

THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH OF ST HELEN'S BENSON IN THE DIOCESE OF OXFORD

England & Wales - Charity number 1212726

Details

Other names ST HELEN'S CHURCH BENSON

Status Registered

Legal form Other

Registered 2025-03-28

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: Promoting in the ecclesiastical parish of Benson (Bensington) the whole mission of the Church of God, including the provision of public divine worship according to the customs of the Church of England

Classification

- **How:** Makes Grants To Organisations, Provides Buildings/facilities/open Space, Provides Services
- **What:** Religious Activities
- **Who:** The General Public/mankind

Geography

- Oxfordshire

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-12-31	£98,479	£91,009	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Dr Patrick Edward Gilday	Chair	2016-07-10
Albert Bevan		2026-03-15
Dr David Wright		2026-03-15
Fenella Ann Vera Galpin		2026-03-15
Filistie Ndailaziwa Nyalide		2026-03-15
George Levy		2026-03-15
Penelope Ann Wright		2026-03-15
Rachel Lucy Steel		2026-03-15
Richard Peter Hess		2026-03-15
Sara Louise Ogden		2026-03-15
Stephen Richard Bennett		2026-03-15

Accounts



ANNUAL REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS OF ST HELEN'S CHURCH, BENSON FOR THE YEAR 2025

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The Revd Dr Patrick Gilday, Rector of Benson with Ewelme
Report approved by the PCC on 3rd March 2026

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

St Helen's Church, Benson is the Church of England parish church of the ecclesiastical parish of Benson (Bensington). Since April 2017 it has been held in benefice with the parishes of Brightwell Baldwin, Cuxham with Easington, and Ewelme as "The Benefice of Benson with Ewelme", in the Deanery of Aston & Cuddesdon, in the Archdeaconry and Episcopal Area of Dorchester, in the Diocese of Oxford.

This is the Annual Report for the Parochial Church Council of the ecclesiastical parish of Benson. Overall responsibility for the affairs of Benson Parochial Church Council ("PCC") is exercised by the Rector, the Churchwardens, and the Parochial Church Council.

The members of the Benson PCC are:

EX OFFICIO MEMBERS:		
Clergy	The Revd Dr Patrick Gilday The Revd Marion Harrison	<i>Rector</i> <i>Associate Minister (from 03.04.2025)</i>
Churchwardens	Albert Bevan David Wright George Levy	<i>(until 16.03.2025)</i> <i>(from 16.03.2025)</i>
Deanery Synod Representatives	Stephen Bennett Ann Wright David Wright	
ELECTED MEMBERS	Fenella Galpin Lucy Steel Richard Hess Sara Ogden George Levy Filistie Nyaude Christine Rees	<i>(from 16.03.2025)</i> <i>(until 16.03.2025)</i>
CO-OPTED MEMBERS	John Berry	<i>(from 03.06.2025)</i>

The Secretary to the PCC is Leah Bevan, who is also the Electoral Roll Officer. The Honorary Treasurer is Christine Rees, who had formerly also been a member of the PCC.

Day-to-day management of the Church is delegated to the Rector together with the Associate Minister and the Churchwardens.

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE, AND MANAGEMENT

The Parochial Church Council (PCC) is a body corporate (PCC Powers Measure 1956, Church Representation Rules 2025). The charity was registered with the Charity Commission in 2025 with the registration number 1212726. The PCC consists of ex-officio and elected members as detailed in the table above. Elected members were elected or re-elected at the Annual Parochial Church Meeting in March 2025.

The PCC delegates various matters of business to the Events & Fundraising Committee which meets in particular to consider the schedule of fundraising and social events for the year. The membership of the Events & Fundraising Committee during 2025 was Leah Bevan, Ann Wright, Dinah Perkins, and Vivien Gardner. The PCC also delegates various matters of business to the EcoChurch Committee, which meets in particular to consider how the PCC might through its activities contribute to the Net Zero objectives of the Church of England. The membership of the EcoChurch Committee during 2025 was David Wright, Ann Wright, Tessa Keys, Vickie Holcroft and Richard Hess (Chair). The PCC further delegates certain matters to a Fabric Committee. Members of the Fabric Committee during 2025 were George Levy (Chair), and Peter Allan.

Risk Assessment

The PCC has considered the major risks to which the Church may be subject, and appropriate systems have been put in place to manage and mitigate those risks. A rolling schedule of annual risk assessments is supplemented by ad-hoc risk assessments for individual or one-off activities.

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

Overview

Benson PCC has the responsibility for co-operating with the incumbent (the Revd Dr Patrick Gilday) and the Associate Priest (the Revd Marion Harrison, from her licensing on 3rd April 2025) in promoting the ecclesiastical parish of Benson, the whole mission of the Church, pastoral, evangelistic, and social. The PCC is also specifically responsible for the maintenance of St Helen's Church, Church Road, Benson, OX10 6SF; the Canons' Room, Church Road, Benson, OX10 6SF; and the two churchyards on either side of Church Road in Benson (maintenance responsibility for the churchyard on the southern side of Church Road was transferred in April 2024, following closure).

The PCC is committed to enabling the residents of the ecclesiastical parish of Benson to worship God rightly, in spirit and in truth. The PCC maintains an overview of worship throughout the parish and makes proposals for the ways in which divine service at St Helen's can serve the needs of all those who live in the parish.

When planning the PCC's activities for 2026, we have considered the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit, and, in particular, the supplementary guidance on charities for the advancement of religion. We try to enable all residents of the ecclesiastical parish of Benson to live as witnesses to the love of God in Christ through:

- ◆ Worship and prayer; learning about the Gospel; and deepening their reliance in Jesus Christ, the incarnate Son of God;
- ◆ The provision of spiritual and pastoral care for people who live in the ecclesiastical parish; and
- ◆ Mission and outreach work.

In order to facilitate this work, it is important that we maintain the fabric of St Helen's Church and the Canons' Room, together with the two churchyards in Benson.

Report of the PCC's Activities

Leah Bevan

In 2025 the PCC has followed the usual time scale; meeting six times during the year. Three of these meetings, January, March and November were held virtually on Zoom, and the meetings in June, July and September were held in person.

Two Churchwardens, three Deanery Synod Representatives and a small team of PCC members have shown a willingness to work together with Fr Patrick, and with the Revd. Marion Harrison who officiated for the first time in St Helen's Church on 18th May 2025, to ensure all those who enter the church either as known congregation members or visitors, feel welcomed, well looked after and inspired by worship inclusive of all ages, where we all learn and develop an understanding of how to be true disciples of Jesus Christ.

During 2025, the PCC have had some difficult decisions to make; in the back of every PCC member's mind and at each PCC meeting, is the realisation that our church buildings are a precious gift from those who have gone before us in the Christian faith and that there are challenges and responsibilities to be considered very carefully, when caring for historic buildings.

The PCC, with excellent guidance and direction from the Treasurer, continues to regularly monitor the financial situation of the Church, ensuring we cover all our local costs in running services and other activities, heating and lighting and maintaining our building and caring for its grounds in

addition to paying our share to the diocese towards the support and payment of the clergy. The PCC is extremely grateful to all those who are able to make regular or one-off donations to the work of St Helen's and to those people who have supported any Event or Fundraising Activity held in Church during the past year, including the Christmas Tree Festival, which was well attended by many members of the local community as well as visitors from further afield.

January 2025 finally saw the completion of the repair of the link corridor roof to the Canons' Room and the replacement of the hopper and drainpipe that had been dislodged the previous January by high winds. Feeling a little more in control now that water was not entering the building, the new PCC elected at the APCM in March concentrated on registering with the Charity Commission, looking into developing a web presence, installing WIFI in the Canons' Room, introducing a card reader into church, replacing the halogen spotlights in the Chancel and Aisles to LEDs and having PIR motion sensor installed in the toilets (paid for, in a large part thanks to a 'Quick Win' grant from the Diocese and the Listed Places of Worship VAT Grant Scheme). Unfortunately, after a very dry hot summer, and then heavy down pours of rain in the Autumn, we end 2025 in the same way that we ended 2024, with another leaking roof above the kitchen and Canons' Room. Recent heavy rain has found its way through gaps in the flat roof, with an ugly stain running down the wall of the kitchen and with a risk of further damage to the fabric if the roof is not repaired.

As a PCC we are extremely lucky to have some very capable, knowledgeable and enthusiastic individuals who are focusing on looking at a strategic focus on a sustainable future for the building, whilst working alongside other PCC members and volunteers, maintaining and repairing the building both inside and out as per the recommendations of the Quinquennial Inspection 2023. The initial objective of this Future Sustainability Working Group is to obtain seed funding for a feasibility study into improving the heating in the church and Canons' Room.

The PCC continues to take care of the historic churchyard surrounding the church and are grateful to the mowing team for keeping this area a place of natural beauty for the community and visitors that it serves. It offers a tranquil space for peace and quiet reflection and is home to a rich diversity of trees, plants and animal life.

PCC members continue to look forward to working alongside each other, sharing resources, knowledge and skills whilst striving towards the common purpose of renewing and implementing the whole mission of the Church, pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical.

Electoral Roll Officer's Report

Leah Bevan

The Electoral Roll was opened for revisions following the statutory notice period on 7th February 2026 and the period for revisions closed on 27th February 2026. The revised Roll has been posted in church for fourteen days prior to the APCM. Following the revision there are **93 individuals on the Electoral Roll of the parish. One person has died, and 16 new names have been added.**

This Electoral Roll figure entitles the APCM to elect up to nine members of the PCC; and up to three lay representatives to the Deanery Synod.

Churchwardens' Report: Fabric and Ornaments

Albert Bevan and George Levy

Our thanks go to everyone who by giving their time and skills to ensure that St Helen's remains a special church to both worship and socialise.

Many thanks to Pete Allan and Dave Wright for their support for maintaining our special buildings.

E-Bound carried out the yearly service on the roof alarm system.

The church organ and pianos have been serviced.

Statistics for Mission: January to December 2025 completed and sent to Diocese.

The annual church inventory was completed and all church belongings have been accounted for and are in good order.

Update on Canon roof repair. All completed on Friday 17th January 2025. We can now get on with replacing the hopper and drainpipe to the tower. Replacement of hopper and drainpipe all completed 28th March 2025.

We both attended Episcopal Visitation at St Mary's Wallingford on 2nd June 2025 also a training session at Christ Church Abingdon on 20th September 2025.

All Health and Safety records were completed through 2025. Thank you to all who were involved in completing this important task.

Most of all thank you Janet for your devotion and supportive knowledge.

Safeguarding Officer's Report

Janet Worroll

'Safeguarding is about the welfare of each one of us.'

St Helen's takes Safeguarding very seriously and follow the legislation and the PCC has *'complied with the duty under section 5 of the Safeguarding and Clergy Discipline Measure 2016 (duty to have due regard to House of Bishops' guidance on safeguarding children and vulnerable adults)*.

St Helen's has a nominated Parish Safeguarding Officer (PSO) who, with the PCC, put together a safeguarding policy to provide a framework to ensure our work here at St Helen's is carried out safely. This is reviewed annually, updated by the PCC and displayed on the church noticeboards.

Our key messages are: -

The care and protection of children, young people and vulnerable adults. involved in church activities is the responsibility of everyone who participates in the life of the church.

At St Helen's we are committed to promoting a safer environment and culture and supporting all those who come into our church. We ensure there is support for any member of the church who has responsibility related to children and vulnerable adults.

Promoting a safer church: -

- A safeguarding report is made to the PCC monthly by the PSO. This is a standing item on the PCC agenda.
- St Helen's follow the guidance of the Church of England on "Safer Recruitment and People Management", under this guidance the following safeguarding roles exist: -
 - Recruiter: - Patrick Gilday
 - Verifier: - Lucy Steel
 - Parish Safeguarding Officer: - Janet Worroll
- Members of the PCC and volunteers working with children & vulnerable adults and bell ringers attend Safeguarding training, delivered by the Diocese.
- DBS checks are carried out according to Diocese guidelines for everyone working with children's groups and vulnerable adults. The PCC has accepted Verifile as the DBS provider following a data breach at APCS in 2025. St Helens was not affected by this breach.

- Safeguarding training and DBS checks are renewed every 3 years.
- The PSO attends Oxford Diocese safeguarding meetings, training and workshops
- The PSO attends the annual Safeguarding service held at Christ Church Cathedral.
- St Helen's uses the Church of England online Safeguarding Dashboard and Hub which aims to make safeguarding administration and governance simpler for parishes.
- We continue to review how we safeguard information that we keep within our church community.
- Safeguarding policies can be viewed on our website and on the notice boards in the church porch and at the Canons' room door.
- Related policies are also in place, recruitment of ex-offenders and the use of social media.
- Safeguarding contact details for the parish and diocese are available on the church porch notice board.

For more information visit: - <https://www.oxford.anglican.org/safeguarding>.

REPORT ON THE PROCEEDINGS OF THE DEANERY SYNOD

David and Ann Wright and Steve Bennett

St Helen's Church falls within the Deanery of Aston and Cuddesdon, which has some 50 churches of varying sizes. Each Deanery has a Synod consisting of clergy and lay representatives with a role in communicating between churches and the Diocese of Oxford. St Helen's is entitled to three elected lay representatives on the Deanery Synod, currently Dave and Ann Wright and Steve Bennett, who were elected to serve for three years at St Helen's Annual Parochial Church Meeting in 2022.

The Deanery Synod met three times during 2025 - in Thame on 25th February, Chinnor on 18th June and Watlington on 23rd October. At the final meeting of the year, we said farewell to Jane Haslam as our Area Dean, though we will still see her on other occasions as the Assistant Archdeacon of Dorchester. The new Area Dean is Rev Angie Patterson of Watlington.

These meetings are occasions to meet representatives from other churches, and share ideas and news. As St Helen's representatives we:

- Circulated details of St Helen's meeting with Rev Dr John Weaver, Vice President of The John Ray Initiative (JRI) on Sunday 23rd February 2025.
- Set up a table-top display of St Helen's Eco Church activities at the February synod in Thame, highlighting our Big Green Event on 7th June 2025.
- Publicised and attended a Deanery Praise Service hosted by St Leonards, Watlington on 20th July with a band which included Fr Patrick (piano) and Dave (mandolin/guitar).

The formal presentations at the Deanery Synod meetings during the year included working with children, young people and families (a focus for the Deanery over the year), updates on the work of Christian Aid and its current campaigns, and 'From classroom to community' on churches' engagement with local schools. Excellent updates from Diocesan and General Synod were provided by Helen Lamb, giving an insight into the complexities of church governance and the importance of having good representation.

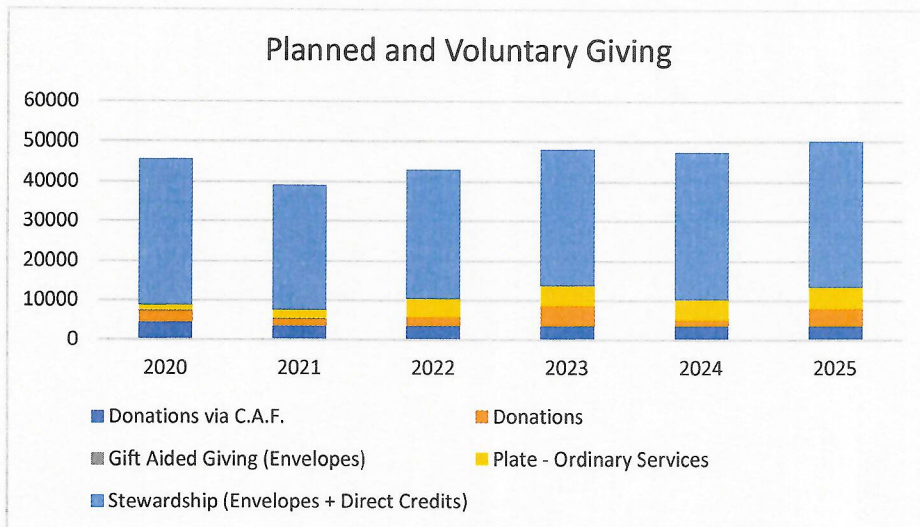
Deanery Synod representatives for 2025 were the clergy, Steve Bennett, Ann Wright, and David Wright.

FINANCIAL REVIEW AND OUTLOOK

Hon. Treasurer's Report

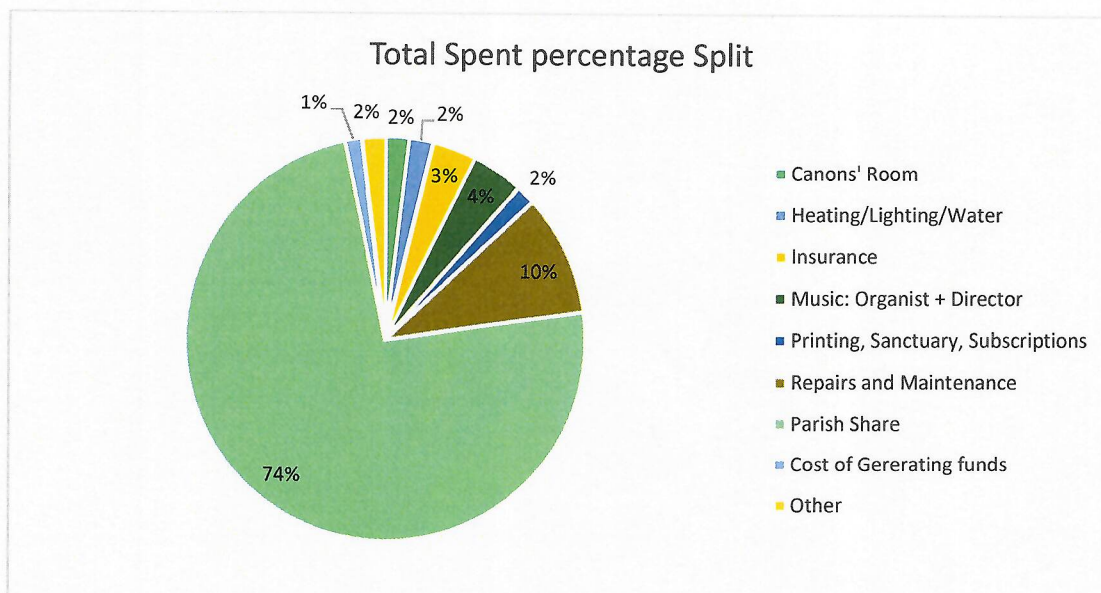
Christine Rees

As detailed in the financial statements for 2025, total receipts in unrestricted funds were £93,126 compared to £81,699 for 2024 (2024 included an £2k legacy and 2025 included two legacies amounting to £15k of which £10k remains in designated funds). The £5k legacy was used towards roof repairs. Our regular giving (excluding tax refund and legacies) increased slightly year on year (YOY) by circa £2.7k to £50,025 due totally to the one-off donations received following Patrick's plea to get us into surplus for the year, please see below graphs. Thanks to all those people who continue to contribute to St Helens so generously.



Net proceeds from fundraising for general church funds totalled £7,108 which was slightly up compared to 2024. Many thanks to the events and fundraising team and all the people who supported the many events that took place. Fee income was down vs prior year by £1.9k to £5,092. Rental income (Canons Room) and contribution to heating and lighting were similar to 2024 at £2,252.

A total of £83,235 was spent to provide the Christian ministry from St Helen's up circa £8.1k from 2024 which was £75,088. The main drivers of the variance is an increase in Parish Share of £2.2k (this is actually less than expected as we had a rebate for the House for Duty vacancy, expenditure in Repairs & Maintenance of £5.6k (although we did have a legacy of £5k which thankfully covered the bulk of this) and expenditure on trees in the churchyard of £1.6k as insufficient funds at the time in restricted churchyard. We also benefited from less than expected heating bills as the meter wasn't working driving a saving to forecast of circa £1.2k. Our Parish Share for 2025 was £61,514 and our Parish Share for 2026 is £66.7k some increase of £5.2k. The Graph below shows our total spend split by percentage (some smaller spend has been combined).



Overall, we had budgeted for a deficit in unrestricted funds of £7.8k. Thankfully we ended the year with a deficit of £108. We were very fortunate that income was up against budget by £11.3k however this did include some one-time income such as a £5k legacy (the £10k legacy isn't included here as in designated funds) and the one-time donations following Patrick's plea. Total expenses for the year came in over budget by circa £3.6k as explained previously due to the roof repairs and tree work less savings in heating and parish share. We are very fortunate that St Helens is so well supported through the generosity of the people that give to our church either through regular giving or donations or by supporting the many fundraising events.

Below is a very simple summary.

	2025		
	Budget	Actuals	Variance
Unrestricted Income	68,450	79,764	11,314
Unrestricted Expenditure	(76,235)	(79,872)	(3,637)
	<u>(7,785)</u>	<u>(108)</u>	<u>7,677</u>

In summary the Unrestricted funds stand at £28,788, £10,000 in designated funds and the Restricted Funds total £9,706.

Outlook for 2026

It is always difficult to budget for a Church given there are so many variables. Based on analysis in November 2025 the total expenditure budget for 2025 is £79,741. This equates to £1,533 each week to meet the basic operating costs and to provide the range of activities that make up the life of our church. Our budget for income is £70,750 based on latest information and analysis. In summary our budgeted deficit for the year is £8,991. There are some costs already for 2026 that are outside of the budget such as work required to fix roof leaks and Parish Share coming in higher than expected. The PCC will monitor the income and expenditure situation throughout the year and consider whether it is possible or prudent for us to continue paying the full amount of the Parish

Share requested by the Deanery in 2026 and future years. Sadly, if we are unable to pay our requested Parish Share longer term, then eventually this may lead to a reduction in ministry across the benefice. As mentioned above, thanks to all our givers through whatever method for being so generous.

The PCC is extremely grateful for the loyal support received from our congregation in 2025. We would like to thank all those who give of their resources, time and talents and all who contribute to the mission of St Helen's.

Reserves Policy

- 1 The PCC acknowledges that donations made to the Church should be used to further its charitable objectives, but that good stewardship requires some funds to be held in reserve for the efficient running of the Church.
- 2 The PCC endeavours to keep three to six months of running costs in unrestricted reserves to a) provide working capital and b) to cover unforeseen expenditure. Based on the budgeted expenditure for 2026 this is £20,000 - £40,000.
- 3 Should larger sums of money be required for urgent building works or other unexpected expenditure, a fundraising campaign will be set up.
- 4 Should the unrestricted reserves fall below the lower limit or above the upper limit, the PCC will take action as required.
- 5 This policy will be reviewed annually or as required due to a change in circumstances.

**STATEMENT OF THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL'S RESPONSIBILITIES FOR
PREPARATION OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

The Parochial Church Council is responsible for preparing the Annual Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

The law applicable to charities in England and Wales requires the Council to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the church and of the incoming resources and application of resources of the church for that period. In preparing these financial statements, the Council is required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP;
- make judgments and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable accounting standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements, and
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the church will continue in operation.

The Council is responsible for keeping sufficient accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the church and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011 and the Church Accounting Regulations 2006. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the church and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

The Parish of Benson

The Examined Accounts
for the year ended
31st December 2025



Presented at the Annual Parochial Church Meeting on
15th March 2026

Independent examiner's report to the PCC of St Helen's, Benson, Oxfordshire

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Parochial Church Council of St. Helen's, Benson for the year ended 31st December 2025 which are set out on pages 3 to 5.

Respective Responsibilities of the PCC and Examiner

As the charity trustees you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the Charities Act 2011 (the Act). The PCC consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144(2) of the Act and have chosen instead to have an independent examination.

It is my responsibility to:

- Examine the accounts (under section 145 of the Act);
- To follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners (under section 145(5)(b) of the Act); and
- To state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of Independent Examiners report

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 explanations from your treasurer or you as PCC members 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 matter has come to my attention:

1. which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements
 - to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the Act; and
 - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the 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.

HEATHER EMERSON

Signed by: Heather Emerson, ACA (Retired)

Date: 14/2/2026

Address: 18 Horseshoes Lane, Benson, OX10 6LB

Receipts and Payments Accounts

PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF ST HELEN'S,
BENSON

Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31st December 2024

Receipts and Payments Accounts

	Note	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Endowment Funds	TOTAL 2025	TOTAL 2024
RECEIPTS						
Voluntary receipts:						
Planned Giving		36,726	-	-	36,726	37,184
Collections at services		5,414	-	-	5,414	5,161
All other giving/voluntary receipts	3a	22,885	4,843	-	27,728	14,999
Gift Aid recovered		10,945	143	-	11,088	13,617
		<u>75,970</u>	<u>4,986</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>80,956</u>	<u>70,961</u>
Activities for generating funds	3b	8,219	-	-	8,219	8,170
Investment income	3c	1,593	367	-	1,960	1,688
Church activities	3d	7,344	-	-	7,344	9,348
Other receipts		-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts		<u>93,126</u>	<u>5,353</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>98,479</u>	<u>90,167</u>
PAYMENTS						
Church activities:						
Diocesan parish contributions		61,514	-	-	61,514	59,316
Clergy and staffing costs		3,494	-	-	3,494	3,294
Church running expenses	3e	15,544	7,774	-	23,318	14,696
Hall running costs		1,572	-	-	1,572	1,653
Advertising		-	-	-	-	274
Mission giving and donations	3f	-	-	-	-	50
		<u>82,124</u>	<u>7,774</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>89,898</u>	<u>79,283</u>
Costs of generating funds		1,111	-	-	1,111	1,218
Total Payments		<u>83,235</u>	<u>7,774</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>91,009</u>	<u>80,501</u>
Surplus/-Deficit		9,891	(2,421)	-	7,470	9,665
Transfers between funds	2	-	-	-	-	-
		<u>9,891</u>	<u>(2,421)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>7,470</u>	<u>9,665</u>
Cash at bank and in hand at 1st January		28,898	12,127	-	41,025	31,360
Cash at bank and in hand at 31 December		<u>38,789</u>	<u>9,706</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>48,495</u>	<u>41,025</u>

Statement of Assets and Liabilities

	Note	Unrestricted funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment funds	TOTAL 2024	TOTAL 2023
Cash Funds						
Bank current account		4,078	887	-	4,965	9,063
Deposit account		34,711	8,819	-	43,530	31,962
		<u>38,789</u>	<u>9,706</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>48,495</u>	<u>41,025</u>

Notes

1. Accounting policies

Charity information

Benson Parochial Church Council is a registered charity (number 1212726). References in these accounts to "the PCC" are references to this charity. The members of the PCC are the trustees of the charity under charity law and are referred to in these accounts as "the trustees". The PCC meets the definition of a Public Benefit Entity under FRS102.

Accounting convention

The financial statements of the PCC have been prepared in accordance with the Church Accounting Regulations 2006 using the Receipts and Payments basis.

2. The movements in restricted funds during the year were:

	Bal b/fwd	Receipts	Payments	Transfers	Bal c/fwd
Designated					
Repairs and Maintenance	3,000	-	3,000	-	-
Legacy	-	15,000	5,000	-	10,000
	<u>3,000</u>	<u>15,000</u>	<u>8,000</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>10,000</u>
Restricted					
Fabric Fund - General	480	17	-	-	497
Organ/Piano Fund	2,240	168	573	-	1,835
Churchyard Fund	338	1,235	937	-	636
Bells Fund	2,531	121	70	-	2,582
Choir Fund	364	166	-	-	530
Clock Fund	109	4	-	-	113
Youth Group	552	20	-	-	572
Mission Fund	2,397	84	248	-	2,233
Wifi Grant	-	625	235	-	390
Quick Wins Award	-	2,900	2,900	-	-
Insurance Claim	2,776	-	2,776	-	-
Flower Fund	340	13	35	-	318
	<u>12,127</u>	<u>5,353</u>	<u>7,774</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>9,706</u>

3 Further Analysis of Receipts and Payments

	Note	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds	TOTAL 2025	TOTAL 2024
Receipts						
a)	All other giving/voluntary receipts:					
		7,885	4,843	-	12,728	12,999
		15,000	-	-	15,000	2000
		<u>22,885</u>	<u>4,843</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>27,728</u>	<u>14999</u>
b)	Activities for generating funds:					
		1,422	-	-	1,422	1,238
		-	-	-	-	229
		3,128	-	-	3,128	1,682
		387	-	-	387	558
		271	-	-	271	309
		494	-	-	494	429
		295	-	-	295	265
		-	-	-	-	180
		1,271	-	-	1,271	1,363
		-	-	-	-	200
		-	-	-	-	143
		365	-	-	365	355
		-	-	-	-	340
		63	-	-	63	85
		430	-	-	430	328
		93	-	-	93	469
		<u>8,219</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>8,219</u>	<u>8,170</u>

c)	Investment income:					
	Dividends on CBF Investment Funds	47	-	-	47	46
	CBF Deposit account interest	1,200	367	-	1,568	1,622
	Interest from HMRC on GA	346	-	-	346	20
		<u>1,593</u>	<u>367</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,960</u>	<u>1,688</u>
d)	Church activities:					
	Fees	5,092	-	-	5,092	7,017
	Contribution for use of Canons Room	1,812	-	-	1,812	1,659
	Contribution for Heating & Lighting	440	-	-	440	673
		<u>7,344</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>7,344</u>	<u>9,348</u>
Payments						
e)	Church running expenses:					
	Heating & Lighting	1,759	-	-	1,759	2,766
	Insurance	2,975	-	-	2,975	2,934
	Repairs and maintenance	8,046	2,776	-	10,822	2,405
	Postage, printing and stationery	177	-	-	177	255
	Water	(179)	-	-	(179)	149
	Other	1,631	-	-	1,631	94
	Organ/Piano repairs and tuning	-	573	-	573	555
	Churchyard upkeep	-	937	-	937	4,425
	Bells repairs	-	70	-	70	433
	WIFI Grant	-	235	-	235	-
	Parish Mission	-	248	-	248	-
	Quick Wins Award	-	2,900	-	2,900	-
	Costs of services	1,135	35	-	1,170	679
		<u>15,544</u>	<u>7,774</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>23,318</u>	<u>14,696</u>
f)	Mission giving and donations:					
	Peter Spencer Asthma & lung UK	-	-	-	-	50
		<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>50</u>