

PARISH CHURCH OF
EARLEY St PETER, READING

ACCOUNTS

31st DECEMBER 2025

Parish Church of Earley St Peter, Reading

Treasurer's Report

For the Year ended 31st December 2025

Church finances continue to present challenges as we face many external factors which we cannot directly control as well as the various, and sometimes conflicting, priorities of church life. World events have an impact on the investments we hold, and local activities present inevitable choices in relation to our limited resources. In short, we cannot do everything which we might wish to do. In 2025 our income from investments increased by just £340, and the value of those investments decreased by £19,619. Our largest financial commitment is of course the Parish Share which in 2026 will increase to £73,191 from last year's £71,755. This equates to over £1,400 per week before we do anything else. Income is generally hard to come by whilst expenditure continues its remorseless rise, and we do therefore need to critically examine every penny spent to ensure that it furthers our overall objectives.

The accounts show a deficit for the year of £12,126 (2024 surplus £16,658). This deficit includes the decrease in the value of Trust Funds of £19,619 (2024 increase £10,981) and legacies received of £33,299 (2024 £367). Regular planned giving has remained broadly similar to the previous year. The actual deficit on day-to-day activities was £25,806 (2024 £5,310). This is clearly unsustainable.

The church hall is a valuable resource both for church activities and as an attractive venue for other organisations. After a challenging start to the year we now have a new Hall Manager in post and the future looks good. The hall surplus for the year was £470 (2024 £1,910) with income from hirings increasing again to £52,511 (2024 £49,913). The hall is of course a community resource and, as ever, its benefit extends beyond the financial results.

The management of church finances is something in which we can all play our part, whether it be in maximising income or in controlling expenditure. I am, as ever, grateful to all those who help to make sure that this runs smoothly and efficiently. It is very much a team effort.

Finally I would like to express my thanks to all who contribute to our finances in so many different ways, and who make it possible to do all that we do in this busy parish.

Helen Price
PCC Treasurer

Statement of Financial Activities
For the Year ended 31st December 2025

	Note	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	TOTAL FUNDS	
					2025	2024
INCOMING RESOURCES						
Incoming resources from donors	2(a)	123,872			123,872	94,129
Other incoming resources	2(b)	26,829			26,829	45,598
Income from charitable and ancillary trading	2(c)	56,985			56,985	53,247
Income from investments	2(d)	8,430		10,227	18,657	18,317
TOTAL INCOMING RESOURCES		<u>£216,116</u>		<u>£10,227</u>	<u>£226,343</u>	<u>£211,291</u>
RESOURCES USED						
Grants	3(a)	2,136			2,136	4,085
Activities directly relating to the work of the church	3(b)	184,809		5,954	190,763	179,086
Church management and administration	3(c)	25,951			25,951	22,443
TOTAL RESOURCES USED		<u>212,896</u>		<u>5,954</u>	<u>218,850</u>	<u>205,614</u>
NET(OUTGOING)/INCOMING RESOURCES		3,220		4,273	7,493	5,677
GAINS AND LOSSES ON INVESTMENTS						
Unrealised		(11,189)		(8,430)	(19,619)	10,981
Realised						
NET MOVEMENT IN FUNDS		<u>(7,969)</u>		<u>(4,157)</u>	<u>(12,126)</u>	<u>16,658</u>
BALANCES BROUGHT FORWARD AT 1 JANUARY 2025		759,394		338,949	1,098,343	1,081,685
BALANCES CARRIED FORWARD AT 31 DECEMBER 2025		<u>£751,425</u>		<u>£334,792</u>	<u>£1,086,217</u>	<u>£1,098,343</u>

Balance Sheet at 31st December 2025

	Note	2025	2024
FIXED ASSETS			
Tangible fixed assets	4(a)	358,345	358,345
Investment assets	4(b)	471,123	490,742
CURRENT ASSETS			
Short term deposits		229,709	201,754
Cash at bank		35,561	53,651
Taxation recoverable		9,033	9,932
Other debtors		9,129	14,288
		<u>283,432</u>	<u>279,625</u>
LIABILITIES: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR	6	<u>14,977</u>	<u>14,196</u>
NET CURRENT ASSETS		268,455	265,429
NET ASSETS		<u><u>£1,097,923</u></u>	<u><u>£1,114,516</u></u>
FUNDS			
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Unrestricted		751,425	759,394
Restricted		-	-
Endowment		334,792	338,949
		<u>1,086,217</u>	<u>1,098,343</u>
RESERVES FOR FUTURE EXPENDITURE			
Church Hall Maintenance provision		11,706	16,173
		<u><u>£1,097,924</u></u>	<u><u>£1,114,516</u></u>

Approved by the Parochial Church Council and signed on its behalf by:

..... Rev'd K Wakeman-Toogood

..... Mrs H Price (Treasurer)

..... Date

The notes attached form part of these accounts

Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year ended 31st December 2025**1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES**

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Church Accounting Regulations 2006 together with applicable accounting standards and the Charities SORP.

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention as modified by the annual revaluation of listed investments to market value.

Funds

General funds represent funds of the PCC that are not subject to any restrictions regarding their use and are available for application on the general purposes of the PCC. Funds designated for a particular purpose by the PCC are also unrestricted.

The accounts 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.

Incoming Resources

Voluntary income and capital sources:

- Collections are recognised when received by or on behalf of the PCC.
- Planned giving receivable under covenant is recognised only when received.
- Income Tax recoverable on covenants or gift aid donations is recognised when the income is recognised.
- Grants and legacies to the PCC are accounted for as soon as the PCC is notified of its legal entitlement and the amount due.
- Fundraising events are accounted for net of incidental expenses.

Other ordinary income:

- Rental income from the letting of church premises is recognised when the rental is due.

Income from investments:

- Dividends and interest are accounted for when receivable. Tax recoverable on such income is recognised in the same accounting year.

Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year ended 31st December 2025

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES - continued

Resources used

Grants:

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

Activities directly relating to the work of the Church:

- The diocesan quota or parish share is accounted for when payable.

Fixed assets

Consecrated land and buildings and moveable church furnishings:

- Consecrated and beneficed property is excluded from the accounts by s.96(2)(a) of the Charities Act 1993.
- No value is placed on moveable church furnishings held by the churchwardens on special trust for the PCC and which require a faculty for disposal since the PCC considers this to be inalienable property. All expenditure incurred during the year on consecrated or benefice buildings and moveable church furnishings, whether maintenance or improvement, is written off as expenditure in the SOFA and separately disclosed.

Investments:

- Investments are stated at market valuation.

Current assets:

- Short-term deposits include cash held on deposit either with the CBF Church of England Funds or at the bank.
- Other debtors represents tenant deposits lodged with the government deposit scheme together with lettings income billed but not yet received and expenditure paid out in respect of future years.

Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year ended 31st December 2025

2. INCOMING RESOURCES

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	TOTAL FUNDS	
				2025	2024
2(a) Incoming resources from donors:					
Planned giving	60,089			60,089	65,201
Income tax recoverable	16,299			16,299	17,068
Collections	3,636			3,636	3,172
Gift days				-	-
Legacies	33,299			33,299	367
Sundry donations	10,549			10,549	8,321
	<u>£123,872</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>£123,872</u>	<u>£94,129</u>
2(b) Other incoming resources:					
33 Clevedon Drive	6,903			6,903	22,000
77 St Peters Road	17,097			17,097	16,471
Wedding & funeral fees (net)	2,829			2,829	7,127
	<u>£26,829</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>£26,829</u>	<u>£45,598</u>
2(c) Income from charitable and ancillary trading:					
Sundries	2,683			2,683	2,247
Church hall letting etc	54,302			54,302	51,000
	<u>£56,985</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>£56,985</u>	<u>£53,247</u>
2(d) Income from investments:					
Dividends and interest (including any reclaimed tax)	8,430		10,227	18,657	18,317
	<u>£8,430</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>£10,227</u>	<u>£18,657</u>	<u>£18,317</u>
TOTAL INCOMING RESOURCES	<u>£216,116</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>£10,227</u>	<u>£226,343</u>	<u>£211,291</u>

Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year ended 31st December 2025

RESOURCES USED	Unrestricted	Restricted	Endowment	TOTAL FUNDS	
	Funds	Funds	Funds	2025	2024
3(a) Grants:					
Special collections	1,636			1,636	2,835
General grants	500			500	1,250
	<u>£2,136</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>£2,136</u>	<u>£4,085</u>
3(b) Activities directly relating to the work of the Church:					
Ministry:					
Parish share (net)	69,809			69,809	67,793
Clergy expenses	1,425			1,425	1,699
Church running expenses	12,892			12,892	13,105
Church maintenance and upkeep	6,651			6,651	7,348
General expenses	5,670			5,670	2,454
Upkeep of the churchyard			5,954	5,954	5,550
Church hall running costs	53,822			53,822	49,090
77 St Peters Road costs	3,883			3,883	7,412
33 Clevedon Drive costs	4,851			4,851	3,389
Church music	16,463			16,463	15,193
Youth and children's work	9,343			9,343	6,052
	<u>£184,809</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>£5,954</u>	<u>£190,763</u>	<u>£179,085</u>
3(c) Church management and administration:					
Administrator and Secretary	17,148			17,148	14,484
Website, stationery and telephone	2,455			2,455	2,261
Professional fees	4,646			4,646	3,937
Office equipment	1,702			1,702	1,761
	<u>25,951</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>25,951</u>	<u>22,443</u>
TOTAL RESOURCES USED	<u>£212,896</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>£5,954</u>	<u>£218,850</u>	<u>£205,613</u>

Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year ended 31st December 2024

4. FIXED ASSETS FOR USE BY THE PCC**Freehold land
and buildings**

(a) TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

Gross book value - original cost £ 358,345

The freehold land and buildings comprise houses at 33 Clevedon Drive and 77 St Peter's Road. There is no provision for depreciation. 33 Clevedon Drive was originally purchased with the assistance of a loan from the Church Hall funds of £25,000. This advance may be returnable to the Church Hall resources should the property be sold.

The church buildings, hall and all contents are not listed as fixed assets at cost but between them have an insured value of £14,630,000.

(b) INVESTMENT ASSETS

Investments held by the Central Board of Finance - Investment units.

Cost at 31 December 2025 was £168,187 (market value £471,123) and at 31 December 2024 was £168,187 (market value £490,742)

5. ANALYSIS OF NET ASSETS BY FUND

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Total
Fixed Assets and Investments	627,029	-	202,439	829,468
Current Assets	151,079	-	132,353	283,432
Current Liabilities	(14,977)	-	-	(14,977)
Provision for future expenditure	(11,706)	-	-	(11,706)
Fund balance	<u>£ 751,425</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>£ 334,792</u>	<u>£ 1,086,217</u>

See note 7 below for identification of funds.

6. LIABILITIES: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	<u>2025</u>	<u>2024</u>
Tenant rent deposits	1,590	1,590
Expenses due but not paid at year end	3,283	4,662
Estimated accrued expenses not yet billed	10,105	7,944
	<u>£ 14,978</u>	<u>£14,196</u>

7. FUND DETAILS

The restricted funds have now been used up. Movement in the income and expenditure account relates solely to collections made for specific purposes.

The endowment fund comprises the Graves Account, incorporating the Hubbard bequests.

Income received by the fund in excess of the costs incurred in maintaining the graveyard can be used for other parish purposes. These funds are held in the endowment fund bank accounts and included in the current value of the endowment funds.

This report on the accounts of the Parochial Church Council of Earley St Peter, Reading for the year ended 31 December 2025, as set out on pages 1 to 8, is in respect of an examination carried out under Regulation 3(c) of the Church Accounting Regulations 2006 ('the Regulations') and s.43 of the Charities Act 1993 ('the Act').

Respective responsibilities of the PCC and the examiner

As members of the PCC you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts; you consider that the audit requirement of the Regulation 3(c) and section 43(2) of the Act do not apply. It is my responsibility to issue this report on those accounts in accordance with the terms of Regulation 25.

Basis of this report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 43(7)(b) of the Act and to be found in the Church guidance, 2006 edition, issued by the Finance Division of the Archbishops' Council. That examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the PCC and a comparison of the accounts 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 I do not express an audit opinion on the view given by the accounts.

Independent examiner's statement

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

1. which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements
 - (a) to keep accounting records in accordance with section 41 of the Act; and
 - (b) to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the requirements of the Act and the Regulations 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.

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April 2026



VERNON GOSLING FRIDAY LIMITED
Chartered Certified Accountants

Parish Church of Earley St Peter, Reading
Church Hall
Income and Expenditure Account
For the year ended 31st December 2025

	<u>2025</u>	<u>2024</u>
INCOME		
Hire charges	52,511	49,913
Donations	935	0
Bank interest	856	1,087
	54,302	51,000
EXPENDITURE		
Hall running costs -		
Salaries	13,691	9,066
Maintenance and refurbishment	13,550	6,861
Light and heat	5,903	5,733
Water	907	707
Insurance	2,330	2,306
Telephone	2,148	1,896
Cleaning and security	19,194	18,989
Sundry	576	532
	58,299	46,090
TRADING (DEFICIT)/SURPLUS	(3,997)	4,910
Hall maintenance provision	(4,467)	3,000
SURPLUS / (DEFICIT) FOR YEAR	470	1,910

BALANCE SHEET
AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2025

CURRENT ASSETS

Cash at bank and in hand	2,664	3,258
Cash on deposit	46,704	46,549
	49,368	49,807
Debtors	4,299	7,624
	53,667	57,431

LESS: LIABILITIES

Hall maintenance provision	16,173	13,173
Less charge for year	(4,467)	3,000
	11,706	16,173

Creditors	11,706	16,173
	5,263	5,030
	16,969	21,203

NET ASSETS	£36,698	£36,228
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REPRESENTED BY:

Accumulated fund – brought forward	36,228	34,318
Surplus/(Deficit) for the year	470	1,910
	£36,698	£36,228

