



LOVING GOD, LOVING EACH OTHER, LOVING BRACKLEY

Diocese of Peterborough, Archdeaconry of Northampton, Deanery of Brackley

## **The Parish of St Peter with St James Brackley**

(Registered Charity Number 1131 151 )

Annual Report & Financial Statements  
of the  
Parochial Church Council for the  
year ended 31<sup>st</sup> December 2025

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### **The Trustees (PCC)**

St Peter's PCC has the responsibility of co-operating with the incumbent in promoting in the ecclesiastical parish the whole mission of the Church pastoral, social and ecumenical.

In 2025, the PCC met in January, March, May, July, September & November

### **Membership**

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

### **Incumbent**

Revd Rich Duncan

### **Curate**

Revd Rob Wood Coopted to PCC 4<sup>th</sup> July 2024

### **Permission to Officiate**

Revd Sylvia Lafford

Revd Phillip Ball

Revd Dave Bell

### **Lay Chair**

Mrs Val Lynam

### **Churchwardens**

Mrs Bev Lazenby                      from APCM 2025

Mr Les Edge                              from APCM 2025

### **Representatives on the Deanery Synod**

Mr John MacMahon from APCM 2023 until 2026

Miss Helen Price from APCM 2023 until 2026

Dr Tony Holden from APCM 2023 until 2026 – Parish Safeguarding Officer

## **Elected Members of the PCC**

Mrs Uli Ashley	from APCM 2025 until 2026
Mrs Liz Goddard	from APCM 2023 until APCM 2025
Mr Chris Bazeley	from APCM 2023 until 2026
Mr Robert Geary	from APCM 2025 until 2028
Mrs Denise Johnson	from APCM 2025 until 2027 – Secretary
Mrs Val Lynam	from APCM 2023 until 2026 – Administrator
Mr Ben Stopher	from APCM 2024 until 2027
Mr Dave Withers	from APCM 2023 until 2026
Mrs Louise Bazeley	from APCM 2024 until 2027 from APCM 2022 until APCM 2025.
Mr Oliver Jones	From APCM 2025 until 2028
Mrs Rosemary Leper	Coopted from 3 <sup>rd</sup> Nov 2025 until end of HS2 project

## **Church Attendance**

There are 139 parishioners on the Church Electoral Roll as at 31<sup>st</sup> December 2025. The Average Sunday Attendance for 2025 was 117 adults and 29 children, excluding services when a baptism was held.

Our aim is to love God, love each other and love Brackley, because of the saving love we have been shown in Jesus Christ.

## **Church life**

2025 was another year of great blessing at St Peter's with much to give thanks to God for in the life of the church, including apparent growth in depth and number. The sermon series on Sundays covered Luke's Gospel from January to Easter, Galatians to the end of July, with mini-series in Acts, Psalms and Proverbs, and then a long series in Nehemiah during the Autumn term, before spending Advent in Isaiah and Christmas in Matthew. Nehemiah's example of praying big prayers and taking bold action when building God's kingdom was particularly instructive. It led to experimenting with a Saturday prayer morning and Wednesday prayer evening, in addition to the Sunday prayers before the service. Prayer for the Schools was also added to the more regular Prayer for the Sick.

Lots of regular groups and activities for adults continued throughout 2025, including the Growth Groups overseen by Rob, Tuesday Eucharists, Mothers' Union, care home Communion services, enquirers courses (Alpha and 321), Inspire Evenings for parents, Praise Evenings with contemporary worship, and one-off events such as the Barn Dance, Ride and Stride, Wreath Making, concerts etc. All of these were vital ways of deepening the fellowship and community at St Peter's, as were the meals together after Sunday services: Friendship Lunches, Bring & Share Lunches, the Summer Picnic and the Advent Lunch. Fellowship with Brackley's other churches was enjoyed through the Lent Lunches, World Day of Prayer service, Good Friday Walk of Witness and prayer meetings between the church leaders. Our Financial support (5%) for Bukeeras, KHH and Eve, whilst also continuing to support Brackley Foodbank (especially at Harvest), then Operation Christmas Child and Compassion UK at Christmas.

In January, a third children's group called Climbers was started on Sundays and by December the group had almost outgrown the room in which it meets. Indeed, all three Sunday groups were regularly bursting at the seams by the end of the year and thought is needed to best use the space at St Peter's if such growth is ongoing. We are very grateful to all the leaders who serve these groups. The First Steps toddler group continued to be well attended and our fortnightly midweek group for Years 5-8 (Explorers) became more established during 2025, with good number of children coming along each time. Relationships with all the primary-aged schools remained strong, with Helen continuing her many assemblies, school visits & services in the church, as well as one-off events like the Easter Experience. In May, Helen became Helen Coxon after marrying Dan at St Peter's and we were thrilled to welcome him into the congregation. Then Helen ran another wonderful Holiday Club in August, this year with a 'Secret Agents' theme.

Highlights of the year included 5 infant baptisms, 3 full-immersion baptisms and 10 confirmations by Bishop Rob Munro (one of the honorary assistant bishops in the diocese), with

another reaffirming his Confirmation promises on the night. These commitments, along with the many new faces at church on Sundays, were in keeping with The Bible Society's Quiet Revival trends nationwide and one of the reasons we floated a proposal at our APCM in May, asking the church to pray about the possibility of adding an Assistant Minister to the staff team. After some months of deliberation, the PCC felt this should be pursued and a Vision for St Peter's was pitched to the congregation in November, with commitment and fundraising progress to be reviewed at the next APCM in May 2026.

Many in the congregation continued to work extremely hard throughout the year, not least the BDM, delivering (amongst other things) the completion of the new heating system, a new screen in the north aisle and various significant roof repairs. Particular thanks should also go to Oliver Jones, who became Treasurer in May and has done a huge amount of work behind the scenes. Congratulations were due to Rev. Sylvia, who in July marked 20 years since her ordination. Please see the 'Note of Thanks' below for a full list of those who deserve recognition for their service at St Peter's in 2025. Chiefly though, we give thanks to our gracious Lord for the past year for it is "God who gives the growth" (1 Cor. 3:7).

### **Goods and Ornaments**

There were no additions or losses in the year.

### **Maintenance**

The Buildings Development and Maintenance Committee (BDM), a subcommittee of the PCC, met four times. The Committee changed during the year with Chris Bazeley (Chair) and Roger Sermons stepping down and Spencer Kervin, Oliver Jones, and Ben Maylor joining Revd Rich Duncan, Val Lynam, with John MacMahon (Chair). Rachel Harris took on H&S reported via Spencer Kervin.

Overall, the church continues to be in good condition and well cared for, with maintenance items selected based on their urgency and the available funds.

The contract for installing a new 115 kW gas boiler was awarded on August 2, 2024, and the installation was finished on October 4, 2025. The performance of the new boiler is very satisfactory with the time to heat up the church reduced to about one hour from up to five hours previously. The overall cost of the boiler was £62,240 which was supported by a £10,000 grant.

Nave roof: The first three meters at the west end of the south slope of the central nave roof was re-slatted and this allowed an inspection of the overall condition of this roof. Our architect's opinion is that the slates have deteriorated, some of the nails rusted and the batons are undersize. It is expected that the entire roof will need re-slating within five to ten years. Several slates along the length of the lower nave roof on the south side have slipped and it is planned to fix them from scaffolding. This is part of a regular maintenance, but our

architect expects that within ten years it will be more economical to re-slate this lower roof. The northern nave roof was re-slated in 2020.

The condition of the Hall roof continues to be a concern due to the use of faulty tiles in the original build. This year we have replaced the roof above the kitchen and entrance a further 36 sq meters of the total 282 sq metres of roof area. We regularly clear moss from the roof and replace any stone slates that have badly deteriorated. However, it is anticipated that the remainder of the hall roof will need to be renewed within the next few years. The PCC has successfully applied for a grant from HS2 towards the repair of the south facing section of the main hall at the west end, the west facing roof of the storeroom and the link roofs. HS2 has offered a grant of £82,748 with matched funding from the PCC of £15,126. When complete this will leave the south facing slope of the hall to be re-slated.

The hole in the churchyard wall located beside the allotments, has been repaired.

No investigation has been carried out to find the optimum solution to tree roots which block the rainwater soakaway at the west end of the church and the soakaway down the south pathway.

The primary consumer panel was updated to meet modern standards and to include surge protection. All the faults have been fixed except for the aging seventy-five-year-old pyrene cable running to the consumer panel at the tower's base, which will soon need to be replaced.

The pathway to the north of the church is in poor condition and was inspected: "A qualified Highways Inspector has assessed the location, and we can confirm that in accordance with the WNC Highways Inspection Manual, this defect does not meet the investigatory levels for a repair."

A new retractable screen with projector was fitted to the north aisle to improve sight of a screen within the north aisle. As attendance rises, installing a screen in the south aisle will be considered.

Emergency lighting was fitted in the hall and two of the night storage heaters in the office and flower vestry were replaced with Dimplex heaters.

A risk assessment is in place to manage risk across the church and grounds.

Regular inspections are undertaken of the Fire systems and lightning conductor.

Routine tree maintenance in the churchyard was completed, and a survey found no immediate hazards.

The last architect's inspection of the church (quinquennial) was in 2021, and a further inspection is due in 2026.

Many thanks to the BDM members who help to plan projects, liaise with contractors and keep the costs of the projects to budget and without any overruns.

The gardening team has done a wonderful job keeping the churchyard in excellent condition, supported by the Community Payback teams.

There was further support with two well-attended maintenance days focusing on both building and churchyard maintenance tasks.

In addition to these volunteers, the church community benefits from many individuals who consistently carry out routine tasks. Although they are often not thanked, their efforts are truly valued and appreciated.

The planned maintenance work for the coming year includes:

- Re-roofing sections of hall roof with HS2 grant 1
- Church and environs quinquennial (five year) architect inspection
- Review the report and progress the essential recommended repairs
- Regular annual maintenance of the church roofs
- Two maintenance days

### **Structure. Governance and Management**

The method of appointment of PCC members is set out in the Church Representation Rules. At St Peter's, the membership of the PCC consists of the incumbent (Chair), churchwardens, elected members of Brackley Deanery Synod, members elected by those of the congregation, who are on the electoral roll of the church. All those who attend our services/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 on how the funds of the PCC are to be spent.

There were four subcommittees responsible for reporting to the PCC:

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**Buildings, Development and Maintenance** — responsible for managing projects approved by the PCC of any work that needs to be done to keep the church and surrounds in good condition. Meetings are held as required.

**Finance Committee** — responsible for managing the finances of the PCC, the change of treasurer and to support our new treasurer, a meeting was held five times a year. The committee comprises, Revd Rich Duncan, Val Lynam, Heather May, Chris Bazeley, Dave Withers, Oliver Jones (Treasurer) and John MacMahon (Chair).

**Fundraising Group** – continued the application for and management of grants after the 800 Appeal Committee was disbanded at the beginning of 2024.

**Halse Mission Body** – responsible for the day-to-day management of Halse Mission Chapel.

### **Deanery Synod**

There were three deanery synods in the year. The first at Kings Sutton where holy communion was followed by a short history of the church. At the second an evening prayer walk at Hinton in the Hedges was followed by a look at the wonderful monuments in the church. The third synod was at Greatworth when a healing service was followed by a bring and share social.

### **Halse Mission Chapel**

The Mission Hall provides a space for regular Christian worship and is the only building in the village available as a hall for community events. The Diocese of Peterborough are legal owners of the premises with St Peter's PCC as managing trustees under the 1924 Indenture agreement. Halse Village Association, a charity, was formed in 2025. The PCC signed an Agreement with the Association on 2 September 2025 under which the Association have agreed to undertake the management, maintenance, and the day to day operations of the Hall.

The services at Halse Mission Hall are organized by the Halse Mission Body. A copy of their accounts is in the appendix.

### **Risk Management**

St. Peter's Church PCC has conducted and continues to conduct, risk analyses and holds insurance against property damage and third party claims up to £10 million. The PCC is also aware of the Health and Safety matters both within the Church, the Church Hall and Church grounds and operates a Safeguarding Policy under the auspices of the Diocese. This involves, as part of a careful safer recruitment and support process, DBS checks where appropriate, and safeguarding training for all who work or manage workers dealing with children and vulnerable adults. To that end, a Parish Safeguarding Officer (PSO), Tony Holden, is a member of the PCC, and Caroline Jones took over the role of Deputy PSO from John MacMahon during 2025.

## **Note of Thanks**

Many individuals gave a great deal of their time, energy and gifts to support the life and worship of St Peter's in 2025. Particular appreciation is noted here for the Churchwardens and Assistant Wardens; all those who supported Sunday worship, such as the intercessors, readers, Eucharistic Assistants, Welcome Team, laptop operators, bell ringers, musicians and those on the cleaning rota, coffee rota and flower arranging team, as well as those who volunteered in Tots, Scramblers, Climbers and Explorers; the gardening team who spent countless hours maintaining the churchyard; for our Treasurer and Assistant Treasurer, PCC Secretary and all members of the PCC; the Finance Committee and Buildings, Development and Maintenance Committee; the Fundraising Group who continued to apply for grants; the Deanery Synod reps; the Mothers' Union; those who produced and distributed the magazine; those who organised fundraising and social events; those who maintained the tower clock; the Foundation Governors of Brackley Junior School; helpers at the Summer Holiday Club and other events for children; those who helped take services in the care homes; the cooks for Friendship Lunch and other church meals; those who helped with graphic design and posters; those who led Growth Groups; those who visited the sick, the bereaved and the housebound; all those who gave support through their prayers, their help behind the scenes or other unrecognised acts of kindness and care for others. Revd Rich Duncan (Vicar), Mrs Val Lynam (Administrator and Lay Chair)

## **Financial Review**

In 2025, the final payment for the heating systems was paid for the heating system totaling £41k other major expenditure on repairs and renewals included 3 invoices totaling £48k for the roof and £5k for the new audio and visual systems the total cost for repairs and fittings for the year was £113k the largest expense and an increase of £38k from last year.

Other major increases in expenditure during the year included the child and families worker (~£7k) which was made up mainly of unpaid pension payment liabilities now paid-up. The parish share increased ~£3k in the 2025, and utilities also increased ~£3k in the year. Total expenditure for 2025 was £283k up from £240k.

Total receipts for the year were £268k up from £180k, however the 2025 receipts included a bridging loan from the diocese for £61k and VAT claims related to repairs of the church totaling £21k. Other large increases in the year included total church facilities income including funerals, weddings and hire of the church hall increased £8k to £19k. Planned giving including standing orders and the parish giving scheme was up by £10k, but regular collections at services including and the goodbox taps decreased by £8k.

We have been truly grateful for all the grants we have received this year, and for all the hard work that the Fundraising Group and others that have gone into in securing them. The grants have all been utilised in maintaining our historic church building and facilities. We are also pleased to understand that the HS2 grant has been secured with the funds being made available post major works taking place in 2026.

## **Reserves Policy**

The policy regarding the General fund is to carry the balance forward to the next financial year to help meet the ever-increasing costs of running the church, meeting the Parish Share (£88,476 for 2026) and to help with major repairs and furnishings when there are insufficient funds. The aim is to have 3 months of average expenditure as cash reserves in the General Fund to meet any unforeseen or "emergency" costs. This equates to approximately £55,000 based on "normal" expenditure.

Total funds standing at £161,462 at the end of 2025. However the general fund stands at £118k i.e. funds that do not have specific requirements assigned to their distribution. Furthermore this includes a bridging loan from the diocese of £61k to aid with cash flow with the HS2 grant timing. This brings the total cash in the general fund without the loan £57k.

This stands just above the £55k figure set out, which highlights our continuing need to be vigilant.

**St Peter with St James, Brackley**  
**Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31st December 2025**

<b>Receipts &amp; Payments Account</b>							
	General	Designated	Fabric	Chancel	Appeal	Total Funds	
	Fund	Fund	Fund	Fund	Fund	2025	2024
<b>Receipts</b>	(Unr'stcd)	(Unr'stcd)	(Restricted)	(Restricted)	(Unr'stcd)		
<i>Regular giving</i>	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
Planned giving (note 3a)	78,879	0	0	0	2,336	81,215	71,564
Collections & others (3a)	33,721	6,092	11,000	0	0	50,813	58,322
Income tax (from gift aid)	22,428	0	0	0	0	22,428	20,553
	<u>135,027</u>	<u>6,092</u>	<u>11,000</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>2,336</u>	<u>154,455</u>	<u>150,439</u>
Insurance claim & VAT refund	20,726	0	0	0	0	20,726	-
Legacy receipts (3e)	0	0	0	0	0	0	-
Funding activities (3b/3e)	8,292	0	0	0	0	8,292	12,846
Receipts from activities (3c)	22,103	0	0	0	0	22,103	14,126
Investments (3d)	1,547	0	0	0	0	1,547	2,008
Misc receipts (3e)	1,160	0	0	0	0	1,160	766
Loans	60,515	0	0	0	0	60,515	0
	<u>114,343</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>114,343</u>	<u>29,746</u>
<b>Total receipts</b>	<b>249,370</b>	<b>6,092</b>	<b>11,000</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>2,336</b>	<b>268,798</b>	<b>180,185</b>
<b>Payments</b>							
<i>Church activities</i>							
Diocesan parish share	81,549	0	0	0	0	81,549	78,498
Light & heat (4a)	14,546	0	0	0	0	14,546	11,154
Running costs (4b)	13,488	0	0	0	0	13,488	8,765
Repairs & maint (4f)	96,663	0	10,876	0	5,339	112,878	69,412
New Fixtures (4f)	296	0	0	0	0	296	5,801
C & F Worker	28,923	6,520	0	0	0	35,442	28,686
Clergy expenses	3,128	0	0	0	0	3,128	2,090
Administration (4c)	9,495	0	0	0	0	9,495	10,638
Choral & music (4d)	5,597	0	0	0	0	5,597	5,578
Children's activities (4e)	0	0	0	0	0	0	242
Fund raising costs (4f)	1,226	0	0	0	0	1,226	3,186
Fees, charity giving (4f)	6,492	1,000	0	0	0	7,492	3834
<b>Total payments</b>	<b>261,403</b>	<b>7,520</b>	<b>10,876</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>5,339</b>	<b>285,137</b>	<b>227,864</b>
<b>Excess of Recs/Payments b/f tr:</b>	<b>-12,033</b>	<b>-1,428</b>	<b>124</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>-3,003</b>	<b>-16,339</b>	<b>£36,310</b>
<b>Transfers</b>							
Transfer (from Ch Hse fund)	0	0	0	0	0	0	84,011
Total Transfers	0	0	0	0	0	0	84,011
<b>Excess of Recs/Payments</b>							
<b>Movement of funds</b>							
Fund value at 1 Jan 2025 *	<u>129,532</u>	<u>1,494</u>	<u>262</u>	<u>9,643</u>	<u>3,048</u>	<u>143,978</u>	
Net receipts in the year	249,370	6,092	11,000	0	2,336	268,798	
Net payments in the year	<u>261,403</u>	<u>7,520</u>	<u>10,876</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>5,339</u>	<u>285,137</u>	
<b>Increase (Decrease)</b>	<b>-12,033</b>	<b>-1,428</b>	<b>124</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>-3,003</b>	<b>-16,339</b>	
<b>Fund value Dec 31st 2025</b>	<b><u>117,499</u></b>	<b><u>66</u></b>	<b><u>386</u></b>	<b><u>9,643</u></b>	<b><u>46</u></b>	<b><u>127,639</u></b>	

**St Peter with St James, Brackley**  
**Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31st December 2025 (contd)**

The General Fund investment is invested in Consolidated Stock taken out in 1954/5.

The Chancel fund investment is invested in CBF Church of England Investment

Fund Income Units. The Church House fund investment is invested in

CBF Church of England Investment Fund Accumulation Shares.

Movements during the year were as follows:-

	CBF Deposit Fund	General Fund	Chancel Fund	CBF CH Hse fund	Total
Market Value	£17,407	£0	£15,816	£0	£33,223
Sold	£0	£0	£0	£0	£0
Net gain (loss) /annual revaluation	£1,231	£0	-£632	£0	£599
<b>Market Value 31st Dec 2025</b>	<b>£18,638</b>	<b>£0</b>	<b>£15,184</b>	<b>£0</b>	<b>£33,822</b>

Other Assets retained for Church use.

Significant Church equipment comprises:-

a) Yamaha clavinova – original cost £3,504, b) Hilltop Audio/Visual system £25,490

c) Henry Jones organ – original cost not known. d) HSE Lighting system £39,429 e) £62,420 Heating System All have been fully written down, so no depreciation is included in these accounts. St James churchyard, ("closed" since approximately 1937)

, is owned by the PCC but nominally maintained by the local council and constitutes an asset of the Church

although no value has been estimated for this. The church has been looking, possibly, to develop the site

but it currently appears not to be a viable proposition. A loan of £50,000 was made from the Church House fund,

some 25 years ago, in 1998, with the permission of the Charity Commissioners, to help the financing of the

extension and has now, after revaluations, been repaid, the total fund now being available. (See page 11).

Analysis of net assets by fund

	Gen Fund	Des Fund	Fab Fund	Chancel Fund	App Fund	Chu Hse Fund	CBF Dep Fund	Total
Investment Fixed assets				£15,184		£0	£18,638	£33,822
Current Assets	£117,499	£66	£386	£9,643	£46	£0		£127,640
<b>Fund Balance</b>	<b>£117,499</b>	<b>£66</b>	<b>£386</b>	<b>£24,827</b>	<b>£46</b>	<b>£0</b>	<b>£18,638</b>	<b>£161,462</b>

Liabilities

A bridging loan has been taken out to the amount of £60,515 from the Peterborough Diocese

The loan has 0% interest and is required to be paid back over 3 years

This loan will enable the PCC to make payments towards major works on the roof before encashment of the awarded HS2 grant

The HS2 grant will cover the majority of the costs of the works

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

Oliver Jones (Treasurer) Date:

## **1. Accounting policy**

The financial statements of the PCC have been prepared in accordance with the Church Accounting Regulations 2006 using the Receipts and Payments basis which is recommended when gross income is less than £250,000.

## **2. Funds**

The General Fund represents the funds of the PCC that are not subject to any restrictions regarding their use and are available for the general purposes of the PCC. Permission has been given by the Feoffee Charity to use their donation for expenditure on the fabric of the church (see below). The current value of the General Fund is shown as £117,499 i.e. ending bank balances – remaining appeal fund.

Restricted funds are those funds that must be spent on restricted purposes, and these are:

- a) Fabric Fund, which normally only receives money from the FEOFFEE charity and can be used for repairs, acquisitions, replacements and renewals or maintenance of the church buildings, their contents, fixtures and fittings including organ, heating, lighting etc.
- b) Designated Fund, is a fund into which the 2019 legacy of £187,225 had been placed so that it could be identified for the growth and protection of St Peter's into the future. The balance stood at £66 which has been spent on the costs of the Children & Families Worker and the emergency fund
- c) Chancel Fund, this is a fund comprising of an account held by the Peterborough Diocese in Brackley St Peter's name for rebuilding of the Chancel if that was ever needed. Furthermore there is an amount that is reserved within our accounts also for rebuilding of a chancel. We are able to access these funds for some church outgoings including insurance and repairs specific to the chancel.
- d) Appeal Fund, this fund was put together for the 800 year anniversary of St Peter's there are still standing orders open related to this fund past the anniversary date. The funds goal is to preserve the building and its surroundings for future generations
- e) CBF deposit funds are held with the CCLA and must be used in accordance with the original charitable designation of "ecclesiastical purposes" within the Parish of Brackley

**St Peter with St James, Brackley**  
**Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31st December 2025 (contd)**

<b>Receipts Analysis</b>							
	General	Designated	Fabric	Chancel	Appeal	Total Funds	
	Fund	Fund	Fund	Fund	Fund	2025	2024
	(Unr'stcd)	(Unr'stcd)	(Restricted)	(Restricted)			
	£		£	£	£	£	£
<b>3 a) Voluntary receipts</b>							
Standing orders (gift aided)	70,598	0	0	0	2,336	72,934	71,564
Weekly envelopes (G A)		0	0	0	0	0	-
Non G A envelopes & SO's	8,281	0	0	0	0	8,281	4,443
Other "casual" G A	2,175	0	0	0	0	2,175	1,697
Collections inc Good Box	9,175	0	0	0	0	9,175	10,228
Donations inc Sum Up	22,371	6,092	11,000	0	0	39,463	41,954
Income tax (G A refund)	22,428	0	0	0	0	22,428	20,553
	<u>135,027</u>	<u>6,092</u>	<u>11,000</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>2,336</u>	<u>154,455</u>	<u>150,439</u>
<b>3 b) Funds generating activities</b>						0	
Social events	3,311	0	0	0	0	3,311	8,631
Film Shows		0	0	0	0	0	-
Sunday lunches	475	0	0	0	0	475	1,048
Others (R&S, tea/coffee etc)	4,506	0	0	0	0	4,506	3,167
	<u>8,292</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>8,292</u>	<u>12,846</u>
<b>3 c) Church activities receipts</b>						0	
Weddings/funerals	16,593	0	0	0	0	16,593	4,084
Assigned fees to diocese	0	0	0	0	0	0	4,118
Hire of church hall	2,921	0	0	0	0	2,921	2,948
Church mag (total receipts)	2,375	0	0	0	0	2,375	2,264
Children's activities	214	0	0	0	0	214	712
	<u>22,103</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>22,103</u>	<u>14,126</u>
<b>3 d) Investments</b>						0	-
Dividends	0	0	0	0	0	0	-
Interest	1,547	0	0	0	0	1,547	2,008
	<u>1,547</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>1,547</u>	<u>2,008</u>
<b>3 e) Other receipts</b>							
Insurance Claim	0	0	0	0	0	0	-
VAT refund	20,726	0	0	0	0	20,726	-
Miscellaneous	1,160	0	0	0	0	1,160	766
Legacies	0	0	0	0	0	0	-
Loans	60,515	0	0	0	0	60,515	0
	<u>82,401</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>82,401</u>	<u>766</u>
<b>Total Receipts ex. Transfer</b>	<u>249,370</u>	<u>6,092</u>	<u>11,000</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>2,336</u>	<u>268,798</u>	<u>180,185</u>
<b>Transfers</b>							
	General	Designated	Fabric	Chancel	Appeal	Total Funds	
	Fund	Fund	Fund	Fund	Fund	2025	2024
	(Unr'stcd)	(Unr'stcd)	(Restricted)	(Restricted)			
Transfer from Ch Hse Fund	0	0	0	0	0	0	84,011
Transfers to/from App Fund	0	0	0	0	0	0	5,934
<b>Total Receipts inc. Transfers</b>	<u>249,370</u>	<u>6,092</u>	<u>11,000</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>2,336</u>	<u>268,798</u>	<u>270,130</u>
<b>Cash in bank accounts</b>							
	Location	Barclays	Lloyds	Lloyds	CBF	Total	
	Account no.	43960404	60124	7140379	628032001D		
Cash at 1 Jan 2025		<u>50,275</u>	<u>9,303</u>	<u>66,992</u>	<u>17,407</u>	<u>143,977</u>	
Gross receipts in 2025		105,336	156,388	5,842	1,231	268,797	
Gross payments in 2025		125,241	159,896	0	0	285,137	
Increase/(Decrease) in cash		<u>-19,905</u>	<u>-3,508</u>	<u>5,842</u>	<u>1,231</u>	<u>-16,340</u>	
		Barclays	Lloyds	Lloyds	CBF	Total	
		43960404	60124	7140379	628032001D		
Transfers inter account	In	0	71,664	60,515	0	132,179	
	Out	0	60,515	71,664	0	132,179	
	Total	<u>0</u>	<u>11,149</u>	<u>-11,149</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	
<b>Cash at Dec 31st 2025</b>		<u>30,370</u>	<u>16,943</u>	<u>61,685</u>	<u>18,638</u>	<u>127,638</u>	

**St Peter with St James, Brackley Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended  
31st December 2025 (contd)**

**4. Trustees and Related Parties**

Three members have a financial interest, the Administrator, Val Lynam, the Children and Family's Worker, Helen Price, and Tony Holden as spouse to Jacinta Holden the Principal Musician. The vicar and curate are paid expenses.

There were no disclosable related party transactions during the year.

<b>Payments Analysis</b>							<b>Total Funds</b>	
	General Fund (Unr'stcd)	Designated Fund (Unr'stcd)	Fabric Fund (Restricted)	Chancel Fund (Restricted)	Appeal Fund (Unr'stcd)		2025	2024
	£	£	£	£	£		£	£
<b>4 a) Energy costs</b>								
Gas	4,926	-	-	-	-		4,926	3,424
Electricity	9,621	-	-	-	-		9,621	7,730
	<u>14,546</u>	-	-	-	-		<u>14,546</u>	<u>11,154</u>
<b>4 b) Church running costs</b>							0	
Cleaning (inc windows)	3,944	-	-	-	-		3,944	3,460
Altar requisites	493	-	-	-	-		493	540
Churchyard maintenance	4,431	-	-	-	-		4,431	1,837
Organ/piano tuning/maintce	0	-	-	-	-		0	663
Others	4,620	-	-	-	-		4,620	2265
	<u>13,488</u>	-	-	-	-		<u>13,488</u>	<u>8,765</u>
<b>4 c) Administration</b>								
Insurance	0	-	-	-	-		-	3,777
Print, post & stationery	3,670	-	-	-	-		3,670	3,854
Administration	3,074	-	-	-	-		3,074	2,251
Telephone		-	-	-	-		0	-
Ind examiner's fee	2,752	-	-	-	-		2,752	756
Bank charges		-	-	-	-		-	-
	<u>9,495</u>	-	-	-	-		<u>9,495</u>	<u>10,638</u>
<b>4 d) Choral &amp; music</b>								
Choir	-	-	-	-	-		-	-
Music fees	5,597	-	-	-	-		5,597	5,578
	<u>5,597</u>	-	-	-	-		<u>5,597</u>	<u>5,578</u>
<b>4 e) Children's activities</b>								
1st Steps, J C, Hol Club	-	-	-	-	-		-	242
	<u>0</u>	-	-	-	-		<u>-</u>	<u>242</u>
<b>4 f) Other payments</b>								
Parish share	81,549	-	-	-	-		81,549	78,498
Assigned fees (weds, funls)	-	-	-	-	-		-	2,975
Fees to verger & other clergy	2,234	-	-	-	-		2,234	859
Clergy expenses	3,128	-	-	-	-		3,128	2,090
Fund raising costs	1,226	-	-	-	-		1,226	3,186
Charity giving	4,258	1000	-	-	-		5,258	-
C & F Worker	28,923	6,520	-	-	-		35,442	28,686
New fixtures	296	-	-	-	-		296	5,801
Repairs, maintenance	96,663	-	10,876	-	5,339		112,878	69,412
	<u>218,275</u>	<u>7,520</u>	<u>10,876</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>5,339</u>		<u>242,010</u>	<u>191,507</u>
<b>Total Payments excl. Transfers</b>	<u>261,403</u>	<u>7,520</u>	<u>10,876</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>5,339</u>		<u>285,137</u>	<u>227,884</u>
<b>Transfers</b>								
	General Fund (Unr'stcd)	Designated Fund (Unr'stcd)	Fabric Fund (Restricted)	Chancel Fund (Restricted)	Appeal Fund		<b>Total Funds</b>	
							2025	2024
Transfer from Ch Hse Fund	0	0	0	0	0		0	0
Transfers to/from App Fund	0	0	0	0	0		0	5,934
<b>Total Payments Incl. Transfers</b>	<u>261,403</u>	<u>7,520</u>	<u>10,876</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>5,339</u>		<u>285,137</u>	<u>233,818</u>

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## Independent Examiners Report to the PCC of St Peter with St James

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I report to the members on my examination of the accounts of the PCC for the year ended 31 December 2025 which are set out on pages 12 to 16.

### Responsibilities and basis of report

As the members of the PCC, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 (“the Act”) and the Church Accounting Regulations 2006 (“the Regulations”).

I report in respect of my examination of the PCC’s accounts carried out under section 145 of the Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

### Basis of independent examiner’s report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commission and to be found in the Church guidance. The examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the PCC and a comparison of the accounts with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the financial statements and seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently no opinion is given on whether the financial statements present a “true and fair view” and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

### 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 charity as required by section 130 of the Act
2. 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.

Rob Blencowe BSc FCA  
Blencowes,  
15 High  
Street,  
Brackley  
NN13 7DH



Date: 24/4/26

## Appendix to Trustees' Annual Report for 2025

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### Halse Mission Body Report of 2025

Responsible people: Sue Bridge (Treasurer/Keyholder), Sara Hollett (Assistant Treasurer /Keyholder), Peter Gamble (Keyholder). The hall has continued to be used for the common good and religious services.

It was used twice in 2025 as a polling station which brought much needed funds into the account. However the electricity bill that month was quite a lot more than usual.

We have also had a very generous donation from a resident of Halse who wanted to use the chairs from the hall for a celebration being held in a local barn. The Greatworth and Halse parish council used the hall for a meeting and we continue to have a monthly communion service with the Christmas morning service being very well attended. We applied for and received the local grant from G&H PC.

We appear to have stopped whatever was getting into the roof space and have not had any more damage done however the roof is very thin in places so this may happen again. The Community Payback team still come once a month to keep the building clean and tidy inside and out for which we are very grateful as with a small and ageing congregation its more than we can manage.

It does look as if we have a healthy balance in the bank account but with costs rising sometimes our collections don't always cover our monthly outgoings . Anglian Water now charge us £20 per month just to be connected luckily our actual water usage is very low.

Thanks go to Rev Sylvia, Rev Rich and Rev Rob for continuing to come out for services and the Community Payback Team for keeping the building and surround looking good.

### **HALSE MISSION CHURCH ACCOUNTS 2025**

#### RECEIPTS

COLLECTIONS	789.00
MISC RECEIPTS	
WNDC POLLING STATION	200.00
TOTAL	989.00

#### PAYMENTS

ELECTRICITY	341.42
WATER	240.00

INSURANCE	482.10
MISC	875.00
BANK CHARGES	28.38
TOTAL	1967.01

BALANCE AT 31/12/2024	3304.94
RECEIPTS	989.00

PAYMENTS	1967.01
BALANCE AT 31/12/2025	2326..93

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Bank Account:	Lloyds 30-11-08
Account number:	00038455