



John's Parish Church
New Alresford, Hampshire



2025 Annual Report and
Financial Statements
of the Parochial Church Council for
the
Annual Parochial Church Meeting
to be held in St. John's Church
at 8pm
on Tuesday 28th April 2026
Registered Charity 1127318

**The Church of St John the Baptist, New Alresford,
serves as a witness to the Glory of God in the
community by:**

Celebrating the life of God the Father, God the Son
and God the Holy Spirit

through worship, prayer and service

Caring about one another in Christ

*through welcoming, fellowship and pastoral visiting,
healing and the recognition of personal gifts*

Cultivating personal growth in Christ

*through prayer, bible study, preaching and the
sacraments*

Communicating Christ to our community and to the
wider world

through example, teaching, support and cooperation

The Annual Meeting

Tuesday April 28th 2026 in the JPH at 8pm

The report is sent out as early as possible firstly, to invite you to come to the meeting and secondly, to give you an opportunity to read the articles included before the meeting so that you may have time to consider the questions you may wish to ask.

At this meeting we will be electing or re-electing two Churchwardens to serve for the year to April 2027.

We shall also be electing or re-electing members to the PCC including Deanery Synod representatives. Anyone retiring and wishing to stand again is subject to election on the same terms as anyone else. The PCC meets up to 6 times a year, normally on the second Tuesday of alternate months, and is responsible for wide ranging decisions on church life at St Johns.

Those who are proposed for election *must* be on the Church Electoral Roll, be regular communicants, and be over the age of 16 years. It is also desirable that they share the vision of the Church of England, as an organisation that shares Christ's concern, for the world and ministers to the whole community. If you nominate someone, please be sure that they are suitable to serve and that they are willing to do so.

The PCC delegates much of its work to the Standing Committee and to various teams and groups, whose range of recent activity is described in this report. PCC members are encouraged to serve on these teams together with members of the congregation.

Included below are reports from several committees and groups which are broadly connected with the wider work and mission of St John's Church, but whose financial activities are entirely independent of the accounts of the PCC. They are included here for the general information and interest of those on the electoral role and the wider community.

Joanna Whiteman

PCC Secretary

We hope you will be able to attend the meeting

Report of the Parochial Church Council

The Parochial Church Council (PCC) is statutorily required by the provisions of the Charities Acts 1993 and 2011, and the Church Accounting Regulations, to produce an Annual Report. The name of the Parish is St John the Baptist in the Benefice of the Arle Valley. It is part of the Diocese of Winchester within the Church of England. The church is situated adjacent to West Street in New Alresford. Correspondence should be addressed to The Churchwardens, c/o The Parish Office, St John the Baptist Church, West Street, Alresford, SO24 9AG.

The PCC is a charity registered with the Charity Commission under No 1127318

Serving PCC members are:

Rector Vacant

Wardens Rosie Waring-Green and James Lees

Elected Representatives on the Deanery Synod: (all elected in October 2023)

Sue Clarke, Miranda Pinch and Charlotte Ryton

Elected Members:

Pearl Page (elected April 2025)

Rex Corfield (elected April 2025)

Maureen Skayman (elected April 2025)

Susan Roberts (elected April 2023)

Paul Whiffen (elected April 2023)

Lawrence Will (elected April 2023)

Caroline Wheeler (elected April 2025)

Jackie Connell (elected April 2025)

Jude Cowen (elected April 2024)

Diann Adam (elected April 2024)

Jane Parsons (elected April 2025)

Joanna Whiteman (elected April 2025)

Co-opted Members:

Colin Scott-Morton (re-appointed April 2025), Jonathan Whale, Treasurer, (re-appointed April 2025), Ian Waring-Green (re-appointed April 2025).

The method of appointment of PCC members is set out in the Church Representation Rules. All Church attendees are encouraged to register on the Electoral Role and stand for election to the PCC.

St John's PCC has the responsibility of co-operation with the Rector in promoting in the ecclesiastical parish - the whole mission of the Church – Pastoral, Evangelistic, Social and Ecumenical.

The Council appoints a number of groups and committees that meet regularly during the course of the year and to which much of the detailed work is delegated. These have special responsibilities for issues including: Ministry, Worship, World (Outreach), Catering, Fabric and Finance, representatives are also elected to 'Churches Together in Alresford'.

The number on the electoral roll as reported by the Electoral Roll officer at the Annual Meeting on the 29th April 2025 was 151. In 2024 it was 219. The average number of usual Sunday attendees is 50, plus those who watch online.

In 2025 the PCC met formally six times. During the year the Council covered a wide range of topics in addition to attending to the normal business pertaining to the management of the Parish. Various events, activities and initiatives taken throughout the year are covered in the reports below. The Standing Committee met formally five times and in addition dealt with the many day-to-day tasks necessary to running St John's Church.

The PCC has complied with the duties under section 5 of the Safeguarding and Clergy Discipline Measure 2016, the UK Data Protection Regulations and the Data Protection Act 2018. Also the regulations regarding photography and filming in Church.

As in previous years PCC gave a significant proportion of its voluntary income to world, national and local charities.

St John's is a fully participating member of 'Churches Together' in Alresford.

The PCC would like to thank the Licenced Lay Ministers for all their work and support during the year.

Joanna Whiteman PCC Secretary

ST JOHN THE BAPTIST, NEW ALRESFORD

ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING

TUESDAY 29th APRIL 2025 AT 8PM

Prayers and Welcome – The Rector

(A) **The Vestry Meeting** – All resident parishioners may take part.

1. Election of Church Wardens – Two people are standing for the positions of Church Warden. Rosie Waring Green, proposed by Jane Parsons and seconded by Jon Whale and James Lees proposed by Jane Parsons and seconded by Rosie Waring Green. **Both were elected unanimously** and James was given a set of keys.

(B) **The Annual Meeting** – only electoral members may take part

2. **Minutes of the 2024 APCM** – These were deemed an accurate record
3. **Matters Arising** – No matters arising
4. **Election of PCC members** – No current PCC members are standing down, Five members had served their three year term of office. All wished to stand again. These were: Pearl Page proposed by Jane Parsons and seconded by Margaret Stewart, Caroline Wheeler proposed by Rosie Waring Green and seconded by Ian Waring Green, Maureen Skayman proposed by Jane Parsons and seconded by Sue Clarke, Rex Corfield proposed by Paul Whiffen and seconded by Pearl Page and Jackie Cornell proposed by Miranda Pinch and seconded by Susan Roberts. **PCC approved these re-elections unanimously.** Two new members of PCC were put forward – Joanna Whiteman proposed by Pearl Page and seconded by Jane Parsons and Jane Parsons proposed by Pearl Page and seconded by Kathryn Cook. **PCC approved these unanimously.**
5. **Electoral Roll Report** – Janet Pooley – In the Anglican Church each parish is required to completely renew their Electoral Roll every 6 years. By registering on the Electoral Role, you will be able to play a part in every aspect of church life. You will be able to attend and vote at the APCM and vote in elections for membership of the Parochial Church Council and the parish's representatives on the Deanery Synod. The Electoral Roll Officer maintains the list and regularly removes the names of those who have died or moved away so that the Roll is as accurate as possible. However many people move away and don't let the church know so a certain amount of initiative is required on the part of the Electoral Roll Officer. It is only by completely revising the Electoral Roll that the church has a more accurate view of membership and this is only possible when people make

the conscious effort to complete a new application form. **Last year the number on Roll was 219, this year it is 151.** Three people have died since the last meeting and 16 have joined. There is no obligation to put one's name on the Roll and some people prefer not to do so. However having your name on the Roll does help with communication. After the APCM the numbers will be sent to the Diocesan Office for their records. A copy is on display in the church porch.

- 6. Annual PCC Report** – The report was circulated to all on the Electoral Roll in March. Each individual report, informs, and reflects the life and mission of St John's church.

- 7. Financial Report and Annual Accounts Y/E December 31st 2024** - this was sent out as part of the Annual Report. Jon thanked the congregation for their generosity which has meant the church is in a good financial position. He also thanked all who help him with the financial affairs of the church. One question came from Pelham who commented on the CCLA account and whether some monies should be moved to an equity account. This will be considered at the next PCC meeting in May.

- 8. Terrier** – Heather went through the report and it was signed off. One copy will be held by the church and another sent to the Diocesan office.

- 9. Deanery Synod Report** - this was included in the Annual Report. Heather informed the meeting that the informal arrangement with Alton Deanery will continue to include joint Deanery and Synod meetings. There are no current plans to make this formal.

- 10. Rectors Update** – Heather gave her thanks to: Rosie for carrying out her church warden role alone over the last year and doing it so well. Penny for her great administrative skills on behalf of the whole benefice. Much of it in her own time. This includes keeping Facebook and the website up to date. Jon for his financial acumen and oversight and PCC for their various skills and contributions. Rob, who is standing down from doing the notices, was warmly thanked for 17 years dedicated service.
Heather said that it had been a good year for St John's. She asked the meeting to think of three words that described the church now and how we would like to describe the church in five years time. These words will be used as a basis for future discussions. The young people also did the same exercise. All the words were positive.
Heather said that we all need to think about what we can do to grow God's kingdom in this place - Breakfast Church's theme on May 11th will be the parable of the mustard seed.
Heather made comment on the electoral roll going down which is explainable but also said that the worshipping community is more important. There are more

young families connected to the church and work is ongoing to find a children and families worker.

Rosie presented virtual flowers to Heather to be followed up with real ones later!!

11. Gospel Choir Presentation – Tim Uffindell presented the report which was circulated before the meeting. He talked about people’s motivation for being in church and how that is explored through the mission of Gospel Choir. He talked about the choir being a place for people of faith, of no faith or for those who are searching. Everyone who attends hears a faith based message it is then up to them how they respond. Tim plants the seed and the Holy Spirit does the ‘heavy lifting’.

12. AOB – PCC members were asked to fill in a declaration form as trustees and return to Jo. Janet asked about progress with the Altar Frontal. Heather said that it would be done. Patrick asked about the missing key for the key cupboard. Rosie said it had not turned up so far but that a new key was available. She thinks it is in someone’s pocket!!

The meeting ended with everyone saying The Grace and a social gathering.

Churchwarden's Report

We have had an encouraging year at St John's although it was tinged with sadness at the end of September as we said a heartfelt goodbye to Heather as she left us to move on to a different phase of her ministry. The whole benefice came together to give Heather and Mick a great send off with a brunch provided for all to enjoy. Heather's wonderful dedication to St John's for the last 4 years has been an inspiration and a huge blessing. We are now all working together in this time of interregnum to keep 'the ship afloat' as you might say and to keep encouraging all the congregation to share the example of Jesus in loving and caring for each other.

Nuts and bolts!!

A Quinquennial inspection of the building took place in July 2024 and we STILL await the result of this report with fingers crossed that there are no major issues requiring attention!!

As always, we have a commitment to keeping everyone safe in St John's. Fire safety training for PCC members and Sides People has continued as well as Safeguarding training for the PCC and all volunteers working with children or vulnerable adults. We are really grateful to the people delivering this essential training. There has also been some First Aid training giving many the confidence to help in times of accident or illness.

Growing Together

The CTIA Lent Course by Paula Gooder was well received by all and was a good opportunity to meet new friends from the local churches as well as enjoy some deep and challenging conversations.

Alpha – another hugely successful course was held during the day over the summer with all 14 members completely involved and growing in their relationships with each other and in their faith. Home Groups continue to meet across the parish and offer a variety of different approaches for bible studies.

Social and Outreach

There have been some wonderful opportunities for us all to get to know each other better this year and also for us to invite our friends and neighbours into our church community activities. We have enjoyed the Watercress Festival, Songs of Praise, Harvest Supper and a Table Top Sale amongst the regular Coffee, Cake and Chat, Table Talk, Solos, Men's Breakfast, Mums' Supper, Widowers' Supper and Looking Forward group.

'A Gift from St John's' attracted a record number of visitors as usual. It is always wonderful to see how the whole church works together to help with activities together with the always popular Café providing some mulled wine to warm us!!

Worship and Families

Children and Families Worker – There has been a considerable amount of work going on in the background by a committed team filling in applications with Reverend Amber from Ropley to the Growing Rural Parishes Fund for a grant towards the funding of a Children and Families Worker to work across all churches in the Arle Valley Benefice. The grant has now been awarded and the detail of how this is going to work is being looked at as we write this report. We are confident that this will enable the growth in the number of families and young people becoming more engaged with us all. Families@4,

Chill Chat and Chomp, Monday Meet and Eat and Breakfast Church continue to attract new families and young people. A benefice wide Gift Day to support this project was held in August with a considerable amount of money being either donated or promised through the Parish Giving Scheme so that we have now nearly achieved our target to enable us to employ someone.

The Autumn Light Party, Christingle Service and Crib Service were as lively and meaningful as usual. A Youth Alpha has been requested which will begin in the Spring.

So much of what we offer at St John's is enabled by volunteers, who deserve many thanks.

More thanks also are due to our Ministry Team, who continue to be very busy and a great support in this time of interregnum, and also to our Pastoral Care Team. We look forward to the year ahead and more opportunities for all at St John's to share their faith with the people of Alresford.

James Lees and Rosie Waring Green
Churchwardens

Alresford Deanery Synod Report

There are currently three members from St John's: **Miranda Pinch, Sue Clarke, and Charlotte Ryton.**

Deanery Synod meets every few months, and at the moment our Deanery is informally linked with Alton Deanery. Recently we have had some interesting discussions. In particular an army chaplain came to talk to us about how we would respond in times of emergency including war. First it was reassuring to know that all sorts of schemes are in place should the worst happen – food stockpiled, emergency radios ready etc – but secondly it was made clear that in such an emergency the churches would be expected to play their part. As he pointed out, often the easiest building to find in a town or village is the church so therefore it would become a hub for information and dissemination of emergency supplies. He also talked about the need for resilience and flexibility and these attributes were also referenced in other discussions such as dealing with the world our young people live in.

Children's, Youth and Family Work

As always there has been much fun and laughter with our families, children and young people! We have also enjoyed a variety of times when we have come together to learn more about faith and the world around us. We all love the times too when we are involved in all age activities such as the Harvest Supper. The biggest sadness for us has been the departure of Heather off to Wiltshire to spend more time with her family. We have very much valued her inspiration and encouragement.

Children's and Families Worker

This is the third year that the Diocese has invited applications to its Growing Rural Parishes project, and together with our friends in Ropley Benefice, we were successful in becoming part of it for 2026.

Growing Rural Parishes (GRP) is a partnership whereby the Diocese promises to provide £14,000 funding over 3 years, and in return, we promise to do more of what we love - and that is welcoming new people to our churches. There is a particular emphasis on encouraging more younger people, and with this in mind, we are planning to recruit a Children's and Families Worker on a 2-3 year contract. GRP is an exciting moment for our Benefice in lots of ways, and we are looking forward to growing closer to the team at Ropley. The work starts in Spring 26, and there will be regular updates.

Chill, Chat, Chomp – a mid-week weekly group for year 7 upwards - continues to have fun and enjoy some challenging discussions. The young people have also been involved in some great volunteering in helping to prepare Light Party boxes and sort the sweets etc needed for the Christingle Service as well as helping out with St John's 'Gift from St John's'. We really enjoyed being able to assemble the new comfy sofas for the refurbished West Room, and love meeting in there on a Wednesday after school to chat, eat, play games etc

Autumn Fun Light Party went ahead this year continuing the new outreach for parents coming with their children. We had a great turn-out of over 35 children with their parents together with 20 helpers who all had a wonderful time creating 'jam jar lanterns', lighthouses and stained-glass windows along with doughnuts on a string and many more activities.

We were able to enjoy the fire-pit outside just before it started to rain but we all managed to see a beautiful double rainbow as it started to rain – however this did not deter our amazing helpers!! After food – always essential – there was a word treasure hunt trail in the beautifully illuminated church and ending with a fantastic dance version of the song 'Shine' plus a new song My Lighthouse! There was a great buzz of conversation and enjoyment between all ages.

Services – Christingle Service this year was again very well attended!! The Crib Service was also incredibly busy this year with about 300 children and adults attending and all being involved in the retelling of the nativity story; as usual we managed to recruit a 'real' baby playing the part of baby Jesus. Mothering Sunday and Remembrance services also had many uniformed youngsters joining us. Breakfast Church all age service continues to flourish with a relaxed start and more involvement from the families and of course tempting goodies to start our morning!!

Families@4 – continues to be run by the families themselves and includes an interactive story, craft, a song and of course a drink and a biscuit!! The theme is followed up in Breakfast Church the week after, therefore reinforcing the gospel message.

Chatterbox – the Parents / Carers Toddler Group continues to encourage new families although with the change of pre-school free places we have seen a drop in numbers attending. This is run by a team from the families but there are several of us who go along to help; we really enjoy this connection with the youngest members of our community.

Monday Meet and Eat – CTIA volunteers have been very active in providing a place for families with primary school children to come and have time to play together, and to share in a hot meal. We have a group of regular families who join us and in fact have now grown to 10 families altogether who also enjoy the adult conversations while the children are playing!!

Links with Schools – we enjoy regular visits from the children and families of Sun Hill Junior School for their Harvest, Christmas and Easter services. The children present storytelling and songs to the rest of the school and parents.

Perins also hold their annual Christmas concert at St John's for pupils and parents.

We are always happy to have any offers of help and we would really appreciate prayers for the way forward for the children, young people and families of St John's and the local community. Thank you all for your support.

Rosie Waring Green

Catering Team Report

We have had another great year as a Catering Team.

As usual the Lent Lunch was an enjoyable and well attended event... and delicious homemade soup, fresh bread and cheese was enjoyed by lots of parishioners.

We managed a successful Harvest Supper in October 2025, and it was so lovely to see the church community together, sitting down and enjoying each other's company and entertainment!! Especially lovely this year to see so many families enjoying the evening. And the mulled wine and mince pies were well received after the Carol Service.

As a team we continue to serve the Church and its community and are also very grateful to those who are always willing to roll up their sleeves and help in any way they are able and even with the washing up at the end of the event. We are also enormously grateful for those who generously provide raffle prizes and delicious puddings for us all to enjoy. We would not be able to cater in the same way if this generosity was not forthcoming.

We would always welcome new faces to our Catering Team so please contact me if you would like to join us.

Our yearly commitments include the Frugal lent lunch, The Harvest Supper and Mulled wine & mince pies at the Carol Service, along with any other ad hoc church catering requirements. We look forward to 2026 and looking after your catering needs.

I cannot thank everyone in the team enough for their support and commitment to the Catering events, especially Hefin Tudor who steps in to take the lead when my other commitments prevail and the honorary member of the team Peter Tudor who is always ready at the door to take your money and sell you raffle tickets! ... we really are a great team!

Pippa Sherry

Church Cleaning

On behalf of all the congregation, I would like to thank our dedicated team of Church Cleaners, who diligently, week in / week out, keep our beautiful Church clean. Each person has a section to clean, and they choose their own time of working, fitting in around the services and other events being carried out in Church, We could always do with more helpers, so if you are able to offer some time, as little as 1/2 hour a week / fortnightly / monthly, especially to clean whilst one of our stalwarts has a well- earned break, I shall be very pleased to hear from you.

Hefin Tudor.

Churches Together in Alresford

At the beginning of the year the committee had a re-think about the future of CTiA. It has become difficult to recruit more members to the committee and so it was decided than in future we would reduce the number of events we would arrange throughout the year.

We selected Paula Gooder's book 'Lentwise' as the study book for Lent and those in house groups found it very helpful. The annual Good Friday walk of witness around the town again attracted a large number of participants. In September we held an away day at Old Alresford Place and had an inspiring talk from the Revd Philip Bromley who is the ecumenical officer for Wiltshire. During the afternoon we held a brief AGM when the role of chair of the committee passed from Rosemary Chambers from St Gregory's to Jon Hughes from The Methodist church. The day ended with a service for the renewal of the CTiA covenant and with a sermon from Bishop Peter Doyle.

At Christmas we continued the tradition of carol singing in the residential homes and flats in Alresford. We made slight changes to the arrangements this year which ensured a good number of singers at each venue. As usual we sang carols at the top of Broad Street on the Saturday before Christmas. The collections from all the Carol singing went to Firefly which continues to be the CTiA charity.

Diann Adam's and Jackie Connell are currently the representatives from St John's but we would love to have others join us. Together we can do so much more: together we build new and meaningful relationships, together we learn from one another and understand one another and together we are a much stronger witness of the one we are all called to serve.

Coffee Cake & Chat

Once again we have had a very successful year. Every second Tuesday of the month finds the John Pearson Hall full of chatter and laughter as coffee/tea and homemade cake is enjoyed. Each month there is a 'Pause for Thought' enjoyed by all, which often sparks some discussion. For several years now we have supported Winchester Hospice and this will continue into the future.

Thanks must be given to our wonderful cake makers, Pearl Page, Elizabeth Johnson and Erica Cook; plus Margaret Stewart who makes the most fantastic cheese scones. The morning is open to all and it is always so good to see so many non-church goers joining us. Do come and join us on the second Tuesday of the month 10am -11.30am

Angela Peel

Creation Care

More talk of looking after God's wonderful World and how we can reduce the damage we are causing.

Climate Service

In April we had a good Climate Service with Rev Sam Scott, the diocese environment officer, giving an inspiring talk on what each of us can do.

Merger

Mid-year the Bees Knees and the Creation Care Team merged to combine resources and to work together.

The Lorax Day

The Lorax day was a super idea having tables of sustainable cleaning products, children's activities, climate change related information, the film of The Lorax book by Dr Suess and of course some food. Not as many people turned up as had been hoped. But many of the stalls at the event should be repeated as part of other St John's events. Don't forget the Lorax ending statement

'UNLESS someone like you cares a whole awful lot, nothing is going to change, Its not.

Sunday Garden and Green Fair

The next day was the Sunday Garden and Green Fair with many stalls outside in Broad Street. Our stall was more successful here, as it was taken to where people already were.

Plants

There is still one plant growing in the church representing God's natural world. Not forgetting the regular flowers arranged so well during the year. More plants would be welcome.

Eco Church

We are still working toward the Eco Church Silver Award. There are questions to answer on the sustainability of our church and community activities and points are awarded accordingly.

Future

Look out for future magazine articles, posters, talks and activities related to caring for God's world.

Don't forget - UNLESS someone like you cares a whole awful lot, nothing is going to change. It's not.

'Remember that even the smallest change is worth more than the grandest intention.'

Creation Care Team

Fabric Report

Year on year there is a mixture of fabric and maintenance efforts both internally in the church and hall buildings as well as externally in the churchyard.

In 2025 we again held two very successful churchyard clear up days...both were well attended by the usual volunteers, enjoying refreshments thanks to Pearl Page. We were delighted to see some new volunteers, and their children. During the second clear up day we managed to remove a lot of material from the hedge by church cottages on the SW of the churchyard, this along with an amount of material from the area by the mower shed filled a large skip. The clear ups are again organised for 2026 on clock change days – we would love to see you. They are a good chance to meet and chat. Please don't leave it to the usual suspects.

In 2025 we again employed a contractor to maintain the southern end of the churchyard, together with the team of mowing volunteers the churchyard survived a fairly dry summer. Some hollows in the ground were filled with excess chalk, which was covered by topsoil and seeded. During 2026 we will need to resolve the issue of arisings from grave digging. There aren't many areas of the churchyard where this can be accommodated. Further advice is required from the diocese on this matter.

Internally the major item of note was the refurbishment of the west room, new cupboards and a full redecoration. This is now a very comfortable room for meetings and smaller group discussions. Early in 2026 we intend to address the JPH kitchen renovation works including works to the ceiling – part of this cost is covered by a grant from the Diocese. Another grant earlier in 2025 enabled us to replace some of the failed double-glazing units in the main JPH hall windows. Volunteers also undertook a touch up painting job in the JP Hall – trust that you agree a small effort can make a decent impact.

There continue to be ongoing discussions regarding the heating of the church and hall, currently we are reviewing various options and reports. Inevitably any replacement of the heating system will be a significant capital expenditure, this process will involve further consultation with the diocese. As part of this process, we will look to reduce the environmental impact of the whole estate.

Again in 2025 Paul Whiffen managed the process of dealing with all the annual maintenance requirements. Paul has now retired from this role – whilst we are indebted to Paul for the many years of effort in this role, we are now urgently seeking a volunteer to take over this role, which is largely a coordination role booking various contractors. So much of the maintenance effort is undertaken by volunteers - thank you to all of them. We all need to do our bit to keep the church buildings and churchyard in top condition. Please do let the churchwardens know if there are items that need attending to.

James Lees

Flower Arrangers

I begin my report remembering our lovely church flower arranger, Pearl Court. We lost Pearl in July and she is missed so very much not just for her arranging abilities but because she was such a wonderful person. She had spent many years happily serving St John's and creating wonderful displays.

Once again, a big thank you goes out to the Church Flower Team for all their time and effort during 2025. It has been a very busy year with flowers being sponsored every week throughout the year which was really amazing. Thank you to all those people who sponsored flowers during the year. Unfortunately, at the point of writing, there are plenty of slots free for this year so please select your preferred date if you wish to sponsor a pedestal to remember a special birthday, anniversary or a loved one. The list for sponsoring flowers in St John's is now available at the back of Church and sponsorship is £30.

The cost of flowers still continues to increase and is an ongoing challenge for the arrangers who are always trying to source the best flowers and deals on offer at the time. Sadly, the team has lost five arrangers during the year for one reason or another and we thank them for everything they have contributed to flower arranging in St John's. The task of completing a flower arrangement is rewarding but very time consuming. Duties include buying the flowers, taking the previous arrangement apart, then completing a new arrangement and hoping that the sponsor likes the finished article.

During the year the Flower Team made up bunches of daffodils for Mothering Sunday, decorated the church for Easter, Church Festivals, Harvest and Christmas along with the weekly sponsored arrangements both in the Nave and Lady Chapel. Many thanks to the ladies who provide and arrange the flowers in the Lady Chapel.

The Flower Team looks forward to another a year of flower arranging and friendship.

Maureen Skayman

Looking Forward

We've had a good year this year, and have some new members who have, sadly, been bereaved recently. We now meet most weeks for breakfast, lunch, supper or a Sunday lunch. We usually have at least 8 each time, sometimes as many as 15. We talk about everything and nothing as well as our personal experience of bereavement. We had an enjoyable trip to Chichester Theatre in August to see Top Hat and we had a joint Christmas lunch with the men's widower's group. Our group is open to any 'widow' of long or short standing.

Sue Clarke

Lay Pastoral Assistants' Report

The members of the team have continued to visit people living in Alresford, offering pastoral support, throughout the year. The new LPA's who were trained at the end of 2024 have become active members of the team. This year we have said goodbye to 2 of our most experienced visitors. Sadly, Carol Reid died in July and in the autumn Nancy Webb decided the time had come for her to stand down. Both have given many years of dedicated service, for which we are very grateful, and they are very much missed.

Throughout the year we have all come together for meetings, for prayer, further training and a social get-together. Some members of the team have a particular interest in supporting the bereaved and they will be there for those who have recently lost a loved one and will be actively involved at funerals in church. We also visit those in hospital, although these days most people are back home before we hear news of their stay. We are always ready to visit those in their own home; anyone who is lonely, unable to get out or someone who would simply welcome a visitor. If you know of someone who would appreciate a visit then please do get in touch. Our details are in the magazine or can be obtained from Penny in the parish office.

Jackie Connell and Sue Clarke

Magazine

The magazine is issued eleven times a year (not in August) and we have had some positive responses to the articles. We would like a greater diversity of material so if anyone would like to contribute, we'd be very grateful but in the meantime thanks to Elizabeth Johnson who regularly updates us about Bellringing. Within our financial restraints we have tried to have as much colour as we can.

The magazine wouldn't happen without the help of many people – the committee Jennifer Miller, Elizabeth Petheran, Ruth Page and Caroline Hawkins; also proof readers Alison Starr and Janet Pooley. Thanks also to Pelham Allen who collects the copies from the printer and to Margaret Stewart and Kathy Cook who sort them and put them into bundles. Thanks also to the phalanx of people who deliver the magazine around the Benefice. If I've missed someone out, accept my apologies and please be sure your contribution is valued.

Charlotte Ryton

St. John's Prayer Team

We are delighted that prayer has become an even more embedded part of everyday life in St John's, and we would encourage you to tell others that they can email or phone and share a request or a thank you to the Prayer Team – details below. There is a definite sense of St John's being a real 'house of prayer' with so many opportunities and variety of approaches to engage everyone who enters.

We regularly check the 'Say One for Me' prayer box in church and it has been a huge honour to be able to share these concerns and anxieties in prayer with the Lord. We also

have the Prayer Tree in the porch - we would encourage everyone to take time to read and to pray through the many very meaningful thoughts and prayers shared on this Tree. It is a real privilege for us all to engage with these prayers; it is an essential part of our outreach to the town, as it may be that the porch is as far as some members of the public venture into St John's.

It was also very special to be part of the Gift from St John's event in December, chatting to the public as they enjoyed the craft activities, the Café, and writing their Joys they had experienced in the last year. All these activities gave us opportunities to become engaged in many deep and important conversations in the church as people stopped to read the messages and prayers.

The Prayer Space in the north corner of the church has been much appreciated by many visitors and members of the congregation as a quiet reflective space to pray and take time to be still. The weekly prayer sheet is now displayed and offers the opportunities to pray for local and national needs as well as praying for those who are unwell in our community.

The Votive Candle area of the church in the south corner of the church is also much valued as a place to be still and to light a candle, either to remember a loved one or as a prayer offering.

We continue to be busy as a Prayer Team 'prayer chain' and are happy for you to phone - 07891120662 - or email Rosie Waring Green - rosie@22rwg.co.uk - for any concerns needing immediate prayer which will only be passed round the Prayer Team. Prayer is at the heart of our relationship with God and the Team always pray for you using the utmost confidentiality offering your requests into the healing arms of God. If you feel called to join this team, please contact Rosie to talk this through.

Rosie Waring Green

Safeguarding Report

Once again, we ran successful drop-in sessions for DBS checks and were able to achieve 100% up to date DBS checks for St John's momentarily.

Unfortunately, the company who do the checks were subject to a data breach in August of 2025 which affect some people at St John's. As a result of this breach the diocese chose to move back to doing DBS checks using paper forms. This has resulted in DBS checks taking considerably longer to undertake. It is not clear why the diocese has chosen this system, and it is hoped that we will be able to move back to online checks in the future. We once again ran group training sessions for both basic and foundation courses which were well attended. The safeguarding log continues to be updated as necessary with two incidents being logged this year. No further action was required for both incidents. The parish dashboard continues to be updated as required.

Safeguarding remains everyone's responsibility and any concerns relating to safeguarding of children, young people and vulnerable adults should be escalated to myself or Alison.

Sarah Wilding

Table Talk

We meet on the third Friday of each month from 12- 2pm in the JPH for an informal bring and share lunch followed by small group discussions about something of topical interest. The range of topics we cover is huge and usually relates to something in the news, although we steer way from anything too political. It's a great opportunity to look at what is happening in the world from a Christian perspective and those who come really value the opportunity to discuss things openly with other people. During Lent we met weekly and watched and discussed the film ' The Way' which follows the story of a pilgrim as he makes his way along the Camino de Santiago. It's a powerful film which promoted some deep and lively discussions.

Table Talk is open to all and we welcome newcomers, so if you're someone who would enjoy the opportunity to discuss what is happening in the world around with others the please do come and join us.
Jackie, Sue and Miranda.

Tower Report

Alresford ringers have had a busy year as one band covering Old and New Alresford towers. The Sunday services at both towers are well supported although still not enough ringers to man both 9.30 services simultaneously meaning only the 11am services at Old Alresford had bells.

With St Mary's bells being heavily used for teaching new ringers, who are making good progress, both towers could have bells for both 9.30 services in the future.

There were 2 weddings at St John's, 2 at St Mary's and 1 at Ovington .

Alresford ringers still give outreach help to other towers in the area. Many of the band are DBS checked all have safeguarding certificates.

Many special events were marked by ringing, the reasons for the ringing advertised on social media usually with plenty of positive comments.

Elizabeth Johnson

World Team

These are the overseas projects we support:

Ashray UK: the organisation that supports the Mar Elias Educational Institutions, Ibillin, Israel, sends regular newsletters from Abuna Elias Chacour. Sadly the news has been grim since the continuing conflict in the Middle East but they continue working with the students to prepare them to be a positive factor in the traumatized society.

Church Mission Society: our partners are Sarah and Simon Cawdell who are in Gulu, Uganda. Sarah is head of a theological college and Simon leading a Rooted in Jesus course. We have frequent updates via their Facebook page and CMS newsletters.

The Michael Project, Zimbabwe: they are very grateful for all the support that they receive from St Johns. They now support 30 children on full Michael Project scholarships and 100 plus pre-schoolers, (education in Zimbabwe is not free) In the last year they have welcomed a record 11 new children into the Shalom family and saw 6 children placed in forever homes. The Michael Project were very thrilled and grateful for the wonderful gift received from the Coffee Morning on the 1st of November, and ask for your continued prayer support.

Pannai Family Farm, Tamil Nadu, India: We receive regular updates from Anita the sponsorship secretary. St John's has continued supporting several children until their higher education for which they are very grateful.

Shanthigramam, Tamil Nadu: the home for elderly and destitute people continues to care for those damaged by leprosy. In the last year they have constructed new buildings including individual cottages for the residents.

Information on all our links can be found on the Arle Valley Benefice website under Community and Outreach/St John's World Team. The Team has been in abeyance during 2025 due to loss of members of the committee, but hopes to re-activate in 2026.

Hilary Carr



John's Parish Church

New Alresford, Hampshire



Treasurer: Jon Whale, 12 Buttermere Gardens, Alresford, SO24 9NN

Standing Committee Approval Certificate

We hereby confirm that we have made available to Behegan Lynes, all requested books, records, information and explanations relating to the PCC of New Alresford for the year ending 31 December 2025 and that the financial statements have our approval.

J S Whale
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Jonathan Whale, Treasurer

30/01/26
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Date

James Lees
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James Lees, Church Warden

30.1.26.
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Date

Rosie Waring Green
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Rosie Waring Green, Church Warden

29.1.26
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St John the Baptist Church, New Alresford, Hampshire SO24 9AG
website: www.arlevalleychurches.org.uk

Registered Charity Number 1127318



Section A Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees

Charity Name
ST JOHN THE BAPTIST CHURCH NEW ALRESFORD

**On accounts for the year
ended**

31 DECEMBER 2025	Charity no (if any)	1127318
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I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31/12/2025.

**Responsibilities and
basis of report**

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

I report in respect of my examination of the Trust'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 Act.

**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 which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; or
- the accounts did not accord with the accounting records; or
- the accounts did not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a "true and fair" view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Signed: 

Date: 09-03-2026

Name: HEATHER ELLIS

**Relevant professional
qualification(s) or body
(if any):**

MAAT

Address: BEHEGAN LYNES, BANK CHAMBERS, BROOK STREET,
BISHOPS WALTHAM, HAMPSHIRE, SO32 1AX

St John the Baptist Church, New Alresford

**Financial Statements of
the
Parochial Church Council**

Year Ended 31 December 2025

Treasurer	Jon Whale 12 Buttermere Gardens Alresford Hampshire S024 9NN
Assistant Treasurer	Jane Parsons 54 Jacklyns Lane Alresford Hampshire SO24 9LG
Bank- Current Accounts:	NatWest Bank Winchester, Old Bank (A) Branch 105 High Street Winchester Hampshire S023 9AW
Bank - Deposit Account:	CCLA Investment Management Ltd The CBF Church of England Funds 80 Cheapside London EC2V 6DZ
Independent Examiner:	Behegan Lynes Bank Chambers Brook Street Bishops Waltham Hampshire S032 1AX

Registered Charity Number 1127318

TREASURER'S REPORT 2025

After two difficult years in 2022 and 2023, we saw considerable progress in 2024 towards achieving a more balanced budget, and this trend has continued in 2025. We once again felt significant financial pressure due to rising costs, but the generosity of our congregation, and a sharper focus on controlling expenditure, has resulted in achieving a more stable position.

In summary, our unrestricted expenditure in 2025 was £178k (this is a decrease of £2k compared to 2024) and our unrestricted income was £168k (also a decrease of £2k). As a result our expenditure has once again exceeded our regular income - this year by approximately £10.5k, so unfortunately we continue to spend more than we bring in through regular giving and fundraising.

During the year we invested in the purchase of some additional new chairs (for a total of £3.6k) using more funds from the very generous legacy previously given by the Diverall family. In accordance with our accounting policy the cost of this acquisition is being written off over three years, with £10.8 k of depreciation included in the unrestricted expenditure of £178k for 2025 as referred to above. The remaining net book value of the chairs (£21.6 k) will be written off in equal instalments over the period 2026-27.

There are a number of reasons for our current position:

- Regular giving this year has been £83k, with a further £20k coming through Gift Aid. This is an increase of £5k on 2024. We continue to make good use of the Parish Giving Scheme, and a further £6k was received via generous legacies
- In another positive sign, we have also received specific donations for the planned Children's & Families Worker post of £10k, plus a further donation of £1k. We generated less through our social and fundraising activities- this was down from £8k to £5k. Our income from magazine advertising and sales was an excellent £10k. As we have had to draw on our savings, we received less interest from our investments with CCLA - £5.8k which was down by £2.4k
- In terms of reducing our expenditure, our heating costs were £8.7k – a reduction of £1.3k; on the other hand, our magazine printing costs were up by £1.6k; and our routine maintenance costs remained stable with us spending less on the church, but more on JPH with the renovation of the West Room
- The Diocese has also helped in that our CMF contribution in 2025 was £2.8k lower than in 2024
- This year we have continued to take a stricter approach to expenditure, and wherever possible, found cheaper ways of doing things.

So, at 31 December 2025 our funds were £183k (£85k unrestricted, £63k designated, £35k restricted). Of this we have £30K set aside for repairs and hold an additional £32K in general reserves in accordance with our stated accounting policy. We retain £35k in funds restricted for specific purposes and the balance is in our main unrestricted general fund, and small funds set aside to support our ministry with children, young people and families.

The table below shows the trend of our unrestricted funds over the past 6 years:

Date	31/12/20	31/12/21	31/12/22	31/12/23	31/12/24	31/12/25
Unrestricted & Designated Funds (£k)	187	155	182	168	159	148.2

At our last APCM, we agreed to try to balance our income v expenditure over the next 2 years, and this remains our target. We know however that we need to replace our heating system in 2026, so additional fundraising will be required to fund this. We will also have to carefully manage our plans to employ a Children’s and Families Worker as part of our upcoming involvement in the Growing Rural Parishes Project .

So in effect, we remain in a viable financial position for the foreseeable future, but our operations in 2025 have again been underwritten by the continued receipt over the years of generous legacies and donations

Despite the financial challenges of the past 4 years we continued, as a demonstration of our Christian witness, to donate a significant amount of our discretionary income in support of various local, national and international charities. We contributed £79k to the Diocese’s Common Mission Fund. We also donated £4.1k to causes including the Childrens Society, the Michael Project, CMS, Ashray, Shanthigramam, the Royal British Legion, and many members of the congregation have also continued to give generously to the Pannai Orphanage.

Administering a charity with £183k of assets is above all a team effort and I would like to thank all those who contribute so much to the day to day management of our finances: Penny Forbes who looks after all the PCC fee income and disbursements and administers the JPH bookings; David Griffiths and Nolly Nutman who maintain our Gift Aid records and claims the tax back from HMRC; Margaret Stewart and Caroline Hawkins who handle our banking; Colin Scott-Morton who has kindly taken on the work of reclaiming the VAT on our building works; to Charlotte, Liz and the team who produce the magazine, to the large team of people who count and record our collections each week, and to our Independent Examiner, Steven Lynes of Behegan Lynes and his colleague Heather Ellis, for reviewing these financial statements. Finally, a massive thank you goes to Jane Parsons in her invaluable role as Assistant Treasurer.

Jonathan Whale
Hon. Treasurer, PCC of New Alresford

Statement of Financial Activities

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds	Total funds	Prior year total funds
Income and endowments from:					
Donations and legacies	122,520.78	17,362.90	-	139,883.68	127,711.30
Other trading activities	5,492.77	-	-	5,492.77	8,728.74
Church Activities	29,918.47	-	-	29,918.47	29,247.63
Other income	10,414.97	-	-	10,414.97	15,895.22
Total income	168,346.99	17,362.90	-	185,709.89	181,582.89
Expenditure on:					
Costs of Generating Funds	1,054.82	-	-	1,054.82	1,726.27
All Mission Giving & Charitable Donations	3,160.00	12,507.77	-	15,667.77	4,640.57
Church Activities	173,595.33	5,976.79	-	179,572.12	177,909.05
Major Capital Expenditure	-	-	-	-	-
Total expenditure	177,810.15	18,484.56	-	196,294.71	184,275.89
Net income / (expenditure) resources before transfer	(9,463.16)	(1,121.66)	-	(10,584.82)	(2,693.00)
Transfers					
Gross transfers between funds - in	40.00	1,069.14	-	1,109.14	2,009.32
Gross transfers between funds - out	(1,069.14)	(40.00)	-	(1,109.14)	(2,009.32)
Other recognised gains / losses					
Gains/losses on investment assets	-	-	-	-	-
Gains on revaluation, fixed assets, charity's own use	-	-	-	-	1.00
Net movement in funds	(10,492.30)	(92.52)	-	(10,584.82)	(2,692.00)
Total funds brought forward	158,751.72	34,829.40	-	193,581.12	196,273.12
Total funds carried forward	148,259.42	34,736.88	-	182,996.30	193,581.12
Represented by					
Unrestricted					
General fund	85,080.40	-	-	85,080.40	95,485.85
Designated					
Church Repair Fund	25,000.29	-	-	25,000.29	25,000.29
Growing Younger	426.89	-	-	426.89	426.89
JPH Repair Fund	4,999.85	-	-	4,999.85	4,999.85
Reserve Fund	31,793.19	-	-	31,793.19	31,793.19
Sheridan Fund	-	-	-	-	-
Youth Work	958.80	-	-	958.80	1,045.65
Restricted					
Agency collection	-	-	-	-	-
Bell Fund	-	7,030.48	-	7,030.48	6,896.48
C Brill Fund	-	3,725.79	-	3,725.79	3,725.79
Chalk Fund	-	-	-	-	-
Chatterbox	-	146.13	-	146.13	605.00
Children & Families Worker	-	11,764.28	-	11,764.28	-
Children's Society	-	-	-	-	-
Constance Were Trust Legacy	-	-	-	-	-
David Hasted Legacy For Churchyard Upkeep	-	9,200.00	-	9,200.00	9,600.00
Gift From St John's	-	79.12	-	79.12	161.28
Monday Meet And Eat	-	209.53	-	209.53	728.14
Pannai Orphanage Donations	-	-	-	-	8,840.00
Raise the Roof	-	-	-	-	-
Restricted Donations	-	2,085.23	-	2,085.23	4,272.71

Ringers Fund	-	496.32	-	496.32	-
Total funds	148,259.42	34,736.88	-	182,996.30	193,581.12

Balance Sheet detailed

Class and code	Description	As at 31/12/2025	As at 31/12/2024
Fixed assets			
2701	Audio System	-	-
2702	New Chairs	21,646.69	28,841.12
2703	Old Chairs	-	-
	Total Fixed assets	21,646.69	28,841.12
Current assets			
3001	NatWest Current Account	27,711.70	19,849.38
3002	NatWest Gift Aid Account	2.43	2.43
3003	NatWest Flower Account	618.19	467.58
3004	Lloyds Fees Account	10.00	10.00
3005	CCLA (CBF) Account	126,002.19	140,125.16
3009	Nationwide Account	-	-
3020	Legacy Investment Portfolio	-	-
Z05	Accounts Receivable	14,762.50	11,403.67
	Total Current assets	169,107.01	171,858.22
Liabilities			
6699	Agency collections	525.09	-
Z04	Accounts Payable	7,232.31	7,118.22
	Total Liabilities	7,757.40	7,118.22
	Net Asset surplus (deficit)	182,996.30	193,581.12
Reserves			
	Excess/(deficit) to date	(10,584.82)	124,261.56
Z01	Starting balances	165,950.20	41,687.64
Z03	Gains on investment assets	27,630.92	27,631.92
	Total Reserves	182,996.30	193,581.12
	Represented by Funds		
	General (Unrestricted)	85,080.40	95,485.85
	Designated	63,179.02	63,265.87
	Restricted	34,736.88	34,829.40
	Total	182,996.30	193,581.12

Statement of Assets and Liabilities (by code)

Class and nominal code	General	Designated	Restricted	Endowment	Total	Last year
Fixed Asset - Tangible Assets						
2701: Audio System	(20,508.86)	-	20,508.86	-	-	-
2702: New Chairs	21,646.69	-	-	-	21,646.69	28,841.12
Total	1,137.83	-	20,508.86	-	21,646.69	28,841.12
Current Asset - Cash At Bank And In Hand						
3001: NatWest Current Account	41,490.99	16,807.89	(30,587.18)	-	27,711.70	19,849.38
3002: NatWest Gift Aid Account	(21,836.57)	-	21,839.00	-	2.43	2.43
3003: NatWest Flower Account	193.19	-	425.00	-	618.19	467.58
3004: Lloyds Fees Account	10.00	-	-	-	10.00	10.00
3005: CCLA (CBF) Account	53,338.12	46,371.13	26,292.94	-	126,002.19	140,125.16
Total	73,195.73	63,179.02	17,969.76	-	154,344.51	160,454.55
Current Asset - Debtors						
3010: Debtors	101.52	-	(101.52)	-	-	-
Z05: Accounts Receivable	13,889.43	-	873.07	-	14,762.50	11,403.67
Total	13,990.95	-	771.55	-	14,762.50	11,403.67
Liability - Agency Accounts						
6699: Agency collections	-	-	525.09	-	525.09	-
Total	-	-	525.09	-	525.09	-
Liability - Creditors: Amounts Falling Due In One Year						
Z04: Accounts Payable	3,244.11	-	3,988.20	-	7,232.31	7,118.22
Total	3,244.11	-	3,988.20	-	7,232.31	7,118.22

Net total assets	85,080.40	63,179.02	34,736.88	- 182,996.30	193,581.12
Represented by					
General (Unrestricted)	85,080.40	-	-	- 85,080.40	95,485.85
Designated - ChurchRep	-	25,000.29	-	- 25,000.29	25,000.29
Designated - Growing	-	426.89	-	- 426.89	426.89
Designated - JPHRepair	-	4,999.85	-	- 4,999.85	4,999.85
Designated - Reserve	-	31,793.19	-	- 31,793.19	31,793.19
Designated - Youth	-	958.80	-	- 958.80	1,045.65
Restricted - Bells	-	-	7,030.48	- 7,030.48	6,896.48
Restricted - C&F Worker	-	-	11,764.28	- 11,764.28	-
Restricted - CBrill	-	-	3,725.79	- 3,725.79	3,725.79
Restricted - Chatterbox	-	-	146.13	- 146.13	605.00
Restricted - Gift from St J	-	-	79.12	- 79.12	161.28
Restricted - Hasted Churchyard	-	-	9,200.00	- 9,200.00	9,600.00
Restricted - Meet and Eat	-	-	209.53	- 209.53	728.14
Restricted - Pannai	-	-	-	-	8,840.00
Restricted - ResDons	-	-	2,085.23	- 2,085.23	4,272.71
Restricted - Ringers	-	-	496.32	- 496.32	-
Total	85,080.40	63,179.02	34,736.88	- 182,996.30	193,581.12

Fund movement summary

Fund	Opening	Incoming	Outgoing	Transfers	Gains/Losses	Journals	Closing
Bells							
Restricted	6,896.48	134.00	-	-	-	-	7,030.48
Sub-totals	6,896.48	134.00	-	-	-	-	7,030.48
C&F Worker							
Restricted	-	11,746.83	-	17.45	-	-	11,764.28
Sub-totals	-	11,746.83	-	17.45	-	-	11,764.28
CBrill							
Restricted	3,725.79	-	-	-	-	-	3,725.79
Sub-totals	3,725.79	-	-	-	-	-	3,725.79
Chatterbox							
Restricted	605.00	-	458.87	-	-	-	146.13
Sub-totals	605.00	-	458.87	-	-	-	146.13
Children Soc							
Restricted	-	382.00	382.00	-	-	-	-
Sub-totals	-	382.00	382.00	-	-	-	-
ChurchRep							
Designated	25,000.29	-	-	-	-	-	25,000.29
Sub-totals	25,000.29	-	-	-	-	-	25,000.29
Gift from St J							
Restricted	161.28	-	82.16	-	-	-	79.12
Sub-totals	161.28	-	82.16	-	-	-	79.12
Growing							
Designated	426.89	-	-	-	-	-	426.89
Sub-totals	426.89	-	-	-	-	-	426.89
Hasted Churchyard							
Restricted	9,600.00	-	400.00	-	-	-	9,200.00
Sub-totals	9,600.00	-	400.00	-	-	-	9,200.00
JPHRepair							
Designated	4,999.85	-	-	-	-	-	4,999.85
Sub-totals	4,999.85	-	-	-	-	-	4,999.85
Meet and Eat							
Restricted	728.14	-	518.61	-	-	-	209.53

Sub-totals	728.14	-	518.61	-	-	-	209.53
Pannai							
Restricted	8,840.00	2,725.00	11,525.00	(40.00)	-	-	-
Sub-totals	8,840.00	2,725.00	11,525.00	(40.00)	-	-	-
ResDons							
Restricted	4,272.71	1,878.75	5,117.92	1,051.69	-	-	2,085.23
Sub-totals	4,272.71	1,878.75	5,117.92	1,051.69	-	-	2,085.23
Reserve							
Designated	31,793.19	-	-	-	-	-	31,793.19
Sub-totals	31,793.19	-	-	-	-	-	31,793.19
Ringers							
Restricted	-	496.32	-	-	-	-	496.32
Sub-totals	-	496.32	-	-	-	-	496.32
Youth							
Designated	1,045.65	-	86.85	-	-	-	958.80
Sub-totals	1,045.65	-	86.85	-	-	-	958.80
General							
Unrestricted	95,485.85	168,346.99	177,723.30	(1,029.14)	-	-	85,080.40
Sub-totals	95,485.85	168,346.99	177,723.30	(1,029.14)	-	-	85,080.40
Totals	193,581.12	185,709.89	196,294.71	-	-	-	182,996.30

Analysis of income and expenditure

	Unrestricted	Designated	Restricted	Endowment	Total	
					This year	Last year
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM:						
Donations and legacies						
0101 - Regular Giving SO GA	4,310.00	-	-	-	4,310.00	3,350.00
0102 - Regular Giving by envelope GA	495.00	-	-	-	495.00	605.00
0104 - CAF Vouchers	1,088.00	-	-	-	1,088.00	1,511.99
0105 - Regular Giving by PGS Direct GA	65,150.22	-	-	-	65,150.22	62,580.40
0201 - Regular Giving Standing Order NGA	1,260.00	-	-	-	1,260.00	1,390.00
0202 - Regular Giving by envelope NGA	30.00	-	-	-	30.00	143.30
0204 - Regular Giving by PGS Direct NGA	3,175.00	-	-	-	3,175.00	3,268.00
0301A - Sunday Collections GASDS	3,354.21	-	-	-	3,354.21	3,703.56
0301B - Sunday Collections non GASDS	50.00	-	-	-	50.00	5.00
0302 - Wedding Collections	-	-	-	-	-	-
0303 - Funeral Collections	95.00	-	-	-	95.00	65.00
0304 - Baptism Collections	60.00	-	-	-	60.00	47.90
0306 - One off Gift Aid envelopes	920.70	-	-	-	920.70	7,226.00
0307 - Donations by card reader NGA	1,188.98	-	-	-	1,188.98	2,644.46
0307A - Donations by card reader GA	1,859.01	-	-	-	1,859.01	2,140.92
0308 - Midweek Collections	-	-	-	-	-	-
0402 - Church Donations Box	1,216.59	-	-	-	1,216.59	1,044.65
0404 - Flower Donations NGA	1,010.00	-	-	-	1,010.00	875.00
0500 - Other specific donations	1,000.00	-	-	-	1,000.00	315.00
0501 - One off donations outside services	4,461.66	-	-	-	4,461.66	1,511.94
0502 - Donations by Ringers and Others	-	-	134.00	-	134.00	140.00

0503 - Lango Donations	-	-	-	-	-
0504 - Pannai Donations	-	-	2,180.00	-	2,180.00
0506 - Lent Project	-	-	-	-	-
0509 - Bell Fund NGA	-	-	-	-	-
0513 - Bell Fund GA	-	-	-	-	-
0517 - Churchyard Donations	-	-	-	-	2,100.00
0518 - Monday Meet and Eat donations	-	-	-	-	1,258.00
0519 - Gift from St John's donations	-	-	-	-	943.07
0520 - Children's Society income	-	-	382.00	-	382.00
0521 - Children & Families Worker Project	17.45	-	10,140.97	-	10,158.42
0522 - Ringing Team income	-	-	496.32	-	496.32
0601 - Gift Aid on unrestricted income	20,238.64	-	-	-	20,238.64
0602 - Gift Aid on restricted income	-	-	2,400.86	-	2,400.86
0700 - Legacies received	6,143.32	-	-	-	6,143.32
0801 - Grants Recurring - Unrestricted	35.00	-	-	-	35.00
0802 - Grants Non Recurring - Unrestricted	5,362.00	-	-	-	5,362.00
0803 - VAT Recovered	-	-	-	-	-
0804 - Grants Non Recurring - Restricted	-	-	1,628.75	-	1,628.75
0805 - Government Grant - COVID-19	-	-	-	-	-
Donations and legacies Totals	122,520.78	-	17,362.90	-	139,883.68
Other trading activities					
0901 - Watercress Festival Fund Raising	3,618.97	-	-	-	3,618.97
0902 - Other Fund raising activities	-	-	-	-	377.38
0903 - Social Events	1,508.80	-	-	-	1,508.80
0903A - Youth Group Contributions	-	-	-	-	78.14
0904 - Magazine Christmas Card	365.00	-	-	-	365.00
0905 - Concerts	-	-	-	-	1,500.92
Other trading activities Totals	5,492.77	-	-	-	5,492.77
Church Activities					
1100 - Fees retained by the PCC	9,584.17	-	-	-	9,584.17
1201 - Sale of Books, Christmas Cards etc.	110.00	-	-	-	110.00
1202 - Income from use of Church	5,845.00	-	-	-	5,845.00
1203 - Income from use of JPH	3,676.47	-	-	-	3,676.47
1204 - Magazine Sales - Casual	50.80	-	-	-	50.80
1205 - Magazine Sales - Subscriptions	4,693.03	-	-	-	4,693.03
1206 - Magazine Advertising	5,909.00	-	-	-	5,909.00
1207 - Printing	50.00	-	-	-	50.00
Church Activities Totals	29,918.47	-	-	-	29,918.47
Other income					
1001 - Interest received	5,877.17	-	-	-	5,877.17
1302 - Insurance Claims	-	-	-	-	2,303.35
1303 - Ovington Payments	1,134.45	-	-	-	1,134.45
1304 - Old Alresford Payments	2,268.90	-	-	-	2,268.90
1305 - Bighton Payments	1,134.45	-	-	-	1,134.45
1307 - Sale of Fixed Assets	-	-	-	-	1,399.00
Other income Totals	10,414.97	-	-	-	10,414.97
Income and endowments Grand totals	168,346.99	-	17,362.90	-	185,709.89
					181,582.89

EXPENDITURE ON:

Costs of Generating Funds

1701 - Cost of Watercress Festival	186.13	-	-	-	186.13
1702 - Cost of fundraising, inc LL, HS, CR etc	-	-	-	-	325.34
1703 - Cost of Social Events	812.07	-	-	-	812.07
1705 - Cost of supporting regular giving	-	-	-	-	-
2320 - Credit and debit card	56.62	-	-	-	56.62

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Costs of Generating Funds	1,054.82	-	-	-	1,054.82	1,726.27
Totals						
All Mission Giving & Charitable Donations						
1709 - Monday Meet and Eat expenditure	-	-	518.61	-	518.61	590.38
1710 - Gift from St John's expenditure	-	-	82.16	-	82.16	781.79
1711 - Childrens Society Expenditure	-	-	382.00	-	382.00	-
1801 - Annual Charitable Giving	2,800.00	-	11,525.00	-	14,325.00	2,895.00
1802 - Other Charitable Giving	360.00	-	-	-	360.00	373.40
All Mission Giving & Charitable Donations Totals	3,160.00	-	12,507.77	-	15,667.77	4,640.57
Church Activities						
1712 - Chatterbox Toddler Group expenditure	-	-	135.00	-	135.00	-
1900 - Parish Share	78,987.84	-	-	-	78,987.84	81,723.59
2001 - Assist staff salary/pension/honoraria (B	20,693.99	-	-	-	20,693.99	19,535.80
2002 - Organist/choir/salaries/honoraria	3,460.00	-	-	-	3,460.00	3,495.00
2101 - Working expenses of Incumbent (B)	-	-	-	-	-	-
2102 - Working Expenses of Assistant Clergy (B)	-	-	-	-	-	-
2103 - Working expenses of assistant staff (B)	-	-	-	-	-	133.04
2104 - Rectory/ Staff housing (B)	2,022.89	-	-	-	2,022.89	1,740.17
2105 - Benefice Administration expenses	378.84	-	-	-	378.84	378.84
2200 - Mission & Evangelism costs	1,113.13	-	961.29	-	2,074.42	3,221.08
2301 - Church Insurance	3,573.90	-	-	-	3,573.90	3,498.23
2302 - Church Cleaning	-	-	-	-	-	288.97
2303 - Church minor repairs	1,572.10	-	-	-	1,572.10	1,221.72
2303A - Church Clock Repairs 2021/22	-	-	-	-	-	-
2304 - Church Routine Maintenance	1,856.22	-	-	-	1,856.22	9,328.77
2305 - Telephone	2,022.94	-	-	-	2,022.94	1,740.19
2306 - Organ / piano tuning	818.00	-	-	-	818.00	423.81
2307 - Provision of Services	1,693.09	-	-	-	1,693.09	1,919.92
2308 - Music/choir/robes	-	-	-	-	-	-
2309 - Church Grounds	2,877.94	-	3,500.00	-	6,377.94	3,377.74
2310 - Flowers	906.19	-	-	-	906.19	691.55
2311 - Sunday School, 2nd Sunday & Youth Group	-	86.85	40.50	-	127.35	446.35
2312 - Training/Course Fees BRILL	-	-	-	-	-	-
2313 - Subscriptions	625.00	-	-	-	625.00	575.00
2314 - Other support costs	901.24	-	-	-	901.24	4,728.57
2315 - Administration	1,585.95	-	-	-	1,585.95	1,635.49
2316 - Bank Charges	125.00	-	-	-	125.00	67.50
2401 - Church Gas - L038224	4,820.29	-	-	-	4,820.29	5,681.45
2402 - Church Electricity TGP 56609	851.23	-	-	-	851.23	1,039.12
2403 - Church Running - Depreciation	10,823.35	-	-	-	10,823.35	9,613.00
2502 - Magazine Printing	11,069.80	-	-	-	11,069.80	9,482.60
2503 - Magazine Other Costs	34.55	-	-	-	34.55	91.70
2504 - JPH - Insurance	1,191.35	-	-	-	1,191.35	1,166.17
2505 - JPH - Electricity	1,702.46	-	-	-	1,702.46	2,078.20
2506 - JPH - Gas - L038225	1,368.15	-	-	-	1,368.15	1,217.57
2507 - JPH - Water	484.46	-	-	-	484.46	326.94
2508 - JPH - Maintenance	11,929.19	-	1,340.00	-	13,269.19	3,410.41
2509 - JPH - Cleaning	2,332.14	-	-	-	2,332.14	2,180.02
2510 - JPH - Consumables	747.25	-	-	-	747.25	618.54
2601 - Audit Fees	940.00	-	-	-	940.00	832.00
Church Activities Totals	173,508.48	86.85	5,976.79	-	179,572.12	177,909.05

Major Capital Expenditure						
2700 - Major repairs/redecoration to church	-	-	-	-	-	-
2800 - Major repairs to JPH	-	-	-	-	-	-
Major Capital Expenditure Totals	-	-	-	-	-	-
Expenditure Grand totals	177,723.30	86.85	18,484.56	-	196,294.71	184,275.89

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

1. Accounting Policies

a) Accounting convention

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Church Accounting Regulations 2006 together with Financial Reporting Standard FRS102 Section 1A.

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention as modified by the inclusion of investments at market value and the revaluation of fixed assets. The financial statements include all transactions, assets and liabilities for which the PCC is responsible in law. They do not include the accounts of church groups that owe their affiliation to another body, nor those which are informal gatherings of church members.

b) Funds accounting

Funds which may be 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 restricted or unrestricted funds for specific future purposes or projects. Also monies required to settle contracts that have been let but not yet completed or invoiced.

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.

Endowment funds – funds the capital of which must be maintained; only income arising from the investment of the endowment may be used, either as restricted or unrestricted funds, depending on the purpose set out in the terms of the original endowment.

c) Incoming resources

All incoming resources are accounted for gross.

d) Voluntary Income

Collections are recognised when received.

Planned giving receivable is recognised only when received.

Income tax recoverable on Gift Aid donations is recognised in the period it relates to.

VAT reclaim grants are recognised when received.

Other Grants and legacies are recognised when received.

Income from investments

Dividends and interest entitlements are accounted for when received.

All other income

All other income is recognised when it is received.

e) Resources used

Resources expended are accounted for on an accruals basis and are accounted for gross.

Grants

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

Church activities

The diocesan Common Mission Fund is accounted for when paid.

f) Fixed Assets

Tangible fixed assets

Consecrated and beneficed property of any kind is excluded from the accounts by s. 96(2) of the Charities Act 1993.

Movable church furnishing held by the Priest-in-Charge and Churchwardens on special trust for the PCC and which require a faculty for disposal are considered as inalienable property unless consecrated. They are listed in the church's inventory which can be inspected.

All expenditure on consecrated or beneficed buildings and individual items costing under £5,000 are written off in the year incurred.

Depreciation

Depreciation is calculated to write down the cost of tangible fixed assets, excluding freehold properties, over their expected useful lives. The rates generally applicable are:

Fixtures and fittings	25%-33% straight line
Computer and other equipment	10 - 33% straight line

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

Investments would be stated at 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 less provision for amounts that may prove uncollectible.

h) Cash and Deposits

Short term deposits include cash held on deposit either with the CBF Church of England Funds, or at the bank.

2. Disclosures

Employees: The average number of employees during the year 2025 was 1.

Pension Provision. The PCC participates in the Pension Builder 2014 Scheme section of the Church Workers Pension Fund (CWPF) for lay staff, administered by the Church of England Pensions Board. This is a Defined Benefits Scheme that provides a cash balance lump sum at retirement, with assets held separately from participating employers. Pension contributions are recorded in an account for each member to which discretionary bonuses may be added by the Board before retirement, dependent on investment experience and other factors. The accrued account balance is payable from members' Normal Pension Age.

There is no sub-division of assets between employers and therefore the scheme is considered to be a multi-employer scheme as described in Section 28 of FRS 102. It is not possible to attribute assets and liabilities to specific employers and this means that contributions are accounted for as if the Scheme were a defined contribution scheme. The pensions costs charged in the year are the employer's contributions payable

A valuation of the Pension Builder Scheme is carried out once every three years. The most recent was carried out as at 31 December 2019. For the Pension Builder 2014 section, the valuation revealed a surplus of £2.5m (notification on 1 March that this figure should be £5.5m) on the ongoing assumptions used. There is no requirement for deficit payments at the current time. The legal structure of the scheme is such that if another employer fails, the PCC could become responsible for paying a share of that employer's pension liabilities.

Independent Examiner's Fee: The amount due to Behegan Lynes for their independent examination of these accounts is £800 +VAT.

3. PCC Funds

The PCC's policy is to hold in designated reserves the equivalent of two months of general running costs and an additional one month's salary costs. In addition the PCC seeks to hold around £30,000 in designated funds for the future repair of the Church and John Pearson Hall.

4. Financial Policies and Protocols

In April 2021 the Standing Committee (SC) reviewed internal financial practices and approved:

a) Payments

Cheques issued are signed by two signatories from a panel consisting of the Churchwardens, Treasurer and Assistant Treasurer. Cheques are seldom used now.

Online BACS payments are made by the Treasurer and monitored by the Assistant Treasurer. Payments are scheduled and countersigned by a Churchwarden and the Treasurer at regular intervals. Direct debit payments are approved when the supply or service starts.

An **Expenditure Approval Register** is maintained in which all non-pay or charitable giving payments over £1000 are recorded and presented to the SC annually for approval. The register gives details of the supplier, amount, purpose and what prior approval has been given.

Expense reimbursement claims should be submitted to the Treasurer or Assistant Treasurer with written receipts, and confirming that any appropriate authorisation has been obtained. Clergy should complete and submit an expense claim form along with receipts and mileage details.

b) Delegated Authority for Spending

Generally - up to £500. Church Officers can spend on routine items within their area of responsibility up to £500, without the need to seek prior approval. The Treasurer will monitor these payments and spending patterns for reasonableness, raising concerns if necessary. If possible more than one quotation should be sought for non-routine expenditure.

From £500 to £1000. Items expected to exceed £500, up to £1000, should be approved in advance by the Clergy (Mission) or Churchwardens (other matters), with the Treasurer advised when approval given. Unusual items should be approved in consultation with the Treasurer.

Over £1000. Items exceeding £1000 should always be approved in advance by the SC. In an emergency, SC members should be consulted, if possible, before action taken and expenditure incurred.

Substantial expenditure of an unusual nature, such as extensive repairs or improvements, should be approved in advance by the PCC on recommendation from the SC with estimated costs.

c) Specific Approvals

The **Fees Bank Account** is managed by the Benefice Administrator and monitored by the Treasurer or Assistant Treasurer. The monthly return of statutory fees to the diocese and the corresponding payment is approved before submission by the Treasurer and a Churchwarden.

Flower Fund Bank Account for Church flowers is managed by the Treasurer.

Fabric Maintenance Work is overseen by the Fabric Manager, who is authorised to obtain quotations for projects up to £500 for approval by the SC. Projects over £1000 need a report outlining the proposed work for prior approval.

d) Management of Income

Cash received should always be counted by two people together as a matter of best practice in order to protect them from challenge. The Independent Examiner regularly stresses the importance of this in his report on the Annual Accounts. This should apply to Church collections, donations box, fund-raising, social events and all other activities where the money accrues to the Church.

Income received must be accounted for gross (without deduction of any expenses incurred raising the income) and expenses claimed for subsequent reimbursement by the Treasurer.

Investment of Surplus Funds. The SC and PCC should adopt a policy for the investment of funds judged surplus to current requirements. This should have regard to the length of time the money is unlikely to be required and the risk of loss on the chosen investments.

e) Annual Charitable Giving

The amount and allocation of annual charitable giving is considered and approved by the PCC each year, usually in November, following the receipt of appropriate information and recommendations from the Treasurer.

In addition to this, decisions may be made by the clergy and churchwardens throughout the year, consulting with SC where it is considered appropriate, to allocate collections for particular services to specific charities or other appropriate causes.

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This 2025 Annual Report and the accompanying financial statements were adopted by the PCC meeting on

Signed:

Date: 10.03.26