

The High Weald Churches

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 £
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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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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