



Parochial Church Council of St Andrew Bishopstone
(Charity Registration No. 1196160)
Report and Accounts
For the year ended December 31, 2025

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Parochial Church Council of St Andrew, Bishopstone

Trustees Annual Report for 2025

Aim and Purposes

The primary objective of St. Andrew's PCC is the promotion of the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to the doctrines and practices of the Church of England. The PCC has the responsibility of co-operating with the Benefice Rector and the Priest at St Andrew's in promoting in the ecclesiastical parish the whole mission of the Church pastoral, evangelistic social and ecumenical.

Objectives and Activities

The PCC is committed to enabling as many people as possible to worship at our church and to become part of our parish community at St. Andrew's. The PCC 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 Commission's guidance on public benefit and, in particular, the supplementary guidance on 'charities for the advancement of religion'. In particular we try to enable local 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.
- Teaching, baptizing, and nurturing new and existing believers.
- Provision of pastoral care for people living in the parish.
- Supporting missionary and outreach work as part of our charitable giving.

To facilitate this work, it is important that we maintain the fabric of the Church of St. Andrew's, and also maintain the "open" churchyard to enable relatives and visitors alike to experience peace in this sacred place. An annual open-air service is held 'In memory of those at rest'.

Achievement and performance

Church attendance:

The church family welcomes visitors from within as well as outside the parish boundary. It is our great pleasure to welcome anyone from all walks of life to take part in the life of the church. We contend that voluntary attendance to worship the Lord Jesus Christ, is a major demonstration of the public benefit of our activities.

In 2025 a New Electoral Roll was created. The total number on the New Roll was 68. Twenty-five people came off the roll either through illness, death, moved away or no longer worshipping at St. Andrew's. Seven new people joined the new roll.

Our attendance numbers have suffered as we have continued to sadly bear the passing of more of our congregation due to age and illness. There were two baptisms during the year. Unusually only

one wedding took place. There were 6 funerals in church. We recorded 10 interments of Ashes that took place without a funeral taking place, an increase of two from the year before.

From 6th August 2024 we have been able to open the church unmanned by enlisting the help of village residents with unlocking and locking the church. The church stays open daily from 10am to 4pm in winter and 5pm in summer. Throughout the year we have not encountered any problems. Guided tours can be arranged by prior appointment for individuals or groups. Many people enjoy the peace of our churchyard and numerous walkers enjoy their lunchtime taking a rest on the benches provided. Ground Contractors take care of the mowing of the churchyard on a regular basis and trimming of hedges and some members of the congregation tackle other jobs throughout the year.

The PCC met six times during the year. To deal more efficiently with all the aspects of church life, the PCC formed two sub-groups in 2022, one incorporating Building and Worship, the other overseeing our busy parish Outreach programme including providing refreshments. These groups continue to work well. Having been in a Vacancy since July 2024, we were delighted to welcome Revd Simon Earnshaw as our Rector of the United Benefice with his wife Victoria and daughters Hannah and Naomi. The family have settled well into the Rectory adjacent to St. Peter's church. The Bishop of Lewes licensed Fr. Simon as Rector of the Benefice on the 3rd March 2025.

Our Safeguarding Officer, Sarah Butler submits a Report for each meeting of the PCC. Sarah has, for a little while, been working on the new Diocesan Safeguarding Dash Board keeping a track of all aspects of Safeguarding. We are pleased to report that we have completed Level Two and are now well on our way to achieving Level 3. All PCC members have undertaken where necessary Safeguarding Training. Sarah Butler has submitted her full report within this document on Page 8.

Our Sunday worship offers a Said Eucharist at 8.00am followed by a Sung Eucharist at 10.30am with a replacement service of Matins on the second Sunday of the month and a Sung Evensong on the first Sunday of the month. There is always a Wednesday Eucharist at 10am, which incorporates Wholeness and Healing on the last Wednesday of the month.

The Benefice continues making available to all, Advent and Lent courses held in St. Peter's Chapel Rooms.

As a PCC we have continued to work towards the fulfillment of our Mission Action Plan. Work has been undertaken by our Fabric Officer including the continuing project to extend the existing vestry adding a new tea point and WC facilities to St Andrew's. This project has progressed steadily throughout the year and reached the application stage for a Faculty request being submitted to the Diocesan Advisory Committee. We hope in the New Year to hear some good news. Just before the end of the year, we were able to arrange for scaffolding to be erected in the tower to enable our Architect Mr. Richard Andrews to complete his Quinquennial Inspection. The result of this inspection led us to employ a Structural Engineer to advise what strengthening work to beams and joists were needed. More details are given in the Fabric Report included in this document Page 6. The same Mission Action Plan saw us continue to provide many events throughout 2025, all needing it would seem refreshments in one form or another, and so our thanks go to all who undertake so much within the Outreach group. In September a special PCC meeting was arranged to review the 5 year MAP 2020 to 2025 to take us forward in 2026 and the years to come.

We welcome the opportunity of keeping in touch with our Parishioners and those further afield on a monthly basis via our Benefice E-Newsletter. Events and worship services are promoted on the St. Andrew's face book, and information is also available on A Church Near You website. Additional articles can be included on the St. Andrew's page of St. Peter's Cross Keys magazine.

Review of the Year:

As previously mentioned, 2025 started well with the Licensing of our new Rector Revd. Dr. Simon Earnshaw on 3rd March. Prior to his appointment he was Curate in the Benefice of Clayton with Keymer in West Sussex.

In April following Easter services we held an Open Church Day on Bank Holiday Monday, inviting visitors to call in and find out a little more about the church and worship. Children accompanied by an adult were entertained with an Eye-Spy competition, colouring, and sowing mustard and cress seeds. April also marked the second anniversary of our house for duty Associate Vicar Revd. Elizabeth Jinks being with us.

Having a successful joint May Fayre in 2024 working with the Bishopstone Parish Hall Committee we continued with this partnership for 2025. This event again was a great success especially in terms of support from local people and further afield, the proceeds of £4572 being divided equally between Church and Hall each receiving £2,286.

In support of Christian Aid, and in addition to helping with their annual appeal, we held a Strawberry Cream Tea in June raising over £300. On the second Sunday in July, we held a special service to raise the profile of the charity Mission to Seafarers. We were delighted that the Lord Lieutenant was able to join us and Mayors from Seaford and Newhaven were among many other guests all having a connection with the sea making up the congregation. Refreshments for 50 were served in the Parish Hall following the service.

An event mainly for children was held on Saturday 9th August with various activities linked to nature with bug hunts in our extended piece of land 'God's Acre' and more activities were available in the hall.

The following day 10 August the good weather allowed us to hold our Annual Open-Air Service in our churchyard 'In Memory of loved ones at rest.' A simple and reflective service in very peaceful and sacred surroundings. All who attend were invited to refreshments in the hall after receiving a rose to either place on a loved one's grave or to take home.

Our next outdoor event in September was our annual Blessing of Pet Service, the threatening rain clouds caused us some concern, but thankfully we were able to conclude the service before the rain arrived.

In October following our Harvest Thanksgiving services a bring and share lunch proved popular as always and 35 people enjoyed this opportunity of fellowship, A congregation of 30 at Evensong provided a fitting end to our celebrations.

At our PCC meeting in November we agreed our annual Charitable Giving of £2,000 allocated as follows:- £200 in support of a student at Hebron Village in India, £400 to the Diocesan Family Support Work, £200 Shaftsbury Society for disabled, £100 Computers for Charities, £300 Mission Aviation Fellowship, £200 AKWARDA Education Ghana, £400 Mission to Seafarers, £200 Local YMCA.

We all look forward to our Patronal Festival and Gift Day in November. Prior to these celebrations every home in the Parish receives a three-fold leaflet inviting them to join us for worship, to make a contribution towards our gift day, and to welcome them to our Christmas services. It was good to welcome as our speaker Revd Ian Edgar Vicar of the Parish of Sidley, nr. Bexhill and a friend of Fr. Simon. The kind and generous donations for our Gift Day amounted to £2,050.

Christmas services were well attended including the Christingle Service with children in mind. Traditional Nine Lessons and Carols was much appreciated with 83 in the congregation many of whom stayed on for afternoon tea in the Parish Hall. As before, with the help of musical residents in the village we had the welcome benefit of an augmented choir. The quality of the singing, the candlelight and greenery added a special atmosphere. On the evening chosen for 'Outdoor Carols' 70 plus folk were still in good voice all wrapped up well against the cold.

In an endeavour to welcome the wider community into St. Andrew's, 'Arts @ St. Andrew's' was created to provide a programme of events such as concerts and talks.

Rector's Report

It is with gratitude and a sense of privilege that I present this Rector's Report for the year 2025 at St. Andrew's, Bishopstone. As we reflect on the past twelve months, we are reminded of God's faithfulness, the steadfastness of our congregation, and our shared commitment to serve both God and our local community. This report seeks to summarise the key developments, challenges, and blessings of the past year, and to look ahead with hope to the future.

Our worship at St. Andrew's continues to be the heartbeat of our parish life. Weekly Sunday services remain central, drawing together a faithful congregation who value both the tradition and warmth of our liturgical worship. As well as the midweek Eucharist and Monthly Evensong. Special services throughout the year: Holy Week, Easter, Harvest, Sea Sunday, St Andrew's Patronal Festival, Remembrance, and Christmas—were all well attended, with the Christmas services particularly well attended including the Carols in The Pound fostering a wonderful sense of community and celebration. My grateful thanks go to Revd Elizabeth Jinks who leads most of these services and of course to Fr Eric Pollard and Fr Chris Collison for their help too. We appreciate the dedication of our organist Michael, members of the choir and all who administer the chalice and serve at the altar.

We have also sought to deepen our spiritual lives through the joint Benefice Lent and Advent courses which were well attended and prompted thoughtful discussion on what it means to live out our faith in today's world. I am grateful to all who have participated and assisted me in delivering these courses helping us to grow closer to God and to one another.

The project to raise funds for and commission and writing of an Icon of St. Lewinna is also an exciting venture as we seek to raise awareness of St. Lewinna with a lecture and service where the

Bishop of Lewes will hallow the new icon on the feast day of St. Lewinna in July 2026.

Pastoral care remains an important part of our ministry. With recent revisions we are looking to expand this team to offer comfort and companionship to those who are housebound, unwell, or bereaved. The challenges of loneliness and isolation, particularly among our elderly parishioners, have been met with kindness and practical support.

Our involvement in village events, such as the May Fayre has helped us to maintain a visible and active presence in Bishopstone, as well at other services including the Annual Open Air churchyard service for those 'At Rest' and activities such as the pet blessing service and family craft activities, not forgetting the Outreach Group led by Jane Lucy and helpers providing hospitality on many social occasions.

We continue to support local, national, and international charities through both financial giving and practical action. Stewardship continues to be a priority, and I wish to thank all who give so generously of their time, talents, and resources. Your contributions enable us not only to maintain our historic church building but also to resource our ministry and outreach.

The church building is both a blessing and a responsibility. Thanks to the hard work of Richard Martin, Philip Pople, the wider Fabric Committee and the generosity of the congregation past and present, we have been able to undertake essential maintenance and improvement of the church and churchyard, and move forwards significantly in progressing the permissions for the vestry and toilet extension and church tower repairs. Our finances remain stable, though we continue to face the challenges of rising costs and the need for ongoing fundraising. I am grateful to our treasurer Anne Clark and the PCC for their diligent stewardship and prudent management of funds. Keeping St. Andrew's open on a daily basis has been made possible by local residents undertaking unlocking and locking the church and is much appreciated.

As we look forward, we are mindful of both the opportunities and challenges ahead. Our priorities will include developing our ministry with children, young people and families and exploring new ways to engage with those on the fringes of church life, as well as continuing to care for our historic building. We also hope to strengthen our links with neighbouring parishes and to play an active role in the wider deanery and diocese and continue to be involved in Churches Together. None of this would be possible without the prayer, commitment, and enthusiasm of so many people. I wish to thank our churchwarden Hilary Norsworthy, PCC members, volunteers, and all who contribute to the life of St. Andrew's in so many ways. Above all, I give thanks to God for His guidance and for the privilege of serving as your Rector.

Fr Simon

Rector, United Benefice of East Blatchington and Bishopstone.

The Fabric Report compiled by The Fabric Officer on behalf of the Churchwarden.

1. We are still monitoring the external black sealant to one window.
2. At a meeting of the PCC on 12th February, it was agreed that we should proceed with some of the items listed in our quinquennial report of December 2023 as being in most urgent need of

attention. These include removing plant growth from gutter over chancel on north side, removing flaking paint from walls of porch and dealing with the green mould in the tower.

3. At a meeting of the PCC on 21st May the detailed plans of the proposed toilet extension were discussed, and the architect was asked to come up with some variations for the tea point in the tower. At the same meeting, it was agreed by all present to proceed with the extension subject to some amendments to the location and design of the tea point.
4. Updated drawings of the extension were presented at a meeting of the PCC on 26th July and all agreed that we should now proceed with an application to the DAC which hopefully would be in September.
5. The Architects fees for producing the drawings, preparing the specification of work and applying and negotiating with DAC amounted to £7093.20 inc vat.
6. It was reported at the same meeting that scaffolding would be erected in the tower, at no cost to the PCC, so that the green mould could be treated and scrubbed off the walls. The treatment to be carried out by local labour which was completed in August at a cost of £220.00 no vat
7. Whilst the scaffolding was in place the architect took the opportunity of inspecting the balcony and belfry as he was not able to access them when he carried out his quinquennial inspection in 2023. There is evidence of rust on the steel RSJ'S supporting the belfry timbers and the architect advised that we get an engineer to inspect together with a builder to expose the ends of the RSJ's. This was agreed by the PCC via email and the engineer confirmed that there was some erosion of the steel work and also some wood decay at the ends of the beams supporting the bells. It was advised that we should prepare a scheme for rectifying this situation and following another PCC meeting via email the Architect and Engineer were instructed. The engineers' fees for this exercise were £2129.40 inc vat. The application for faculty should go before the DAC on 12th February 2026
8. In accordance with the latest regulations and the insurance company's recommendations a test of the lightning conductor was carried out in December at a cost of £180.00 inc vat. The conductor failed its test, so some repairs had to be carried out to remedy the problem at a cost of £673.99 including vat.
9. Priority Fire Services made their annual maintenance inspection and replaced one extinguisher and serviced the others at a total cost of £239.61 inc vat.
10. You will recall that in 2020 the PCC agreed that the grass in the church yard should be cut by contractors. This was continued this year at a cost of £1900.00 (no vat) to include the overflow churchyard and cutting the perimeter hedge adjacent to the village green and all the bushes in the churchyard.

Hilary Norsworthy

Church Warden

Annual Safeguarding Report

The Parish Safeguarding Officer (PSO) is Ms Sarah Butler

Safeguarding incidents

There were no reported safeguarding incidents concerning vulnerable children or adults since the last APCM.

Promoting a Safer Church

The PCC has complied with the duty to have due regard for the House of Bishop's expectations with regard to safeguarding. During the past year, St Andrew's operated policies and practices consistent with the Church of England Safeguarding Policy Statement "Promoting a Safer Church". The PCC approved and implemented the following policies during the course of the year:

- St Andrew's Safeguarding Policy
- St Andrew's Policy and Procedure for Responding to Safeguarding Concerns or Allegations
- St Andrew's Policy on the Recruitment of Ex-offenders
- St Andrew's Pastoral Support Policy and Guidance

DBS Checks

Church officers and volunteers have had the necessary Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS) checks undertaken. The PCC confirmed (and recorded) that the extent of current activities did not warrant a DBS check being undertaken for each member of the PCC.

Safeguarding Training

A great deal of effort was undertaken this year in completing safeguarding training courses at various levels by both church officers and volunteers. As of March 2026, all PCC members have now completed the *Basic Awareness* and *Foundations* safeguarding training courses as required by the diocese. During the course of the year, Hilary Norsworthy, Chris Jennings, Jane Lucy and I have completed the *Awareness of Domestic Abuse* course.

The Parish Dashboard

In previous years, the Diocese and the Church of England required parishes to complete a safeguarding self-assessment "Simple Quality Protects" (SQP) and attain a certificate of completion which was reviewed annually. This was replaced, as from May 2025, by an online tool, the Parish Dashboard system, by which the parish and the Diocese can monitor compliance with mandatory requirements and other standards for safeguarding. It brings the Chichester Diocese in line with most other dioceses across the country that are already using the dashboard. This is now the mandatory method to assure safeguarding compliance in parishes.

It is a more extensive and comprehensive exercise than Simple Quality Protects and sets out a series of questions/requirements to which the Parish Safeguarding Officer has to confirm/reply through regular updating. It is divided between mandatory requirements and safeguarding standards and has three levels:

Level 1: Safer Foundations

Level 2: Safer Activities

Level 3: Safer Practices

St Andrew's has reached, and almost completed, level 3. Action plans linked to our progress on the Parish Dashboard have been produced and are being implemented and monitored.

Monitoring Pastoral Support

Regular reports were made to the PCC on the volume of pastoral support (home visits, phone calls or other messages) undertaken.

Sarah Butler

Parish Safeguarding Officer

Treasurer's Financial Review

Excess of Income over Expenditure: -

Unrestricted funds increased by £12,186.

Restricted funds decreased by £6,289.

Total Surplus £5,897 as in the Financial Statement, compared with a deficit of £5,907 in 2024.

I am pleased to report that income exceeded expenditure for the year.

We know that our volunteers have worked extremely hard but if it wasn't for the generous past legacies that we have received, as well as those continuing, we would be in difficulty. Everyone is encouraged whenever possible to sign up for the Diocesan Parish Giving Scheme (PGS) which we have now run for many years. This scheme automatically calculates gift aid payable monthly and deposits it directly into St. Andrew's bank account along with the actual donation.

A claim under the Gift Aid Small Donations Scheme is separately made including all other Gift Aided donations received. PGS also has a single donation gift aided service and details of how to access these are in the "Ways of Giving" leaflet. We have received £5,641 as tax refund. We would also encourage people to join "Easyfundraising" where we can be gifted money at no cost to the donor through their online shopping.

Unfortunately, our PGS giving has again reduced slightly and we would encourage as many people as possible to use this tax-efficient method of supporting the church. Our installation of a digital giving debit/credit card machine in the church has brought in £850 in the year.

It was previously reported that the church formally registered as a charity which brings with it several additional responsibilities regarding Charity Commission annual returns, but also the need to produce accounts on an accruals basis which is now done.

The generous legacy from Jean Mossop in 2021 was invested until such time as future projects can be carried out. In 2022 the funds were split into investments and deposits as well as maintaining the funds with Martin Hunter Financial Management. No changes have been made during the year to anything except Flagstone. This deposit platform enables us to split the total into FSA-protected individual deposits of £85,000 for variable lengths of time to maximise interest rates. Apart from

maintaining one immediate access account, we obtain fixed interest for one year each time. Rates go up and down with the Bank of England rates, but we have managed to obtain up to 4.4% for most of the year. The December 2025 re-deposit unfortunately fell to 4.04%.

Funds Balances at 31st December 2025 are:

	2025	2024
Lloyd's Bank Current Account	£27,115	£19,104
Lloyd's Bank online Deposit Account	£2,000	£2,000
Church of England (CCLA) Stella Fund	£5,520	£6,276
Hunter Financial Management	£130,198	£124,306
St James's Place	£161,160	£161,160
Flagstone	£288,814	£299,809
TOTAL	£614,807	£613,781

Fortunately, the stock market Investments with Hunter Financial Management have increased slightly in value at the 31st of December, however St James's Place was left at the previous year's figure as no statement had been received. It was subsequently valued at £170,806. The sum of £10,000 was drawn down from Flagstone during the year to supplement the cash needed for expenditure, but interest gained on all investments and deposits amounted to £20,752.

Further legacies this year were received from Sheila Cutler and a further sum from Jean Mossop as the estate is still undergoing sales and tax adjustments.

The largest expenditure by the PCC was the Parish Share contribution paid to the Diocese to cover our ministry costs. Our pledge for 2025 was £31,657 and £32,607 has been committed for 2026. Since January 2021 we have employed as a Benefice an Administration Assistant, the salary being split equally with St Peter's.

Architects' fees of £9,133 (£13,000 in 2024) have been spent on investigations into the Tower and plans for the proposed toilet facility as well as the quinquennial inspection and associated repairs. These costs include £6,671 which has been taken from unrestricted funds (fabric) rather than direct expenditure.

The Flower Fund is well spent but is also topped up with generous donations. During the year £650 was received and £753 was spent with a balance at the year-end of £99.

The Youth Worker Fund has had no income or expenditure during the year, standing at £3,883, but will be fully utilised in the future at the discretion of the PCC.

A new fund was started in December to raise funds for the cost of the St Lewinna Icon. This accepts direct donations or through Just Giving where Gift Aid can be added. At the year-end £66 was received and £198 paid out for a minor works direction.

Reserves Policy

The trustees aim to maintain free reserves in unrestricted funds at a level which equates to approximately six months of unrestricted charitable expenditure. The trustees consider that this

level will provide sufficient funds to respond to church upkeep and ensure that support and governance costs are covered.

The balance held as unrestricted is higher than is needed at present due to the significant legacy and the need to expend this on special projects which will take several years to plan and complete.

The trustees consider the reserve requirements of restricted funds separately. There is one endowment fund (Stella Fund) the balance of which was £6,276 at 31st December 2025, only the income from which can be used for churchyard maintenance, which is invested with the CBF Church of England Funds through CCLA. At the year end the investment was valued at £5,520 but the capital fund value was not changed as valuations go up and down. For the remaining restricted funds both capital and interest can be spent provided it is for the designated purpose. At 31st December 2025 this was:

Fabric Fund	£0
Flower fund	£99
Youth Worker Fund	£3,883

Anne Clark. FCCA, FCILT
Treasurer

Structure, governance and management

The Parochial Church Council (PCC) is a registered charity, number 1196160. Its governing document is the Parochial Church Council (Powers Measure 1956).

Our Safeguarding Officer Sarah Butler, and Health & Safety Officer Chris Jennings ensure that we are compliant with the current regulations.

Website: <http://ebbchurches.org.uk>

Rector:

The Revd. Simon Earnshaw, The Rectory, 86 Belgrave Road, Seaford BN25 2HE

Associate Priest:

The Revd Elizabeth Jinks, St. Andrew's House, 14 Marine Drive, Bishopstone, Seaford, BN25 2RS

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

Rector	The Revd. Simon Earnshaw (Licensed 3 March 2025)
Priest	The Revd Elizabeth Jinks
Warden	Mrs. Hilary Norsworthy

Representatives

On Deanery Synod: Mr. Malcolm Mazey

Elected Members:

Mr. Philip Pople	from APCM 2023
Mrs Brenda Westcott (Secretary)	"
Mrs Teresa Everest	from APCM 2024
Mrs. Chris Jennings (Health & Safety Officer)	"
Mrs. Anne Clark (Treasurer)	from APCM 2025
Mrs. Pauline Martin	"
Mrs. Jane Lucy	"
Mr. Larry Taylor	"
Mrs. Jo Taylor	"

Mrs. Sarah Butler Safeguarding Officer Co-Opted

Membership of the PCC is determined under the Church Representation Rules and consists of certain ex-officio members (the incumbent/priest-in-charge, curate, lay readers licensed to officiate in the church), the churchwardens and members of the Deanery, Diocesan or General Synods and members of the church who are elected at the Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM). Members are warmly encouraged to stand for election to the PCC and we try to ensure a balance of skills and experience where possible.

Independent Examiner:

Mr. Mark Boxall, Shoreline Accountants Ltd, 25 Clinton PI, Seaford BN25 1NP

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Mark Holland Wealth Management Ltd, 30-34, North Street, Hailsham, East Sussex, BN27 1DW

This Trustees' Annual Report was Approved by the PCC and signed on their behalf by

Revd Simon Earnshaw Benefice Rector and the Incumbent PCC chair.

Signed 

Date 22nd March 2026

Independent examiners report for the Parochial Church Council of St Andrew, Bishopstone (PCC)

I report on the accounts of the Organisation for this period ended 31st December 2025.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

As the PCC members you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts; The organisation's members consider that an audit is not required and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

Examine the accounts under section 145 of the Charities Act.

To state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent examiner's report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the Organisation and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts and seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently I do not express an audit opinion on the view given by the accounts.

Independent examiner's statement

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

- 1) Which gives me reasonable cause to believe that there has been any material errors or omissions.
- 2) To which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.
- 3) The cash at bank and in hand balance reported at year end of £331,581 which has been confirmed by evidence of bank statements and related documents.

M J Boxall, FFA FAIA

Shoreline Accountants Limited

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Mark J Boxall.....

Date...23/2/26

Parochial Church Council of St Andrew, Bishopstone

Statement of Financial Activities year ended December 31, 2025

	Unrestricted Fund	Restricted Fund/s	Endowed Fund/s	Total Funds 2025	Total Funds 2024	Notes
	£	£	£	£	£	
Income and endowments from:						
Donations and legacies	45,434	1,334	-	46,768	45,434	
Charitable activities	5,640	-	-	5,640	5,616	
Other trading activities	2,306	-	-	2,306	2,953	
Investments	20,752	-	-	20,752	17,473	
Other receipts	-	-	-	-	-	
Total income	74,133	1,334	-	75,467	71,476	2
Expenditure on:						
Raising funds	241	-	-	241	226	
Charitable activities	61,585	7,623	-	69,208	81,214	
Other trading activities	120	-	-	120	120	
Other expenditure	-	-	-	-	-	
Total expenditure	61,946	7,623	-	69,570	81,560	3
Net gains (or losses) on investments		-	-	-	-	
Net income or (net expenditure)	12,186	(6,289)	-	5,897	(10,084)	
Transfers between funds	-	-		-	-	
	12,186	(6,289)	-	5,897	(10,084)	
Other recognised gains/(losses):						
Gains/(losses) on revaluation of investments	-	-	-	-	4,177	8
Other gains/(losses)	-	-	-	-	-	
<i>Reconciliation of funds:</i>						
Net movement in funds	12,186	(6,289)	-	5,897	(5,907)	
Total funds brought forward	639,785	24,810	6,276	664,964	670,871	
Total funds carried forward	651,971	18,521	6,276	670,861	664,964	

Parochial Church Council of St Andrew, Bishopstone

Balance Sheet as at December 31, 2025

	Total Funds 2025	Total Funds 2024	Notes
	£	£	
Intangible assets	-	-	
Tangible assets	-	-	
Heritage assets	-	-	
Investments	-	-	
Total fixed assets	-	-	
Stocks	-	-	
Debtors	846	1,476	10
Investments	296,877	291,691	8
Cash at bank and in hand	317,929	320,912	
Total current assets	615,652	614,079	
Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year	(867)	(5,189)	11
Net current assets or (liabilities)	614,785	608,890	
Total assets less current liabilities	614,785	608,890	
Creditors: Amounts falling due after more than one year	-	-	
Provisions for liabilities	-	-	
Total net assets or (liabilities)	614,785	608,890	
The funds of the charity:			
Endowment funds	6,276	6,276	
Restricted income funds	3,850	10,139	
Unrestricted funds	670,269	656,928	
Unrealised Loss on Investments	-	-	
Total unrestricted funds	670,269	656,928	
Total charity funds	680,396	673,343	12

This Annual Financial Report, for the year ended 31st December 2024, including the notes following, was approved by the members of the PCC of St Andrew, Bishopstone on xxx and signed on its behalf by



Revd Simon Earnshaw Benefice Rector and the Incumbent PCC chair.

Date 22nd March 2026



Mrs Anne Clark, Treasurer:

Date 22 March 2026

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Notes to the financial report

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1 Accounting policies

a Basis of preparation

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) second edition 2019, and the Charities Act 2011.

The charity is a public benefit entity as defined by FRS102 and is unincorporated.

The PCC considers the use of the going concern basis to be appropriate.

b Funds accounting

Funds held by the PCC are:

Unrestricted funds - general funds which can be used for PCC ordinary purposes

Designated funds - monies set aside by the PCC out of unrestricted funds for specific future purposes or projects.

Restricted funds - a) income from trusts or endowments which may be expended only on those restricted objects provided in the terms of the trust or bequest; b) donations or grants received for a specific object or invited by the PCC for a specific object. The funds may only be expended on the specific object for which they were given. Any balance remaining unspent at the end of the year is carried forward as a balance on that fund.

c Income and endowments

All income and endowments are accounted for without deduction for any costs of receivability, are recognised when there is evidence of entitlement, receipt is probable, and the amount can be measured reliably.

Donations and legacies

Collections are recognised when received.

Planned giving receivable is recognised when there is evidence of entitlement, receipt is probable, and the amount accords with the Gift Aid declaration or other record of intention to donate.

Gift aid recovered is recognised when the income to which it is attached is recognised.

Grants and legacies are recognised when the formal offer in writing of the funding, is received by the PCC.

Other trading activities

Trading activities are where income is receivable in return for selling goods or providing services.

Income from trading is recognised when received,

Investment income

Dividends are accounted for when due and payable. Interest entitlements are accounted for as they accrue.

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All other income

All other income is recognised in accordance with the above overall policy.

Gains and losses on investments

Realised gains are recognised when the investments are sold

Unrealised gains and losses are accounted for on revaluation at 31 December.

d Expenditure

Expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and accounted for gross.

Grants

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

Church Activities

The diocesan parish contribution is accounted for on an annual basis, reflecting the allocation set by our Deanery. Any parish contribution unpaid at 31 December is provided for in these accounts as an operational (though not a legal) liability and is shown as a creditor in the balance sheet.

e Corporation Tax

The charity is exempt from corporation tax according to schedule 3 of the Charities Act 2011.

f Fixed Assets

Tangible fixed assets

Consecrated and beneficed property of any kind is excluded from the accounts by s.10(2) of the Charities Act 2011.

No cost or value is placed on movable church furnishings held by the Stewards in trust for the PCC and which require a faculty for disposal, since the PCC considers them to be inalienable property. All expenditure on consecrated buildings and movable church furnishings, whether maintenance or improvement, is written off as expenditure in the Statement of Financial Activities.

Depreciation

No depreciation is provided on freehold property as it is the PCC's policy to maintain these assets in a continual state of sound repair. The useful economic life of these assets is so long and residual values so high that any depreciation would not be material. These assets will be subject to annual impairment reviews. Provision will be made if there has been any permanent diminution in value.

Investments

The PCC uses the services of two professional investor advisory service companies to manage their Investments, which are stated at mid market value at the balance sheet date.

g Current Assets

Amounts owing to the PCC at 31 December in respect of fees, rents or other income are shown as debtors.

Cash at bank comprises deposits with a bank, either directly or via Flagstone investment Management Ltd.

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2 Analysis of income and endowments

	Unrestricted Fund	Restricted Fund/s	Endowed Fund/s	Total Funds 2025	Total Funds 2024	Notes
	£	£	£	£	£	
Planned giving (excl. tax refunds)	12,822			12,822	13,313	
Loose cash collections	3,815			3,815	4,542	
Special Appeals Gift Day	2,050			2,050	2,150	
Other donations	3,132	1,334		4,466	5,576	
Other Donations for Charities		-		-	-	
Gift Aid tax recoverable	5,641			5,641	4,912	
VAT recovered	518			518	206	
Legacies	17,457			17,457	14,735	
Grants	-			-	-	
Donations and legacies	£45,434	£1,334	-	£46,768	£45,434	
Council tax recovered	-			-	-	
Weddings, funerals, stone fees	5,640			5,640	5,616	
				-	-	
Charitable activities	£5,640	-	-	£5,640	£5,616	
Summer fete	2,286	-	-	2,286	1,938	
100 Club	-			-	-	
Plants/ books/ cards	-			-	-	
Open Church	-			-	-	
Concerts	20			20	1,015	
Other trading activities	£2,306	-	-	£2,306	£2,953	
CBF deposit interest	-	-	-	-	-	
Deposit Interest	12,216			12,216	9,024	
Stella Fund Dividend (Churchyard)	43	-	-	43	42	
Unrealised Gains from Investments	4,192			4,192	4,177	
Interest from Investments	4,302	-	-	4,302	4,230	
Investments	£20,752	-	-	£20,752	£17,473	
Other receipts	-	-	-	-	-	
Total income and endowments on all funds	£74,133	£1,334	-	£75,467	£71,476	

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3 Analysis of payments

	Unrestricted Fund	Restricted Fund/s	Endowed Fund/s	Total Funds 2025	Total Funds 2024	Notes
	£	£	£	£	£	
Fete Expenses	-	-	-	-	-	
Open Church	146	-	-	146	148	
Concert/Festival Expenses	20	-	-	20	-	
Digital Giving Charges	75	-	-	75	78	
100 Club Expenses/prizes	-	-	-	-	-	
Cost of raising funds	£241	-	-	£241	£226	
Charitable grants and donations	2,034	-	-	2,034	1,975	4
Parish share to Chichester Diocese	31,657	-	-	31,657	30,735	
Organist/other Clergy/Altar supplies	6,020	-	-	6,020	6,091	
Church Insurance	2,176	-	-	2,176	2,105	
Flowers	-	754	-	754	2,060	
St Lewinna	-	198	-	198	-	
Staff Salaries (including NI & Pension)	5,459	-	-	5,459	4,530	5
Pension Fund Fee	343	-	-	343	317	5
Staff Training	-	-	-	-	-	
Payroll Administration	698	-	-	698	576	5
Recruitment Fees	-	-	-	-	-	
Clergy mileage/tel/broadband	944	-	-	944	1,789	
Architects' Professional fees	2,462	-	-	2,462	3,720	
Subscriptions	752	-	-	752	625	
Elec/oil/heating/organ maint	2,789	-	-	2,789	3,570	
Printing and photocopying	236	-	-	236	173	
Stationery & Office Equipment	37	-	-	37	1,671	
Upkeep of churchyard	1,764	-	-	1,764	7,408	
Verger fees/hall hire/miscellaneous	391	-	-	391	501	
Contribution to Benefice	50	-	-	50	12	
Bank Charges	15	-	-	15	-	
Church maintenance	1,708	6,671	-	8,380	9,280	
Clergy council tax/water/decoration	2,049	-	-	2,049	4,076	
Youth Fund Expenditure	-	-	-	-	-	
Cost of charitable activities	£61,585	£7,623	-	£69,208	£81,214	
Investment Management fees	-	-	-	-	-	
Audit Fees	120	-	-	120	120	
Cost of other trading activities	£120	-	-	£120	£120	
Total expended on all funds	£61,946	£7,623	-	£69,570	£81,560	

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4 Missionary and charitable giving:

	Unrestricted Fund	Restricted Fund/s	Endowed Fund/s	Total Funds 2025	Total Funds 2024	Notes
	£	£	£	£	£	
Overseas:						
<i>George Muller Charity Trust</i>	200	-	-	200	200	
<i>Mission to Seafarers</i>	400	-	-	400	500	
<i>Mission Aviation Fellowship</i>	200	-	-	200	200	
<i>Friends of the Holy Land</i>				-	-	
<i>AKWARDA Education Ghana</i>	234			234	200	
<i>UNRWA Gaza</i>				-	-	
				-	-	
Home:				-	-	
YMCA	200			200	-	
<i>Hope Africa</i>		-		-	147	
<i>The Childrens Society (Lent Boxes/Christingle)</i>		-		-	28	
<i>Family Support Work</i>	400			400	400	
<i>May Camp Donation</i>	100			100	-	
<i>Livability</i>	200			200	200	
<i>Computers for Charities</i>	100			100	100	
<i>Homelink</i>				-	-	
	2,034	-	-	2,034	1,975	

5 Staff costs

	Unrestricted Fund	Restricted Fund/s	Endowed Fund/s	Total Funds 2025	Total Funds 2024	Notes
	£	£	£	£	£	
Remuneration						
<i>Wages and salaries</i>	5,142		-	5,142	4,530	
<i>Employer social security costs</i>	5		-	5	-	
<i>Payroll Administration</i>	576			576	576	
<i>Employer pension costs</i>	654		-	654	317	
<i>Staff Training</i>	-					
<i>Recruitment Fees</i>	-					
	6,378	-	-	6,378	5,423	

The PCC had no employees and no PCC members received any payments other than for reimbursed expenses and occasionally for acting as duty wardens at weddings and funerals.

6 Governance

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Fund/s	Endowed Fund/s	Total Funds 2025	Total Funds 2024	Notes
	£	£	£	£	£	
<i>Independent examination</i>	120			120	120	
<i>Accounts production</i>		-	-	-	-	
<i>Bookkeeping</i>	-	-	-	-	-	
	120	-	-	120	120	

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8 Fixed Assets

a Investments

	Unrestricted Fund	Restricted Fund/s	Endowed Fund/s	Total Funds 2025	Notes
	£	£	£	3	
Market value 1 January 2025	285,466	-	6,225	291,691	
Disposals at carrying value	-	-	-	-	
Purchases at cost	-	-	-	-	
Net gains and revaluation	5,891	-	(705)	5,186	
Market value 31 December 2025	£291,357	-	£5,520	£296,877	

b Tangible fixed assets

	Freehold land and buildings	Audio visual equipment	Office equipment	Total fixed assets	Notes
	£	£	£	£	
Cost or valuation					
At 1 January 2025	-	-	-	-	
Additions	-	-	-	-	
Disposals	-	-	-	-	
Revaluation	-	-	-	-	
At 31 December 2025	-	-	-	-	
Charge for impairment					
At 1 January 2025	-	-	-	-	
Additions	-	-	-	-	
Disposals	-	-	-	-	
Revaluation	-	-	-	-	
At 31 December 2025	-	-	-	-	
Net book amounts					
At 31 December 2025	-	-	-	-	
<i>At 31 December 2024</i>	<i>-</i>	<i>-</i>	<i>-</i>	<i>-</i>	

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9 Analysis of net assets by fund

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Fund/s	Endowed Fund/s	Total Funds 2025	Total Funds 2024	Notes
	£	£	£	£	£	
Fixed assets for church use	-	-	-	-	-	
Investment	291,357	-	5,520	296,877	291,691	
Current assets (except cash)	846	-	-	846	1,476	
Cash at bank and on deposit	317,929	-	-	317,929	320,912	
Current liabilities	(867)	-	-	(867)	(5,189)	
Long term liabilities	-	-	-	-	-	
	£609,265	-	£5,520	£614,785	£608,890	

10 Debtors

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Fund/s	Endowed Fund/s	Total Funds 2025	Total Funds 2024	Notes
	£	£	£	£	£	
Gift Aid tax recoverable	826	-	-	826	560	
Prepayments and accrued income	20	-	-	20	916	
Other debtors	-	-	-	-	-	
	£846	-	-	£846	£1,476	

11 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Fund/s	Endowed Fund/s	Total Funds 2025	Total Funds 2024	Notes
	£	£	£	£	£	
Deferred income	-	-	-	-	567	
Accruals for utilities and other costs	867	-	-	867	4,522	
Other creditors	-	-	-	-	100	
	£867	-	-	£867	£5,189	

Creditors: amounts falling due after more than one year

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Fund/s	Endowed Fund/s	Total Funds 2024	Total Funds 2024	Notes
	£	£	£	£	£	
Deferred income	-	-	-	-	-	
Accruals for utilities and other costs	-	-	-	-	-	
Archdeacon's loan	-	-	-	-	-	
Other creditors	-	-	-	-	-	
	-	-	-	-	-	

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12 Statement of funds

	Balances b/fwd 1 Jan 2025	Income	Expenditure	Transfers, other gains and losses	Balances c/fwd 31 Dec 2025
	£	£	£	£	£
Stella Fund	6,276			-	6,276
				-	-
Total of all endowed funds	6,276	-	-	-	6,276
Fabric fund	6,054	618	(6,672)	-	-
General fund	-	-		-	-
Flower fund	202	650	(753)	-	99
St Lewinna	-	66	(198)		(132)
Other (Christingle)		40			
Youth Worker fund	3,883	-	-	-	3,883
Total of all restricted funds	10,139	1,374	(7,623)	-	3,850
General fund	658,083	74,133	(61,946)		670,269
		-	-		-
Total of all unrestricted funds	658,083	74,133	(61,946)	-	670,269
Total funds	£674,498	£75,507	£(69,570)	-	£680,396

13 Related party transactions

There were no related party transactions during the year.