible, are undertaken.

We wish to thank all members of the welcoming team at services and events ensuring that these are safely enjoyed by all.

*Diane Ruinet
Lorraine Graham
Churchwardens*

CHILDREN AND FAMILIES

Sparks

In 2025 the Sparks Group met in nearby St Ann's Hall on the 1st and 3rd Sundays of the month. This group is for Primary School aged children. Having come to church with their family for the 10.30am service the children remained in church for the first hymn and a prayer then left for St Ann's Hall with two adult leaders. At the hall they explored through story, activities and talking together one of the Bible readings read in the church service. They returned to the service for the celebration of Holy Communion and to share what they had explored with the congregation. A drink, biscuit and time to meet others was then very welcome.



We warmly welcomed children and families to other Sunday services whether a Sparks week or not. The Children's area in the church with activities available has been well used.

Messy Church

The six sessions in 2025 explored the themes Winter Wonderland, Spring, Baptism, Summer, Harvest and Follow the Star. Meeting on Sunday afternoons for informal family worship we gathered for interactive sharing of a Bible theme or story. This was followed by a wide range of craft activities often involving paint, glue and icing.



It is called Messy Church! In June a large tissue paper rainbow was created and subsequently became the altar frontal for some time. After much fun doing activities, good food was enjoyed by all, either a BBQ or other hot meal. On four occasions we met at Midhurst Parish Church, at The Methodist Church in June and in October, as a result of the installation of new lighting in the church, we were grateful to Midhurst Town

Council for the use of The Old Library.

Messy Church was advertised through the parish newsletter, posters, social media and the local school. Look out for Messy Church in 2026 and join the fun.

Thank you to the families, planning team and all craft and refreshment volunteers.

We take seriously our responsibility and requirement to maintain a safe environment for children and families. Safe recruitment and safeguarding training for all family work volunteers is part of this commitment.

Jenny Dennett

PASTORAL CARE REPORT

Our caring for each other and our community is at the heart of our Christian faith. There are many amongst the congregation who regularly carry out this aspect of our mission.

The more formal pastoral care, for example taking Holy Communion to people in their home or a pastoral visit or phone call has been undertaken by members of our small Pastoral Team. The church has continued to be a place of solace and prayer for anyone in the community to call in at times of difficulty, anxiety or distress. People have come to sit quietly or take advantage of the resources available to support them.

The Prayer Link started in 2025 enabling prayers to be requested and responded to within a short timescale.

In January 2026 Sue Hughes will begin training for Authorised Lay Ministry in Pastoral work. We wish her well with her training and look forward to her joining the team.

Jenny Dennett

Authorised Lay Minister, Pastoral

SOCIAL COMMITTEE

Following on from a successful inaugural year in 2024, the Social Committee organised five fundraising events for the church throughout 2025.

We kicked off with another “Quiz & Fizz” evening on Saturday 1st March in The Old Library, having decided that this would be an annual event. Over 60 guests attended to pit their wits against the questions from 8 different categories. They enjoyed a glass of Prosecco on arrival and a Ploughman’s Supper half-way through the evening. The event ran very smoothly, and everyone enjoyed the challenge of the quiz and the camaraderie of their fellow competitors.



There were some high-scoring rounds, but only one team could take the prize of a mini bottle of Prosecco each.

Our second event was a *"Jazz Evening"* in the church on Friday 9th May, when we invited 'The Sarah Jane Eveleigh Quintet' to return to perform for



us, following on from their success in 2024. Unfortunately, the numbers of people attending, 41, was down from last year, which was very disappointing. However, we still made a small profit from the ticket sales and money taken over the bar. This did not, however, distract from the enthusiastic response the band

received, and the enjoyment felt by the audience on the night watching one of the best jazz performers on the circuit.

On Wednesday 7th July, we were treated to *"Music for a Summer Evening"* a twilight concert of beautiful piano music, including works by Bach, Mozart, Grieg and Albeniz, performed by Richard Allum, one of our church organists. Once again, this was held in the church. It was a beautiful summer evening, with beautiful playing by Richard, who performed free-of-charge for us. The audience greatly enjoyed it. Indeed, I heard one guest saying, 'what a treat', and indeed it was, so thank you to Richard for making it so special and helping us to raise more money for the church.

In the Autumn, on Saturday 13th September, we organised a *"Harvest Supper with Opera"*, held in the Memorial Hall. Knowing how well opera is received by the residents of Midhurst, we managed to secure the services of a family opera group who we called 'Opera Famiglia', consisting of a mother (soprano), son (tenor) and father (keyboard player) who performed arias from well-known operas to entertain our guests during the evening. A lovely buffet of meat, fish, vegetarian dishes, different salads and dessert, which went down very well with our guests, was produced by a group of volunteers, namely, Kate, Louise, Chrissie, Marcus and myself, to whom I am very grateful. The evening was very well received by our guests, and we had numerous compliments afterwards for arranging such a special evening.

The last fundraising event of the year was *"That's Your Lot"*, an Auction of Promises, which was held on Friday 21st November, again in the Memorial Hall. This was the best part of a year in preparation, as there was so much to arrange and do. We ended up with 21 auction lots, covering categories as diverse as 'Tea in the Walled Garden', 'Tickets for Chichester Theatre', 'A Ride in a Jensen Interceptor Car' to an 'Aspinal Tote Bag', as well as offering a raffle prize of a 'Christmas Hamper' courtesy of Comestibles. We are indebted to all the companies and individuals who donated prizes and experiences which made the Auction the success that it was. Although we only sold half the tickets available, everyone who attended greatly enjoyed the evening, trying to out-bid each other to secure the lot they wanted. Our auctioneer for the evening, John Backshall, created a fun atmosphere, so a big 'thank you' to him. Once again, we received a lot of positive comments after the event. As you would expect, this was our biggest fundraiser of the year, and we were able to give some of the proceeds from the auction lots to the Midhurst Palliative Care charity, which they gratefully received.

As last year, we arranged for a *"Children's Magic Show & Tea"* during the school half-term on Monday, 27th October, in the Old Library. This year, it featured 'Malcolm the Magician' who put on a good show, entertaining the children, followed by a children's tea with sandwiches, sausages, cake, etc. This event is a break-even affair and although the attendance wasn't as high as last year, perhaps due to the good weather on the day, the parents and children who came along, certainly enjoyed themselves.

Once again, I am indebted to everyone who volunteered to help with all the events this year, without whom, it wouldn't be possible, and particular thanks go to Kate & John Cox, who are always there to lend a helping hand and give good advice, and also to Lorraine Graham, who is always willing to run the bar on such occasions. Long may it continue!

Glynis Masters
Social Secretary

FRIENDSHIP TEAS

2025 saw the parish Friendship Teas run smoothly for 10 months, including a change of venue in October, whilst the church was closed for major electrical work. Midhurst Town Council were generous in allowing us to use the Old Library (free of charge) and even supplied some help in moving furniture. Repayment was made in cake form!! The fact that we are able to offer these monthly Teas is down to two dedicated teams of bakers, ably supported by an even greater number of volunteers. We are further supported by Midhurst Primary School who, whenever possible, supply a number of Year 6 pupils who arrange flowers and wait upon our guests, showing them to their seats and keeping the flow of hot drinks constant. We have been fortunate to enjoy the musical talents of both Malcom and Alex in providing live musical entertainment.

It has to be admitted, that attendance numbers for the Friendship Teas are primarily dominated by the weather. The number of guests can vary from 10 in dismal weather to 25 when the sun shines. There is probably no way to counteract this issue, but naturally, it makes planning the catering rather a challenge. The Teas in both January and February don't run for this very weather-related reason.

The December Tea was potentially a wonderful occasion. Both teams of bakers and all of the volunteers grouped together to bring a wonderful party atmosphere to the event, enhanced even more by the Primary School choir singing for us. Unfortunately, the weather was appalling which sadly limited the number of guests. I think it would be fair to say that everyone who did make it through the monsoon, had a very enjoyable afternoon.

The Friendship Teas resume in March 2026 and I thank everyone involved who enthusiastically makes them happen.

Barbara Moss

MIDHURST COMMUNITY HUB

Midhurst Community Hub is an independent registered charity that is separate from the Church. However its founders and four out of its current eight trustees are active members of this Church. Moreover many Hub volunteers, including three of the four Advisory Service team leaders, are also Church members. There are very close links and inter-dependencies.

It should be noted that the Hub operates on a different yearly cycle (April 2025 to end March 2026) from the Church's calendar year (2025) annual reporting, so the figures don't quite match.

The Hub has two strategic aims:

- **To enable independence**
- **To build community**

Enabling independence is achieved by providing help through our Advisory service run from the Grange Centre on Saturday mornings and Monday afternoons. We help clients about debt/financial struggles, benefits (Universal Credit, PiP, Carers Allowance, Attendance Allowance), housing issues (impending homelessness, damp/mould in social housing, rent arrears), and applications for Blue Badge (disabled parking) forms, driving licences/bus passes/passports, lasting power of attorney, Foodbank referrals and more.

Since starting in November 2022 we have helped 250 clients with these complex problems, which are often accompanied by underlying health issues. We have helped some 64 new clients this year so far (25/26) to which can be added a number of new cases from returning clients.

One of the common problems is the assumption by agencies that everyone can access a computer or mobile phone and can complete online forms, but this is simply not the case!

Building community is achieved by bringing together those organisations in the public authority and voluntary sectors serving this area. We held two such Forums in 2025 each attended by over 35 organisations and over 50 delegates. The focus on each occasion was on issues affecting older people, and issues affecting children and families. Details of the papers and

Proceedings can be found on our website link here:
<https://www.midhurstcommunityhub.co.uk/services>

We also have four projects underway:

- **Primary School Clothing Recycling Hub** : free recycled clothing to parents at Easebourne, Stedham and Midhurst Primaries
- **Work Connections**: one to one coaching to those on the edge of the labour market
- **In Touch**: telephone befriending service by weekly calls to those who may not be able to get out but value a friendly chat
- **Midhurst Community Lunches**: the **free** cooked lunch every Monday at the Methodist Church Hall - a great success and now attended by an average of nearly 50 guests a week.

In mid-2025 we obtained new office premises in the Old Library in Knockhundred Row, right by the new community garden project of the Town Council. We also received great financial support from the Cowdray Golf Club in 2025.

Our intention for 2026/27 is to maintain, and improve these services and to grow organically, matching service needs of clients to our capacity. We are grateful to all our volunteers, supporters and funders.

Chrissie Abbott
Chair of Trustees

SAFEGUARDING REPORT

The safety and protection of children, young people, vulnerable adults and our congregation is a core concern and responsibility for the PCC with the topic of safeguarding on the agenda of every PCC meeting. The Safeguarding Officer, Kirstin Bosley, is responsible for keeping the safer recruitment process and safeguarding training up to date including collecting and checking the correct document evidence.

The principal task of safeguarding is firstly to keep the PCC notified of updates, new policies and practices relating to safeguarding nationally and within the diocese. Secondly ensuring that the PCC members and all those

working with children, young people and vulnerable adults in regular church activities including Sparks, Messy Church and Friendship Teas are DBS cleared and trained as necessary.

Basic and Foundation Safeguarding face to face training has been taking part across the Midhurst deanery for anyone that is interested or needs it for their role and is facilitated by local Parish Safeguarding Officers with support of the diocese.

In November, Safeguarding Sunday was introduced to raise the culture of awareness and vigilance amongst the congregation and church role holders thus sharing the message that safeguarding is everyone's responsibility. The updated safeguarding noticeboard now displays a clearer picture of what we all need to do, how we can do it and how help can be found for victims of abuse.



The Parish Safeguarding Dashboard remains a useful tool to keep track of policies, documents and information related to all areas of safeguarding within the church.

*Kirstin Bosley
Parish Safeguarding Officer*

CHURCH MUSIC REPORT

ORGAN: This was treated as a new Motherboard during the year. Noises emulating from the instrument were prevalent and Allen Organs came to repair it armed with a new internal board. All now seems well.

PIANO: This is aging , like some of us, and is quite hard in tone even with the 'soft' pedal in use. It does need new castors to mount it on so it can be easily moved around. Those at present in place are collapsing and score the stone and floor if moved. I have an idea about this which I will explore in the next few weeks.

CHOIR: We are a small but very loyal group and have come up trumps on many occasions during the year when called upon. Most are semi-retired and of course family commitments, holidays etc impinge at various times

of the year, leaving the numbers rather thin. Peta Davies, Alto, has joined us during the year and is enjoying being with us.

I have introduced new music to the choir, and gradually when voices allow we may be able to enter into 4 part harmony. A need for altos and basses is paramount. It is hoped that we can, in some way, enlarge the choir over the next year. Many people, since Covid, seem very reluctant to tie themselves down to regular attendances; this not only applies to church but to many societies in the town and elsewhere.

PRACTICES: Practices now take place twice a month. In the winter St Anne's Hall will be used so that the church does not have to be heated for those occasions. We will return to the church after Easter when, hopefully, the need for heating will have passed by.

I have now been with the church for a year and I have found the job demanding but enjoyable.

Revd Marcus has been a tower of strength, innovation and encouragement and I thank him most sincerely.

*Malcolm Brinson
Director of Music*

BELL RINGERS' REPORT

The size of our team has remained reasonably stable over the last year – retiring ringers being replaced by new recruits. That said, of late, injuries (not related to ringing!), illness and care responsibilities have meant that we sometimes cannot ring all 6 bells for Sunday service, which is a pity. We can however usually muster enough to ring 4 or 5 of the bells.

We normally alternate both our practices and our Sunday ringing with Easebourne since we have insufficient ringers to ring both towers simultaneously. Normally, on 1st and 3rd Sundays are at Easebourne and on 2nd and 4th Sundays we are at Midhurst.

Maintenance of the bells has been attended to as necessary. The bells were inspected last year by professional bell engineers and no major problems found (although there is some wear in one of the bearings which will need attention shortly). No other problems have arisen, so maintenance has been largely limited to periodically checking over the fittings for soundness and adjusting the ropes when required.

Nigel Goodenough

CHURCH FLOWERS

Our funds are quite healthy, thanks to last year's generous Easter donations, which covered Harvest and Christmas too. This year's donation booklet will be available within the next few weeks. During 2025 I took the decision to retire from leading the flower arranging team and we were all delighted when Melanie agreed to take over from me this year. At our January rota meeting we had a light hearted ceremony of me passing to Melanie my key to the North door of our Church, enabling her to deliver flowers etc at a time suitable to her. I have enjoyed my time as leader and would like to thank all team members for their reliability, time and skills in decorating our lovely Church. I now pass over to Melanie and wish her well.

Hazel Nadin

I would like to introduce myself. I moved to Midhurst about three years ago and used to live in Petworth beforehand. I have helped with the flowers on and off for many years. I am a gardener, but have completed a flower arranging course at then Brinsbury College. I like using all the flowers from the garden.

We have a lovely flower arranging team and I hope together we will do Hazel proud and will continue to decorate the church with beautiful arrangements.

I am grateful for all her help and support.

I look forward to the first challenge of the Easter celebration.

Melanie

MOTHERS' UNION REPORT – MIDHURST & EASEBOURNE

2025 was another successful year. We started the year with 30 members but unfortunately two of our longest serving members died at the beginning of the year. Mollie Newman and Jenny Morley who had taken a very active part on the committee and are greatly missed by us all.

The year started with a speaker from Stone Pillow and in March our new Diocesan President came to talk to us. We had our two Mothers' Union cooperative communion services in February and September followed by a Bring and Buy stall. We joined Harting Mothers' Union at Harting Church for a Lady Day service and refreshments. Posies were made by our members for the Mothering Sunday service and we are grateful that the collection was donated to M.U. projects. At our meeting on St. George's Day we had an appropriate quiz and wore red, white and blue! In May we visited Heyshott Church and Naomi gave us an interesting talk on the life of Richard Cobden with tea in the Cobden Hall afterwards. Once again we had our annual strawberry tea in Chrissies and Mike's beautiful garden. We thank them for their hospitality. Our annual outing was a trip on the Chichester canal followed by tea in the canal café. To celebrate Mary Sumner Day we held a coffee morning at Jane's house and the sun shone to order. We held a Beetle drive in October and in December we had our Christmas Lunch at the Bluebell in Cocking. At our evening meeting in November Kirsten gave us an inspiring talk on the Guide and Scout Jamboree held at Ardingly in August. At the end of November we held an Advent Carol service in Midhurst church led by Rev Marcus Collie and assisted by Canon Derek Welsman. Members of the community joined us along with Mothers' Union Members from other branches in the diocese. During the year we raised £350 to support the running of our two caravans in the diocese which offer holidays to those who are less fortunate. We also sent £100 to the Chichester Diocese General fund and £30 to the Christmas Appeal which was doubled by "Just Giving."

The group plays an active part in the District and Diocesan meetings. Two members sit on the Chichester District Committee and members take an active part in M.U. Diocesan Prayer Chain. We hold a Wave of Prayer each year for the link countries we are connected with worldwide. Every day of

the year somewhere in the world a Mothers' Union group is offering up prayers.

Thank you to everyone who helped to make the year so rewarding. A special thank you to Marcus for being such a support throughout the year. May our prayers help us to grow in commitment and service and journey forward into 2026 as we celebrate 150 years of the Mothers' Union.

Jane Simpson

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

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The correspondence address is:

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The PCC is a body corporate (PCC Powers Measure 1956, Church Representation Rules 2006) and has the charity number 1194217.

PCC members who have served at any time from 1st January 2025:

Ex Officio members:

- Incumbent The Revd. Marcus Collie (Chair)
- Churchwardens Mrs Diane Ruinet (Vice Chair)
Mrs Lorraine Graham

Elected members:

- Mrs Kirstin Bosley (Safeguarding Officer)
- Mrs Jenny Dennett (Deanery Synod Rep. & ALM)
- Mr Martin Roberts (PCC Secretary & Deanery Synod Rep.)
- Mr Edward Symonds (Treasurer)
- Ms Lillian Zwarts
- Mrs Alison Windle
- Mrs Nikki Myles (Deanery Synod Rep.)
- Mr George Myles
- Mr David Masters
- Mrs Glynis Masters
- Mrs Kate Cox
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- Mr Malcolm Brinson
- Ms Heather Dummer

FINANCIAL REVIEW AND ACCOUNTS

The Financial Review and Accounts are provided in a separate document available alongside this report. Approved by the PCC on 12th March 2026, and signed on their behalf by Revd. Marcus Collie (Chair)



MIDHURST

PARISH CHURCH

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Signature

This report was approved by the trustees, and is signed on their behalf by:

Diane Ruinet
(Vice-Chair of PCC)

12.3.2026

Independent Examiners Report

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of The Parochial Church Council of St Mary Magdalene & St Denys, Midhurst ('the charity') for the year ended 31/12/2025.

Responsibilities and Basis of Report

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

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

Independent Examiners Qualification

I confirm that I am qualified to undertake the examination because I am a member of the [Insert Applicable Listed Body], which is one of the listed bodies.

Independent Examiner's Statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

1. accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the 2011 Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with the accounting records.

I have no concerns and 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.

Independent

Mr A Mardle
Goodale Mardle Ltd
Midhurst GU29 9NQ

Statement of Financial Activities

	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total	Prior Year
Incoming Resources				
Donations & Legacies	84,067	47,668	131,735	73,725
Charitable Activities	2,055	0	2,055	5,505
Investments	2,895	8	2,904	3,323
Trading Activities	6,007	0	6,007	5,935
Other	6,440	1,600	8,040	10,200
Total incoming resources	101,465	49,277	150,741	98,687
Resources Used				
Charitable Activities	94,741	816	95,557	88,531
Raising Funds	312	0	312	2,838
Governance Costs	125	0	125	0
Premises Costs	23,265	46,409	69,674	26,155
Total resources used	118,443	47,225	165,668	117,524
Net Incoming / Outgoing Resources (before transfers)	-16,978	2,051	-14,927	-18,837
Fund Transfers In	25,426	10,000	35,426	0
Fund Transfers Out	10,482	24,944	35,426	0
Net Incoming / Outgoing Resources (before Asset Revaluation)	-2,034	-12,893	-14,927	-18,837
Net Movement of Funds	-2,034	-12,893	-14,927	-18,837
Total Funds Brought Forward	88,804	32,663	121,467	140,304
Total Funds Carried Forward	86,770	19,770	106,540	121,467
Represented By				
General (Unrestricted)	79,136	0	79,136	80,566
Youth and Children Funds (Restricted)	0	6,359	6,359	7,175
Bell Tower Fund (Restricted)	0	0	0	1,594
Friends of Midhurst Parish Church (Restricted)	0	12,414	12,414	9,526
Parish Hall Fund (Designated)	1	0	1	2,240
Equipment Fund (Designated)	2,720	0	2,720	5,511
Building Fund (Restricted)	0	998	998	8,018
Restricted Energy Grant (Restricted)	0	0	0	6,350
Weddings and Funerals Fund (Unrestricted)	0	0	0	487
Fundraising Activities (Unrestricted)	3,255	0	3,255	0
Flower Fund (Unrestricted)	409	0	409	0
Vicar's Discretionary Fund (Unrestricted)	1,071	0	1,071	0
FSW Fund (Designated)	178	0	178	0

Analysis of Income & Expenditure

Analysis of Income

	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total
Incoming Resources			
Donations & Legacies			
Donations	69,155	2,879	72,034
Gift Aid	14,912	0	14,912
Grants	0	44,789	44,789
Charitable Activities			
Event Income	2,055	0	2,055
Investments			
Bank Interest	2,895	8	2,904
Trading Activities			
Rental Income	1,497	0	1,497
Sales and other income from Events	4,510	0	4,510
Other			
Other Income	3,628	1,600	5,228
Wedding and Funerals	2,813	0	2,813
Total incoming resources	101,465	49,277	150,741

Analysis of Expenditure

	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total
Resources Used			
Mission and Ministry Costs			
Activities	2,080	816	2,896
Administrative and IT	7,779	0	7,779
Advertising	730	0	730
Bank Charges	164	0	164
Event Costs	1,253	0	1,253
Charitable Giving	5,081	0	5,081
Contribution to Parish Share	53,701	0	53,701
Other Expenditure	1,942	0	1,942
Employment and Ministry Costs	16,253	0	16,253
Music and Choir Costs	4,937	0	4,937
Raising Funds			
Fundraising Expenses	312	0	312
Governance Costs			
Governance Costs	947	0	947
Premises Costs			
Premises Costs	23,265	46,409	69,674
Total resources used	118,443	47,225	165,668

Statement of Financial Position

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Current Assets				
Cash	85,298	19,770	105,068	120,183
Accounts Receivable	2,680	0	2,680	2,680
Total	87,978	19,770	107,749	122,863
Non-Current Assets				
Fixed Assets	188	0	188	0
Total	188	0	188	0
Current Liabilities				
Accounts Payable	1,396	0	1,396	1,396
Total	1,396	0	1,396	1,396
Non-Current Liabilities				
Total	0	0	0	0
Net Current Assets	86,582	19,770	106,353	121,467
Total Net Assets (Assets Minus Liabilities)	86,770	19,770	106,540	121,467
Represented By				

Notes - Accounting Policies

Basis of Preparation

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the "Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) ("the Charities SORP"), with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland ("FRS 102") and with the Charities Act 2011. The charity meets the definition of a public benefit entity as set out in FRS 102.

The principles adopted in the preparation of the financial statements are set out in the accounting policies below.

Going Concern

The Trustees consider Midhurst Parish Church a going concern at the date for approving the accounts. There are no material uncertainties that the charity can continue as a going concern for the next year.

Key Risks & Uncertainties

The charity is exposed to various risks, including operational, financial and reputational risks. The trustees review the charity's activities regularly to identify significant risks and, where possible, they take appropriate measures to mitigate those risks.

Fund Accounting

Unrestricted income funds comprise those funds which the trustees are free to use for any purpose in furtherance of the charitable objects. Unrestricted funds include designated funds where the trustees, at their discretion, have set aside resources for a specific purpose. Restricted funds are funds which are to be used in accordance with specific restrictions imposed by the donor or the term of specific appeal. Further explanation of the nature and purpose of each fund is included in the notes to the accounts.

Incoming Resources

All incoming resources are recognised once the charity has entitlement to the resources, it is probable that the resources will be received, and the monetary value of incoming resources can be measured with sufficient reliability.

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- Volunteer time, the value of voluntary support for the work of the charity, is not included in the accounts but is described in the Trustees Annual Report.
- Investment Income is included in the accounts when receivable

Resources Expended

Expenditure is recognised on an accrual basis as a liability is incurred. Liabilities are recognised where it is more likely than not that there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to pay out the resources and the amount of the obligation can be measured with reasonable certainty.

Governance Costs

Governance costs include costs associated with the independent examination of the financial statements, compliance with constitutional and statutory requirements and any other expenditure incurred on the strategic management of the charity.

Analysis of Charitable Funds

Current Year

Fund Name	Opening Balance	Income	Expenditure	Fund Transfers	Closing Balance
Unrestricted					
General (Unrestricted)	80,566	92,086	107,978	14,462	79,136
Weddings and Funerals Fund (Unrestricted)	487	-487	0	0	0
Fundraising Activities (Unrestricted)	0	6,565	3,382	72	3,255
Flower Fund (Unrestricted)	0	798	389	0	409
Vicar's Discretionary Fund (Unrestricted)	0	1,151	80	0	1,071
Total	81,053	100,113	111,829	14,534	83,871
Designated					
Parish Hall Fund (Designated)	2,240	1,272	3,823	312	1
Equipment Fund (Designated)	5,511	0	2,791	0	2,720
FSW Fund (Designated)	0	80	0	98	178
Total	7,751	1,352	6,614	410	2,899
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Youth and Children Funds (Restricted)	7,175	0	816	0	6,359

Bell Tower Fund (Restricted)	1,594	0	0	-1,594	0
Friends of Midhurst Parish Church (Restricted)	9,526	2,888	0	0	12,414
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Analysis of Income & Expenditure

Analysis of Income

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Analysis of Expenditure

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Event Costs	1,253	0	1,253
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Contribution to Parish Share	53,701	0	53,701
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Raising Funds			
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Total	1,396	0	1,396	1,396
Non-Current Liabilities				
Total	0	0	0	0
Net Current Assets	86,582	19,770	106,353	121,467
Total Net Assets (Assets Minus Liabilities)	86,770	19,770	106,540	121,467
Represented By				

Notes - Accounting Policies

Basis of Preparation

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the "Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) ("the Charities SORP"), with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland ("FRS 102") and with the Charities Act 2011. The charity meets the definition of a public benefit entity as set out in FRS 102.

The principles adopted in the preparation of the financial statements are set out in the accounting policies below.

Going Concern

The Trustees consider Midhurst Parish Church a going concern at the date for approving the accounts. There are no material uncertainties that the charity can continue as a going concern for the next year.

Key Risks & Uncertainties

The charity is exposed to various risks, including operational, financial and reputational risks. The trustees review the charity's activities regularly to identify significant risks and, where possible, they take appropriate measures to mitigate those risks.

Fund Accounting

Unrestricted income funds comprise those funds which the trustees are free to use for any purpose in furtherance of the charitable objects. Unrestricted funds include designated funds where the trustees, at their discretion, have set aside resources for a specific purpose. Restricted funds are funds which are to be used in accordance with specific restrictions imposed by the donor or the term of specific appeal. Further explanation of the nature and purpose of each fund is included in the notes to the accounts.

Incoming Resources

All incoming resources are recognised once the charity has entitlement to the resources, it is probable that the resources will be received, and the monetary value of incoming resources can be measured with sufficient reliability.

- All voluntary income from members of the charity are recognised as donations and are included in full, with associated Gift Aid receivable in the Statement of Financial Activities.
- Grants where entitlement is not conditional on the delivery of specific performance by the charity are recognised when the charity becomes unconditionally entitled to the grant.
- Income resources from charitable trading activities such as the letting of the building are accounted for when invoices are drawn up (as at the point of entitlement).

- Donated services and facilities are included at the value to the charity where this can be quantified.
- Gifts in Kind are accounted for at a reasonable estimate of their value to the charity or the amount actually realised.
- Volunteer time, the value of voluntary support for the work of the charity, is not included in the accounts but is described in the Trustees Annual Report.
- Investment Income is included in the accounts when receivable

Resources Expended

Expenditure is recognised on an accrual basis as a liability is incurred. Liabilities are recognised where it is more likely than not that there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to pay out the resources and the amount of the obligation can be measured with reasonable certainty.

Governance Costs

Governance costs include costs associated with the independent examination of the financial statements, compliance with constitutional and statutory requirements and any other expenditure incurred on the strategic management of the charity.

Analysis of Charitable Funds

Current Year

Fund Name	Opening Balance	Income	Expenditure	Fund Transfers	Closing Balance
Unrestricted					
General (Unrestricted)	80,566	92,086	107,978	14,462	79,136
Weddings and Funerals Fund (Unrestricted)	487	-487	0	0	0
Fundraising Activities (Unrestricted)	0	6,565	3,382	72	3,255
Flower Fund (Unrestricted)	0	798	389	0	409
Vicar's Discretionary Fund (Unrestricted)	0	1,151	80	0	1,071
Total	81,053	100,113	111,829	14,534	83,871
Designated					
Parish Hall Fund (Designated)	2,240	1,272	3,823	312	1
Equipment Fund (Designated)	5,511	0	2,791	0	2,720
FSW Fund (Designated)	0	80	0	98	178
Total	7,751	1,352	6,614	410	2,899
Unrestricted Total	88,804	101,465	118,443	14,944	86,770
Restricted					
Youth and Children Funds (Restricted)	7,175	0	816	0	6,359

Bell Tower Fund (Restricted)	1,594	0	0	-1,594	0
Friends of Midhurst Parish Church (Restricted)	9,526	2,888	0	0	12,414
Building Fund (Restricted)	8,018	46,389	46,409	-7,000	998
Restricted Energy Grant (Restricted)	6,350	0	0	-6,350	0
Total	32,663	49,277	47,225	-14,944	19,770
Restricted Total	32,663	49,277	47,225	-14,944	19,770
TOTAL	121,467	150,741	165,668	0	106,540