

**THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST MARY'S
SHORTLANDS, KENT**

**FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
of the
PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL
for the year ended 31st December 2025**

Incumbent: Rev. David Edmondson

Churchwardens: Mr Robin Hogg
Mrs Gloria Sherman

Secretary: Ms Helen Bird

Treasurer: Mr Timothy Dawson

Independent Examiner: Mr Graham Smedley

**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
for the year ended 31st December 2025**

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The PCC is a public benefit entity within the meaning of FRS102. The financial statements have been prepared under the Charities Act 2011 and in accordance with the Church Accounting Regulations 2006 governing the individual accounts of PCCs, and with the regulations "true and fair view" provisions, and also prepared under FRS102 (2016) as the applicable accounting standards and the 2016 version of the Statement of Recommended Practice, Accounting and Reporting by Charities (SORP(FRS102))

2. ASSETS

Consecrated property

Consecrated and beneficed property is excluded from the accounts by Section 10(2) (a) and (c) of the Charities Act 2011.

Movable Church furnishings

Movable church furnishings held by the Incumbent and Churchwardens on special trust for the PCC, and which require a faculty for disposal, are accounted as inalienable property unless consecrated. All expenditure incurred during the year on movable church furnishings, whether maintenance or improvement, is separately disclosed and usually written-off as expenditure in the accounts. Any exceptions to this policy are fully disclosed.

Other Property

SORP 102 was introduced in 2016 and allows three different bases for valuing fixed assets. We have opted to include the Church Hall in the accounts at its valuation on the introduction of SORP 102, in 2016. The Church Hall is therefore included in the accounts at its value on 1 January 2016. This represents the insurance value in 2006. No depreciation will be charged as any charge would be offset by an increase in the value of the Hall.

Other fixtures, fittings and office equipment

Other assets are usually charged to the income and expenditure account when purchased.

Investments

Investments are shown in the accounts at their mid market value at the year end and the unrealised gain or loss is reflected in the statement of financial activities.

Short term Deposits

These are cash deposits held with the Diocese or one of our banks.

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3. FUNDS

Unrestricted Funds

These represent the funds of the PCC that are not subject to any restrictions regarding their use and are available for use for any purposes by the PCC.

Restricted Funds

These represent the funds that have been received that are intended to be used for specific purposes. Details of the restricted funds held and the relevant restriction are shown in the notes to the accounts.

**Independent Examiner's Report
to the St Mary's Shortlands Parochial Church Council**

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I report on the Financial Statements of the Church for the year ended 31st December 2025, which are set out in pages 1 to 33

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

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

It is my responsibility to:

- Examine the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 Act
- To follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commission (under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 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. The examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the Church and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes considering any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts and seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts give a "true and fair view" and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

Independent examiner's statement

Since the gross income for the year exceeds the amount provided in section 145 (1) of the Act, I confirm that I am qualified to act as an independent examiner under the provisions of that section of the Act.

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
 - (i) to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the 2011 Act; and
 - (ii) to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the requirements of the 2011 Act have not been met, or
- (2) to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Graham Smedley

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Date

**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
for the year ended 31st December 2025**

All figures in £'s

	Note	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total 2025	Total 2024
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS					
<i>Voluntary Income</i>	4(a)	129,680	21,000	150,680	154,825
<i>Activities for generating funds</i>	4(b)	15,303	0	15,303	12,832
<i>Income from investments</i>	4(c)	5,380	8,726	14,106	15,610
<i>Income from Church activities</i>	4(d)	47,781		47,781	49,802
TOTAL INCOME		<u>198,144</u>	<u>29,726</u>	<u>227,870</u>	<u>233,069</u>
EXPENDITURE					
<i>Church Activities</i>	5(a)	188,131	47,315	235,446	235,192
<i>Raising Funds</i>	5(b)	80	0	80	0
TOTAL EXPENDITURE		<u>188,212</u>	<u>47,315</u>	<u>235,527</u>	<u>235,192</u>
NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE) BEFORE INVESTMENT GAINS		9,933	(17,589)	(7,657)	(2,123)
NET GAIN ON INVESTMENTS		(765)	(6,717)	(7,482)	3,995
NET (EXPENDITURE)/INCOME		<u>9,168</u>	<u>(24,306)</u>	<u>(15,139)</u>	<u>1,872</u>
TRANSFER BETWEEN FUNDS		(12,000)	12,000	0	0
NET MOVEMENT IN FUNDS		<u>(2,832)</u>	<u>(12,306)</u>	<u>(15,139)</u>	<u>1,872</u>
BALANCES BROUGHT FORWARD		46,028	404,204	450,232	448,360
BALANCES CARRIED FORWARD		<u>43,196</u>	<u>391,898</u>	<u>435,093</u>	<u>450,232</u>

BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31ST DECEMBER 2025

	Note	2025	2024
FIXED ASSETS			
Tangible fixed assets	8(a)	750,000	750,000
Investment assets	8(b)	181,728	184,042
		<u>931,728</u>	<u>934,042</u>
CURRENT ASSETS			
Debtors	9	6,597	3,717
Short term deposits:			
Diocese of Rochester		258,695	290,412
Cash at bank and in hand		33,268	19,299
		<u>298,560</u>	<u>313,428</u>
LIABILITIES			
Creditors: - Amounts fall due within one year	10	(45,195)	(47,238)
NET CURRENT ASSETS		<u>253,366</u>	<u>266,190</u>
TOTAL NET ASSETS		<u>1,185,094</u>	<u>1,200,232</u>
FUNDS			
Unrestricted - General	13(a)	43,196	46,028
Restricted - Development fund	13(a)	230,939	216,182
Restricted - Church repair fund	13(a)	66,142	95,329
Restricted - Hall repair fund	13(a)	94,816	92,692
		<u>435,094</u>	<u>450,232</u>
Restricted - Hall valuation reserve		750,000	750,000
TOTAL FUNDS		<u>1,185,094</u>	<u>1,200,232</u>

Approved by the Parochial Church Council on

and signed on its behalf by:

Robin Hogg (Warden)

Tim Dawson (Honorary Treasurer)

The notes numbered one to eleven on the following pages form part of these Financial Statements.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (continued)
for the year ended 31st December 2025

4. INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total 2025	Total 2024
4(a) <i>Voluntary Income</i>				
Planned Giving:				
- Gift Aid donations	74,643	0	74,643	76,872
- Income tax recoverable	32,524	0	32,524	29,024
Collections	5,588	0	5,588	6,384
Donations	16,925	1,000	17,925	12,545
Legacies	0	20,000	20,000	30,000
	<u>129,680</u>	<u>21,000</u>	<u>150,680</u>	<u>154,825</u>
4(b) <i>Activities for generating funds</i>				
Span advertising	4,291	0	4,291	2,680
Rent on Church House Flat	11,012	0	11,012	10,152
	<u>15,303</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>15,303</u>	<u>12,832</u>
4(c) <i>Income from investments</i>				
Dividends on CCLA Investments	5,168	0	5,168	4,912
Interest on Funds held at the Diocese	212	8,726	8,938	10,698
	<u>5,380</u>	<u>8,726</u>	<u>14,106</u>	<u>15,610</u>
4(d) <i>Income from Church activities</i>				
Fees for weddings and funerals	4,667	0	4,667	2,541
Hall lettings	43,114	0	43,114	47,261
	<u>47,781</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>47,781</u>	<u>49,802</u>
TOTAL INCOME	<u>198,144</u>	<u>29,726</u>	<u>227,870</u>	<u>233,069</u>

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5. EXPENDITURE

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total 2025	Total 2024
5(a) <i>Church Activities</i>				
Missionary and charity giving				
- Home	5,130	0	5,130	5,576
- Overseas	0	0	0	0
	<u>5,130</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>5,130</u>	<u>5,576</u>
Parish share	72,885	0	72,885	77,715
Other Ministry costs	6,844	0	6,844	6,270
Church running and maintenance costs	58,065	0	58,065	60,173
Major repairs	0	0	0	37,454
Repairs and Maintenance	9,809	47,315	57,124	2,907
Grounds	562	0	562	481
Church development	0	0	0	13,028
Expenditure on Span	5,482	0	5,482	435
Organist, choir and music	7,813	0	7,813	7,923
Administrator's direct costs	20,827	0	20,827	22,550
Bank charges	714	0	714	680
	<u>188,131</u>	<u>47,315</u>	<u>235,446</u>	<u>235,192</u>
5(b) <i>Raising Funds</i>				
Stewardship expenses	80	0	80	0
	<u>80</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>80</u>	<u>0</u>
TOTAL RESOURCES EXPENDED	<u>188,212</u>	<u>47,315</u>	<u>235,527</u>	<u>235,192</u>

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6. STAFF COSTS

	2025	2024
Wages and salaries	<u>41,371</u>	<u>41,240</u>
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Average number of employees	<u>4</u>	<u>4</u>

During the year the Church staff comprised: a Director of Music, Administrator in the Church Office, a Youth Worker and Cleaners. Payments to visiting clergy and organists are also made and included in staff costs. The clergy are paid by the Diocese and their emoluments are therefore not included in this disclosure. All staff are part time.

7. RELATED PARTIES

No payments or expenses of any kind, were paid to any PCC member, persons closely related to them or related parties, in connection with their role on the PCC.

8. FIXED ASSETS FOR USE BY THE PCC

8(a) <i>Tangible fixed assets</i>	2025	2024
Church Hall	<u>750,000</u>	<u>750,000</u>
Gross and Net Book Value	<u>750,000</u>	<u>750,000</u>

The Hall, excluding its land, is included in the accounts at its valuation in 2006. The current insurance value is £3.3 million (2023 £3.3 million). We have chosen not to revalue the property as allowed under SORP 102.

8(b) <i>Investments</i>		
CCLA Investment Account	<u>181,728</u>	<u>184,042</u>

The Church investments are held in CCLA Church of England Investment Fund. No purchases or sales have taken place during the year. Any dividends are automatically reinvested in the fund.

9. DEBTORS

	2025	2024
Debtors	<u>6,597</u>	<u>3,717</u>
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10. LIABILITIES

	2025	2024
Outstanding donations	(470)	(4,759)
Outstanding creditors	(18,129)	(15,884)
Retention and provisions	<u>(26,596)</u>	<u>(26,596)</u>
	<u>(45,195)</u>	<u>(47,239)</u>

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11. Contingency

St Mary's Preschool operates independently of the church but under the Church's Charity Number.

The PCC of St Mary's appoints three members to the Preschool Board each year and the vicar chairs the board meetings.

The examined accounts of the Preschool are attached to the Church Annual Report and Accounts, pages 20 & 21, presented to the APCM, and filed with the Charities Commission and Diocese.

The PCC considers that the Preschool continues as a going concern.

The PCC considers that the consolidation of the accounts with the church accounts would not add any significant clarity to the overall financial position

If the Pre School closed the residual assets and liabilities would become the responsibility of the PCC.

12. FUNDS

Certain funds have been designated for: the Church Repair Fund, the Hall Repair Fund and the Future Generations Project.

The repair funds are maintained to cover the costs associated with the Quinquennial inspection of the Church and Church Hall.

The Future Generations Project Fund is maintained to meet the costs associated with the possible redevelopment of the Church premises.

13.(a) SUMMARY OF FUNDS MOVEMENTS

	Unrestricted Funds	FGP Fund	Church Repair Fund	Hall Repair Fund	Total
Balance at 1st January 2025	46,028	216,182	95,329	92,693	450,232
Income	198,144	25,040	2,023	2,662	227,870
Expenditure	(188,212)	(6,690)	(35,627)	(4,999)	(235,527)
Investment (Losses)/Gains	(765)	(3,593)	(1,584)	(1,540)	(7,482)
Transfer between funds	(12,000)		6,000	6,000	0
Balance at 31st December 2025	<u>43,196</u>	<u>230,939</u>	<u>66,142</u>	<u>94,816</u>	<u>435,093</u>

13.(b) SUMMARY OF ASSETS BY FUND

	Unrestricted Funds	FGP Fund	Church Repair Fund	Hall Repair Fund	Total
Fixed Assets	47,349	125,345	4,662	4,372	181,728
Current Assets	41,042	105,594	61,480	90,444	298,560
Current Liabilities	(45,195)	0	0	0	(45,195)
	<u>43,196</u>	<u>230,939</u>	<u>66,142</u>	<u>94,816</u>	<u>435,093</u>