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Annual Parochial Church Meetings 2026

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ

The format for producing our Annual Report has not changed since last year's Meetings. So you will find included within this document the agenda for our Annual Meetings on 19th April, the minutes of last year's Annual Meetings, and all of the reports relating to this year's Meetings. All reports cover the period between January and December 2025. However, this Report is being distributed primarily by e-mail. Only a few copies for those without e-mail will be left at the back of the Church.

It is very important that everyone in our Church family takes an active interest in all of the areas of our life together, so that we can support one another on our Christian journey, and take responsibility for our shared life and mission. We therefore encourage everyone firstly to read their copy of the Annual Report before the meeting, and secondly to attend our Annual Meetings, which this year will be held after our 10 am Parish Eucharist on Sunday the 19th of April, starting at around 11:15 am in the Hall.

If you cannot come to the meetings, or if you have any issues, concerns or questions you wish to raise about the business of the Meetings, please do so by contacting either Fr Bernard (01525 372149, email: linsladevicar@gmail.com) or our PCC Secretary Barbara Appleyard (tel: 01525 378462, email: markapleyard199@btinternet.com) before the 19th of April. You can also write to us at the above address. We are happy to raise matters for you at the Meetings, given sufficient notice.

Bernard Minton
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Churchwarden

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*ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETINGS 2026***IN THE CHURCH HALL****AGENDA****ANNUAL PARISH MEETING**

1 Election of two Churchwardens for the coming year (nominations must be received before the meeting).

ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING

- 1 Apologies for absence.
- 2 To elect 3 Members to the Parochial Church Council for three years (nominations may be accepted at the meeting, with the permission of the person nominated).
1 member to fill a vacancy for one year,
and 1 member to fill a vacancy for two years.
Also, to elect 2 members of Deanery Synod for three years.
- 3 To consider:
 - a. Minutes of the last APCM
 - b. Matters arising
 - c. The revision of the Electoral Roll
 - d. A report on the proceedings of the Parochial Church Council
 - e. A report on the financial affairs of the Council
 - f. The accounts of the Parish for 2025
 - g. To appoint an Independent Examiner
 - h. A report by the Churchwardens on the Ornaments, Fabric and Goods of the Churches
 - i. Reports of the Deanery Synod and other church organisations
 - j. Chairman's report

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HELD IN THE CHURCH HALL ON 27 APRIL 2025 at 11.25 AM**Election of Churchwardens**

Nick Butler and Michael Woodhouse were duly elected as Church Wardens for the year 2025-2026, there being no other nominations. The Vicar gave heartfelt thanks to both of them for their dedication and support.

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL PAROCHIAL MEETING
HELD IN THE CHURCH HALL ON 27 APRIL AT 11.30 AM

Present: B Appleyard, C & D Amis, A Barrett, J.M. Bell, J Bewick, S Bradshaw, A & C Birch, N & I Butler, A & M Brandham, N & I Butler, R T Clayden, K M Crooks, D & K Emerson, A K & V Frazer, A. Frazer, C & L Hewett, R Kingston, P Miller, J Miller, Rev. Dr. B Minton, G Peerman, V Smith, S Soper, M Titcombe, A Tracey, M Woodhouse, I & S Woodward

Fr Bernard reminded everyone that the agenda and all paperwork needed for the meeting was in the booklet.

1. Apologies for absence.

Apologies for absence were received from W & G Forde, B & W Marshall, P Morris, T Ralph, R & J Watts

2. To elect 3 Members to the Parochial Council for 3 years, and 1 member to fill a vacancy for 2 years. Also, to elect 2 members of Deanery Synod for 1 year.

There were only three nominations for the PCC, therefore the following were duly elected by the meeting to serve on the PCC for three years: W. Forde, P. Morris and A. Tracey. There were no nominations or volunteers for the casual PCC vacancy for two years. If anyone wished to volunteer, they could apply to the Vicar or Church Wardens and be co-opted by the PCC. There were no nominations for the casual vacancies for Deanery Synod representatives and again the Vicar said that if anyone wished to volunteer, they could speak to him later.

3. To consider

a. **Minutes of the last APCM** – These were accepted and approved by the meeting.

b. **Matters arising** – None

c. **Changes to the Electoral Register:** The Electoral Roll Officer, Isobel Butler, reported that this year was the sexennial renewal of the Roll. The new Roll stood at 80, losing 38 from the old Roll.

Isobel Butler then informed the meeting that the Electoral Roll was now open again for new applicants. Application forms for new members were at the back of the Church.

Father Bernard gave thanks to Isobel for her hard work. In answer to a question, he said that the Church had suggestions as to the relationship between the number on the Roll and the size of the PCC and we had already reduced membership of the PCC. We now elected three members every year, rather than four, but he would double check the ratio suggested. A prayer booklet for the members of the new Roll and streets of the parish was now available.

d. **A report on the proceedings of the Parochial Church Council.** A booklet containing all the reports of the PCC had been printed and distributed prior to the meeting. Under the report for St. Mary's, Sue James would replace Isobel Butler as Secretary, and this would be combined with the social and membership secretary role of Barbara Marshall who had resigned. The report on the proceedings of the PCC by the Secretary was accepted by all present with no questions or comments.

- e. **A report on the financial affairs of the Council.** This report, and the detailed accounts, were in the booklet. The Vicar commented that we are in relatively healthy state although expenditure now outweighed income and we relied on hall income to help. However we were extremely blessed in that we were solvent with regular givers and in the hard work of the Treasurer for which he gave his thanks. Acceptance of the report was proposed by Ian Woodward and seconded by Tim Clayden.
- f. **The accounts of the Parish for 2024.** There were no questions about the report.
- g. **To appoint an Independent Examiner.** The re-appointment of David Thompson was proposed by Father Bernard. Vernon Smith had confirmed with David that he was prepared to fulfil the role again. His appointment was approved by the meeting. The meeting approved the giving of a gift as a thank you.
- h. **A report by the Churchwardens of the Ornaments, Fabric and Goods of the Churches.** The Churchwarden's report is in the booklet. Father Bernard asked if there were any questions on the report. There were none, and it was duly approved. Father Bernard thanked Nick and Michael for their diligent work throughout the year. Acceptance was proposed by Nick Butler and seconded by Michael Woodhouse. Accepted by the meeting.
- i. **Reports of the Deanery Synod and other church organisations.** These reports were all in the booklet as information to the Parish
- j. **Chairman's report.** The Vicar's report was in the booklet and Father Bernard did not propose to read it out. He said this was members' opportunity to comment upon it.

Ian Woodward commented that the Church Music has been wonderful and give a big thank you to David, Katherine and the Choir.

Father Bernard thanked all for attending and said for the past 17 years he felt blest and happy ministry produce a fellowship which was valuable.

There being no further comments a vote of thanks from Diana Amis to the Vicar. Whilst Nick Butler gave the Vicar thank you for all the hard work he did in the background, it wasn't only Sunday morning services.

The meeting ended with the Grace. The meeting closed at 11:53 am.

Vicar's Report for APCM 2026, covering the period January – December 2025

It seems almost incredible that I have been writing these Vicar's reports now since 2008! I have been here eighteen years, that's almost a life sentence, for you and me! I have had – or you have had – a bit of time off for (good?) behaviour during that period: I took Extended Study Leave ten years ago, when I tried to write a novel, and I have now been here so long, that I am getting another period of Study Leave this coming summer, when I will try to finish a 'proper' book about theology. Since that hasn't happened yet, and will cover the period from the 15th of June to the 14th of September this year, it will be a part of next year's Report, so I won't write anything more about that now, except to say that there should be no gaps in our usual Sunday services during my time away!

Thinking now about 2025, much of the year saw that simple steady faithfulness that Jesus calls "abiding in me" in the Gospels. It doesn't make for exciting headlines, but it is the essence of how God calls us to live as His disciples in the world. The Secretary's report gives an outline of the attendance figures reported to the Diocese, and they are all comparable with last year. The only noticeable change has been a fall in the number on the Electoral Roll after its complete renewal last year, and this is a common phenomenon, although it does mean that when we elect Deanery Synod representatives at this Annual Parochial Meeting, we will only be looking for two candidates, rather than three. Many thanks to Isobel Butler for all her hard work as Electoral Roll officer, and to Simon and Winston, for their membership of Deanery Synod on our behalf in 2025.

Thinking for a moment of Church membership, 2025 saw five baptisms of people old enough to decide this for themselves and make their own promises; of the remaining twelve baptizees the most significant for our fellowship was James, David's and Kathryn's son, whom we welcome as a regular worshipper, joining our small and faithful band of younger members.

At the other end of human experience, last year saw the deaths of several beloved members of our fellowship, in particular Bill Marshall and Pam Morris. Bill was a member of our parish for most of his ninety years, and active in many fields, and Pam was a devoted and committed Church member, serving on the PCC, as Magazine editor, and helping run the Tuesday Toddlers. Both of them were dear friends, and will be much missed. Dennis Broyd and Roland Bartels were also among our departed friends last year. But of course, although they have passed on from this life, those who have died have not left our fellowship, they have merely been, as the Salvation Army puts it, 'promoted to glory'. We still share in one fellowship in the Communion of Saints, the Body of Christ, praying together, and surrounded by the love of God, and the prayers of all His angels and saints.

Also this year, Wendy Crowe moved away from the parish after Maurice's death late in 2024. She moved to Warwickshire in February, but keeps in touch, sending her best wishes and prayers to us, and asking to be remembered here in return.

January 2025 saw us host Evensong for what was I think the last Annual General Meeting of the Luton and District Bell Ringers Association, which has now been incorporated into the Bedfordshire Association of Church Bell Ringers. I am very grateful to all those who ring our bells at St Barnabas. It is always lovely to hear them announcing our presence as a worshipping community, and I am particularly grateful to Louisa as Tower Captain for all her hard work.

While on the subject of thanking people, I would also like to thank all the members of our PCC, especially our Churchwardens Nick and Michael; Secretary Barbara; and Treasurer Vernon, for all their support, without which the life of our parish would be seriously impaired. I would also like to mention Ann, who has acted as Parish Safeguarding Officer for many years, and now wishes to step down from that role. Her duties have increased over time, and become increasingly onerous. Not only is safeguarding an essential element of our identity as Christians, it is also a legal responsibility that the Diocese anxiously monitors. Ann's service has been invaluable to us all.

As a parish, we must also remember and give thanks for all those who assist in our worship, whether that's through leading the music as members of our Choir accompanied by Kathryn and lead by David; serving at the altar; administering the chalice; reading the lessons and leading the prayers; or preaching and leading services. Thank you to all of you who serve in these ways, and especially to our Readers Charles, Mike and Ian, and our associate priests Wyn, Paul and Alan. I must also in particular thank and welcome Fr Stephen Burge to our congregation. Fr Stephen was licensed to Linslade in June 2025 as a self-supporting minister, and is a most valuable addition to the Team. We have also this year welcomed the retired priest Fr Tim Girling into our parish.

Indeed, as a Team, we are incredibly lucky to have so many associate clergy: this year, both the Reverends Dave Heather and Topé Aregbesola have joined All Saints and been licensed to the Team, Dave as an associate priest, and Topé as a Curate. While thinking of the Ouzel Team, I should also give thanks for the fact that I stopped being Acting Team Rector in September, when Prebendary David MacGeoch of All Saints was licensed in the role!

This year also saw another joyous pilgrimage to Walsingham in September – thank you to Judith for organising that, and to all the pilgrims who made it memorable. And finally, my thanks go also to those who live-stream our services, publish details on the internet, and organise and distribute our Christmass and Easter cards; and to those who in many different ways support our ministry to children, in the Tuesday Toddler group, and in Church on Sunday.

A few years back, I mentioned the John Betjeman poem "Septuagesima", and I am going to quote from its closing lines again now, as it seems to sum up so much that is important:

"Let's praise the man who goes to light/
The church stove on an icy night.

Let's praise that hard-worked he or she/
The Treasurer of the P.C.C.

Let's praise the cleaner of the aisles,
The nave and candlesticks and tiles.

Let's praise the organist who tries/
To make the choir increase in size,

Or if that simply cannot be,
Just to improve its quality.

Let's praise the ringers in the tower/
Who come to ring in cold and shower.

But most of all let's praise the few/
Who are seen in their accustomed pew

Throughout the year, whate'er the weather,
That they may worship God together.

These, like a fire of glowing coals,
Strike warmth into each other's souls,

And though they be but two or three/
They keep the church for you and me."

Thank you all, and God bless.

Fr Bernard

Churchwardens Report for 1st January 2025 to 31st December 2025

St Barnabas'

The log book and property register have been reviewed and approved by the PCC. Testing and servicing were carried out on the lightning conductors in July for St Barnabas and St Marys. The fire extinguishers have been checked, and a number have been replaced as required. A fire warden training course was carried out as advised by Bedfordshire Fire Brigade. The CCTV system has had its yearly check-up and is working well. The heating system has been serviced for another year and all working well. All risk assessments have been reviewed and updated.

The work on the trees at St Barnabas and St Marys has now been carried out.

The number of cars using the carpark without permission has greatly reduced after a campaign of notices being placed on cars and vans that did not show a permit, some have now paid to park and display. Some minor work has been carried out on the roof and a small leak has now been stopped. Work on keeping up the appearance of St Barnabas both inside and outside has been carried out by the willing band of volunteers and our cleaner Trudi. It is much appreciated and again our thanks to these lovely people.

St Mary's

New signs advising dog walkers about keeping dog on leads and clearing up after them have now been erected. Unfortunately, the wall between our drive and the entrance to the cemetery has yet again been hit by a large vehicle and been badly damaged. It has been repaired, and we have taken steps to monitor the wall and identify any vehicle that collides with it.

The Churchwardens would like to thank the Friends of St Mary's for the work they do maintaining the Churchyard. And opening the church to visitors on the first Sunday of the month.

Neither St Barnabas' nor St Mary's could be adequately maintained without the help of many people who are willing to volunteer their time and labour, and work with contractors to enable the required specialised works to be carried out. We are grateful and indebted to you all.

Nick Butler and Michael Woodhouse

Secretary's Report on the Business of the Parochial Church Council (2025)

Linslade PCC has the responsibility of co-operating with the incumbent in promoting, within the ecclesiastical parish of Linslade, the whole mission of the church, pastoral, evangelistic and social. It also has maintenance responsibilities for the churches of St. Barnabas and St. Mary, (Old Linslade) and the Community Hall on the St. Barnabas site.

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. 3 members are elected each year for a 3 year period, there being 9 elected members in total plus, from 2025 onwards, 2 Deanery Synod Members (down from 3 following the revision of the Electoral Roll). Deanery Synod members are due to be elected at this APCM. Occasionally members are co-opted to fill vacancies not filled at the APCM. At its first meeting following the APCM, PCC appointments are approved to serve until the next APCM.

During the year 2025, the following served as members of the PCC

Ex Officio

Reverend Bernard Minton	Team Vicar
Reverend Wyn Jones	Assistant Priest
Mr Charles Amis	Reader (co-opted)
Mr Ian Woodward	Reader (co-opted)
Mr Nick Butler	Churchwarden
Mr Michael Woodhouse	Churchwarden

Elected members

Mr Winston Forde	Deanery Synod Member elected 2023 for 3 years, who resigned in 2025 and was elected onto the PCC directly in 2025 for 3 years.
Mr Simon Soper	Deanery Synod Member elected 2023 for 3 years
Mrs Barbara Appleyard	Elected 2023 for 3 years
Mr David Emerson	Elected 2023 for 3 years
Mrs Sarah Woodward	Elected 2023 for 3 years
Mrs Janet Miller	Elected 2024 for 3 years
Mr Vernon Smith	Elected 2024 for 3 years
Mrs Ann Tracey	Elected 2025 for 3 years
Mrs Carolyn Birch	Elected 2023 for 2 years, served until the APCM in 2024.
Mrs Pam Morris	Elected 2025 for 3 years, died in November 2025.

Committees

The PCC operates through a number of committees, which meet between full meetings of the PCC. In particular:

Standing and Finance Committee

This is the only committee required by law. It has power to transact the business of the PCC between its meetings, subject to any directions given by the full Council. It also prepares the agenda for subsequent PCC meetings.

Worship Committee

This committee exists to work with the clergy to establish and review the forms of worship for use in the parish. It is not presently active.

Outreach Committee

This committee attends to matters relating to the ministry of the church to the community and to the world, such as ecumenical links, evangelism and the support of mission and relief agencies. It organises fundraising activities to support its work and reports regularly to the PCC. It is not presently active.

Friends of St Mary's

This organisation attends to matters relating to the upkeep of St. Mary's Churchyard, Old Linslade, in support of the Churchwardens and the PCC. It operates a membership scheme and organises fundraising to support the activities.

Stewardship Committee

This committee has an ongoing responsibility for identifying tasks and roles that are required for the parish to flourish and to identify (in consultation with the clergy) those laity able to give talents and resources to perform them.

Other organisations

Many other organisations function within the church, all of which are accountable to the PCC. These include the Bell Ringers, the Choir, and the Tuesday Toddler Group.

Church Attendance and Electoral Roll

The Sunday attendance during October 2025, the period when the diocese usually collects attendance figures on behalf of central church offices, varied from 74 to 60 adults, and 7 to 0 under 16 year olds. Total attendance on Easter Day was 125, and on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day 326. On average, the Church's facebook page is visited about 160 times a week, and around 80 people watch some of the Sunday service during the week (this figure may include individuals returning several times, people watching only a minute or so, and households, of course). An average of 6 people watch live on a Sunday morning. During the year 2025, 17 baptisms, 2 marriages and 19 funerals were held in or by the church.

At the APCM held on 27 April 2025, Isobel Butler, the Electoral Roll officer, reported that the number on the Roll at the time of the meeting, after its sexennial complete renewal, was 80, a reduction of 38 from the number on the old Roll.

Review of the Year

The full PCC met on 6 occasions during 2025. From January to April there were 16 members, and from April to November there were 15 members. Average attendance at PCC meetings was 11 members with the lowest attendance 10 and the highest 13. The Standing Committee met in person on 6 occasions. The main issues under discussion have been as follows:

Buildings

Issues raised by the Quinquennial Inspection were addressed throughout the year by the Standing Committee and PCC. For more details of work undertaken, please see the Churchwardens' report. The PCC would like to record their gratitude to Mr Jonathan Pawley, a bell ringer and local resident, who has managed to keep the church clock at St Barnabas working.

Safeguarding Policy

The Parish has complied with the duty under section 5 of the Safeguarding and Clergy Discipline Measure 2016 (duty to have due regard to House of Bishops' guidance on safeguarding children and vulnerable adults) and copies of the Policy and guidelines for children and vulnerable adults have been posted on the public notice boards. They are continually monitored and updated including safeguarding checks for all PCC members; the GDPR policy, Photograph policy and Live streaming Protocol all consider safeguarding responsibilities.

Finance

The church's financial situation continues to be a regular discussion item and the PCC are continually looking at ways to improve the financial position. (See also Treasurer's report). Our audited reports were sent to the Charity Commission as required. Electronic giving is utilised.

Other items

The PCC received regular reports from the Deanery Synod and Team Council.

Barbara Appleyard, PCC Secretary

Treasurer's Report 2025

I present my report for 2025. The detailed Annual Financial Report and Statements are provided separately. Our funds are categorised into General, Designated, Restricted and Endowment funds. The interest from the endowment funds, £1,456, is transferred to restricted funds at the end of the financial year. This year the combined endowment investment values are £50,323, a decrease of £2095 or 3%. Our planned giving and weekly collections have increased due to the increase in congregation members and the provision of an Online Giving and Card Machine for contactless donations. Our grateful thanks to all those who have increased their giving, but as always we need to find ways to encourage regular increases to our giving and from those who haven't increased their giving for many years.

The running costs for the church and hall increased as expected because of more use and increased cost of supplies and cleaning. The general fund at the end of 2025 was £69,622 compared with £68,743 at the end of 2024. We have had a small surplus again, so we have been fortunate to replenish the Church Maintenance and Repair funds by £15,000 and also add another £5,000 to the Hall fund. We paid the Parish Share of £66,642 in full. Gift Aided Giving and the Small Gift Donations Scheme have allowed us to reclaim £18,596 from the Inland Revenue and £1,793 was generated from the solar panels.

The main expenditure this year, apart from annual inspections of lightning conductors, fire extinguishers, roofs, boiler servicing etc, has been as follows:

Works to St Barnabas' – repairs to Boiler, Roof Gulleys, Toilet, & Organ.

Works to St Mary's – repairs to Churchyard Wall (damaged by a vehicle) and Guttering and new signage for the churchyard.

Works to the Hall – Boiler repairs including new pump, new cistern valves and water heater - the funds for the majority of this work being drawn from our designated repair funds.

Our utility costs are remaining high into 2025 although lower than 2024. We have also changed utility supplier during the year to EON as a more competitive quote has been received.

We held our usual Lent, Harvest and Advent lunches, 2 Jumble sales, the summer and autumn fairs, all of which were well supported, and raised much needed funds for our church.

The PCC has agreed to add to the funds raised by the Outreach Group and £600 was sent to each of our three Outreach Charities, as well as support to other charities through special collections & donations.

I would like to thank all of those who have assisted with the financial matters in the parish, especially Carolyn Birch, and for Carolyn's support for tracking Hall and Church invoices, and magazine subscriptions, and Janet Miller for managing Hall bookings and invoicing.

Vernon Smith - Linslade PCC Treasurer

Deanery Synod Report for 2025

Michael Woodhouse and Simon Soper are the St Barnabas lay representatives on the Dunstable Deanery Synod. All ordained clergy in the deanery are automatically on Deanery Synod. The Rev. Noel McGeeney of St. Leonard's Heath and Reach is the current Rural Dean.

The Deanery Synod met three times in 2025 in March, July and November.

In the March meeting Phil Evans gave a presentation on Christian Aid and the excellent work that it has done over its eighty years of existence and the work it currently undertakes around the world. Much of the rest of the meeting was taken up with safeguarding including a discussion on events at General Synod, the amount of work expected of Parish Safeguarding Officers and the continued importance for parishes to ensure compliance with safeguarding requirements.

In the July meeting Suzanne Clackson and Mike Wallis gave a presentation on Church Disputes and ways to prevent escalation. They are part of a four-person diocesan team providing advice and assistance when requested. Our deanery contact on General Synod, Canon Peter Adams, gave a report on the February General Synod where there were divisions over how to proceed after the Living in Love and Faith initiative. Similarly there were divisions on how to proceed with Safeguarding and independent oversight of safeguarding within the CofE.

In the November meeting Rev. Mark Rodel, the Diocesan Deputy Director of Mission and Ministry, led a workshop considering the future of ministry – how people hear God's call, how they are trained and how they are supported. This was Michael's introduction to the Synod. The format of this meeting was an introduction and group chat to put various headings on a flip chart, followed by a discussion in breakout groups.

We would also like to pay tribute to the tireless work of Michael's predecessor Winston Forde, during his term as one of our Deanery Synod representatives.

Michael Woodhouse, Simon Soper

Report on Safeguarding and DBS checks at St Barnabas 2025

Safeguarding at St Barnabas Church is carried out under the direction of the Diocese and in accordance with the policy statements of the House of Bishops. The current Parish Safeguarding Officer and also the DBS checker is Ann Tracey. We have safeguarding policies for Children and for Vulnerable adults which are displayed on the West Door noticeboard and Church Hall noticeboards. We also have a Photography and Video recording policy, a Policy on

Responding to Domestic Abuse and a policy on the Recruitment of Ex-Offenders. These are all updated in May each year. Safeguarding posters giving contact details of appropriate Parish and Diocesan officers are also displayed. Appointments to church roles and offices take account of the Safer Recruitment guidance and appropriate DBS checks are carried out and candidates are requested to complete the appropriate Safeguarding courses. During 2025 there were no Safeguarding issues reported within the Parish. I received notification from the Diocese of issues to be aware of. I am in the process of carrying out DBS renewal checks for some members of PCC and for other church roles. I have advised those needing to either update or complete Safeguarding courses and sent links to the courses. Updates for these must be completed every three years therefore updating and checking is a continual cycle. I have informed Father Bernard and the PCC that I feel that the time has come for me to step down from my roles as Safeguarding Officer and as Lead Recruiter (ie. DBS checker). I have fulfilled both these roles for almost thirteen years. Although there are obvious links, these are in fact two separate roles and as such could be carried out by two different people. Whilst I would not want the church to be without a Safeguarding Officer, I am hoping that a replacement will step forward to take over this task, likewise the DBS checking, though I could, if need be, retain that task for slightly longer. Please speak to Father Bernard if you wish to know more or take on either/ both roles.

Ann Tracey

Linslade Bell Ringers

The ringers had another busy year in 2025. We have continued to support the new band that has formed in Husborne Crawley, with a small group of Linslade ringers attending practice there when it is held, although practices there are not quite as frequent as they were last year. We are always on the lookout for new recruits, so if you have any interest in learning to ring, please do speak to me. The only qualification you need is that you can get up the tower steps (and are over the age of about 10 so your hands are big enough to hold the rope) – we will support you with the rest! There was only one wedding this year that requested bells, and these were provided.

As always, I would like to thank Father Bernard for his continuing support, as well as thanking Janice Robinson for being our ringing master, Simon Head for being our deputy ringing master and Mark Cluett for being our steeple keeper.

Louisa Hewett, Tower Captain

The Cell of Our Lady and St. Joseph

The Cell of Our Lady and St. Joseph is under the pastoral care of Fr. Bernard and includes not only members of the St. Barnabas congregation but also All Saints and other congregations.

The principal event is an annual pilgrimage to the Anglican Shrine of Our Lady of Walsingham led by Fr. Bernard which took place on 26th to 28th September 2025. 20 pilgrims took part. We had a bus to take us and most pilgrims, which is very convenient, and left from the Railway Station. We appreciate the leadership of Fr. Bernard, and we all enjoy a spiritual revival during the weekend.

We are sad to lose Alan Brandham, a long-standing pilgrim, who died in February 2026. His widow Maureen is a member of the Order of Our Lady Walsingham, an invitation given only to those who have been particularly loyal supporters of the Shrine and its work, which currently numbers 54 members.

The Cell also pays for a candle in the name of the cell to burn in the Holy House in the Walsingham Shrine.

The pilgrimage this year is between 25th and 27th September and at the time of writing there are still a few places available. A coach will be available for transportation leaving from the railway station on Friday 25th September at noon and returning on Sunday 27th at around 6.30 pm.

On Sundays we visit the Walsingham village Parish Church for their Eucharist before returning to a fabulous Sunday Roast Lunch. The food and accommodation at the Shrine are excellent.

For details, please contact me on walsinghamjudith@gmail.com or telephone 07766473730.

Judith Watts. Secretary. The Cell of Our Lady and St. Joseph, Linslade.

Friends of St. Mary's 2025

The Friends of St Mary's continue to keep the grounds and the church in a good condition. A regular ten plus come along on the first Saturday of most months. (Could be different this year). John Tigg is in touch with most of us and lets us know if the ground/weather is suitable for the work. Notices have been put up to let people know that dogs must be on a lead in the grounds.

Events were well attended: the Patronal festival, Christmass Carols and readings, Easter sun rise and the annual dinner. The Cheese and Wine failed to attract enough support so was cancelled. Two local cub packs came along to learn about the Church and the grounds.

At the moment the snowdrops are coming out and a few weeks after that the daffodils will bloom; both events are worth a viewing. St Mary's is a lovely place at most times of the year and is a good place for a quiet sit down and a time of reflection. I wish more of you would come up and try it.

At our AGM Nick Butler became the Chairman of "The Friends". I wish him well and will give him all my support. I would also like to thank all those that supported me during my time as Chairman.

Ian Woodward

Outreach report 2025

There is still no formal Outreach group but we have held our usual fundraising events this year. We had a lent lunch with soup, bread and cheese, and an advent lunch when we added mince pies and cakes. We also had a harvest bring and share lunch which was held after the Sunday morning service.

St Barnabas continues to support our three charities, one international, one national and one local. Our international charity is "Rukungiri Orphan Partnership" who support a primary school in Uganda; our national project is "Kids Out" whose headquarters is in Leighton Buzzard; our local charity is "Leighton Linslade Helpers" who operate a community fridge and food bank for those in need in Leighton Buzzard. The PCC decided to send £600 to each of our charities.

Carolyn Birch, on behalf of the PCC

Fairtrade

Leighton Buzzard is a Fairtrade town and the Fairtrade Leighton Linslade steering group is grateful to St Barnabas Church and also to All Saints' Church for supporting Fairtrade. Every two years the commitment to continue as a Fairtrade Church has to be renewed. St Barnabas will be asked whether it wishes to continue to be a Fairtrade Church in August 2026. In 2025 Fairtrade L-L held a coffee morning in the community hall, the proceeds of which were divided between St Barnabas and Fairtrade L-L. It is hoped to hold another event there in the near future.

Janet Duperouzel

Hall Management Report 2025

The hall is still booked nearly every Saturday and we have quite a lot of bookings for Sunday afternoons for birthday and baptism parties. I am still having to turn people down because they are not asking soon enough to use the hall. Most bookings are for at least a month ahead if not more and in order to make sure they get the date they require it is necessary to book at least 3 months in advance. I am also getting bookings for this coming year. I also get a lot of feedback about how lovely the hall is and how they have enjoyed using it. I have also had comments about how good the kitchen facilities are.

The Invoicing system is going well and it is much easier to see who has paid and who still needs to with regard to regular bookings. For casual users the invoice system means that I know who I need to chase up for payment.

We now have a group using the Keith Saunders Rooms once a month and another every other month.

We now have a regular group on the 3rd Saturday of the month in the morning which leaves the afternoon for those who want parties etc. We also have quite a few casual users using the Keith Saunders and Wyn Jones rooms at various times, often during the day.

I have had a few enquires for use of the hall during the week for this coming year on a regular basis but have lost one group as they wanted to extend their Saturday mornings which wasn't possible every week so they have found somewhere else.

Janet Miller

Servers and Sacristan Report for 2025

The Guild of Altar Servers currently only has 16 members as we have had to say goodbye to Barbara, Kate and William. Thank you very much for your service and we hope to welcome you back if your circumstances change. Our members are Anghy, Ben, Bruce, Charles, Clara, Gill, Isobel, James, Jayne, Louisa, Michael, Nick, Phil, Simon, Tim & Vernon. Our duties are to provide one server for the 8am Holy Communion and three for the 10am Sung Eucharist (two for the All Age) on Sundays as well as any seasonal weekday requirements. We also have a separate service at 8pm on the first Tuesday of each month. Thank you all so much. If anyone feels that they would like to join us please feel free - just ask!

Isobel Butler

For those who don't know, the sacristans get things ready for the Sunday services. Silverware is polished, candles replenished, altar frontals changed if necessary, cruets filled with wine and wafers and linen put out. We also order and buy altar supplies. Nick and Isobel also do sterling work washing and ironing linen including altar cloths.

Simon Soper

Children's Sunday Activities Report.

We continue weekly to provide a variety of word searches and other activity or colouring sheets, and craft activities for the children based on the gospel reading. The children mainly stay in the church and do this during the sermon and prayers. If we have enough children, we go into the hall. We also use the crèche area for the youngest children. All age services, when the children help Father Bernard with the sermon, are popular with families and children, Mothering Sunday, Palm Sunday, Father's day, Harvest and The Nativity being the most popular.

Tina Ralph.

Fund Raising Committee

A small committee have organised a number of events this year. The two jumble sales, in March and September, held to raise funds for the expenses involved in running the fairs, were as usual, well supported.

The Summer Fair was held indoors with the dog show in the park. The stalls were in the hall and the church, with the refreshments served from the kitchen. Altogether, it was a successful and enjoyable day. The Christmas Fair was equally successful with many of our craft groups making a return appearance.

All events, as well as being enjoyable, generated much needed funds. We would like to thank all those who come and help – if anyone feels they would like to help organise fundraising events, please come and join us!

Fundraising Committee.

Tuesday Toddlers Annual Report.

The Tuesday Toddlers Group (AKA Church Road Mother and Toddler) meets in the church hall every Tuesday during term time from 0900 to 1100. The most significant event this year was the death of Pam Morris. Pam was the prime mover for all things toddlers for many years, in fact, long before Michael joined the group. Pam will be greatly missed by those in the toddler group who knew her. A playhouse has been purchased from a public subscription to remember her by.

The club is open to all, and although we are not a church-run group, we mark Christmas and Easter with craft activities. This year, Tina from Sunday School helped with the crafts, which made a significant difference. These crafts are displayed in the church before being returned to the children.

Attendance is increasing, and we typically have 35-40 toddlers. The general format of the meeting is lightly supervised play with a large selection of toys and equipment. Our largest pieces of equipment include a kitchen stocked with cooking utensils and play food, a Brio railway, car mats with a garage, and a Fisher-Price workshop with a large selection of tools. These two large play centres encourage cooperative play in the early years. We also have a large selection of ride-on toys and early years toys. The children's ages range from newborns to preschool. At the end of the session, the toys are tidied away, ready for group singing time. A new addition is a dinosaur playhouse purchased with contributions to the toddler group in memory of Pam.

There are fewer Mums and Grandparents this year but more childminders. Our pricing structure encourages childminders to bring their charges to the group. Already socialised, these children catalyse other children's engagement in social activities. Tea, coffee, biscuits and cake are included in the price. During the summer holidays, we advertised in our WhatsApp group about meetings in the park, which, though not busy, provided a valuable service for those looking for a low-key social gathering.

As with all church activities, we are hugely dependent upon and grateful to our volunteers. A special mention must be made of Sally, who prepares the teas and coffees, sings the songs at the end of the session, and offers a listening ear to everyone. Michael would particularly like to thank Clare, Leyla, and Lisa, who stood in for Sally and saved him the trauma of having to sing the end-of-session songs. Parents also step up when needed, and many lead craft activities.

As always, more volunteers would be very welcome.

Michael Woodhouse.

The Parish Magazine

This year we published 12 issues on paper, pdf and on the website, though there was some disruption to distribution due to the ill-health of our editor Pam. The PCC and Parish owe her a great debt for continuing to produce the magazine so well for so long, despite her health constraints. Thank you to her and those who supported her, and to all those who have contributed to, distributed, and subscribed to the magazine over the past years. Sadly, Pam died in November 2025, and the PCC subsequently took the decision not to continue to publish a paper magazine. Instead, we will publicise events through our website and Facebook page, and through the Cross and Crown, produced weekly and available at the back of church or by email from the Vicar. The Parish of Linslade will also provide an article every month in the Saints Alive magazine available from the Ouzel Team office at All Saints. Subscription forms for Saints Alive are available at the back of St Barnabas, from the Vicar, or from the Ouzel Team office.

Wives Fellowship

In 2025 our members once again enjoyed a varied and interesting programme, which included a musical concert, a fashion show, a natural products hand cream/skincare talk with a demonstration, and several other talks. The subject titles of these were: 'Idioms'; origins of funny English sayings; local history; Midshires Search and Rescue; and the origins of English pub signs. All the talks were accompanied by slides or photos. The musical concert was performed by the very popular local group the 'Rock and Roll Community Choir'. The fashion show was presented by 'Jackie's Mobile Boutique', and some of our members modelled the clothes, which members were later able to buy. There were also scarves and handbags available to purchase.

In July for our Summer Outing we visited Grey's Court, a National Trust property near Henley-on-Thames. We were able to visit the Tudor Mansion House and gardens, plus we enjoyed lunch in the tearoom. In December as usual we enjoyed a three course Christmas lunch at the Tilsworth Golf Club, followed by a lovely Christmas raffle.

Also, during the year we raised funds with two Bring and Buy stalls and a Silent Auction.

We always end our meetings with refreshments and a raffle. Our meetings are held in St. Barnabas Community Hall, the first Wednesday of the month, doors open from 2 pm. We always welcome new members.

Gill Windmill

Churches Together

The official organisation of Churches Together in Leighton-Linslade continued in abeyance this year, although meetings of ministers were organised and were reasonably well-attended. Some church-wide initiatives have been continuing, as has some liaison between individual churches. The inter-denominational Good Friday Walk of Witness took place on the 18th of April 2025 and was well-supported. It will occur again on the 3rd of April 2026.

Music Report 2025

2025 was an excellent year for the choir and for music at St Barnabas, as we continue to add new music to our repertoire both of hymns and anthems. The highlights included our third Tenebrae service, and a Nine Lessons and Carols service which was very well attended, as well as opportunities for our singers to join together with the choir at All Saints' Church both for Stainer's Crucifixion on Good Friday and for the licensing of Preb David MacGeoch as Team Rector. We would like to thank everyone in the choir for their continued dedication to the worship at St Barnabas, and everyone in the congregation for their support for and appreciation of the music as part of our worship together.

David Emerson.



Registered Charity No 1130239



(Part of the Ouzel Valley Team Ministry – Diocese of St Albans)

ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT

AND STATEMENTS

OF THE

LINSLADE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL

FOR THE YEAR ENDED

31 DECEMBER 2025

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INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT **TO THE PCC OF ST. BARNABAS' CHURCH LINSLADE**

Introduction

This report on the financial statements of the PCC for the year ended 31st December 2025, which are set out on pages 2 – 12, is in respect of an examination carried out in accordance with the Church Accounting Regulations 2006 (“the Regulations”) and Section 145 of the Charities Act 2011 (“the Act”).

Respective responsibilities of the PCC and the examiner

As members of the PCC you are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements. You consider that the audit requirement of the Regulations and section 144(2) of the Act does not apply. It is my responsibility to issue this report on those financial statements in accordance with the terms of the Regulations.

Basis of this report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(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 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 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
- to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the Act;
and
- to prepare financial statements, 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.

DAVID THOMPSON
Chartered Accountant
30 High Street
Leighton Buzzard
Beds. LU7 1EA

Signed:



Date:

25/2/26

Linslade PCC – St Barnabas’
Registered Charity - 1130239
Statement of Financial Activities (SOFA)

01 January 2025 to 31 December 2025

	Unrestricted funds	Designated funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds	2025	2024
<i>Income and endowments from:</i>						
Donations and legacies	74,114.30	6,376.00	50.00	0.00	80,540.30	78,564.48
Income from charitable activities	8,283.50	0.00	459.00	0.00	8,742.50	11,620.91
Other trading activities	30,461.10	0.00	0.00	0.00	30,461.10	34,920.15
Investments	1,131.52	4,350.86	4,043.57	1,456.57	10,982.52	11,857.90
Other income	18,912.83	1,556.25	966.15	0.00	21,435.23	21,962.97
Total income	132,903.25	12,283.11	5,518.72	1,456.57	152,161.65	158,926.41
<i>Expenditure on:</i>						
Costs of generating funds						
Costs of generating voluntary income	9,163.43	2,410.21	3,579.84	0.00	15,153.48	14,277.58
Expenditure on charitable activities	95,613.01	8,093.69	4,033.50	0.00	107,740.20	118,829.83
Other expenditure	8,028.18	100.00	110.00	0.00	8,238.18	8,493.97
Total expenditure	112,804.62	10,603.90	7,723.34	0.00	131,131.86	141,601.38
Gains / losses on investment assets	0.00	0.00	0.00	(2,095.59)	(2,095.59)	1,172.94
Net income / (expenditure) resources before transfer	20,098.63	1,679.21	(2,204.62)	(639.02)	18,934.20	18,497.97
<i>Transfers</i>						
Gross transfers between funds - in	1,555.24	20,800.00	1,456.57	0.00	23,811.81	28,466.00
Gross transfers between funds - out	(20,800.00)	0.00	(1,555.24)	(1,456.57)	(23,811.81)	(28,466.00)
<i>Other recognised gains / losses</i>						
Net movement in funds	853.87	22,479.21	(2,303.29)	(2,095.59)	18,934.20	18,497.97
<i>Reconciliation of funds</i>						
Total funds brought forward	68,743.48	112,816.10	98,212.65	52,419.15	332,191.38	313,693.41
Total funds carried forward	69,597.35	135,295.31	95,909.36	50,323.56	351,125.58	332,191.38

Linslade PCC – St Barnabas’
Registered Charity 130239

Balance Sheet as of 31 December 2025

	2025	2024
Fixed assets		
D001: Investments <i>[Note A]</i>	50,323.56	52,419.15
D002: Equipment Owned	0.00	0.00
Total Fixed assets	50,323.56	52,419.15
Current assets		
Z05: Accounts Receivable <i>[Note B]</i>	4,178.38	4,231.79
ZZZ011: Barclays business premium a/c	47,074.05	38,474.89
ZZZ013: Petty cash	0.00	0.00
ZZZ11: Barclays current a/c	36,468.96	32,423.71
ZZZ12: CBFIF (CCLA) deposit fund	215,000.63	206,073.84
Total Current assets	302,722.02	281,204.23
Liabilities		
Z04: Accounts Payable <i>[Note C]</i>	1,920.00	1,432.00
ZZZ200: Current liabilities	0.00	0.00
Total Liabilities	1,920.00	1,432.00
Net Asset surplus (deficit)	351,125.58	332,191.38

Represented by Funds		
Unrestricted	69,597.35	68,743.48
Designated	135,295.31	112,816.10
Restricted	95,909.36	98,212.65
Endowment	50,323.56	52,419.15
Total	351,125.58	332,191.38

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS **FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2025**

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Church Accounting Regulations 2006 and under section 145 of the Charities Act 2011, and follow the accounting and reporting by Charities Statement of Recommended Practice applicable (Charities SORP) and in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard for Smaller Entities (FRSSE) 2015.

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention except for the valuation of investment assets, which are shown at market value. The financial statements include all transactions, assets and liabilities for which the PCC is responsible in law. They do not include the accounts of church groups that owe their main affiliation to another body, nor those that are informal gatherings of church members.

Funds

Endowment funds are funds, the capital of which must be maintained; only income arising from investment of the endowment may be used either as restricted or unrestricted funds depending upon the purpose for which the endowment was established.

Restricted funds represent (a) income from trusts or endowments which may be expended only on those restricted objects provided in the terms of the trust or bequest, and (b) donations or grants received for a specific object or invited by the PCC for a specific object. The funds may only be expended on the specific object for which they were given. Any balance remaining unspent at the end of each year must be carried forward as a balance on that fund. The PCC does not usually invest separately for each fund. Where there is no separate investment, interest is apportioned to individual funds on an average balance basis.

Designated funds are part of general funds which are designated for specific purposes, although this can be changed for PCC ordinary purposes.

Unrestricted funds are general funds which can be used for PCC ordinary purposes.

Incoming resources

Planned giving, collections and donations are recognized only when received. Tax refunds are recognized when the incoming resource to which they relate is received. Grants and legacies are accounted for when the PCC is legally entitled to the amounts due. Dividends are accounted for when receivable, interest is accrued. All other income is recognized when it is receivable. All incoming resources are accounted for gross.

Resources expended

Grants and donations are accounted for when paid over, or when awarded, if that award creates a binding or constructive obligation on the PCC. The diocesan parish share is accounted for when due. Amounts received specifically for mission are dealt with as restricted funds. All other expenditure is generally recognized when it is incurred for gross.

Fixed assets

Consecrated property is not included in the accounts in accordance with section 10(2)(c) of the Charities Act 2011.

Movable church furnishings held by the vicar and churchwardens on special trust for the PCC and which require a faculty for disposal are inalienable property, listed in the church's inventory, which can be inspected (at any reasonable time).

No equipment assets are currently held by the PCC which require depreciation.

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

2. INVESTMENTS

Endowment funds

Held by the Central Board of Finance of the Church of England.

	£
Lawford bequest (upkeep of Lawford Memorial Chapel)	6,148.93
Hadley bequest (care and upkeep of St. Barnabas' clock)	688.15
Biley bequest (upkeep of St. Mary's churchyard)	10,233.42
Gamble bequest (upkeep of St. Mary's churchyard and specific graves)	4,950.22
Merry bequest (upkeep of St. Mary's churchyard and specific graves)	7,236.65
Oakley bequest (upkeep of St. Mary's churchyard and specific grave)	7,836.00
Roberts bequest (upkeep of St. Mary's churchyard and specific graves)	1,154.31
Vickers bequest (upkeep of St. Mary's churchyard and specific graves)	12,075.88
Endowment Investment values at 31 December 2025	50,323.56

3. ANALYSIS OF NET ASSETS BY FUND

	Unrestricted	Designated	Restricted	Endowment	2025	2024
Fixed Assets (Investments)				50,323.56	50,323.56	52,419.15
Current Assets	71,517.35	135,295.31	95,909.36		302,722.02	281,204.23
Liabilities & Acc Payable	(1,920.00)				(1,920.00)	(1,432.00)
TOTAL NET ASSETS	69,597.35	135,295.31	95,909.36	50,323.56	351,125.58	332,191.38

4. CURRENT LIABILITIES

	2025	2024
Creditors	(1,920.00)	(1,432.00)
TOTAL LIABILITIES	(1,920.00)	(1,432.00)

5. DESCRIPTION OF FUNDS

General fund:

General Fund – For Ordinary purposes for PCC Income and expenditure, covers St Barnabas, St Mary’s and Linslade Community Hall day to day Income and costs.

Designated funds:

Church – designated money for future ongoing upkeep Maintenance and Repairs to St Barnabas & St Mary’s Churches

Hall - designated money for future ongoing upkeep Maintenance and Repairs of Linslade Community Hall

Teach – designated money for Youth Worker and Christian teaching within the Church

Outreach – mission giving both at home and overseas, money raised from Outreach fundraising and matched by PCC funds

Choir – for the provision of music, robes and other requirements

Restricted funds:

Bells – maintenance of the Bells and Belfry

Biley St. Mary's – maintenance of the fabric of St. Mary's church.

Chapel- upkeep of Lawford Memorial Chapel, Interest from Lawford Endowment.

Clock fund - upkeep and maintenance of St. Barnabas' tower clock, Interest from Hadley Endowment.

Dorothy Hall bequest – for the use of St. Mary's church and St Barnabas,

Friends of St. Mary's – upkeep and maintenance of St. Mary's church and churchyard.

Special projects – other worthy causes identified as of need, smaller bequests/donations for one off items.

St Mary's Churchyard - upkeep and maintenance of St. Mary's churchyard, Endowment Interest from the St Mary's Endowments.

Wallsingham Cell – for the Cell of our Lady and St Joseph, use for Wallsingham pilgrimage's.

Endowment funds

Lawford bequest - upkeep of Lawford Memorial Chapel.

Hadley bequest - care and upkeep of St. Barnabas' Clock.

Biley bequest - upkeep of St. Mary's churchyard.

Gamble bequest - upkeep of St. Mary's churchyard and specific graves.

Merry bequest - upkeep of St. Mary's churchyard and specific graves.

Oakley bequest - upkeep of St. Mary's churchyard and specific grave.

Roberts bequest - upkeep of St. Mary's churchyard and specific grave.

Vickers bequest - upkeep of St. Mary's churchyard and specific grave.

Note, The Interest from the Endowment funds was transferred to respective Restricted funds (Chapel, Clock and St Mary's Churchyard) at year end.

Endowment Interest for 2025 by Fund, allocated to respective restricted funds, amounts transferred at year end:

	£
Lawford – Chapel Fund	177.96
Hadley – Clock Fund	19.92
Biley – St Mary's Churchyard	296.20
Gamble – St Mary's Churchyard	143.29
Merry – St Mary's Churchyard	209.44
Oakley – St Mary's Churchyard	226.81
Roberts – St Mary's Churchyard	33.42
Vickers – St Mary's Churchyard	349.53
Total	1456.57

Linslade PCC- St Barnabas'
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Analysis of Income and Expenditure
01 January 2025 to 31 December 2025

	Unrestricted	Designated	Restricted	Endowment	Total	
					2025	2024
Income and endowments						
<i>Donations and legacies</i>						
ZZZ103 - Planned giving <i>[Note D]</i>	64,768.73	0.00	0.00	0.00	64,768.73	63,953.90
ZZZ104 - Collections St. B	4,647.96	76.00	0.00	0.00	4,723.96	3,814.43
ZZZ105 – Donations <i>[Note E]</i>	2,034.01	5,625.00	50.00	0.00	7,709.01	7,758.18
ZZZ106 - Gift aided giving	1,599.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,599.00	1,861.97
ZZZ112 - Charitable donations	209.11	675.00	0.00	0.00	884.11	751.00
ZZZ116 - Don. - Church costs	565.49	0.00	0.00	0.00	565.49	337.00
ZZZ126 - Collections St. Mary	290.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	290.00	88.00
Donations and legacies Totals	74,114.30	6,376.00	50.00	0.00	80,540.30	78,564.48
<i>Income from charitable activities</i>						
ZZZ118 - Fees St. Barnabas	1,766.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,766.00	2,149.00
ZZZ119 - Fees St. Mary's	1,666.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,666.00	2,103.00
ZZZ122 - Messy Church & Toddler Gps	649.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	649.00	425.00
ZZZ127 - Friends - St. Mary's	0.00	0.00	459.00	0.00	459.00	1,451.41
ZZZ136 - St Barnabas (Use of Church)	3,962.50	0.00	0.00	0.00	3,962.50	4,942.50
ZZZ137 - St Mary's (Use of Church)	240.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	240.00	550.00
Income from charitable activities Totals	8,283.50	0.00	459.00	0.00	8,742.50	11,620.91
<i>Other trading activities</i>						
ZZZ117 - Fund raising	925.30	0.00	0.00	0.00	925.30	3,698.07
ZZZ120 - Fetes & bazaars	7,646.67	0.00	0.00	0.00	7,646.67	8,233.96
ZZZ121 - Hall income	21,143.13	0.00	0.00	0.00	21,143.13	22,337.12
ZZZ131 - Magazine income	746.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	746.00	651.00
Other trading activities Totals	30,461.10	0.00	0.00	0.00	30,461.10	34,920.15
<i>Investments</i>						
ZZZ108 - Interest on deposits	1,131.52	4,350.86	4,043.57	0.00	9,525.95	10,435.38
ZZZ109 - Endowment interest	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,456.57	1,456.57	1,422.52
Investments Totals	1,131.52	4,350.86	4,043.57	1,456.57	10,982.52	11,857.90
<i>Other income</i>						
ZZZ110 - Tax recoverable <i>[Note F]</i>	16,923.89	1,556.25	106.75	0.00	18,586.89	19,602.21
ZZZ123 - Choir income	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	160.00
ZZZ124 - PCC Bells	195.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	195.00	390.00
ZZZ125 - Wallsingham Cell	0.00	0.00	590.40	0.00	590.40	0.00
ZZZ135 - Bells Restricted Account	0.00	0.00	269.00	0.00	269.00	271.00
ZZZ138 - Renewable Energy (Solar)	1,793.94	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,793.94	1,539.76
Other income Totals	18,912.83	1,556.25	966.15	0.00	21,435.23	21,962.97
Income and endowments Grand totals	132,903.25	12,283.11	5,518.72	1,456.57	152,161.65	158,926.41

	Unrestricted	Designated	Restricted	Endowment	2025	Total 2024
Expenditure						
Costs of generating funds						
ZZZ204 - Fetes & bazaars	670.18	0.00	0.00	0.00	670.18	775.40
ZZZ205 - St. Mary's expenses	99.20	174.00	3,399.77	0.00	3,672.97	2,062.45
ZZZ206 - Hall expenses	7,062.37	36.82	0.00	0.00	7,099.19	7,650.87
ZZZ227 - Fundraising	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	115.80
ZZZ235 - St B Expenses	1,331.68	2,199.39	180.07	0.00	3,711.14	3,673.06
Costs of generating funds Totals	9,163.43	2,410.21	3,579.84	0.00	15,153.48	14,277.58
Expenditure on charitable activities						
ZZZ201 - Altar Requisites	1,163.11	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,163.11	807.19
ZZZ203 - Choir expenses	0.00	137.00	0.00	0.00	137.00	137.00
ZZZ208 - Magazine expenses	1,044.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,044.00	1,236.44
ZZZ210 - Organist's fees [Note G]	5,530.00	240.00	0.00	0.00	5,770.00	5,361.00
ZZZ212 - Parish share [Note H]	66,642.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	66,642.00	66,996.00
ZZZ213 - Parish activities	280.69	540.00	0.00	0.00	820.69	620.00
ZZZ214 - St. B. repairs [Note J]	0.00	2,950.65	0.00	0.00	2,950.65	13,755.48
ZZZ215 - St. M. repairs [Note J]	0.00	0.00	3,708.62	0.00	3,708.62	656.00
ZZZ217 - Charitable giving [Note K]	430.00	1,800.00	0.00	0.00	2,230.00	1,700.00
ZZZ220 - PCC Bells	160.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	160.00	320.00
ZZZ224 - Friends of St. M exp	0.00	0.00	324.88	0.00	324.88	786.24
ZZZ225 - Choir own exp.	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	133.00
ZZZ233 - Clergy fees & Expenses [Note L]	5,767.70	0.00	0.00	0.00	5,767.70	4,200.00
ZZZ234 - Hall repairs [Note J]	0.00	2,426.04	0.00	0.00	2,426.04	6,582.31
ZZZ236 - Utilities Office Cottage [Note M]	1,717.04	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,717.04	1,632.37
ZZZ237 - Utilities St B [Note M]	7,714.87	0.00	0.00	0.00	7,714.87	8,482.87
ZZZ238 - Utilities Hall [Note M]	4,158.18	0.00	0.00	0.00	4,158.18	4,897.25
ZZZ239 - Utilities St M [Note M]	1,005.42	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,005.42	526.68
Expenditure on charitable Activities Totals	95,613.01	8,093.69	4,033.50	0.00	107,740.20	118,829.83
Other expenditure						
ZZZ209 - Office / Admin expenses	575.86	100.00	0.00	0.00	675.86	1,328.65
ZZZ230 - Insurance St B	4,286.42	0.00	0.00	0.00	4,286.42	4,027.48
ZZZ231 - Insurance St Marys	1,562.04	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,562.04	1,555.24
ZZZ232 - Insurance Hall	1,603.86	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,603.86	1,486.60
ZZZ240 - Bells Expenses	0.00	0.00	110.00	0.00	110.00	96.00
Other expenditure Totals	8,028.18	100.00	110.00	0.00	8,238.18	8,493.97
Expenditure Grand totals	112,804.62	10,603.90	7,723.34	0.00	131,131.86	141,601.38

**Linslade PCC – St Barnabas’
Registered Charity - 1130239**

Fund Movement Summary

01 January 2025 to 31 December 2025

Fund	Fund balances Brought forward	Incoming Resources	Outgoing Resources	Transfers	Gains and Losses On Investments	Fund balances Carried Forward
Unrestricted						
General - General fund	68,743.48	132,903.25	112,804.62	(19,244.76)	0.00	69,597.35
Sub-totals	68,743.48	132,903.25	112,804.62	(19,244.76)	0.00	69,597.35
Designated						
Church - Maint&Repair fund StB & StM	85,488.94	10,298.00	5,062.65	15,000.00	0.00	105,724.29
Hall - Linslade Community Hall fund	14,473.90	587.55	2,462.86	5,000.00	0.00	17,598.59
Outreach - Charitable donations	1,076.64	871.30	1,800.00	800.00	0.00	947.94
Choir - Choir Fund	4,201.62	203.55	397.49	0.00	0.00	4,007.68
Teach - Youth, Mission & Teaching	7,575.00	322.71	880.90	0.00	0.00	7,016.81
Sub-totals	112,816.10	12,283.11	10,603.90	20,800.00	0.00	135,295.31
Restricted						
Friends - Friends of St. Mary's	10,099.15	958.61	427.31	(1,555.24)	0.00	9,075.21
Bells - Bells Fund	4,010.11	485.61	110.00	0.00	0.00	4,385.72
Dhall - Dorothy Hall bequest	57,199.58	2,433.93	1,560.00	0.00	0.00	58,073.51
Biley-M - Biley St. Mary's fund	15,701.74	680.16	0.00	0.00	0.00	16,381.90
Stmchyd - StM Churchyard(End Int)	7,043.47	178.58	5,445.96	1,258.69	0.00	3,034.78
S.proj - Special projects	3,011.47	125.75	180.07	0.00	0.00	2,957.15
Chapel - Lady Chapel(Lawford End)	1,007.28	59.63	0.00	177.96	0.00	1,244.87
Clock - Clock Fund (Hadley End)	139.85	6.05	0.00	19.92	0.00	165.82
WCell - Wallsingham Cell	0.00	590.40	0.00	0.00	0.00	590.40
Sub-totals	98,212.65	5,518.72	7,723.34	(98.67)	0.00	95,909.36
Endowment						
Lawford - Chapel fund - Lawford	6,404.99	177.96	0.00	(177.96)	(256.06)	6,148.93
Hadley - Clock fund - Hadley	716.80	19.92	0.00	(19.92)	(28.65)	688.15
Biley - St. Mary's church	10,659.56	296.20	0.00	(296.20)	(426.14)	10,233.42
Roberts - St. Mary's fund - Roberts	1,202.38	33.42	0.00	(33.42)	(48.07)	1,154.31
Merry - St. Mary's fund - Merry	7,538.00	209.44	0.00	(209.44)	(301.35)	7,236.65
Gamble - St. Mary's fund - Gamble	5,156.36	143.29	0.00	(143.29)	(206.14)	4,950.22
Oakley - St. Mary's fund - Oakley	8,162.31	226.81	0.00	(226.81)	(326.31)	7,836.00
Vickers - St. Mary's fund - Vickers	12,578.75	349.53	0.00	(349.53)	(502.87)	12,075.88
Sub-totals	52,419.15	1,456.57	0.00	(1,456.57)	(2,095.59)	50,323.56
Totals	332,191.38	152,161.65	131,131.86	0.00	(2,095.59)	351,125.58

6. SUMMARY OF FUND TRANSFERS

A Transfer (in January 2025) of £1,554.25. from Friends of St Mary's to General Funds for Payment of the St Mary's Insurance the year 2024 as agreed by the Friends APCM.

A Transfer (in January 2025) of £800 from General Funds to Outreach for matched funding for the Outreach 2024 funds distribution to our charities, as agreed by the PCC.

After a review of our General Funds balances held at 31 December 2025 a transfer of £15,000 from General Funds to Church Maintenance Designated Fund and a transfer of £5,000 from General Funds to Hall Designated Fund was made at year end to build up our reserves for the future maintenance and repairs to the Churches and Hall.

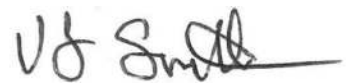
(For Endowment Interest transfers see Page 8)

7. EXPLANATION NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS FOR 2025

- [Note A] Endowment Investments - Endowment Fixed Asset values reduced by 4% during 2025.
- [Note B] Accounts Receivable – This is represented by Gift Aid Tax reclaim to the end of December 2025 of £4,178 (*Which has now been received*)
- [Note C] Accounts Payable – All utility bills for December remain outstanding to be paid, £1,920 has been calculated from the end of month bills. (*Which have now been paid*)
- [Note D] Church collections have increased with the provision of Contactless donations machine.
- [Note E] Donations received for during year, from individuals & groups and the use of the car park.
- [Note F] Tax recoverable through the year; Gift Aid claims including FWO and Small Donations total £18,568.
- [Note G] Organist and Choirmaster fees and remuneration as agreed by the PCC Trustees.
- [Note H] Parish Share paid in full £66,642 from the General Funds.
- [Note J] Main repairs / works include:
StB – Roof, Boiler, Toilet & Organ Repairs
StM – Boundary Wall & Guttering Repairs
Hall – Boiler, Toilet & Water Heater Repairs
- [Note K] Charitable donations of £200 made from General Funds and £1800 from Outreach Funds for our 3 Charities, as part of matching Outreach donations.
- [Note L] Clergy expenses are now paid directly by the PCC and not through the OVTC as previous years.
- [Note M] Utility costs (Gas & Electric) have reduced slightly in 2025 as shown in accounts.

Vernon Smith

Signed:



Linslade PCC Treasurer

Date:

25/2/26.