

TREASURER'S REPORT ON THE ACCOUNTS TO THE 31ST DECEMBER 2025

I am unable to attend the APCM on the 17^h May and I am grateful to Janine Dunnell for presenting the accounts on my behalf. If anyone has any questions prior to the meeting please email me at chardyseergreen@aol.com

We continue to use the Post Office in Chalfont St Giles to pay in cash to our bank account as the nearest branches of Lloyds Bank are in central High Wycombe or Uxbridge. From 1st January 2026 we are unable to pay in cheques to our bank account via the post office. The only way to pay in cheques, without visiting a branch, is by photographing and scanning them in via the Lloyd banking app. This system works but only if the photograph is sufficiently clear. which is not always the case. We will no longer accept payment by cheque for the Community News subscription and discourage any donations given by cheque.

Making payments and transfers via online banking has made the process quicker and easier as we are now only reliant on the postal system for the very few cheque payments we make.

The volume of online payments received for the Community News subscriptions has grown over the last few years. From October 2024 they have been paid into a separate bank account. This makes the subscription collection easier to track as the subscription co-ordinator can check the subscriptions received and pass on the information to the magazine distributors. During the year Tanya Williams relinquished her role as subscription co-ordinator and I am very grateful to Liz Smallwood for taking over this important role. Liz now has sight only access to the Community New bank account which has reduced my work load as treasurer.

The Trinity Café was set up in May 2025 and is doing well. The Café is shown in the annual accounts as a designated fund with a separate bank account, but ultimately is part of General Church Funds. The generous grant received from the Clare Foundation has been treated as a restricted fund for set up costs and the first 3 months of operating costs.

I am once more grateful to David Jordan who has carried out a thorough examination of the 2025 accounts books and records. I am very pleased to report that David has agreed to continue in the role of Independent Examiner for 2026.

GENERAL FUNDS

Receipts

Planned giving has decreased from £42,966 in 2024 to £41,788 in 2025 which is disappointing. No new donors have joined the schemes set up to facilitate planned giving and we have sadly lost some regular givers during the year. I am however pleased to report that some new donors have joined the schemes in the early part of 2026.

Our general collections have increased this year and more people are using the contactless device allocated to us by the Diocese as part of their Digital Giving Rollout.

We received a full year of rental payments for use of the Parish Church Hall which makes a significant contribution to our overall running costs.

Payments

Payments to charities never exactly mirror donations received due to timing differences in paying over sums to the charities and reclaiming Gift Aid on donations.

We have paid £29237 towards our Diocesan Quota (Parish Share). We have withheld the element of the Parish Share which relates to clergy stipend

Church hall running costs have increased again this year due to £13,050 spent on roof repairs (£3581 in 2024). A further £1375 has been spent in the early part of 2026

Other payments were largely in line with our budgeted projections. We increased our budget spend on mission and outreach from £5600 to £15000.

Outcomes

At the end of 2024 we recorded a surplus of receipts over payment of £13523. This was as a result of withholding part of our Parish Share and careful management of our expenditure. In 2025 we recorded an overall deficit of £13042, this was due mainly to our increased spend on mission and outreach and the cost of repairs to the Parish Hall roof. The deficit was funded via our reserves.

RESTRICTED FUNDS

Building (Friends of Holy Trinity)

In accordance with our published accounting policies, we were able to use this fund to pay £969 (£1959 2024) in respect of repairs and maintenance on the church buildings and churchyard. The balance of £4999 (£1091 2024) was paid from General Funds. The Buildings Fund is now significantly depleted and it is unlikely that the fund will be able to cover all the maintenance costs in 2026

Cafe Fund

The grant received from the Clare Foundation to fund the set -up costs of the Café and contribute to the operating cost for the first 3 months was treated as a restricted fund in the accounts. The grant was spent in its entirety within the year ended 31/12/25.

DESIGNATED FUND.

The receipts and payments relating to the Café are shown in the accounts as a designated fund with its own separate bank account. The Café contributed £1984 towards utility bills and electrical upgrade and repairs in the year to 31/12/25.

Audrey Hardy PCC treasurer.