

BENEFICE OF PENSHURST, FORDCOMBE AND THE CHIDDINGSTONE CHURCHES

England & Wales · Charity number 1199989

Details

Other names THE HIGH WEALD CHURCHES

Status Registered

Legal form Other

Registered 2022-08-08

Register [View on the Charity Commission register](#)

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Activities

Objects: PROMOTING IN THE ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH THE WHOLE MISSION OF THE CHURCH.

Activities: Religious activities

Classification

- **How:** Makes Grants To Organisations, Provides Buildings/facilities/open Space, Provides Services, Provides Advocacy/advice/information
- **What:** Religious Activities
- **Who:** Children/young People, Elderly/old People, People With Disabilities, The General Public/mankind

Geography

- Kent

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-12-31	£107,280	£80,438	-	-
2024-12-31	£117,945	£156,250	-	-
2023-12-31	£171,295	£180,301	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Rev Lisa Cornell	Chair	2022-04-01
Charles Andrew Fuller-Rowell		2023-04-30
Karen Franklyn		2022-04-01
MATTHEW STEVENS		2022-04-01
Paul Allen		2022-04-01

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Financial Statements - Year Ended 31st December 2025

Income and Expense Account

	Unrestricted Fund £	Restricted Fund £	Designated Fund £	Total 2025 £	Total 2024 £
Income					
Planned Giving	36,008			36,008	55,976
Collections	16,951			16,951	20,566
Gift Aid Recovery	19,385			19,385	21,511
Donations	819	-		819	21,366
Church Activities	17,656			17,656	27,241
Fund Raising	16,073			16,073	16,861
VAT Refund	219			219	7,479
Interest	507			507	295
Total Income	107,617	-	-	107,617	171,295
Expenditure					
Parish Share	21,000			21,000	86,500
Upkeep of Services	8,292			8,292	7,959
Administration Costs	25,092			25,092	19,170
Church & Churchyard Upkeep	6,047			6,047	23,142
Insurance	11,679			11,679	11,010
Utilities	12,181			12,181	9,984
Pastoral Costs	1,834			1,834	3,407
Rectory Costs	2,627			2,627	7,992
Donations Made	1,103			1,103	1,091
Other Costs	(4,000)			(4,000)	-
Major Repairs	-5416.8			(5,417)	10,046
Total Expenditure	80,438	-	-	80,438	180,301
Change in Value of Investments	-	-	-	-	-
Net Income / Expenditure	27,179	-	-	27,179	(9,006)

Statement of Assets and Liabilities

	2025 £	2024 £
Cash Funds		
Metro Bank Current Account	29,197	36,339
Diocese Deposit Account	11,206	10,530
Saldo Charge Card	-	214
Total Cash	40,403	47,083
Debtors	18,325	26,038
Total Assets	58,728	73,121
Liabilities		
Due to High Weald Churches	4,682	7,928
Net Assets	54,046	65,193

Analysis of Asset Movements in 2025

	Balance 1st January	Contribution From Fordcombe	Income	Expense	Balance 31st December
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Restricted Funds					
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Independent Examiner's report to the members of the Joint Council of the High Weald Churches.

I report on the accounts for the year ended 31 December 2025 which are set out on the preceding pages.

Respective responsibilities of the Members and Independent Examiner

The members of the PCC are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The members consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 ('the 2011 Act') and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under s145 of the 2011 Act;
- follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners s145(5)(b) of the 201 Act and
- state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of Independent Examiner's Statement

My examination was carried out in accordance with the general Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts and seeking explanation 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 no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a true and fair view and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

Independent Examiner's Statement

In connection with my examination, no matters have come to my attention;

1. which give me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements;
 - to keep accounting records in accordance with s. 130 of the 2011 Act; or
 - to prepare accounts which accord with these accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the 2011 Act have not been met; or
2. to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

(Signed by J Southworth FCA; a signed copy may be inspected at the Benefice Office but the signature is not reproduced here as a protection against fraud requested by the Examiner.)

J.Southworth FCA 13th March 2026

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	Unrestricted	Restricted	Designated	Total 2024	Total 2023
	Fund	Fund	Fund		
	£	£	£	£	£
Income					
Planned Giving	43 615			43 615	55 976
Collections	15 132			15 132	20 566
Gift Aid Recovery	18 947			18 947	21 511
Donations	7 117	-		7 117	21 366
Church Activities	14 786			14 786	27 241
Fund Raising	17 155			17 155	16 861
VAT Refund	170			170	7 479
Interest	1 023			1 023	295
Total Income	117 945	-	-	117 945	171 295
Expenditure					
Parish Share	55 500			55 500	86 500
Upkeep of Services	8 281			8 281	7 959
Administration Costs	20 179			20 179	19 170
Church & Churchyard Upkeep	25 373			25 373	23 142
Insurance	11 501			11 501	11 010
Utilities	9 854			9 854	9 984
Pastoral Costs	3 219			3 219	3 407
Rectory Costs	8 384			8 384	7 992
Donations Made	373			373	1 091
Other Costs	7 456	3500		10 956	-
Major Repairs	2640			2 640	10 046
Total Expenditure	152 760	3 500	-	156 260	180 301
Change in Value of Investments	-	-	-	-	-
Net Income / Expenditure	(34 815)	(3 500)	-	(38 315)	(9 006)

Statement of Assets and Liabilities

	2024	2023
	£	£
Cash Funds		
Metro Bank Current Account	14 644	36 339
Diocese Deposit Account	10 893	10 530
Saldo Charge Card	-	214
Total Cash	25 537	47 083
Debtors	10 064	26 038
Total Assets	35 601	73 121
Liabilities		
	8 728	7 928
Net Assets	26 873	65 193

Analysis of Asset Movements in 2024

	Balance 1st			Balance 31st
	January	Income	Expense	December
Unrestricted Funds	61 693	117 945	152 760	26 878
Restricted Funds	3 500		3 500	-
Total	65 193	117 945	156 260	26 878

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Income					
Planned Giving	55,976			55,976	34,401
Collections	20,566			20,566	19,286
Gift Aid Recovery	21,511			21,511	14,980
Donations	17,866	3,500		21,366	6,972
Church Activities	27,241			27,241	19,227
Fund Raising	16,861			16,861	15,012
VAT Refund	7,479			7,479	-
Interest	295			295	-
Total Income	167,795	3,500	-	171,295	109,878
Expenditure					
Parish Share	86,500			86,500	54,000
Upkeep of Services	7,959			7,959	5,185
Administration Costs	19,170			19,170	9,322
Church & Churchyard Upkeep	23,142			23,142	12,196
Insurance	11,010			11,010	6,529
Utilities	9,984			9,984	2,802
Pastoral Costs	3,407			3,407	1,833
Rectory Costs	7,992			7,992	4,722
Donations Made	1,091			1,091	288
Other Costs	-			-	1,302
Major Repairs	10,046			10,046	-
Total Expenditure	180,301	-	-	180,301	98,179
Change in Value of Investments	-	-	-	-	-
Net Income / Expenditure	(12,506)	3,500	-	(9,006)	11,699

Statement of Assets and Liabilities

	2023 £	2022 £
Cash Funds		
Metro Bank Current Account	36,339	60,386
Diocese Deposit Account	10,530	10,236
Saldo Charge Card	214	-
Total Cash	47,083	70,622
Debtors	26,038	14,915
Total Assets	73,121	85,537
Liabilities		
Due to High Weald Churches	7,928	23,838
Net Assets	65,193	61,699

Analysis of Asset Movements in 2023

	Balance 1st January	Contribution From Fordcombe	Income	Expense	Balance 31st December
Unrestricted Funds	61,699	12,500	167,795	(180,301)	61,693
Restricted Funds			3,500	-	3,500
Total	61,699	12,500	171,295	(180,301)	65,193