

# 2025 Report and Accounts for the Parochial Church Council of St. Nicholas' Church, Chadlington

## Aim and purposes

The Parish of Chadlington is part of the Chase Benefice - a group of four rural parishes in West Oxfordshire encompassing the villages of Chadlington, Ascott-under-Wychwood, Spelsbury and Enstone.

St. Nicholas' Parochial Church Council (PCC) has the responsibility of co-operating with the incumbent of the Chase Benefice, the Revd Mark Abrey, in promoting in the ecclesiastical parish the whole mission of the Church: pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical. The PCC is also specifically responsible for the maintenance of St. Nicholas' Church, Chadlington.

## Objectives and activities

The PCC is committed to enabling as many people as possible to worship at our church and to become part of our parish community at St. Nicholas and the wider Chase Benefice. Working closely with the other PCCs of the Benefice, the PCC maintains an overview of worship throughout the Benefice and makes suggestions on how our services and activities can involve the many groups that live within our parish. Our services and worship put faith into practice through prayer and scripture, music and sacrament.

When planning our activities for the year, we have considered the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit and, in particular, the supplementary guidance on charities for the advancement of religion. In particular, we seek to be faithful servants of God, cherishing the past and embracing the future, as together we seek to make God's love known in our Benefice.

This involves:

- deepening our relationship with God: in worship; through discipleship and prayer; by working together for the building of God's kingdom; and enabling each person to become the person that God wants them to be.
- serving each other: out of love for each other; by recognising and encouraging the God-given gifts of the people of the Benefice for the benefit of all; being God's family in this place; and by building community within our parish and across the Benefice.
- serving our community: by maintaining our church building as a focal point for the community; through outreach; by nurturing the young; by encouraging and enabling members of the church to take part in the leadership of our community; and by offering people opportunities to meet together.

To facilitate this work it is important that we maintain the fabric of St Nicholas' Church and seek ways to make it more inviting for worship and community groups.

At the time of the Annual Parochial Church Meeting in May 2025, there were 34 parishioners on the Church Electoral Roll.

# Achievements and performance

## Deepening our relationship with God

Central to our mission is the desire to help all who worship with us deepen their relationship with God. Everyone is warmly welcome at our services, and as part of the Chase Benefice we worship together each week across our different churches in a well-established pattern.

The PCC remains committed to offering a range of services that our community finds spiritually nourishing and accessible. Each month we hold both traditional *Book of Common Prayer* services and more contemporary celebrations of Holy Communion. We also host occasional intergenerational services—Shared Communion—held in Chadlington or Enstone and aimed particularly at welcoming families across the Benefice. Our services at Easter, Harvest, Remembrance and Christmas continue to draw larger congregations.

Our regular pattern of worship has consisted of one 8am and one 10am service each week somewhere within the Benefice, with an additional 10am service on fifth Sundays. Attendance averages around nine at 8am and between 25 and 35 at 10am. Online services continue to reach a wider congregation, attracting around 80 viewers each week. During Lent, the Jesus Prayer was said weekly in Chadlington, and during Advent we followed the Franciscan Community's online Advent calendar.

Our Easter service in 2025 welcomed 27 children and 62 adults. The Remembrance Day service in Chadlington had a congregation of 34. At Christmas we were pleased to host Spelsbury Church for a joint Celebration of Christmas at St Nicholas', with carols, seasonal and Bible readings followed by refreshments. This replaced the traditional Nine Lessons and Carols and was warmly received. Christmas Eve saw a well-attended Crib Service, followed by Holy Communion on Christmas Day. Encouragingly, attendance at Christmas services was significantly higher than in 2024.

Online worship continues to be an important part of our ministry. Our weekly recorded services include hymns, images and video "Peace" greetings from parishioners, and are available both online and by telephone for those without internet access. Designed to be short and accessible, they include prayers, a Gospel reading and a brief reflection. These services remain greatly appreciated by those unable to attend in person and reach well beyond our usual congregation. We are very grateful to Mark for producing them each week.

Alongside regular worship, the church continues to mark the important milestones of life. Through baptism we give thanks for the gift of life; in marriage we celebrate the gift of love; and through funeral services we support families in grief while giving thanks for lives lived and commending loved ones into God's care. During the year at Chadlington we held four weddings, two baptisms, eleven funerals and three interments of ashes. Our annual Memorial Service for those who have died in the Benefice over recent years was held in Enstone with 70 people attending. Our online service for The Longest Night in December was watched by 59 people.

The PCC records its sincere gratitude to Rev'd Elizabeth Koepping, Rev'd Jackie Jones, Rev'd John Partington and Rev'd Canon Judy French for faithfully covering our 8am services. We are also grateful to Rev'd Ilona Cheyne for her continued support to the Benefice.

We were pleased once again to welcome Windrush School and Chadlington Church of England Primary School to St Nicholas' for their Christmas services.

As a Benefice we are committed to being an inclusive church community. We seek to offer a genuine welcome to all, regardless of economic circumstances, gender, mental health, physical ability, race or sexuality. Our affiliation with *Inclusive Church* continues to draw people from beyond the Benefice, and

we have been pleased to welcome new members both in person and online. In July, Chipping Norton hosted its third Pride event and the Benefice was pleased to be there. Many people commented how pleased they were to see a church presence there, and we were delighted to distribute leaflets and have some meaningful conversations with participants.

## **Serving each other**

As a Benefice we remain committed to supporting those who are sick, bereaved, housebound or otherwise in need. Some parishioners are unable to attend church due to age or illness, and Mark continues to visit those who request it, offering communion at home or in hospital and providing pastoral support.

Our weekly e-Bulletin remains an important way of keeping both the congregation and the wider community informed and connected.

Many aspects of worship involve the gifts and participation of lay members across the Benefice. Parishioners regularly assist by reading, leading intercessions, helping with music, arranging flowers, providing refreshments and ringing the bells. We are pleased that more people have offered to share in these roles during the year. We are particularly grateful to our dedicated team of flower arrangers who help make St Nicholas' such a welcoming place.

Following the retirement of our Associate Priest in December 2017, the Joint PCCs have continued to reflect on the future shape of ministry within the Benefice. After discussions with the Diocese it was agreed to suspend the appointment of a new Associate Priest for at least a year while the Diocese lets the Vicarage in Enstone. Savings on Parish Share during this period were placed in a 'Ministry Fund' to allow the Benefice to buy in additional ministerial support where needed. At the end of the year any unspent funds were returned to the individual PCCs.

## **Serving our community**

The Church of St Nicholas continues to be a valued resource for the wider community. The church remains open daily during daylight hours and is used regularly by both visitors and parishioners for quiet reflection and prayer.

The PCC remains committed to caring for this historic building and records its gratitude to our Churchwardens: Louise Cashman and Michael Wigley (until May 2025), and Viv Davies (from May 2025), for overseeing its routine care and maintenance. The Quinquennial Inspection Report of February 2022 described the church as being "overall in fair condition", although thirteen items were identified as works to be carried out during the quinquennial period. We continue to work with James MacIntosh to address these as part of an ongoing programme of maintenance.

We are also extremely grateful to Phil Radbone for his dedicated work in maintaining the churchyard and cemetery. Visitors frequently comment in the visitors' book on how well both are cared for.

During the year, the PCC was gifted two acres of land by Simon and Deborah Strong, in memory of their late son, Oliver. The land lies immediately alongside the present cemetery and extends down towards Church Road and will allow us to extend the cemetery. It is an extraordinarily generous and thoughtful gift, and one that will serve the whole village for many years to come.

Sadly, in April 2025 our dear friend Susan Myatt passed away very suddenly. The PCC would like to formally record both its gratitude and its deep sense of loss for all that she gave to St Nicholas', serving faithfully as a PCC member and Churchwarden for many years. She is greatly missed.

The PCC continues to encourage and support members of the congregation in organising events connected with the church. The very popular monthly 'Chadlington Lunch Club' continues to thrive and once again hosted a successful Christmas gathering.

During the year we also held a well-supported charitable coffee morning in aid of the Royal British Legion and Macmillan Cancer Support, along with three very successful outdoor afternoon tea events at Chastleton House which raised valuable funds for the church.

We maintain strong links with Chadlington Church of England Primary School, through our Foundation Governor, Georgina Slack, and Mark continues to be a regular visitor, engaging with both pupils and staff.

Supporting those in need remains an important expression of our faith. We continue to support the North Cotswold Community Food Bank, with the collection box outside the Vicarage proving very successful. During the year £1,008.58 was raised for charitable causes: £136.156 for Chadlington Lunch Club, £330.59 for Macmillan Cancer Support, £511.83 for the Royal British Legion and £20 for the Village Magazine.

St Nicholas' also participates in the annual Oxfordshire Historic Church Trust Ride and Stride event. Funds raised help preserve many of Oxfordshire's churches, chapels and meeting houses while also supporting St Nicholas'.

Our parish magazine, shared with Spelsbury, is delivered bi-monthly to households across the parish and continues to be an important means of communication within the village. Alongside this we have further developed our Benefice website and make use of email and social media to connect with both the congregation and the wider community.

Wychwood Chorale continues to rehearse weekly in the church.

### **Links with the wider Church**

One member of the PCC sits on the Deanery Synod. This provides the PCC with an important link between the parish and the wider structures of the church. A report of the proceedings of the Deanery Synod can be found on pages 19 - 20.

## **Safeguarding**

The PCC is committed to safeguarding children and young people, vulnerable adults and those in abusive relationships. We aim to create a safe environment where children and young people are nurtured and protected and where all people, especially those who may be vulnerable for any reason, are able to worship and pursue their faith journey with encouragement and in safety. Most PCC members have completed Basic Awareness and Foundation safeguarding training as required by the Diocese.

The Benefice follows the national legal and procedural framework for safeguarding children and vulnerable adults and Church of England policy and practice. A copy of our Safeguarding Policy Statement is displayed on our noticeboard. This statement is also available on the Benefice website, along with the Parish Safeguarding Handbook [see: [www.thechasebenefice/safeguarding](http://www.thechasebenefice/safeguarding)].

We will act promptly on any complaints made and work in close partnership with police and social care services where children or vulnerable adults have been harmed or are at risk of harm or mistreatment. We provide safe recruitment, training and support to our voluntary and paid workers with children and vulnerable adults. We care for those who have been abused in the past and minister appropriately to those who have abused.

The Chase Benefice's Safeguarding Officer is Julie Benson who can be contacted on 01608 676672 or by email at [safeguarding@thechasebenefice.org.uk](mailto:safeguarding@thechasebenefice.org.uk)

The Diocesan Head of Safeguarding is Louise Whitehead who can be contacted on 07391 868478 or by email at [louise.whitehead@oxford.anglican.org](mailto:louise.whitehead@oxford.anglican.org).

## Financial review

The accounts for the year ended 31 December 2025 are set out on pages 9 to 18 of this report.

The Parochial Church Council (PCC) is pleased to report another successful financial year, made possible by the continued generosity of our donors. We extend our heartfelt gratitude to all our regular and occasional contributors. We particularly appreciate those who dedicate their time and effort to fundraising activities which play a vital role in the life of the Church.

Following Michael Wigley's retirement as Treasurer in the autumn 2024, Mark Abrey has been overseeing the day-to-day financial management of the PCC accounts until a permanent Treasurer is found. We are grateful for all that Mark has done. The PCC is also very appreciative of George Bailey, Treasurer of All Saints' Church, Spelsbury, who has kindly agreed to oversee our investments and has been co-opted onto the PCC. We also thank Beth Sinclair, the Benefice Administrator, for bookkeeping, and Alison Parker for independently examining the accounts.

### Financial Overview

We are pleased to report that we met all our financial obligations in 2025 and achieved a surplus of £4,956 in income over expenditure, compared to £5,325 in 2024. Due to mandatory reporting of investment asset gains and losses, the Statement of Financial Activities reflects a net surplus of £88,145 (2024: -£7,323). Although the value of our investments has increased significantly over the year, the income they generated was slightly less than 2024 levels. We continue to be deeply grateful for the generosity of Faith King and the provision she made for us through the Faith King Legacy Endowment.

- **Total income** in 2025 amounted to £45,805 (2024: £48,697). The key sources of income were: Planned giving: £6,133; Collections, other donations, and Gift Aid: £8,327; Fundraising events: £3,836; Investment income: £22,863; Fee income from Occasional Offices: £4,428; and Sundry income from VAT and insurance claims: £216.
- **Total expenditure** in 2025 was £40,849 (2024: £43,372). Our major expenses included: Parish Share: £13,844; Clergy and benefice costs: £6,725; General church running costs: £7,857; purchase of Digital Organ for services: £2,838; Churchyard maintenance (including equipment replacement): £5,132; Energy costs: £4,348.

### Year-End Financial Position

At year-end, total funds amounted to £569,234, comprising: Endowments: £499,833; Restricted funds: £37,450 and Unrestricted/designated funds: £31,949. This total includes £2,448 held by the Benefice on our behalf within the Chase Benefice Accounts. This sum is allocated for expenses within the Benefice Budget, as agreed annually by all PCCs in the Benefice.

We remain committed to sound financial stewardship and thank everyone who has contributed to ensuring the continued financial stability of our Church.

# Reserves policy

It is PCC policy to try to maintain a balance on free reserves (net current assets) which equates to at least three months' unrestricted payments. This is equivalent to about £9,987. It is held to smooth out fluctuations in cash flow and to meet emergencies. At the year-end, a balance of £29,500 unrestricted including designated funds [excluding the Benefice Fund] was held which can be used for this purpose. The PCC is making every effort to increase this reserve.

# Volunteers

The past year has once again demonstrated the vitality and generosity of our church community. Much of what happens at St Nicholas' depends on the willingness of many people to give their time, talents and resources in service of God and neighbour. The PCC records its sincere thanks to everyone who contributes to the life of the church, often quietly and behind the scenes.

In particular we want to mention our churchwardens, Mrs Louise Cashman, Mr Michael Wigley (to May 2025) and Mrs Viv Davies (from May 2025) who continue to work tirelessly on our behalf and Mrs Ceci Magee, for all that she has done as Vice-Chair to support our churchwardens and clergy. We are also indebted to Mrs Julie Benson, PCC Secretary, Mr Keith Mitchell for his practical assistance with maintenance and Mr Philip Radbone for the care of the cemetery and church grounds. Many volunteers give their time and talents: bell ringers, intercessors, readers, sides people, coffee & cake makers, key holders and flower arrangers. We express our thanks for the essential contribution they make to the life of the parish.

As we look ahead to the coming year, we do so with gratitude for all that has been achieved and with confidence in the continued witness and ministry of St Nicholas' within the village and the wider Benefice.

# Structure, governance and management

The method of appointment of PCC members is set out in the Church Representation Rules. At St. Nicholas', the membership of the PCC consists of the incumbent (our Rector), churchwardens and members elected by those members of the congregation who are on the electoral roll of the church. All those who are members of the congregation are encouraged to register on the Electoral Roll and stand for election to the PCC.

The PCC members are responsible for making decisions on all matters of general concern and importance to the parish including deciding how the funds of the PCC are to be spent. New members receive initial training in the workings of the PCC.

The full PCC met twice during the year. In addition to these meetings, the PCC met with the other PCCs from the Benefice on three occasions.

The PCC has one statutory committee, being:

The Standing Committee. This committee, which is required by law, has power to transact the business of the PCC between its meetings, subject to any directions given by the PCC. Members of the standing committee are The Chairman, the Vice-Chairman, the Churchwardens, the Treasurer and the Secretary.

This committee is all responsible to the PCC and reports back to it regularly with minutes of its decisions. They are received by the full PCC and discussed as necessary. The Standing Committee has not met this year as the PCC had handled all relevant matters through its routine meetings.

# Administrative information

St. Nicholas' Church is situated in Chadlington. It is part of the Diocese of Oxford within the Church of England. The correspondence address is The Vicarage, Church Road, Chadlington, Oxon. OX7 3LY.

The PCC is a body corporate (PCC Powers Measure 1956, Church Representation Rules 2011) and a charity currently excepted from registration with the Charity Commission.

PCC members who have served at any time from 1 January 2025 until the date this report was approved are:

## Ex Officio members:

Incumbent: The Reverend Mark Abrey (Chairman)  
Former Curate: The Reverend Professor Ilona Cheyne  
Wardens: Mrs Louise Cashman [to May 2025]  
Mrs Vivienne Davies [from May 2025]  
Mr Michael Wigley [to May 2025]

## Elected members:

Mrs Vivienne Davies, representative on Deanery Synod

Mrs Julie Benson (Secretary)

Mrs Louise Cashman, [to May 2025]

Mrs Susan Fane

Mrs Jean Heath [to May 2025]

Mrs Ceci Magee (Vice chairman)

Mrs Susan Myatt, [to April 2025]

Mrs Elizabeth Woolcock

Mr Michael Wigley [from May 2025]

Mr George Bailey, co-opted from December 2024

Two vacancies

This report was approved by the PCC on 25 March 2026 and signed on their behalf by the Revd Mark Abrey (PCC Chairman)



M E J Abrey

# Independent Examiner's Report for the year ended 31 December 2025

I report on the accounts for the year ended 31 December 2025 which are set out on pages 10 to 18.

## Respective responsibilities of Trustees and Independent Examiner

As trustees of the charity, the members of the PCC are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. They consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the Charities Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to

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

## Basis of independent examiner's report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from the 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 present a 'true and fair' view and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

## Independent examiner's statement

In connection with my examination, no matters have come to my attention which give me reasonable cause to believe that, in any material respect:

- accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act or
- the accounts do not accord with the accounting records

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

Signed           A Parker           Date           28.4.26          

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**Chadlington PCC**  
**Statement of Financial Activities**  
**For the period from 01 January 2025 to 31 December 2025**

	Notes	Unrestricted funds	Designated funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds	Total funds	Prior year total funds
<b>Receipts</b>							
	<b>3</b>						
Planned giving		6,133	—	—	—	6,133	5,838
Collections and other giving		4,349	—	—	—	4,349	2,708
Other voluntary receipts		624	—	625	—	1,249	1,439
Gift Aid recovered		2,634	—	95	—	2,729	2,224
Other receipts		216	—	—	—	216	6,524
Activities for generating funds		3,836	—	—	—	3,836	3,655
Investment Income		350	18,296	4,215	—	22,863	24,308
Receipts from church activities		4,428	—	—	—	4,428	2,000
<b>Total income</b>		<b>22,572</b>	<b>18,296</b>	<b>4,935</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>45,805</b>	<b>48,697</b>
<b>Payments</b>							
	<b>3</b>						
Cost of generating funds		—	—	—	—	—	213
Missionary and Charitable Giving		25	—	—	—	25	133
Parish Share		13,844	—	—	—	13,844	12,691
Clergy and Benefice costs		5,925	300	500	—	6,725	7,162
Church Running Expenses		3,339	12,823	4,016	—	20,179	17,476
Church Major Repairs & Maintenance		—	—	—	—	—	5,640
Governance Costs		75	—	—	—	75	54
<b>Total expenditure</b>		<b>23,209</b>	<b>13,123</b>	<b>4,516</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>40,849</b>	<b>43,372</b>
Gains / losses on investment assets		—	(89)	2,737	80,541	83,189	(12,649)
<b>Net income / (expenditure) resources before transfer</b>		<b>(636)</b>	<b>5,083</b>	<b>3,157</b>	<b>80,541</b>	<b>88,145</b>	<b>(7,323)</b>
<b>Transfers</b>							
	<b>2</b>						
Gross transfers between funds - in		—	—	—	2,402	2,402	10,000
Gross transfers between funds - out		—	(2,402)	—	—	(2,402)	(10,000)
<b>Other recognised gains / losses</b>							
<b>Net movement in funds</b>		<b>(636)</b>	<b>2,681</b>	<b>3,157</b>	<b>82,943</b>	<b>88,145</b>	<b>(7,323)</b>
<b>Reconciliation of funds</b>							
<b>Total funds brought forward</b>		<b>4,968</b>	<b>24,936</b>	<b>34,293</b>	<b>416,890</b>	<b>481,088</b>	<b>488,412</b>
<b>Total funds carried forward</b>		<b>4,332</b>	<b>27,617</b>	<b>37,450</b>	<b>499,833</b>	<b>569,234</b>	<b>481,088</b>
<b>Represented by</b>							
<b>Unrestricted</b>							
General fund		4,332	—	—	—	4,332	4,968
<b>Designated</b>							
Benefice Fund		—	2,448	—	—	2,448	2,538
Legacy FK		—	25,168	—	—	25,168	22,397
<b>Restricted</b>							
Bell		—	—	2,827	—	2,827	2,255
Chancel repair		—	—	29,527	—	29,527	24,280
Churchyard maintenance		—	—	152	—	152	—
Fabric Fund		—	—	1,065	—	1,065	1,065
Flower Fund		—	—	18	—	18	—
LegacyEE		—	—	3,740	—	3,740	3,678
Organ/music		—	—	40	—	40	3,008
Roche		—	—	79	—	79	5
<b>Endowment</b>							
Chancel repair (capital)		—	—	—	30,816	30,816	26,265
Church Estate (Capital)		—	—	—	11,939	11,939	12,539
Churchyard (capital)		—	—	—	11,311	11,311	9,641

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	Unrestricted funds	Designated funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds	Total funds	Prior year total funds
Legacy FK (Capital)	—	—	—	427,495	427,495	352,872
Organ/music (capital)	—	—	—	7,784	7,784	6,635
Roche (capital)	—	—	—	10,485	10,485	8,936

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**Chadlington PCC**  
**Balance sheet (Church of England)**  
**As at: 31 December 2025**

	As at 31/12/2025	As at 31/12/2024
	£	£
<b>Fixed assets</b>		
Investments	515,949	430,267
	515,949	430,267
<b>Current assets</b>		
Cash at bank and in hand	53,285	50,821
	53,285	50,821
<b>Net current assets less current liabilities</b>	<b>53,285</b>	<b>50,821</b>
<b>Total assets less current liabilities</b>	<b>569,234</b>	<b>481,088</b>
<b>Total net assets less liabilities</b>	<b>569,234</b>	<b>481,088</b>
<b>Represented by</b>		
<b>Unrestricted</b>		
Unrestricted - General fund	4,332	4,968
<b>Designated</b>		
Designated - Benefice Fund	2,448	2,538
Designated - Church Estate	—	—
Designated - Legacy FK	25,168	22,397
Designated - Legacy BH	—	—
Designated - Grave reservation	—	—
Designated - Charities	—	—
<b>Restricted</b>		
Restricted - Fabric Fund	1,065	1,065
Restricted - Grave maintenance Legacy	—	—
Restricted - Sundry	—	—
Restricted - Flower Fund	18	—
Restricted - LegacyEE	3,740	3,678
Restricted - LegacyJA	—	—
Restricted - Chancel repair	29,527	24,280
Restricted - Churchyard maintenance	152	—
Restricted - Organ/music	40	3,008
Restricted - Roche	79	5
Restricted - Bell	2,827	2,255
<b>Endowment</b>		
Endowment - Church Estate (Capital)	11,939	12,539
Endowment - Chancel repair (capital)	30,816	26,265
Endowment - Churchyard (capital)	11,311	9,641
Endowment - Organ/music (capital)	7,784	6,635
Endowment - Roche (capital)	10,485	8,936
Endowment - Legacy FK (Capital)	427,495	352,872
<b>Funds of the church</b>	<b>569,234</b>	<b>481,088</b>

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Chadlington PCC

Statement of Assets and Liabilities (by fund)  
As at: 31 December 2025

		Balance	Previous balance
<b>Investments</b>			
<b>5000: Charles Stanley - Asset</b>			
Chancel repair	Restricted	16,115.39	13,377.47
Legacy FK (Capital)	Endowment	427,495.86	352,872.37
		<b>443,611.25</b>	<b>366,249.84</b>
<b>5001: M &amp; G (held by diocese) - Asset</b>			
Chancel repair (capital )	Endowment	30,816.38	26,265.11
Churchyard (capital)	Endowment	11,311.93	9,641.28
Organ/music (capital)	Endowment	7,784.81	6,635.08
Roche (capital)	Endowment	10,485.30	8,936.73
		<b>60,398.42</b>	<b>51,478.20</b>
<b>5003: CCLA - Church Estate - Asset</b>			
Church Estate (Capital )	Endowment	11,939.39	12,539.64
		<b>11,939.39</b>	<b>12,539.64</b>
	<b>Investments</b>	<b>515,949.06</b>	<b>430,267.68</b>
<b>Cash at bank and in hand</b>			
<b>6501: Bank current account - Asset</b>			
Fabric Fund	Restricted	1,065.00	1,065.00
Flower Fund	Restricted	18.00	—
General fund	Unrestricted	4,332.23	4,968.91
Legacy FK	Designated	6,264.66	3,794.36
Chancel repair	Restricted	4,839.70	2,471.76
Churchyard maintenance	Restricted	152.32	—
Organ/music	Restricted	40.73	591.71
Roche	Restricted	79.40	5.84
Bell	Restricted	1,161.87	616.87
		<b>17,953.91</b>	<b>13,514.45</b>
<b>6505: Bank deposit account - Asset</b>			
LegacyEE	Restricted	3,740.12	3,678.51
Legacy FK	Designated	17,667.37	17,376.35
Chancel repair	Restricted	8,525.52	8,385.09
Organ/music	Restricted	—	2,416.53
Bell	Restricted	1,665.89	1,638.46
		<b>31,598.90</b>	<b>33,494.94</b>
<b>6530: Benefice Account - cash held for PCC - Asset</b>			
Benefice Fund	Designated	2,448.54	2,538.15
		<b>2,448.54</b>	<b>2,538.15</b>
<b>6540: Charles Stanley - cash held on account - Asset</b>			
Legacy FK	Designated	1,236.80	1,227.19
Chancel repair	Restricted	46.89	46.52
		<b>1,283.69</b>	<b>1,273.71</b>
	<b>Cash at bank and in hand</b>	<b>53,285.04</b>	<b>50,821.25</b>

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**Balance**

**Previous  
balance**

**Grand Total**

569,234.10

481,088.93

## Notes to the accounts

- The financial statements of the PCC have been prepared in accordance with the Church Accounting Regulations 2006 using the Receipts & Payments basis.
- The movements in designated, restricted and endowment funds during the year were:

Fund and type	Fund balances brought forward	Incoming Resources	Outgoing Resources	Transfers	Gains and Losses	Journal Entries	Fund balances carried forward
<b>Unrestricted</b>							
General - General fund	4,968	22,572	23,209	—	—	—	4,332
<b>Sub-totals</b>	<b>4,968</b>	<b>22,572</b>	<b>23,209</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>4,332</b>
<b>Designated</b>							
Benefice - Benefice Fund	2,538	—	—	—	—	(89)	2,448
LegacyFK - Legacy FK	22,397	18,296	13,123	(2,402)	—	—	25,168
<b>Sub-totals</b>	<b>24,936</b>	<b>18,296</b>	<b>13,123</b>	<b>(2,402)</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>(89)</b>	<b>27,617</b>
<b>Restricted</b>							
FABRIC - Fabric Fund	1,065	—	—	—	—	—	1,065
FLOWER - Flower Fund	—	175	157	—	—	—	18
LegacyEE - LegacyEE	3,678	61	—	—	—	—	3,740
Chancelrep - Chancel repair	24,280	2,508	—	—	2,737	—	29,527
Churchyard - Churchyard maintenance	—	618	466	—	—	—	152
Organ - Organ/music	3,008	425	3,393	—	—	—	40
Roche - Roche	5	573	500	—	—	—	79
Bell - Bell	2,255	572	—	—	—	—	2,827
<b>Sub-totals</b>	<b>34,293</b>	<b>4,935</b>	<b>4,516</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>2,737</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>37,450</b>
<b>Endowment</b>							
ChurchEst - Church Estate (Capital)	12,539	—	—	—	(600)	—	11,939
ChancelCap - Chancel repair (capital)	26,265	—	—	—	4,551	—	30,816
ChYardCap - Churchyard (capital)	9,641	—	—	—	1,670	—	11,311
OrganCap - Organ/music (capital)	6,635	—	—	—	1,149	—	7,784
RocheCap - Roche (capital)	8,936	—	—	—	1,548	—	10,485
LegFKCap - Legacy FK (Capital)	352,872	—	—	2,402	72,221	—	427,495
<b>Sub-totals</b>	<b>416,890</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>2,402</b>	<b>80,541</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>499,833</b>
<b>Totals</b>	<b>481,088</b>	<b>45,805</b>	<b>40,849</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>83,278</b>	<b>(89)</b>	<b>569,234</b>

A summary of the purposes of these funds is given below.

#### *Designated Funds*

Benefice Fund: represents funds held on behalf of the PCC in the Chase Benefice accounts. These funds are used for the expenses in the Benefice budget as agreed by all PCCs of the Benefice annually.

Faith King Legacy: represents Income from endowment for the use at the discretion of the PCC.

#### *Restricted Funds*

Bell Fund: represents accumulated donations and appeals for the upkeep of the bells, which can only be spent for this purpose.

Chancel Repair Fund: represents accumulated income from the endowment, which can only be spent on repairs in the Chancel of the Church.

Churchyard Maintenance Fund: represents accumulated donations and investment income from endowment for the upkeep of the Churchyard, which can only be spent for this purpose.

Enid Eden Legacy: represents the balance of a legacy left by Enid Eden in 2019 and can be spent to improve the aesthetics of the Church and Churchyard and towards the cost of a new burial ground.

Fabric Fund: represents donations and VAT reclaimed on the upkeep of the fabric of the Church, which can only be spent for these purposes.

Organ/Music Fund: the income from endowment for the upkeep of the organ and the provision of music, which can only be spent for these purposes.

Roche Fund: represents the income from endowment initially to provide a stipend for a Curate in Chadlington. However, with permission from the donors family, this fund is now used at the discretion of the PCC for work at The Vicarage and gifts to the clergy of the Benefice.

#### *Endowment Funds*

Church Estate: represents historic endowments, the income from which can be used for general expenditure.

Chancel Repair (capital) represent a capital fund held by the Diocese of Oxford in the name of the PCC, the income of which can be spent on the repairs to the Chancel of the Church.

Churchyard (capital): represent a capital fund held by the Diocese of Oxford in the name of the PCC, the income of which can be spent on the maintenance of the Churchyard and Cemetery.

Faith King Legacy (capital): represent a capital fund held in stocks and shares in the name of the PCC, the income and capital of which can be spent for ordinary church purposes.

Organ/Music (capital): represent a capital fund held by the Diocese of Oxford in the name of the PCC, the income of which can be spent for the upkeep of the organ and the provision of music.

Roche Fund (capital): represent a capital fund held by the Diocese of Oxford in the name of the PCC, the income of which can be used at the discretion of the PCC for work at The Vicarage and gifts to the clergy of the Benefice.

3. Further analysis of Receipts and payments is shown on pages 16 to 18.

Chadlington PCC

Analysis of income and expenditure  
Selected period: 01 January 2025 to 31 December 2025

	Unrestricted	Designated	Restricted	Endowment	This year	Total Last year
<b>Receipts</b>						
<i>Planned giving</i>						
0101 - Planned giving	6,133	—	—	—	6,133	5,813
0110 - Gift Aid - Envelopes	—	—	—	—	—	25
<b>Planned giving Totals</b>	<b>6,133</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>6,133</b>	<b>5,838</b>
<i>Collections and other giving</i>						
0301 - Loose plate collections	2,702	—	—	—	2,702	2,267
0302 - Loose plate collections - weddings etc.	710	—	—	—	710	248
0303 - Gift Aid - weddings etc.	500	—	—	—	500	—
0304 - Online donations	20	—	—	—	20	85
0401 - Wall box	415	—	—	—	415	106
<b>Collections and other giving Totals</b>	<b>4,349</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>4,349</b>	<b>2,708</b>
<i>Other voluntary receipts</i>						
0550 - Donations	300	—	625	—	925	1,215
0551 - £1 a week donations	324	—	—	—	324	224
<b>Other voluntary receipts Totals</b>	<b>624</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>625</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>1,249</b>	<b>1,439</b>
<i>Gift Aid recovered</i>						
0601 - Tax recoverable on Gift Aid	2,634	—	95	—	2,729	2,224
<b>Gift Aid recovered Totals</b>	<b>2,634</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>95</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>2,729</b>	<b>2,224</b>
<i>Other receipts</i>						
1310 - Insurance claims	—	—	—	—	—	5,140
1315 - VAT claim	216	—	—	—	216	1,384
<b>Other receipts Totals</b>	<b>216</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>216</b>	<b>6,524</b>
<i>Activities for generating funds</i>						
0910 - Christmas Fair	56	—	—	—	56	—
0913 - Concerts and music	—	—	—	—	—	94
0916 - Hire of Church	2,476	—	—	—	2,476	2,270
0917 - Coffee Mornings	1,303	—	—	—	1,303	1,290
<b>Activities for generating funds Totals</b>	<b>3,836</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>3,836</b>	<b>3,655</b>
<i>Investment Income</i>						
1001 - Dividends	—	18,005	3,986	—	21,992	23,334
1020 - Bank and building society interest	350	291	229	—	871	973
<b>Investment Income Totals</b>	<b>350</b>	<b>18,296</b>	<b>4,215</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>22,863</b>	<b>24,308</b>

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	Unrestricted	Designated	Restricted	Endowment	This year	Total Last year
<i>Receipts from church activities</i>						
1101 - Fees for weddings and funerals	4,428	—	—	—	4,428	2,000
<i>Receipts from church activities Totals</i>	4,428	—	—	—	4,428	2,000
<b>Receipts Grand totals</b>	22,572	18,296	4,935	—	45,805	48,697
<b>Payments</b>						
<i>Cost of generating funds</i>						
1730 - Costs of fetes & other events	—	—	—	—	—	213
<i>Cost of generating funds Totals</i>	—	—	—	—	—	213
<i>Missionary and Charitable Giving</i>						
1850 - Home mission	25	—	—	—	25	133
<i>Missionary and Charitable Giving Totals</i>	25	—	—	—	25	133
<i>Parish Share</i>						
1910 - Ministry parish share etc	13,844	—	—	—	13,844	12,691
<i>Parish Share Totals</i>	13,844	—	—	—	13,844	12,691
<i>Clergy and Benefice costs</i>						
2101 - Clergy expenses	—	300	500	—	800	850
2102 - Benefice expenses	5,628	—	—	—	5,628	5,270
2105 - Benefice Ministry Fund	297	—	—	—	297	1,042
<i>Clergy and Benefice costs Totals</i>	5,925	300	500	—	6,725	7,162
<i>Church Running Expenses</i>						
2180 - Miscellaneous	142	—	—	—	142	31
2301 - Church running - insurance	303	3,343	—	—	3,647	4,256
2310 - Church Broadband	95	—	—	—	95	71
2320 - Organ / piano tuning	—	—	2,838	—	2,838	—
2330 - Church routine maintenance	1,364	230	—	—	1,594	2,879
2331 - Cleaning	762	80	—	—	842	772
2340 - Upkeep of services	604	154	711	—	1,470	599
2350 - Upkeep of churchyard	—	4,666	466	—	5,132	4,480
2361 - Bank Charges	67	—	—	—	67	70
2401 - Church running - electric	—	1,092	—	—	1,092	1,072
2410 - Church running - gas	—	3,256	—	—	3,256	3,242
<i>Church Running Expenses Totals</i>	3,339	12,823	4,016	—	20,179	17,476
<i>Church Major Repairs &amp; Maintenance</i>						
2701 - Church major repairs - structure	—	—	—	—	—	5,640
<i>Church Major Repairs &amp; Maintenance Totals</i>	—	—	—	—	—	5,640

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	Unrestricted	Designated	Restricted	Endowment	This year	Total Last year
<i>Governance Costs</i>						
2601 - Governance costs examination/audit fee	75	—	—	—	75	54
<i>Governance Costs Totals</i>	75	—	—	—	75	54
<b>Payments Grand totals</b>	23,209	13,123	4,516	—	40,849	43,372

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# Chipping Norton Deanery Report for 2025

The Chipping Norton Deanery Synod has had a busy year, meeting three times, on 6th March, 11th June and 4th November. During the Year David Salter finished his 5-year term as Area Dean, and Sarah Sharp was installed in his place. Before he retired David and I managed to make Inspections on behalf of Archdeacon David Tyler of one third of the churches in our Deanery and were met as usual with great kindness. It is always really lovely to go out to the churches and meet Churchwardens and others and hear their stories and learn about all the excellent work they are doing. David and I continued to meet regularly to keep each other up to date of events in the parishes between Synods and Standing Committee meetings, alongside Brian Ford (Treasurer) and Claire Blackman, the other member. During the year we also welcomed Nick Case as the new Deanery Treasurer.

On 6th March in **All Saints' Church, Churchill** we held the first Synod of 2026 and as a major issue looked at Safeguarding – which had also been one of the issues at General Synod - where we had asked our Representative to put forward our choice among the Motions proposed. During the year there were changes to the Safeguarding Team at Church House and so that Officers can meet clergy on equal terms, challenging where necessary, their designation has been changed to Advisors. The change in monitoring is continuing – it is better to get it right, than to rush – and as a Deanery Synod we continue to check on progress with the approach that it is a mission rather than a burden. The March Synod also continued to look at Engaging with Children and Young People and heard reports from round the Parishes.

The June Synod took a new format. We met at **Bruern Farm Café**, part of the Bruern Farm Estate, set up in the last few years by Henry Astor, who spoke honestly about farmers and the farming community and how fearful and lost they are feeling following changing political agendas, their ageing population (average age 61/62 years) and climate change. His wish is to build community and biodiversity, working with adjoining landowners. Farming is a lonely and stressful life and the problem of increasing industrialisation makes it all the harder. Henry spoke from the heart and thanks were given for his talk and his hospitality.

Following Henry's talk the Synod heard from Hannah Mann, Oxford Diocesan Environment Officer, who spoke about the Church of England's environmental policies. In the Deanery 2 churches (Charlbury and Fifield) are registered as "eco churches", and 9 more are taking action at some level for biodiversity. 77% have completed their energy footprint tool and 4 with old boilers are looking at plans to replace them.

The June Synod was David Salter's last as Area Dean and he was thanked for all his work – which he began when we were in Covid Lock-down and his installation took place online. David was presented with a hand-made garden pot and a book token and a presentation was also made to Samantha Shaw, as Deanery Administrator. The new Area Dean was announced as Revd Canon Sarah Sharp of the Wychwood Benefice.

On 4th November we had our final Synod of 2025, our first with Sarah Sharp in the Chair, meeting at the **Hook Norton Brewery**, with its present Director, James Clarke, talking about the Brewery, started in 1849 by John Harris, his Great Great Grandfather, at a time when every community had a brewing facility because drinking water was anything but fit to drink. In recent times the Brewery has diversified, working to recreate the social element of going out, making a greater range of beer and lager and recently holding different events to attract different age groups. Now in its 5th generation, with two of his sons working in the business, James admitted he feels privileged. **Ukraine Project** In March 2022 James became involved with Ukraine, taking vehicles (including fire engines and ambulances), food, clothing and medical equipment and looking to the day when vans and cement mixers can be transported to start rebuilding. Synod members were enthralled by it all and, as a bonus, discovered the difference between lager and ale (lager is brewed at colder temperatures and is therefore slower, whereas ale is made in a much shorter period, and thus has a quicker turn-round). Thanks were given to James for his talk and his hospitality.

Having reported in my 2024 Lay Chair Report that we were reeling from the resignation of Justin Welby, Archbishop of Canterbury, we had to wait until 3rd October this year to hear that his successor will be The Rt Revd Dame Sarah Mulally who will be formally installed a Canterbury Cathedral, rather appropriately on Lady Day, 25th March, this year.

On 18th November Rt Revd Dr Steven Croft announced his retirement as Bishop of Oxford, a post he has held for 10 years and from which he will stand down in July 2026. His last service, as he prepares to lay down his Crozier, will be at Christ Church Cathedral on 31st May, at 5p.m. There will obviously be more information about this nearer the time.

Thank you to all who take office in the Parish, the Deanery and indeed in the wider Church, giving so much of your time and accepting considerable responsibility. Church House does offer guidance and there is always someone you can ask if you have a concern, but at the same time does continue to assume that we are all fully au fait with all their different computer programmes and have at our fingertips detailed technical knowledge. That might be the case in a few years' time, but not yet.

Bishop Gavin continues his "Zoom" get-togethers for the eleven Lay Chairs of the Dorchester Area for us to talk about our Deaneries but I will admit I prefer in-person meetings with the opportunity of picking your fellow Lay Chairs' brains for ideas and information. We meet once a year in person for a relaxed social and recently the Lay Chairs have started to hold their own meetings.

My thanks go David, to Sarah who has followed David, to Brian Ford, for his work as Deanery Treasurer and to Nick Case, who is following in Brian's footsteps as our Deanery Treasurer, to Claire Blackman, who made up the Standing Committee until June, and to Sam Shaw, our brilliant Administrator, who is so good at reminding us all of our duties in our various roles – gone are the days when PCCs seemed to do more as or less as they pleased.

This Report will be on your agenda at your APCM - as will the election of Deanery Synod Representatives – I do hope you will have a good attendance. Thank you to all who stand as Deanery Representatives, your gifts of time and energy are so very much appreciated. Do your best to fill your quota of Deanery Representatives, who report at PCC meetings, and that we see them all at Deanery Synods. The Term of Office for Deanery Synod Representatives (and also Lay Chairs) is 3 years, and they take office from 1st July, regardless of the date of their election. I have served on Synod since 2002 and was first Elected in 2018, mid-term, but there is no limit, which is particularly helpful for very small parishes.

On a personal level I have continued to write regular Lay Chair letters to try to keep everyone in touch between Synods, and, I hope, encourage everyone in all their endeavours – these go out to Churchwardens but can be passed on more widely if you wish. I am very grateful for all the lovely messages of thanks I receive. I hope you are looking towards the challenges of 2026 with relish.

**Catherine Hitchens**

*Lay Chair – Chipping Norton Deanery*

*March 2026*