



# **CHILWORTH PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL**

## **Draft Annual Report**

Year Ending 31<sup>st</sup> December 2025

## **Introduction**

The Parish of Chilworth underwent pastoral re-organisation in February 2016. It has two churches, St Martha-on-the-Hill being the Parish Church and St Thomas' being the Parish Centre of Worship. It is an individual parish and operates as an autonomous administrative unit within the United Benefice of Shere, Albury and Chilworth. The Parochial Church Council (PCC) for the new parish was elected in February 2016 and is responsible for the management and maintenance of both churches the churchyard at St Martha-on-the-Hill and Church House, at St Thomas'. The PCC is responsible for all the routine lay and administrative matters connected with the running of the parish. The PCC is a corporate body established by the Church of England. The PCC operates as a charity that is exempted from registration with the Charity Commission.

The PCC has the responsibility of co-operating with the incumbent in promoting in the ecclesiastical parish, the whole mission of the Church, pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical.

## **Church Electoral Report for the Parish of Chilworth 2025**

The Church Electoral Roll for the Parish of Chilworth has been revised for 2026.

I am not aware of any changes to the Roll since the New Roll was created last year.

The number on the Roll remains at 71.

**Jenny Love - Church Electoral Roll Officer**

## **Finance Report 2025**

I am pleased to confirm we continue to generate a surplus of income over expenditure. This year the expenditure was less than 3% greater than 2024, and our income was noticeably higher.

While most cost centres had modest increases, the more significant ones came from St Martha's maintenance (+£2,300) & Parish Share (+£1,500). This was balanced against a reduction of £2,500 for Church House on the completion of most of the works.

For our income the regular giving (eg Standing Orders etc) was up £1000 while other giving remained fairly static. The big benefit, however, was the receipt of bequests totalling £26,000.

From within our receipts we were able to pass £9,500 on to other causes (such as Food Bank and charities who shared Tea Bars with us).

And again this year, the Parish's other activities contributed significantly to our income with £12,400 from the Tea Bars (up £4,500), Concerts (doubling) and the Chilworth Manor teas up substantially.

A slight drop in PCC Fees was largely due to a fall in the number of weddings at St Martha's.

Investment Income and Interest were largely static.

Provided the Parish is able to continue with these revenue streams there is no reason that a day-to-day surplus should not continue to be generated. This is largely thanks to the hard work and diligence of those who organise and manage those events.

However, with two old buildings to run and some known maintenance issues on the horizon for 2026 I suspect we may end up dipping into reserves if all these works are required.

**John Slater - Treasurer**

### **Tillingbourne Benefice 2025 Rectors Report**

In 2025 each of our parishes was required to go through the parish needs process (PNP) and review their church development plans (CDP). Albury had only one focus – what to do following the loss of their resident minister in 2024, while Shere and Chilworth came up with some good individual suggestions to address their particular challenges and opportunities. The Benefice Ministry Team however began to feel that there was a need to step back and look at the bigger picture and to review our longer-term strategy as a Benefice in the light of our core beliefs and objectives (our theology), the challenges we all face, and the opportunities open to each of us.

Alongside this, during Lent, Shere Parish had been studying Sam Well's book 'Incarnational Ministry' and the Ministry Team increasingly felt that the central theme within it - that the eternal and essential nature of God is to be in loving relationship, that God's primary desire in relationship with humanity was simply presence (to 'be with' us), and that we should try to do the same – was a missiology that fitted well with the nature of our Benefice.

#### Mission Plan and Priorities

From these two things grew a mission plan that focused on being with God, being with each other, and being with the world. Applying this to our current situation we identified three priorities:

Firstly, greater integration across the Benefice – 'Being With' each other more often and in larger numbers. "Working With' each other to provide more mutual support, lighten the load, and achieve more. Secondly, increasingly loving our neighbours not just with acts of service (which are important in themselves) but by our intentional presence (Being With) and by looking for additional opportunities to intentionally share and point out the love of God at work in their lives, their communities, and creation itself. And thirdly, applying an 'Incarnational' focus to the things we are already doing. Looking at our existing activities and looking for ways we can increase our levels of engagement with our communities and within them - both as individuals and as the visible presence of Jesus. From this we developed a strategy with four main goals.

#### Strategy and Goals

Rolling out an Incarnational Ministry focus across the benefice (i) replicating some of the things already being done in Shere (ii) Looking for things that might achieve the same 'being with' goals but be parish specific. (iii) simply working more closely together as a Benefice

Increasing paid clergy time but also cutting back some of the things we do, so as to improve individual wellbeing and ministry, free up time to do other things, and enable congregations to worship and gather together more often. NB. It is noted that St. Martha's is a very different church: it

has no resident community around it and few of its congregation live in the parish. Most therefore do not consider themselves part of a local community in the way members of our other churches should and do. They are therefore far less likely to visit other parts of the Benefice.

Looking for small incremental ways in which we can increase the spiritual elements of everything we do. "Turning up the temperature one degree at a time". Regularly reviewing all our activities by asking how are we exercising and witnessing the love of God in this venture? and how can we do it a little bit more?

Looking for practical Economies of scale as we work more as a united Benefice. Reviewing how we do admin in each parish, how we might do it better, and how we might combine activities and share resources to reduce overall effort.

From this we identified specific action points, all of which have been completed or initiated at the time of writing.

### Actions Taken

Rename and relaunch the benefice as the 'Tillingbourne Benefice'.

Recruit the extra Clergy hours using Albury's reserves

Reduce the number of Sunday Services

Introduce more Benefice Services, more services with a 'being with' focus, and more lay lead services.

Create a Community Team that attends and has a presence at events and activities already happening in our communities

Run Sam Wells' "Being With" course as a Benefice study course.

Hire a consultant to do a Benefice administration review.

### Conclusion and looking forward

The amount we have achieved so far has been amazing and I am incredibly grateful to those who have participated in the changes and enabled them to happen. Particularly perhaps those who have found some of the changes understandably painful but have participated anyway.

I must acknowledge that we have not always communicated or explained things as well as we should and I apologise for any additional (and unnecessary) pain this may have caused.

On the other hand many people are excited and energized by what we have done so far, especially perhaps those who have fully grasped the power of the 'being with' philosophy and seen it in action. We still have much work to do in helping more people understand the philosophy fully and share it with others.

Other challenges ahead include developing our work with children and families, but I think the ethos of the Shere after school club, that we started in 2025, of rather than just trying to get children to come to us we go out to 'be with' them is a good one. David Oakden has also now been able to start doing assemblies in Chilworth thank to his licencing as Associate Minister to the Benefice in December (in addition to already being Resident Minister in Chilworth).

Equally the experience of the Community Team at the events they have attended so far has been great (and very rewarding for the team members) but the team is still quite small and needs to grow if we are to grow this aspect of our 'being with' outreach.

As I draw towards the end of my own full-time ministry it has been incredibly fulfilling for me to discover a whole new way of looking at ministry which at the same time draws together many of the themes and connections that I have been drawn to since ordination. Focusing and prioritising our ministry on "Being with God, Being with Each Other, Being with The World" at first seems simple (and almost obvious) but the deeper you go into it the more it makes sense of and connects every area of our Christian life and service in a new and coherent way. I have also greatly enjoyed being part of many of the new things we have done and I hope and pray that in the months ahead the whole Tillingbourne Benefice will increasingly come to understand the path we are on and find similar enjoyment in treading it together. Thank you for travelling it with me – I really appreciate being with you.

God Bless, Tim.

**Tim Heaney – Rector of Shere**

## **Churchwarden Report**

### ST MARTHA'S CHURCH

The Quinquennial survey was undertaken by newly appointed surveyor Sarah Earney on 18th November.

Ms Earney stated in her subsequent report that the church was on the whole in a good condition and credit should be given to all Churchwardens and others who had been and are responsible for it .

However her report did highlight a few items that needed immediate attention which have been dealt with in particular securing carpet around the Altar area, checking when the next electrical testing is due to take place, next year, having the lightening conductor tested and certified which was carried out earlier this year although due to the sandy soil on which the Church is built has only just passed the test.

### South Path Soakaway & South Steps .

Sarah Earney stated that works to eliminate the excess water draining into and eroding the Southern Churchyard area as mentioned by Richard Melhuish last year and for which a faculty was submitted should be concluded as soon as it was possible. Richard may kindly report further on what progress has been made but as I understand it Drainage Designers have recently looked at the matter and have concluded that the problem is the non permeable nature of the pathway that was installed around the Church some years ago. However their full report is awaited.

### Maintenance Matters

I have been very fortunate to be able to call upon Harry Moss who has amongst other things repaired a broken cupboard hinge, taken items no longer required to the tip, repaired a very broken bench and sorted out a new vaccum cleaner, Mr Kingshott who repaired a formerly dangerous floor strip divider

by the kitchen area and Ian Tester for securing unsafe carpeting around the Altar. All three kind gentlemen have given their voluntarily for which we are most grateful.

A very smart outside new notice board

Has been made and put up to replace the very weather worn and tatty looking one outside the Church . This was kindly made for us on a no charge basis, except for materials, £120, by Richard Plowman . Very grateful thanks to him for this.

### Weekly Services at St Martha's

Due to Clergy shortages within the Benefice there seemed to be a real possibility as Rector Reverend Tim Heaney informed us at the beginning of July of last year that Sunday morning services at 11.15am would need to be reduced to 2 monthly from January 2026 onwards. However after a considerable amount of time spent liaising with him and Reverend David by Janis Stanhope and myself it was agreed that a small team namely us and Trevor Hills and Margaret Roberts could organise services ourselves for the weeks Benefice clergy were not available, with assistance from visiting Clergy from outside the Benefice. At the same time we received a very kind and generous offer of a gift to assist with this provided we produced a budget of what was required. Thanks to Janis Stanhope preparing a detailed and well thought out budget of costs to cover Clergy and organists fees and service costs of the organ and piano the donor then agreed and made a gift in January to the Church of £55,000 to enable services to continue on a weekly basis for at least the next 5 years .

### Verger position

Our verger Ruth Coleman is now at St Martha's most Sunday's but not Saturdays so she can spend more time with her family . We have been looking for several people to rotate as a team to open the church on a Saturday each week to welcome visitors and to help with cleaning and with some Sunday services when Ruth is on holiday. Possibly too to open the Church on a weekday . We believe we may have found some suitable candidates but time will tell if they enjoy the role and will settle in satisfactorily.

### Fund raising

Musical events with T bars plus the regular Summer T bars and some Winter Christmas time ones have enabled much needed funds to be raised for our Parish funds and to support the following, mainly local charities and groups - the Salvation Army, The Cheryl King Trust, Surrey Hills, Star Fish Asia, The Chilworth Foodbank , The Guildford Chaplaincy, Guildford Walks for Health, and Celia Cross Greyhound Rescue .

## ST THOMAS' CHURCH

### Church House

The porch roof at Church House was completely repaired and re laid in December with new tiles where required and a new down drain pipe and guttering installed. The final cost was £4,900 .

New Gate

Harry Moss kindly erected at no cost a new gate (one he had already in storage) to replace the very very shabby broken gate. Thanks very much to him

### Rear Garden Area

No progress has been made on the levelling out of part of the rear garden so it is suitable for one or two cars to be parked and no longer looks an eyesore and for the fencing, which is in a terrible state, to be renewed. Or for the crumbling shed to be removed. I did however get a quote for this work to create a gravel area for parking 2 cars at about £6,000 but it needs more thought as it could be used for extra parking too for Church members as well as the Tenants of Church House

### St Thomas' Church

The Quinquennial survey was undertaken on 3rd October 2024 by Chris Daley Surveyor with some further investigation to the Cupola area and surrounds on 11th February 2025.

There was nothing in this report which was stated to require urgent attention but a number of works were recommended to be carried out after 18 months to 24 months of the report so about now!

These include repairing the wood around the cupola area and redecorating, cleaning the cross and dealing with the leadwork at the base of the cupola. Also repairs to the chimney. 2 quotes were obtained for work to the cupola (from where it is believed rainwater is leaking into the Church, but fortunately on a less frequent basis this Winter) one from Hughes and Sons for £29,400 and another from Watts and Sons for £10,000 but they were not like for like. I am not suggesting proceeding with either but just giving an indication of the amount of costs that may be involved. I would like to devise a detailed plan for the maintenance of the Church now and if it appears very expensive work is to be undertaken suggest asking a Surveyor for a schedule of works so that each contractor is quoting for the same work to be undertaken .

### Maintenance Work

Harry Moss kindly donated his time to repair where needed and paint all the wooden fencing surrounding the church last Summer.

### Thanks

I would like to thank Janis Stanhope for all the practical help, support and advice she has given t

**Helen Corbett - Churchwarden**

### **Safeguarding Report**

On behalf of Chilworth Parish, I am pleased to say that for the period above we had 'nil safeguarding concerns to report.'

May we all, as Members of Chilworth Parish, be vigilant in all matters Safeguarding, both during our services, our many social events or within our own lives. If there are any concerns please contact me immediately. My number is displayed on our Safeguarding Notices at both St Martha's and St Thomas'. We also have relevant details on our Parish website, which is updated on a weekly basis.

Please do escalate to me if you feel concerned no matter how small the Concern appears to be. Rev'd David Oakden or our Tillingbourne Benefice Rector Tim Heaney can also be contacted in addition. If any matter needs to be progressed we will contact the Diocesan Safeguarding Adviser. Thank you. If you are unsure of the process, please ask.

As a PCC, our training requirements are very much on track, (95% complete) but please take note of any reminder emails for any refreshers, as they are vital, and an aid to our ongoing understanding of all things 'safeguarding'.

Regarding the Parish Dashboard and the Safeguarding hub, I am pleased to confirm that I am constantly reviewing these with the help of the 'traffic light' element to it. I offer copies at our PCC meetings for discussion and understanding. I am happy to say we remain on level Three.

The Safeguarding Policy is reviewed annually, the last being 22 July 2025. It will be reviewed at PCC July 2026. A copy signed by Rev'd David Oakden is displayed prominently at St. Martha's and St. Thomas'.

The 'Promoting a Safer Church' poster containing contact details are up to date and visibly displayed at both Churches.

One DBS check was carried out within the relevant period. Once completion of the new checker company has been completed, we will be completing further DBS checks.

Any relevant updates to our Risk Assessments are being looked at and adjusted for our Church activities across both Churches, and will be complete by PCC July 2026.

There are no other points to make on behalf of Safeguarding for the Parish of Chilworth.

**Nina Kingshott - Safeguarding Officer for the Parish of Chilworth**

### **Verger's Report**

It would have been easy to start this report looking at all of the changes that have taken place in the last year. I am choosing to start with all of the things that are consistent. Visitors regularly come in and appreciate the opportunity to sit and be quiet. Some people who have come to remember those, who are no longer with us, are happy to light a candle and sit for a while. We regularly have people arrive who are genuinely searching for the truth about The Lord Jesus.

Being available every Sunday has the advantage of consistency for the newer people in the congregation to see a familiar face and, as often as possible, be greeted by name. (I will admit to cheating and writing names down in an effort to remember). It is very encouraging to see the congregation growing.

I am continuing to enjoy the rich variety of activities and services involved in "Verging"; there is never a dull moment. I find the variety of visitors never ceases to amaze me, I especially like showing the children how to ring the bell, and the "Hamster" at the side of "Blossom's" coffin. If people are interested in the organ I tell them that it is happy (Made by the Positive Organ Company (groan))

The housekeeping side of the job rumble on. There is always cleaning, etc to catch up with.

This year has seen quite a few changes in terms of the staffing of the Verger Role

At the beginning of May 2025 I asked to be released from my commitment of every weekend, with the thought that I could continue until the end of August, doing every weekend, thus allowing plenty of time for a suitable person to share the role to be found.

Happily, we found Arash who did an excellent job of making visitors feel welcome and showing them around the history of the church. He was always cheerful. I was quite heavily involved in inducting him and "showing him the ropes" He made me realise just how often I used colloquialisms., Eg, "Ruth, what is a "barge pole" when I mentioned something that I would not touch with one.

Sadly, Arash handed in his notice at the beginning of December, due to unforeseen circumstances. He was very happy to be with us.

From January to the time of writing (April 6<sup>th</sup> 2026) I have been covering Sundays and weddings.

The advert has been responded to. At present suitable applicants are being processed with the hope that there will be a team of Vergers fully trained to cover the variety of services and events that take place at St Martha's. There is actually more than meets the eye to learn, so this will take some time.

### **Ruth Coleman – Verger, St Martha's**

### **Chilworth Tinies & Toddler Group Report**

Chilworth Tinies & Toddler Group

Open to 0-4 year olds

Held weekly on Mondays 9.15-10.30am at St Thomas Church

We have held 45 sessions in the past year

Charlotte Board and Joanne Bradford two Mums from the village are our parent leaders. They both attend Emmaus Road Church.

Ali Oakden and Nina Kingshott are the St Thomas helpers. Rev David comes and helps clear up at the end.

Emma Meekings also helps regularly since June.

We average 10-16 children and 10-13 parents/grandparents.

Very young demographic 0-2 on average.

We have welcomed lots of new babies throughout the year.

During school holidays we have older siblings attend, we provide crafts for them.

During the summer school holidays we met at Brookwood Sports field and Hornhatch playground.

We held a nature walk in the Autumn.

### **Ali Oakden**

## Foodbank Report for Chilworth

Chilworth Foodbank has continued to supply Chilworth residents throughout the past year both with our Food Larder Box, based in the porch at St Thomas Church and through referrals from our website [foodbank@parishofchilworth.org.uk](mailto:foodbank@parishofchilworth.org.uk) , there is a client referral form on the website and a list of items we can supply.

We receive referrals from GBC, Children's services, Doctors surgeries (social prescribing), Surrey Adult Services, SCC, VASWS, CAB, DWP, Children's services, Midwives, Health Visitors, Christians Against Poverty (CAP), Sight for Surrey.

For clients referred we provide a regular delivery of 2 weeks worth of food once a month for 3 months then review.

The larder box is still in great demand though we now keep this to basic items only. It still needs topping up daily, long life milk is always needed as well tinned meat, microwave rice, pasta and pasta sauce, soup and baked beans

### Foodbank figures.

6-7 families (3 families have 3 children)

2 are single parents.

4-5 single house holds

Many of our single household clients have Mental health issues.

Food and hygiene boxes in St Thomas porch are re-stocked daily

We make 2-4 deliveries a week

Cost - £400 - £500 a month

We have had two households struggling to pay electric/gas literally choosing between eating and heating their home.

We asked the PCC at the meeting on 13<sup>th</sup> November 25 if it would be possible to use general funds for money when we got short but this has not been necessary and we have had sufficient funds throughout the year.

We have received cash donations from individual donations, Shalford Community Council Henry Smith Charity, Chilworth Manor Christmas tree sales and the T bar at St Martha's.

All donations go through the PCC account, and we now have a card to pay for groceries.

We receive donations in kind from individuals, many who give weekly, harvest donations from the schools, including Tillingbourne, Chilworth Infant and Chilworth Brownies at Harvest time.

Laura Moberg helps Ali with shops and deliveries and holiday cover.

At Christmas we gave out 13 Food parcels with basics, fresh food, and Christmas treats.

Colin Balchin of Shalford donated 20 Christmas puddings +custard (he also donates once a month when he gets paid)

We had help from Dominic , a young man whose mother works at Chilworth Infant School, Yvonne and her daughter and Tara who is SENCO at Chilworth Infant School

Food poverty is only a symptom of deeper things, such as mental/physical health, social problems.

Probably the most important part of running the Foodbank is that it shows us where the needs are in our community allowing us to support pastorally and pray for people.

Thanks to all who support the Foodbank with donations. And to John Slater our Treasurer, Yvonne admin, Helen for organising the T bars.

**Ali Oakden – Foodbank Co-ordinator**

## **Music at St Martha's**

Concerts at St Martha's in 2025 basically followed our traditional pattern, that is, the music day on the late May bank holiday, some summer evening recitals, a few extra concerts, and the popular Coromarta carol concert at Christmas. The uniqueness of the hilltop musical experience continues to be appreciated by our audiences, and the concerts have again featured rising stars, many of whom have since gone on to win international competitions while holding a special regard for St Martha's as an inspirational location for performance.

### Musical events in 2025

The Facebook page now has 560 followers, and this has continued to be the main source of advertising and popularising events, with many appreciative comments following each of our concerts. The posts are shared widely by other local groups, so this helps in increasing our following, and makes more people aware that the Parish of Chilworth is thriving, with lots going on. I try to ensure that times of our services are advertised on all concert programmes. As ever, I am grateful to Helen, Janis, Ruth, Yvonne and to all others who have helped by displaying posters and flyers on the hillside and in public places in town.

Musical events at St Martha's included the following:

January – a visit from the Choir of Godalming Minster, braving the snowy conditions to sing at our morning service

April – Anzac Day was enhanced as ever by Ben Thorn's strident, though moving and thoughtful, Last Post on the trumpet.

May - Summer Music on the Hilltop was on Bank Holiday Monday 26th May, with musical performances throughout the afternoon, beginning as usual with jazz at noon with saxophonist Jonny Ford, followed by a piano recital by Maureen Galea, a concert of wonderful harp music played by young Ukrainian harpist Liliia Konstantinova, trumpet music from Ben Thorn, and a delightful final hour of performances by very young and talented musicians mostly under the age of 11. All concerts were well attended, and the tea bar was busy for hours. We were able to raise a good sum towards the food bank, the upkeep of the church and a Ukrainian Charity, supporting young musicians in need of help with their instrument purchase or training.

May also saw a return visit from the Choir of Godalming Minster, this time singing our morning service in summer sunshine!

August – no series of summer evening concerts this year due to my family caring duties around the passing of my father and the travelling involved for sorting the family house in the Northwest. However, we did manage one lovely cello recital by German artist Skye Morris and welcomed a good audience in a mini heatwave!

November - Remembrance Sunday was once again marked with another fine Last Post from Ben.

December - As a pre-Christmas treat, Ben arranged for the University of Surrey small band to return to St Martha's on Saturday 6th December, to offer another informal Christmas carol "juke box" concert, which was enjoyed by many.

As an extra Christmas event we welcomed BBC Young Chorister of the Year finalist, Annie, who presented a charming short solo recital of Christmas carols after our morning service on Sunday 14th December.

Peter White once again directed choral group "Coromarta" in a packed church for the Christmas Carol Concerts on the afternoon of Saturday 20th December, always a very popular event, and the best fund-raising musical event of the year, this year supporting both the church and the work of the Salvation Army. This year we decided to offer two performances, at 1.30pm and 3pm, with darkness falling by the end of the second concert. The two audiences meant the church was very slightly less packed each time, but both concerts were full, and the chilly tea bar thriving! Next year we hope to repeat this two-performance pattern.

Plans for 2026 include more visits from local choirs and schools, a variety of concerts supported by tea bars, and a move to incorporate musical events at St Thomas into our schedule. The popularity of homemade cakes and teas hugely enhances these events, and frankly, without the refreshments, the music concerts themselves would raise a lot less for the church and our chosen charities. Thank you to all who have helped in any way!

**Margaret Roberts**

### **Book Club at St Martha's Report - "Broad Horizons"**

Book discussions on summer evenings in 2025 continued to be much enjoyed by those attending, usually about 4-8 people in total each time, and we have found the chosen books inspiring and thought-provoking. The group is advertised as follows, and books we discussed are listed below:

"What better way to discuss a thought-provoking book than out on a countryside hilltop on a summer's evening, looking out to the far horizon before the sun goes down. All are welcome at our monthly book club "Broad Horizons" on any, or all, of the dates. We will share thoughts on some of the ideas presented in these varied titles, so do come along, whether or not you've read the whole book.

Tuesday 29th April 7pm Orbital (Samantha Harvey)

Tuesday 20th May 7pm The Cafe with no Name (Robert Seethaler)

Tuesday 24th June 7pm The Naked Now (Richard Rohr)

Tuesday 22nd July 7pm Discovering Christianity (Rowan Williams)

Tuesday 26th August 7pm The Crossway (Guy Stagg)

Wednesday 24th September 2pm (lunchtime, due to darkening evenings) Honest to God 40 years on (John Robinson/Colin Slee)

All are welcome to join these evenings. One of our regular attendees travels from London where she is an active member of St Martin in the Fields and makes interesting contributions to our discussions. And we are often aware of passers-by listening in with interest to our conversations – we are able to assure them they'd be welcome anytime!"

### **Margaret Roberts**

### **Friends of St Martha's**

Yvonne kindly sends out by e mail, details of everything that is going on at St Martha's that is felt will be of interest to the Friends including concerts, fundraising activities and special events such as the Horseman's service and Christmas services.

In March of this year we sent our second Annual update to all the Friends, informing them of news and events that had taken place at St Martha's since January 2025.

With many thanks to Yvonne for all her help.

### **Janis Stanhope and Helen Corbett**

### **Social Committee**

Spring Events included The Lent Lunches x 5 every Monday, average attendance approx. 14 each week with mugs of cup a soup, bread, cheese & biscuits and fruit with coffee afterwards (donations to Bishop of Guildford's Community Fund Lent Appeal). The Agape Supper was held in the Church Room rather than the Church so less furniture removing for organisers and was well attended (18) once again.

In May there was a VE 80 Celebration Bring & Share lunch which was not well attended (6) plus the Plant sale which was not quite as well attended as on some previous years and with just one guest stall took £600 on the day but the many leftover tomato plants and other bedding raised a further £100 giving a total of £700.00 (last year £831.52). Chilworth Manor NGS Teas which resulted in £1665.17 given equally to our Church funds and to Chilworth CoE Infant School. This coincided well with a donation given to the school for left over cakes which were then donated to the St M's tea bar on the following Monday bank holiday.

In July we combined our Patronal Sunday B&S lunch with our Summer Craft Event and so held a St Thomas' Summer Strawberry Tea Event on the Sunday afternoon. Despite being the wettest

afternoon of the summer and so not well attended the strawberry teas sold well and we trialed a tombola (instead of a raffle) making £236. 00. There were refreshments after the Patronal service at St. Martha's.

In September there was the Heritage weekend when both churches were open on the Sunday afternoon with displays and conducted tours plus an A4 handout for visitors to take away along this year's theme of Routes, Networks and Connections at St M's. On another wet and windy day there were just 16 visitors registered as HoD visitors at St M's and 2 at St T's. Thanks go to all volunteers involved.

In the Autumn we joined with the Benefice Harvest Festival service at Albury Saxon church and then held a Bring & Share lunch @ St Thomas' on the following Sunday which was well attended and enjoyed by people from both Chilworth and Albury congregations which gave people a social setting to get to know each other better. We also had a small celebration after the service on Sunday 19th October to mark Tom's 80th birthday. Likewise Alexandra's 100th birthday was celebrated by the St M's congregation with cake etc.

In November St. Thomas' had a presence at the Village Hall Treasure Trail by providing 2 x stalls (tombola + knit and natter) before our own Gingerbread & Hot Chocolate Autumn Event. Thanks to Carole for organising a successful and enjoyable event which was well supported over 4 hours. Children's Activities plus 4 x guest stalls raised a further £545.00 for parish funds (last year £540.00!!).

In December we once again held a Bring and Share Lunch on Advent Sunday with the usual 'curry' theme once again attended by both Chilworth and Albury congregations followed by 3 x Advent Lunches organised by David during December which were less well attended this year.

This year the Social committee provided a presence at Chilworth Infant School Christmas Fayre as well as co-ordinating and providing refreshments for the Christmas Tree lighting and the Candlelit Carols. This year the Crib service was held at Albury and the Posada jointly organised with Albury.

Other Matters: Tea-bars now run by Helen and Janis with some members of St T's helping out on a regular basis and other members of the congregation donating cakes.

Thanks to Carole for organising Knit and Natter sessions; sales of items go towards church funds.

With thanks to Carole, Nina, Jannette, Linda and Jenny.

**Linda Holden, Carol Shattock, Nina Kingshott, Jannette Webb & Jenny Love – Social Committee**

### **Report from St Thomas' Garden Group Activities – 2025**

The main objective has always been to keep the church frontage looking as neat and tidy and weed free as possible.

Further to that to provide a splash of colour in each season and provide a convivial opportunity for volunteers from the church and wider village to come and help out at their own convenience.

The volunteers met in Feb / April / June / Oct and plus working parties in August the autumn. Thanks to Alison for arranging to have the hedge cut in August after our usual equipment failed. We have

maintained the same 9 volunteers and in broad terms each person takes responsibility for a particular area but everyone is encouraged to do anything that needs doing anywhere.

Main areas: We divide the garden into manageable areas: the front roadside borders – both east and west, the back borders under the windows – both east and west, the west wall – formerly the trellis area, the patch under the vestry window, along the beech hedge and round the corner to fence, beyond the fence into CH garden, the base of the trees and then the lawn mowing, maintenance of the tubs and paved area.

Constant activities include:

Weeding – especially pernicious weeds such as bindweed / mares tail / ground elder – under control and almost eradicated in some areas thanks to volunteers but still growing in other areas.

General tidying and cutting back of roses / shrubs etc at different times of year. Constant need to remove ivy on neighbour's fence and attempts to control bracken growth which makes access difficult. The west wall allowed for some new planting of bulbs etc . The old climbing rose still flowered but the honeysuckle and jasmine needed to be constantly cut back. The grass area is kept mown. The paved area is kept weed free. The tubs are kept colourful.

Other regular activities include: Beech hedge cut annually; New shoots removed from trees; Bracken pulled / removed; Bonemeal and other nutrients added to soil when available – usually provided by volunteers; Clearance of ivy and bracken plus bindweed and brambles along neighbour's fence; Clearing up of fallen fruit from trees; helping out at St T's Plant Sale; tubs giving year round colour; continued; Updates in village newsletter. No money was spent on autumn colour this year.

This year's main points to note included: Addition of more spring bulbs planted at random in all borders all looked good although daffodils very disappointing once again. The small hydrangea by the west wall continues to flourish now it has more daylight. There was an intention to put in shrubs along the west wall in the spring / summer of 2025, however, this was subsequently not thought necessary. The side path was weeded and re-gravel led February 2025 and has succeeded in both looking tidy and suppressing weeds. The area beyond the CH fence seems to be looked after by Helen's gardener so no longer tended by GG. Fir trees trimmed in front border and thanks to Helen, fence repaired and painted along the front.

Highlights:

- Spring bulbs include: snowdrops / crocuses / tulips plus primroses and forsythia – lots of yellow in the spring.
- Various shrubs provide colour at different times of year – particularly those planted for autumn colour.
- Summer flowering includes a range of wild and cultivated plants of various colours and, of course, the glorious roses.
- Persicaria and red Crocosmia under vestry window look wonderful, attract bees yet are seen by so few.

- The buddleias attract butterflies and the dead wood and less cultivated places provide a haven for wildlife and insects.
- A focus on autumn colour extends the amount of colour in the garden at all times of year.

**Linda Holden / On behalf of Garden Group / April 2026**

### **Deanery Synod Report**

Synod reps- Alison Oakden

Nina Kingshott

Deanery Synod has met 3 times in the past year

The fourth meeting of the 2023-2026 Synod of Cranleigh Deanery met at St Nicholas church rooms on 6<sup>th</sup> February 2025

8<sup>th</sup> July 25 St Johns Womersley

11<sup>th</sup> November 25 Ewhurst

Rev Roy Woodhams retired as Area Dean at the meeting on 8th July 2025

We welcomed Rev Sarah Hutton as the new Area Dean at the meeting on 11<sup>th</sup> November 2025

**Ali Oakden**

## **STRUCTURE GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT**

### **Governing Document**

The charity is controlled by its governing documents under Church of England statute law. The Synodical Government Measure 1975, and the PCC (Powers) Measure 1956 (as amended).

### **REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS Principal address**

The Vicarage  
Brook Road  
Chilworth GU4 8ND

### **Incumbent**

The Reverend Tim Heaney,  
The Rectory,  
The Spinning Walk,  
Shere, GU5 9HN

### **Resident Minister**

The Reverend David Oakden.

### **Principal Bankers**

Lloyds Bank plc High Street Guildford

### **Trustees**

Members of the PCC are either ex officio or elected by the Annual Parochial Church Meeting in accordance with the Church Representation Rules.

During the year the following served as members of the PCC

The Reverend Tim Heaney  
The Reverend David Oakden  
Ms Helen Corbett (Churchwarden)  
Mr John Slater (Treasurer – Non-PCC Member)  
Mrs Nina Kingshott (Safeguarding Officer)  
Mrs Alison Oakden (Foodbank Co-ordinator)  
Mr John Peake (Retired 23<sup>rd</sup> July 2025)  
Mr Arthur Webb  
Mrs Margaret Roberts  
Mr Roger Buckley  
Mr Benjamin Thorn  
Mr Richard Melhuish  
Ms Janis Stanhope (Elected 11<sup>th</sup> September 2025)

The full PCC met 5 times during the year, excluding the APCM, with an average attendance of 9 members.



## **Clergy Report**

We have continued with our service pattern during 2025, though due to the shortage of clergy within the benefice, we have had to make some changes to the service pattern. We now alternate our 9:30 service between St Thomas and St Peter & St Pauls, Albury. This has worked, though it needs to be expressed that not everyone is happy with the changes. Regrettably though we had to make some hard changes due to the issues of clergy numbers, and the amount of finance needed. This has also affected St Martha's which now have two self-led services a month whilst I cover the Holy Communion services. This all has had an impact on people, and though we are seeing the congregations getting used to it, it is hard for some and makes quite a few changes in us as clergy as our service patterns change.

Tinies and Toddlers group is still happening on a Monday morning at St Thomas, and is meeting a need and seems popular, so many thanks to the team who run this, set up and put away after. Due to the changes in the service pattern, we have not been able to start the monthly family worship as we wanted too, but we are exploring some other options to see what we may be able to do.

St Martha's continues to be a place where musicians love to come and hold concerts, and these are so well received, so again thanks to the dedicated team working so hard to bring these amazing concerts to fruition. Weddings are the other big non-Sunday service, and we do a lot of them, and they are lovely and mean so much to the couples and their families. It has been busy and looks to be an area of growth. This then leads to Baptisms which are equally joyous occasions (though it has to be noted that due to the changes in service patterns we now tend to do them within the communion service, which is sometimes restrictive).

We continue to do some special services ranging from ANZAC day, Horseman's service and a Dog blessing service. All well attended and a part of the annual extra services that draw people in. We are looking at what else we could do during the summer months to make use of the space.

It has been a tough year, with all the changes, but overall, the congregations seem stable, and we will continue to explore how we can grow. A focus for the coming year will be young people's work, and I am attending some diocesan training to aid me in this daunting task. All the things we do, initiatives undertaken, exploring new forms of worship and being with God and with one another, are reliant on the help and support of our congregation members, who assist in so many ways. Thank you all for the hard work and effort you put into the life of the church, without you and your support we would find it impossible to function.

**Reverend David Oakden**

Approved by order of the trustees (PCC) on 21<sup>st</sup> May 2026 and signed on their behalf by:

..... Rev. David Oakden – Resident Minister

# Independent Examiners' Report to the Parochial Church Council (PCC) of St Martha-on-the-Hill and St Thomas, Chilworth

## Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of the Parochial Church Council of St. Martha-on-the-Hill and St. Thomas, Chilworth

### **Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of the Parochial Church Council of St. Martha-on-the-Hill and St. Thomas, Chilworth**

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of The Parochial Church Council of St. Martha-on-the-Hill and St. Thomas, Chilworth (the Trust) for the year ended 31 December 2025.

#### **Responsibilities and basis of report**

As the charity trustees of the Trust 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 Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all 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 giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the Trust as required by Section 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do 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.

Date: .....

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Statement of Financial Activities

For the period from 01 January 2025 to 31 December 2025

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds	Total funds	Prior year total funds
Income and endowments from:					
Donations and legacies	48,622.17	24,325.00 -		72,947.17	49,312.50
Income from charitable activities	88.65 -	-		88.65 -	
Other trading activities	125 -	-		125	1,890.00
Investments	17,507.82	6,846.81 -		24,354.63	24,474.81
Other income	205.81 -	-		205.81 -	
Voluntary Income	1,852.83	130 -		1,982.83	1,906.45
Fundraising Activities	8,578.67	11,163.74 -		19,742.41	13,518.76
Income from Church Activities	3,469.00 -	-		3,469.00	4,704.00
<b>Total income</b>	<b>80,449.95</b>	<b>42,465.55 -</b>		<b>122,915.50</b>	<b>95,806.52</b>
Expenditure on:					
Raising funds	1,500.58 -	-		1,500.58	683.32
Expenditure on charitable activities	7,911.53	2,753.74 -		10,665.27	7,203.04
Other expenditure	-1,809.00 -	-		-1,809.00	1,809.00
Church/Charitable Activities	55,568.98	17,029.07 -		72,598.05	68,442.26
Rental Activities	7,139.12 -	-		7,139.12	9,529.32
<b>Total expenditure</b>	<b>70,311.21</b>	<b>19,782.81 -</b>		<b>90,094.02</b>	<b>87,666.94</b>
<b>Net income / (expenditure) resources before transfer</b>	<b>10,138.74</b>	<b>22,682.74 -</b>		<b>32,821.48</b>	<b>8,139.58</b>
Transfers:					
Gross transfers between funds - in	-	2,731.79 -		2,731.79	4,795.75
Gross transfers between funds - out	-2,731.79 -	-		-2,731.79	-4,795.75
Other recognised gains / losses					
Gains/losses on investment assets		-5,491.56 -		-5,491.56	3,073.71
Gains on revaluation, fixed assets, charity's own use	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Net movement in funds</b>	<b>7,406.95</b>	<b>19,922.97 -</b>		<b>27,329.92</b>	<b>11,213.29</b>
Reconciliation of funds					
<b>Total funds brought forward</b>	<b>49,823.85</b>	<b>69,506.80</b>	<b>199,901.85</b>	<b>319,232.50</b>	<b>308,019.21</b>
<b>Total funds carried forward</b>	<b>57,230.80</b>	<b>89,429.77</b>	<b>199,901.85</b>	<b>346,562.42</b>	<b>319,232.50</b>

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Statement of Assets and Liabilities (by code)

As at: 31 December 2025

Class and nominal code	General	Designated	Restricted	Endowment	Total	Last year
<b>Fixed Asset - Investments</b>						
6533: CBF/CCLA Verger Investment 1358S	-	-	-2417.85	134290.85	131873.00	137364.56
Total	-	-	-2417.85	134290.85	131873.00	137364.56
<b>Current Asset - Cash At Bank And In Hand</b>						
6501: Lloyds current A/c	-35539.69	3566.81	41479.10	-	9506.22	16409.10
6502: Barclays current A/c	-25.00	-	25.00	-	-	-
6503: NatWest current A/c	-1024.52	-1460.00	3164.52	-	680.00	200.00
6510: Cash in Hand	-164.34	-205.81	668.52	-	298.37	3251.71
6521: CBF/CCLA unrestricted	86387.88	2963.99	-15365.04	-	73986.83	43995.78
6522: CBF/CCLA restricted	1769.95	-	64790.56	-	66560.51	57151.34
6523: CBF/CCLA Verger Dep 1250D	-	-	-	65611.00	65611.00	65611.00
Total	51404.28	4864.99	94762.66	65611.00	216642.93	186618.93
<b>Current Asset - Debtors</b>						
Z05: Accounts Receivable	3614.09	-	1332.43	-	4946.52	2998.69
Total	3614.09	-	1332.43	-	4946.52	2998.69
<b>Liability - Agency Accounts</b>						
6699: Agency collections	-	-	4247.47	-	4247.47	4473.47
Total	-	-	4247.47	-	4247.47	4473.47
<b>Liability - Creditors: Amounts Falling Due In One Year</b>						
Z04: Accounts Payable	2652.56	-	-	-	2652.56	3276.21
Total	2652.56	-	-	-	2652.56	3276.21
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Net total assets	52365.81	4864.99	89429.77	199901.85	346562.42	319232.50
 <b>Represented by</b>						
General (Unrestricted)	52365.81	-	-	-	52365.81	46859.86
Designated - FrStM	-	4864.99	-	-	4864.99	2963.99
Restricted - StMFab	-	-	86080.20	-	86080.20	58035.34
Restricted - StMVE	-	-	-	-	-	-1854.68
Restricted - StMVR	-	-	3349.57	-	3349.57	13326.14
Endowment - StMVE	-	-	-	199901.85	199901.85	199901.85
Total	52365.81	4864.99	89429.77	199901.85	346562.42	319232.50

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**Balance Sheet (Summary)**

	<b>As at 31/12/2025</b>	<b>As at 31/12/2024</b>
<b>Fixed assets</b>		
Investments	131,873.00	137,364.56
	131,873.00	137,364.56
<b>Current assets</b>		
Debtors	4,946.52	2,998.69
Cash At Bank And In Hand	216,642.93	186,618.93
	221,589.45	189,617.62
<b>Liabilities</b>		
Creditors: Amounts Falling Due In One Year	6,900.03	7,749.68
	6,900.03	7,749.68
Net current assets less current liabilities	214,689.42	181,867.94
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Total assets less current liabilities	346,562.42	319,232.50
<b>Liabilities</b>		
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Total net assets less liabilities	346,562.42	319,232.50
<b>Represented by</b>		
<b>Unrestricted</b>		
Unrestricted - General Funds	52,365.81	46,859.86
<b>Designated</b>		
Designated - Friends Of St Martha's	4,864.99	2,963.99
<b>Restricted</b>		
Restricted - St Martha's Fabric	86,080.20	58,035.34
Restricted - St Martha's Verger - Endowment		-1,854.68
Restricted - St Martha's Verger - Restricted	3,349.57	13,326.14
<b>Endowment</b>		
Endowment - St Martha's Verger - Endowment	199,901.85	199,901.85
Fund Totals	346,562.42	319,232.50

for issue on ..... and were signed on its behalf by:

.....(Name of trustee)- Trustee

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Fund movement summary

Selected period: 01 January 2025 to 31 December 2025

Fund	Fund balances brought forward	Incoming Resources	Outgoing Resources	Transfers	Gains and Losses	Journal Entries	Fund balances Carried forward
FrStM - Friends Of St Martha's	2,963.99	2,000.00	-99 -	-	-	-	4,864.99
StMFab - St Martha's Fabric	58,035.34	36,450.27	-9,218.52	813.11 -	-	-	86,080.20
STMFL - St Martha's Floodlights	-	205.81 -	-	-205.81 -	-	-	0.00
StMVE - St Martha's Verger - Endowment	198,047.17 -	-	-	1,854.68 -	-	-	199,901.85
StMVR - St Martha's Verger - Restricted	13,326.14	6,015.28	-10,564.29	64	-5,491.56	-	3,349.57
General - General fund	46,859.86	78,244.14	-70,212.21	-2,525.98 -	-	-	52,365.81
<b>Totals</b>	<b>319,232.50</b>	<b>122,915.50</b>	<b>-90,094.02 -</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-5,491.56</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>346,562.42</b>

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Analysis of income and expenditure

Selected period: 01 January 2025 to 31 December 2025

	General	Designated	Restricted	This year	Total Last year
<b>Income and endowments from:</b>					
<b>Donations and legacies</b>					
0110 - Standing orders - gift-aided	5390.00 -		1185.00	6575.00	6050.00
0111 - Standing orders - not gift-aided	2635.00 -	-		2635.00	1947.50
0130 - Parish Giving - gift-aided	3632.60 -	-		3632.60	3559.14
0131 - Parish Giving - not gift-aided	40.93 -	-		40.93	404.58
0140 - Collections (SDS) - gift-aided	2212.50 -		30.00	2242.50	2772.51
0141 - Collections - not gift-aided	4706.80 -	-		4706.80	4278.15
0150 - Sundry collections (SDS) - gift-aided	394.00 -	-		394.00	60.00
0151 - Sundry collections - not gift-aided	9.50 -	-		9.50	65.00
0160 - Donations - gift-aided	2633.09 -		20.00	2653.09	1228.00
0161 - Donations - not gift-aided	17293.16 -		10.00	17303.16	19151.60
0165 - Donations - St Martha's Friends - gift-aid -	-		15.00	15.00 -	
0166 - Donations - St Martha's Friends - not gift aid	-	-	65.00	65.00	200.00
0181 - Legacies	1000.00	2000.00	23000.00	26000.00	3000.00
0199 - Tax reclaimed from HMRC	6674.59 -	-		6674.59	6596.02
<b>Donations and legacies Totals</b>	<b>46622.17</b>	<b>2000.00</b>	<b>24325.00</b>	<b>72947.17</b>	<b>49312.50</b>
<b>Income from charitable activities</b>					
0303 - Table and chair loan	20.00 -	-		20.00 -	
0304 - Sale of Refreshments	68.65 -	-		68.65 -	
<b>Income from charitable activities Totals</b>	<b>88.65 -</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>88.65 -</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Other trading activities</b>					
0410 - Fees from Filming etc	125.00 -	-		125.00	1850.00
0502 - Rent - Church Room	-	-	-	-	40.00
<b>Other trading activities Totals</b>	<b>125.00 -</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>125.00</b>	<b>1890.00</b>
<b>Investments</b>					
0501 - Rent - Church House	13050.00 -	-		13050.00	12600.00
0601 - Investment Income	-	-	2872.32	2872.32	1855.86
0611 - Interest - bank	1450.54 -		-1450.54 -		5213.79
0612 - Interest - CBF	3007.28 -		5425.03	8432.31	4805.16
<b>Investments Totals</b>	<b>17507.82 -</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>6846.81</b>	<b>24354.63</b>	<b>24474.81</b>
<b>Other income</b>					
0408 - St Martha's Floodlights No Gift Aid	-	205.81 -		205.81 -	
<b>Other income Totals</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>205.81 -</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>205.81 -</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Voluntary Income</b>					
0305 - Donations towards cost of magazine/newsletter	1852.83 -	-		1852.83	1906.45
0801 - Grants and other income	-	-	130.00	130.00 -	
<b>Voluntary Income Totals</b>	<b>1852.83 -</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>130.00</b>	<b>1982.83</b>	<b>1906.45</b>

<b>Fundraising Activities</b>					
0300 - St Martha's Bookstall	1632.25	-	-	1632.25	1484.95
0307 - Knitter natter group income	-	-	-	-	170.50
0308 - St Martha's Tea Bar not GA	1211.49	-	11143.74	12355.23	7835.15
0309 - St Martha's Tea Bar Gift Aided	-	-	20.00	20.00	70.00
0401 - Plant sale	503.20	-	-	503.20	701.12
0402 - Chilworth Manor Teas	1665.17	-	-	1665.17	1071.86
0403 - Concert refreshments	2775.76	-	-	2775.76	1363.19
0419 - Miscellaneous events	790.80	-	-	790.80	821.99
<b>Fundraising Activities Totals</b>	<b>8578.67</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>11163.74</b>	<b>19742.41</b>	<b>13518.76</b>
<b>Income from Church Activities</b>					
0701 - PCC fees	3469.00	-	-	3469.00	4704.00
<b>Income from Church Activities Totals</b>	<b>3469.00</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>3469.00</b>	<b>4704.00</b>
<b><u>Income and endowments Grand totals</u></b>	<b><u>78244.14</u></b>	<b><u>2205.81</u></b>	<b><u>42465.55</u></b>	<b><u>122915.50</u></b>	<b><u>95806.52</u></b>

<b>Expenditure on:</b>					
<b>Raising funds</b>					
2400 - Purchased for St M bookstall	1500.58	-	-	1500.58	683.32
<b>Raising funds Totals</b>	<b>1500.58</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>1500.58</b>	<b>683.32</b>
<b>Expenditure on charitable activities</b>					
2301 - Other music costs	99.00	-	-	99.00	99.00
2402 - Tea Bar Supplies	-	-	1142.67	1142.67	600.65
2450 - Outward giving	7812.53	-	1611.07	9423.60	6503.39
<b>Expenditure on charitable activities Totals</b>	<b>7911.53</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>2753.74</b>	<b>10665.27</b>	<b>7203.04</b>
<b>Other expenditure</b>					
2501 - Diocesan fees	-1809.00	-	-	-1809.00	1809.00
<b>Other expenditure Totals</b>	<b>-1809.00</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-1809.00</b>	<b>1809.00</b>

<b>Church/Charitable Activities</b>					
2200 - Light & Heat - St Martha's	3115.29	-	-	3115.29	2575.90
2201 - Light & Heat - St Thomas's	2911.32	-	-	2911.32	2130.94
2203 - Water - St Thomas's	689.42	-	-	689.42	493.52
2204 - Insurance - St Martha's	1644.37	-	-	1644.37	1575.98
2205 - Insurance - St Thomas's	688.57	-	-	688.57	672.22
2211 - General maintenance - St Martha's	-270.00	-	6171.03	5901.03	3628.69
2212 - General maintenance - St Thomas's	1806.27	-	-	1806.27	1604.37
2213 - Major projects/improvements - St Martha's	150.00	-	-	150.00	914.34
2215 - Garden/churchyard - St Martha's	-	-	293.75	293.75	1040.39
2216 - Garden/churchyard - St Thomas's	54.52	-	-	54.52	1395.48
2300 - Organist fees	1420.00	-	-	1420.00	1225.00
2302 - Altar costs	162.98	-	-	162.98	539.32
2303 - Lectionaries/books	96.09	-	-	96.09	326.41
2306 - Misc service costs	206.60	-	-	206.60	156.00
2351 - Newsletter and outreach	3239.00	-	-	3239.00	2754.00
2352 - Website	175.00	-	-	175.00	193.00
2353 - Christmas card	-	-	-	-	450.00
2420 - Misc fundraising costs - events	107.37	-	-	107.37	94.80
2500 - Parish share	29540.88	-	-	29540.88	27950.64
2550 - Phone and broadband	1304.81	-	-	1304.81	1059.88
2551 - Print, post and stationery	296.42	99.00	-	395.42	828.16
2555 - Misc. admin	6321.20	-	-	6321.20	5648.44
2701 - Vicarage - water	609.87	-	-	609.87	1011.94
2750 - Governance	1200.00	-	-	1200.00	900.00
2800 - Verger costs	-	-	10564.29	10564.29	9272.84
<b>Church/Charitable Activities Totals</b>	<b>55469.98</b>	<b>99.00</b>	<b>17029.07</b>	<b>72598.05</b>	<b>68442.26</b>

<b>Rental Activities</b>					
2206 - Insurance Church House	543.99	-	-	543.99	522.22
2600 - Misc property costs (Church House)	6595.13	-	-	6595.13	9007.10
Rental Activities Totals	7139.12	-	-	7139.12	9529.32
<b>Expenditure Grand totals</b>	<b>70212.21</b>	<b>99.00</b>	<b>19782.81</b>	<b>90094.02</b>	<b>87666.94</b>
<b>Income and endowments Grand totals</b>	<b>78244.14</b>	<b>2205.81</b>	<b>42465.55</b>	<b>122915.50</b>	<b>95806.52</b>
<b>Surplus/Deficit</b>	<b>8031.93</b>	<b>2106.81</b>	<b>22682.74</b>	<b>32821.48</b>	<b>8139.58</b>

## Conclusion

With a fair surplus we can conclude this has been a financially successful year, largely due to the hard work of many PCC members and helpers.

However, with two old buildings to maintain and improve, we have to be mindful of potential future financial calls upon our funds.

## Notes to the financial statement

### For the year ending 31 December 2025

#### ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Church Accounting Regulations 2006 subject to a true and fair override in order to comply with the Charities SORP (FRS102) effective 1 January 2019.

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention except for the valuation of investment assets, which are shown at market value. 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 main affiliation to another body, nor those that are informal gatherings of church members.

#### Funds

**Endowment funds** are funds, the capital of which must be retained either permanently or at the PCC's discretion: the income derived from the endowment is to be used either as restricted or unrestricted income funds depending upon the purpose for which the endowment was established in the first place.

**Restricted funds** represent (a) income from endowments that is to be expended only on the restricted purposes intended by the donor, and (b) revenue 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 must be carried forward as a balance on that fund. The PCC does not usually invest separately for each fund and interest on their pooled investment is apportioned to the individual funds on an average balance basis.

**Unrestricted funds** are income funds that are to be spent on the PCC's general purposes.

**Designated funds** are general funds set aside by the PCC for use in the future. Project funds are designated for particular projects for administration purposes only. These funds may be re-designated or un-designated if the PCC so decides.

### **Income Recognition**

All income is recognised once the PCC has entitlement to the income, there is sufficient certainty or receipt and so it is probable that the income will be received, and the amount of income receivable can be measured reliably.

Planned giving, collections and donations are recognised when received. Tax refunds are recognised when the incoming resource to which they relate is received. Grants and legacies are accounted for when the PCC is legally entitled to the use of the resources, their ultimate receipt is considered reasonably certain and the amounts due are readily quantifiable. Interest is accrued. All other income is recognised when it is receivable. All incoming resources are accounted for gross.

### **Expenditure**

Liabilities are recognised as expenditure as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the PCC to that expenditure, it is probable that settlement will be required and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably.

Donations are accounted for when paid over, or when awarded, if that award creates a binding or constructive obligation on the PCC. The diocesan parish share is accounted for when due. All other expenditure is generally recognised when it is incurred and is accounted for gross.

### **Fixed assets**

Consecrated and benefice property is not included in the accounts in accordance with s.10 of the Charities Act 2011.

**Investments** are valued at market value at 31 December 2025.

### **Related Party Transactions**

During the year members of the PCC were only reimbursed for expenses paid on behalf of the parish.