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CHANDLER'S FORD

Annual Report and Accounts of the Parochial Church Council



St Boniface



St Martin in the Wood

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1. Letter from the Vicar

I pray that out of his glorious riches [the Father] may strengthen you with power through his Spirit in your inner being, so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith. And I pray that you, being rooted and established in love, may have power, together with all the Lord's holy people, to grasp how wide and long and high and deep is the love of Christ, and to know this love that surpasses knowledge – that you may be filled to the measure of all the fullness of God. Ephesians 3:16-19.

Dear Reader,

The Church exists because God is love. Father, Son and Holy Spirit have always dwelt together in perfect communion and joy - a triune eternal moment of giving and receiving in love.

God's love was then poured out in creation as the Father spoke all things into being through the Son and by the Spirit. Evil and sin entered the world through creaturely rebellion as humanity chose to try and 'become like God'. And in response God sent his Son, to call human creatures back into joyful fellowship with himself through the self-giving love of the Son and the sending of the Spirit.



The Church therefore exists to respond to the love of God that has already been poured out for us, in creation and especially in salvation and it is an absolute joy to read through the reports below and see some of the very practical, local and life-giving ways that God's love has been reflected through our parish this year.

God is good and his love is inexhaustible. We have been particularly blessed as a parish this year in the remarkable meeting of a £30,000 budget deficit, the building of a new long path *and* God still enabled us to give away our intended 10% tithe to other charities near and far, giving away £28,000 in the year.

It is unusual for a church to be able to do all of that in a year and *not* have incurred any debts in order to do so (e.g. with building the path). It is all cleared this year. God has given us very much and there is so much to give thanks for.

Please join with me and the PCC in praying for God's wisdom in knowing how to make the most of the opportunities and resources that he has given us as a parish. We look forward to seeing the good that God will do, through, to and with us!

With prayer,

Duncan

The Rev'd Duncan Hollands
Vicar of The Parish of Chandler's Ford

2. Our Values

Jesus said the first commandment is 'Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength. The second is this: Love your neighbour as yourself.' Mark 12:30-31

Therefore, as a parish we aim to:

Love God

- Know and worship God.
- Be Christ-centred in all we do, growing in faith and rooted in God's word.
- Seek God's will for our lives, guided by the Holy Spirit.
- Be committed to prayer, individually and corporately.

Love One Another

- Be a vibrant all-age Church family, characterised by creativity, thankfulness and joy.
- As a family, seek unity and honour diversity in worship.
- Be a community characterised by forgiveness, healing, restoration, acceptance, care and love.
- Offer generous hospitality, welcome and friendship to all.

Love Chandler's Ford and Beyond

- Encourage, enable and equip people for service and mission.
- Share the Good News of Jesus with those we meet, both by our actions and words.
- Be agents of social transformation, making a difference by joining in the building of God's Kingdom in Chandler's Ford and beyond.

3. Ministry Team - Worship and Ministry

Our Vicar, The Rev'd Duncan Hollands writes:

The Lord is here.

All His Spirit is with us.

Lift up your hearts.

All We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All It is right to give thanks and praise.

It is indeed right,
it is our duty and our joy,
at all times and in all places
to give you thanks and praise,
holy Father, heavenly King,
almighty and eternal God,
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord.

Each time we pray those words at the 10am it occurs to me, “Yes, it is right to praise you at all times Lord!” Our worship services in the morning, afternoon and midweek have been a fulfilment of that joyful duty to draw near to God and receive from him in word and sacrament.

It would be easy to focus on attendance numbers (perhaps especially as they are ticking upwards), but I don’t think the Lord was too worried about attendance numbers. He only commissioned twelve apostles and that sometimes Jesus preached to large numbers and seemed to deliberately whittle them down to a few - in John 6 the crowd of 5,000 mostly finds the teaching too hard and walks away. This doesn’t seem to be a problem for the Lord! Nevertheless, from an earthly point of view, attendance is one indication of the short-to medium-term viability of a church charity: please see the later section in this report for the annual figures.

A notable change to our pattern of worship was that the 4pm moved to having services every week. Previously 4pm did not happen on the third Sunday of the month as many of the same people who serve on rotas at the 4pm also serve at Messy Church which occurs in the morning on the third Sunday. Likewise, 4pm services used to either look very different or sometimes have more of a social feel through the Summer and/or Christmas holidays but we have moved to also having more normal worship services in those periods.

I hope and pray that this is spiritually good for us at the 4pm congregation - in that we have a chance to come together in worship each week; and also communally - in that we don’t have a two-week block where we don’t see each other each month and/or through the holidays.



At the start of 2025 we had The Rev’d Claire Robinson joined us as a curate finishing her training and wonderfully she was licensed in September as a permanent part of the team as our Associate Deacon.

Adrian Nance also joined the parish as our licensed lay minister in February and has helped with 10am, 4pm, Evensong, midweek services and funeral ministry.



Debbie Pearce announced her retirement but it’s a joy for us that she intends to remain as a member of the congregation and also of the parish magazine team.

The Rev’d Christine Divall and The Rev’d Andrew Williamson both took services for us in the year as clergy with Permission to Officiate and a number of services continue to be covered by Diocesan Registry priests when necessary.

Ewen Greenlees, Stacey Brook, Jon and Mel Westmacott, Stuart Divall and Steph Forward have continued to support the informal services by leading throughout the year.

The rest of this annual report details a wealth of ministry and mission in the parish and the clergy and churchwardens are grateful for each person who serves God in this place.

4. Youth and Children's Work

4.1 Youth Ministry

Our Youth Minister Ewen Greenlees writes:



Our main groups in 2025:

Fuel – Years 7 to 13, meets every other Thursday at 7.30-9pm at St Martin's.

Leaders – Ewen Greenlees, Claire Brendish, Annette Threlfall

Focus – Years 7 to 13, meets every Sunday at 4pm at St Boniface.

Leaders – Ewen Greenlees, Pete Knight, Jo price, Steph Forward

Youth Gaming café – Years 7-11, meets every other Friday at 3:30-5pm at St Martin's.

Leaders – Ewen Greenlees, Linda Greenlees, Sue Marsland, Phil Robinson, Michelle Pemberton.

Fuel - Over the course of 2025 we have seen considerable growth at Fuel. This has come both from uptake from previous Year 6s and from non-churched young people. We have also seen a continued growth in maturity of faith of members in the group as we continue to underpin our values of being real and being welcoming, and I have witnessed the group grow closer with each other and closer with God throughout the year. The Youth Alpha Course has been a highlight with young people engaging with the big questions of life and faith. The food and worship nights on Thursdays have continued to allow young people to engage in sung worship and reflective prayer.

Focus – For 2025, Focus has mostly followed the 4pm's teaching series. Our young people have seen a small increase in numbers. Over the course of this year, we have seen more young people serving in different ministries across parish life including worship bands, refreshments, and AV.

Gaming Café – in November 2025 we launched our Youth Gaming Café, an outreach project with the hope of developing new relationships with non-churched young people. This café had both computer-and board-gaming as well as a café area with a tuck shop. This has had a slow start, with fewer young people than we had hoped, but this has allowed us to build good relationships with the small number of young people who come.

Residentials - We have also teamed up with the youth groups at Christ Church Winchester to deliver two weekend residentials during the year for different age groups. These are great times to grow in faith, make new friends and have amazing fun.

In the summer, for a second year, we took four young people away to Satellites Youth Festival in Somerset where they had the chance to engage in worship and teaching with 2500 other young people from across the country. This was a really encouraging event which saw young people deepen their faith in and give their lives to Jesus.

Other – our relationship with Thorndon School remains steady. I once again attended their annual event for GCSE Religious Studies pupils where we had a chance to answer questions on the Christian faith and present the gospel to close to 90 young people. We are currently trying to develop a new relationship with Toynbee School.

In the summer of 2025, we were very glad to baptise one young person at St Boniface and see two young people confirmed by Bishop Rhiannon the following September.

Throughout the year we have run a series of socials to help create fellowship and fun, as well as provide opportunities for young people to bring non-churched friends to the group. These have been successful, and across the year we have been able to form and continue to grow relationships with 5-10 non-churched young people.

4.2 Children and Schools's Ministry

Our Children's Minister, Debbie Pearce writes:



As I write this report I am coming to my last week as Children and Schools' Minister in the parish. It has been a joy and privilege to share the bible and God's love with many children, families, schools and scouting. I am thrilled to be handing it over to Jon Brook and to see where God leads it.

Groundbreakers	ages Yr R-Yr 6	4pm service.
Xplode after-school group	ages Yr R-Yr 6	Tuesdays in termtime, St Boniface 4-5.30pm
Messy Church	All ages	Third Sundays, 10am at St Boniface

Sunday groups

Groundbreakers: Last year we split the group into two age groups, making sure we gave age-appropriate teaching, which seems to have worked well. This year the children have had fun learning about Nehemiah, bible characters, the armour of God and are now learning about Ruth. Each session has been very interactive and seen an average of 12 children per week being led by an amazing team of leaders and helpers.

Messy Church: Over the last year Messy Church has followed the parables of Jesus. Debbie and Jane have given the families plenty of opportunity to get involved throughout the services and have tried to use the most recent assembly song, so that the children recognise it. Ewen and the other helpers have led the activity tables which have been a mixture of cutting and sticking crafts, science and technology crafts, creating a big picture, food crafts, colouring and puzzles, as well as an occasional sensory tray. We continue to have approximately 80-90 people enjoying breakfast, service and activities and enjoy new families arriving. A huge thank you to Jonathan and Daniel Pearce for all their hard work in Messy as they now step down with Debbie.

Other groups and schools

Xplode: Our after-school group remains to be such a joy with 20-25 mainly non-churched children attending each week. Debbie, Ewen, Margaret, Audrey, Liz, Mary and Elisabeth continue to provide a fun interactive group with snacks, crafts, quiet space, games and sharing time. We all enjoyed an end of school year outing to Kids2Day in Chandler's Ford, allowing the children to run off some energy. I want to say a huge thank you to all our amazing helpers for their time and energy, and especially to Elisabeth, as she steps down from the group, and we wish her well.

Uniformed organisations: Another AMAZING year of Christingles as 44 Squirrels, 116 Beavers and 34 Cubs attended separate Christingle services at St Boniface. Debbie and Ewen ran the Squirrel and Beaver services and introduced Jon at them both. Debbie and Jon then led the Cub service. These services are always fun and give us the opportunity to share the meaning behind the Christingle with not only the children, but their leaders and families as well.

Schools ministry: To date we visit three infant schools and three junior schools in our parish and enjoy a good relationship with them all. This year has seen Beckie Hollands join Debbie and Ewen in our team, and more recently Jon Brook. Over the year we have shared stories such as Moses and the Red Sea, Daniel and the Lion's Den and of course have had extra fun with Easter and Christmas. All the schools seem to enjoy our visits as we lead a story, talk, song and prayer, and it is great to see the children being able to get involved. We feel it is such a blessing to have this opportunity each term.

We also enjoyed Hiltingbury Infants and Juniors visiting St Martin's to think about Easter and special places. Year 2 of Chandler's Ford Infants visited St Boniface for their first Christingle, which went really well and will be taking place again this Christmas.

5. Churchwardens' Report

Annual Report from the Churchwardens, including the Report on Ornaments and Fabric for St Boniface and St Martin in the Wood in the Parish of Chandler's Ford April 2025 - March 2026

As churchwardens of the Parish of Chandler's Ford, we are pleased to submit this report on behalf of St Boniface and St Martin in the Wood churches:

One parish, two churches working together

5.1 Ornaments and Fabric

We can confirm that the ornaments and fabric of St Boniface and St Martin in the Wood are in good order.

Items added to the Terrier and Inventory for St Boniface

One PTZ camera (Tenveo VL 12U, on centre of rear church wall) – August 2025

Dark fruit-wood patten and chalice on permanent loan from St Martin in the Wood – November 2025

12 Sony satellite moveable speakers on choir stalls – January 2026

Items removed from the Terrier and Inventory for St Boniface

1 webcam from top centre of rear church wall – August 2025

12 moveable small speakers on choir stalls – January 2026

Items added to the Terrier and Inventory for St Martin in the Wood:

28 blue upholstered folding Mogo metal-framed chairs and storage trolley (stored in centre) – July 2025

One Rodgers classic electronic organ model 538 – August 2025

One PTZ camera (Tenveo VL 12U on centre of rear church wall) – August 2025

Pair of silver-plated, brushed-finish pillar candle holders for altar – September 2025

Items removed from the Terrier and Inventory for St Martin in the Wood

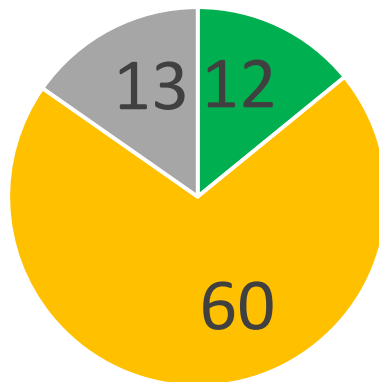
1 webcam from top centre of rear church wall – August 2025

Dark fruit-wood patten and chalice given on permanent loan to St Boniface – November 2025

One Wyvern classical organ – March 2026

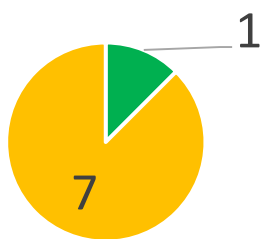
5.2 Building and Centres, including Quinquennial Survey

In July 2024 our Inspecting Architect, Duncan McKellar, RIBA AABC MSc Building Conservation, undertook our latest quinquennial survey. The reports received in February 2025 identified all the maintenance and improvement actions which were recommended over the following five-year period to keep our buildings in a good state of repair. Activities are categorised from Cat A, which are urgent, to Cat E which are recommendations for the future. The progress of addressing the outstanding quinquennial actions is shown in the following charts.



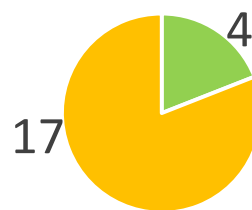
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Cat A - Feb 2026



■ Complete ■ Incomplete

Cat B - Feb 27



■ Complete ■ Incomplete

Notes

The status is shown at the time of writing (February 2026).

The eight Category A works identified are all at St Boniface. There are none at St Martin’s.

1. Requirement that all mortar containing cement is not used in future repairs (advisory).
2. Fit a new deadlock with a thumb turn on the north lobby door adjacent to the parish office (completed Q4 2025).
3. Fit smoke seals to double doors between the narthex and the entrance lobby (on project list to be carried out Q1 2026).
4. Repair gutter, timber fascia and soffit on right hand side of entrance porch (on project list, date to be confirmed).

5.,6.,7.,8. Various repairs to ferramenta and stonework to three windows on the south side of the nave, three windows on the south side of the chancel and two windows at the west end of the nave. Due to the cost of these window repairs, the PCC has agreed that repairs are to be carried out in a phased manner, starting with the three windows on the south side of the nave. On behalf of the PCC, Michael Cooke is currently applying for grants towards the costs of these repairs – our thanks to Michael.

All remaining items are scheduled on the project list of works for both churches, with some having been already addressed through our ongoing routine and regular maintenance works.

We would like to thank our Inspecting Architect, Duncan McKellar, for his work in producing these quinquennial reports and his ongoing support and advice.

5.2.1 St Boniface Path



On 20th October 2025 we were pleased to announce that construction work was starting on the new smooth pathway to the entrance of St Boniface church, together with low level lighting and bicycle racks. The original slabbed path was in a poor condition as a result of general ageing and also with damage due to root growth from the yew tree and other adjacent trees.

The construction followed detailed planning and replanning, obtaining diocesan approval and fundraising and we thank our parishioners for their patience and generosity with donating, raising funds by buying buckets and obtaining grants. We felt humbled by your response to the appeal. The path was officially opened on 23rd November 2025 with the cutting of a ribbon and two representatives of the congregation taking symbolic first steps.

We are very grateful to Stuart Divall for generously giving his professional expertise and time in designing, planning and managing the construction.

We now have a safe and welcoming entrance to St Boniface for people attending our services and for reaching out to our community.

5.2.2 St Martin's Organ

In May 2025, the 35-year-old Wyvern organ at St Martin's church failed and an estimated repair cost of over £8,000 made it beyond economic repair. After several months of looking at alternative solutions, our prayers were answered when we were offered a modern Rodgers electronic church organ, with similar functionality to the previous organ, that was for sale in Chandler's Ford.



The £2,000 price and the removal costs were met by a generous donation from a member of the congregation, for which we are very grateful. The previous owner came to the first service that the organ was used on 7th September. He was very pleased to hear for the first time how the organ sounded in a building that it was designed for.

Thank you so much to everyone who made this possible.

5.2.3 AV Improvements – both churches

During the year, the AV project team continued to apply for grants to improve our AV services and systems at both churches. This team has successfully raised considerable monies and have now completed the planned work. We are very grateful to the team for their resourcefulness, initiative and hard work. It has made a huge difference to the audio-visual experience of church for all congregations, in church or at home.

5.2.4 St Martin's Insulation

The same AV project team also had a separate initiative underway to look at improving the roof insulation and providing insulation under the sanctuary floor at St Martin in the Wood. These works have now been completed (September/October 2025) and costs were covered by grants. The building now feels warmer for longer and heat loss is reduced.

5.2.5 Energy and Utilities

- Southern Water Efficiency Team undertook an audit at St Martin's in October; St Boniface date to be arranged.
- In September 2025 the diocese selected St Boniface for an energy and net zero carbon audit that was fully funded by Parish Buying on behalf of the national Church of England; a report was received on 30th October and the recommendations are being considered by the Parish Eco Group.
- At the end of Q3 2025 the parish had to select a new utility supplier as the scheme under Parish Buying had expired. The St Boniface gas meter needs to be upgraded and this is ongoing at the time of writing this report.

5.2.6 General Maintenance Works

Work at both churches has been varied, for example:

- replacing blown double-glazing to Velux windows, first floor of St Boniface (Cat C)
- gutter and downpipe clearing at both churches (Cat B)
- tree work at both churches
- fire alarm repairs and maintenance at St Boniface
- installation of Hive smart wireless central heating control system at St Martin's and upgrading of the St Boniface system to Hive smart wireless system
- production of AV user guides for hirer use of projectors and sound system at both church centres
- installation of key safe for Winchester room AV at St Boniface
- fire extinguisher testing at both churches
- servicing of boilers at both churches
- portable appliance testing undertaken at both churches
- deep clean of various carpets (both churches)
- regular general maintenance of the outside and inside of our church buildings
- quarterly defibrillator checks at St Martin in the Wood
- ongoing improvements and upgrades to AV systems at both churches
- improving internet speed at St Boniface for the AV system
- website improvements
- repairs to broken bollards in St Martin's car park and also at the front of St Boniface
- ongoing maintenance to toilets
- maintenance of radiators at St Boniface
- securing fences at St Boniface
- cabling, amplifier and link to sound desk for new organ at St Martin's
- ongoing lighting maintenance at both churches, including LED replacements
- removal of dead/dangerous tree at St Martin's (approved by Eastleigh Borough Council)
- removal of redundant smoke detectors in nave and hall ceilings at St Martin's (Cat B)

- repair of water leak under the paving slabs on the north side of St Boniface, adjacent to the flower vestry and bin store; paving slabs re-laid; these were carried out under the parish insurance policy

We would like to thank all the volunteers who have assisted with the repairs and maintenance by contributing their time and talents. In particular, we must call out Giles Richardson who has coordinated the quinquennial programme of works and undertaken many and varied maintenance activities. *Thank you, Giles.*

Our Parish Administrator maintains a register of suppliers and contractors across the parish, with dates of when servicing or checks are required.

5.3 Church Documents

The current church services registers, wedding, funeral and baptismal records are in order and kept up to date. From these records the latest 2025 annual Parish Mission Statistics were completed and submitted for the Church of England Membership Return in February 2026. The record of documents and registers appertaining to the church indicates which records are kept in various places in the churches, and which registers and historical papers are in the Hampshire Records Office.

5.4 Faculties and The Chancellor's General Directions for St Boniface (St Martin in the Wood is not subject to the faculty process)

- Full faculty issued for removal of the existing slab pathway on the south side leading to the main door, to be replaced by a smooth pathway sited nearer the church to avoid the yew tree roots. Faculty included the provision of low-level lighting.
- List B approval for repair works to windows 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5 on the south side of the church, as identified in the quinquennial inspection report dated July 2024 as Cat A repairs.
- List B approval for the installation of an incumbents' honours board adjacent to the south side exit in the church, as requested by a late parishioner as part of his legacy.
- List B approval to cut back and reshape the yew tree on the south boundary to clear the branches overhanging the new path, addressing a health risk posed by bird droppings.

5.5 Building Insurance

We are insured with Trinitas, who offer a single parish-wide insurance covering both churches. This continues to offer value for money. However it is kept under review.

5.6 The Grounds

We are grateful to the people who care for our grounds and car parks, keeping them in a good state. The grounds and gardens at both churches are regularly maintained by a professional gardener and volunteers. Tree work was undertaken at both St Martin's and St Boniface (ref List B approval above).

We have had grounds working parties at both churches – tidying up after the winter at St Martin’s and clearing Fortune Field at St Boniface.

At St Boniface we have repeated issues with non-church users parking, which we are doing our best to address by notifying the Community Centre and neighbours when we need our whole car park, e.g. for funerals, weddings, special services, diocesan training days, etc.

5.7 Church and Centre Buildings

The two church centres continue to be a valuable resource in the parish, affording us outreach and mission opportunities to the community.

The PCC Church and Centre Committee met regularly during the year to ensure that the buildings and grounds were well-maintained and general maintenance was carried out (see this Churchwardens’ report section 5.2 above for further details). The cleaning is undertaken by paid staff and volunteers to whom we are very grateful.

The centres continue to be regularly used by the community, with an increase in regular and one-off hirers at St Martin’s. The income from hirers in 2025 exceeded the budget.

5.8 Social Events and Community Support

We continue to offer hospitality through regular parish events such as Beacon Café, Afternoon Guild, Holiday at Home, Men’s Breakfast, Men@8, Women’s Breakfast, Mothers’ Union and home groups.

We are truly blessed to have the two churches and centres offering us a wonderful opportunity for mission.

Parishioners continue to be generous with their donations to Eastleigh Basics Bank.

We had several social and community support events throughout the year, including those listed below:

- 17th May, Quiz Night with supper
- 24th May, Plant Sale with Coffee Morning to raise funds for the parish and St Anne’s Hospital, Liuli
- 4th July, Generosity Auction raising monies for parish funds (missional giving)
- 24th October, Solent Fellowship Band concert raising monies for parish funds
- 8th November, Christian Aid Quiz Night
- 13th December, Parish Christmas Coffee Morning for parish funds
- 21st March, Madding Crowd Concert in aid of parish funds

And finally...

A churchwarden’s role is varied but one of our key responsibilities is to ensure that the churches are prepared for services. To that end, we are grateful to the warden, steward and refreshment teams who support us.

We are very blessed with a large group of volunteers who undertake many and varied tasks, including sacristans, flower arrangers, church cleaners, office volunteers who help with admin and bookings, and those who look after church heating and locking up when needed.

We are very blessed with talented musicians and choristers in the parish and our thanks go to them all for enhancing our worship.

Special thanks go to our talented AV team who continue to improve our sound and broadcasting, enabling people to join in our worship both within and outside our parish.

Thanks to the *Parish News*, eNews and pew sheet editors, contributors and distributors who help to keep people informed.

There are too many people giving of their time and talents to mention by name, but we are very grateful to you all.

We are grateful for the invaluable support we receive from our Parish Administrator (Suzie Pavitt), the Vicar's PA (Gill Skates), our Safeguarding Officer (Anne Addiss), all members of the PCC, and Treasurer (Sue Marsland) and her finance team.

We feel privileged to be a part of a strong leadership team and thank them all for their wisdom, discernment and support over the year.

Finally, we thank Rev'd Duncan for his leadership, support, care and love for the parish.

To everyone we would like to say -

**Thank
You**

Thank you all for your support over the year.

Jane Keen and Lynne Mursell

Churchwardens

March 2026

6. Safeguarding

Our Parish Safeguarding Officer, Anne Addiss writes:



Under section 5 of the Safeguarding and Clergy Discipline Measure 2016, PCCs must have 'due regard' to safeguarding guidance issued by the House of Bishops. To comply with this duty, the PCC has a designated Parish Safeguarding Officer, and has policies and procedures in place to safeguard children, young people and vulnerable adults.

There are currently 84 people with a DBS clearance certificate.

In May 2025 APCS, the diocese's online DBS checking service, suffered a major data breach. Applicants whose data had been breached were notified and offered ongoing support with Experian. Following the breach all DBS checks have been done on paper.

The PCC has 12 safeguarding policies:

- Child Protection
- Safeguarding Adults
- Domestic Abuse
- Drug and Alcohol
- Lone Working
- Policy for Transporting Children and Young People
- Policy Statement on the Recruitment of Ex-Offenders
- Parish Policy on the Management of Those who Pose a Risk
- Policy Statement on Social Media
- Policy for Dealing with Suspicious Callers
- Volunteer Driving Policy for Ukrainian Refugees
- Dignity at Work

We also have an A5 booklet, *Guidelines for Visiting People at Home or in Care/Nursing Homes*.

The policies are available on the parish website, and all are readily available in the parish office and at the back of both churches.

The National Safeguarding Team has created a range of Safeguarding Learning Pathways for people with roles within the Church to complete. 117 have completed varying levels of safeguarding training.

We are signed up to the Parish Safeguarding Dashboard – Diocese of Winchester. This online tool helps the Safeguarding Officer and the PCC keep track of safeguarding within the parish. The dashboard links to Church of England policies, guidance and local templates.

7. Mission-Giving

Our Mission Committee secretary, Anne Addiss writes:

Charities everywhere have continued to struggle financially. This means our regular parish donations to Christian-led charities are more needed than ever. The Mission Committee has continued to oversee the parish mission day scheme for supporting overseas and local Christian mission organisations. This year the parish donated to the work of the following organisations: USPG (specific donations were also made to the Gaza Appeal for the Al Ahali Hospital in the Diocese of Jerusalem and to the anti-trafficking project in North India), Church Army (we support their project in Townhill Park), CMS (we support Heather Johnstone's work in Tanzania with the Rehema Women's project), Children's Society, Christian Aid, Fledge and Eastleigh Basics Bank. Details of donations to charities are shown on page 32 of this report.



We have also continued to support a student in Bukedi, Uganda, for the second year of a two-year course. This year we welcomed speakers from USPG, the Church Army and Heather Johnstone, our CMS partner. Our visiting speakers significantly raise our awareness of the diversity of work being carried out by these organisations to share God's love around the world. We would like to thank those mission representatives involved in organising parish support in 2025 and keeping us informed on their activities.

We would also like to thank those who support charities through gifts of time, talents and individual donations of goods or money. At the beginning of 2025, due to financial constraints, the PCC set the extra-parochial giving at 5% of income. However, thanks to the Grace of God, by the end of the year the PCC were able to restore the giving to 10% of income.

The parish has practically supported Eastleigh Basics Bank and Hazel Bateman continues to act as our Basics Bank champion. Thank you to all who continue to support this vital local work. The Friends of St Anne's Hospital, Liuli, held a plant sale at St Boniface, sharing the funds with the parish. They also hold a monthly card sale, held after the 10am service at St Boniface. This year our harvest gifts went to Winchester Beacon (Night Shelter) and Eastleigh Basics Bank. The special Christmas service collections, apart from the Christingle collection, were for Fledge, Winchester Beacon and Eastleigh Basics Bank. The Christingle collection went to the Children's Society.

We thank the Mission Committee members: Una Barter, Jean Nolan, Anne Addiss (Secretary), Jackie Richardson, Lynne Mursell (Chair), Peter Knight, Steph Forward and The Rev'd Duncan Hollands for all their enthusiasm and hard work. Jackie Richardson is the Churches Together in Chandler's Ford representative.

8. CTiCF (Churches Together in Chandler's Ford)

Jackie Richardson, our parish representative and chair of CTiCF writes:

The Committee met three times last year to plan events such as the Fryern Funtasia and carol singing, to share news and prayer requests and to receive reports about activities which are organised on an ecumenical basis such as Twinning, World Day of Prayer and Christian Aid.

We also heard presentations from Dan Brain about the work of Eastleigh Basics Bank and CAP, and from Sarah Hargreaves, Manager of Oasis Christian Centre, Romsey.

If you are interested in finding out more, or have suggestions for future projects/activities then do please speak to any of the parish reps who are: Jackie Richardson (Chair and Chaplaincy Rep); Heather Blake (PCC Rep); Barbara Dobson (Parish and Twinning Rep) and Brian Ridsdale (Christian Aid and Parish Eco Group).

9. Weddings in the Parish, 2025



Our Weddings Co-ordinator, Barbara Dobson writes:

In 2025 we had six weddings, spreading over the months of May to October, all of which were joyful and loving occasions, with an interesting variety of styles of wedding service. Five of the weddings were held at St Boniface church and one at St Martin in the Wood. We read 12 sets of banns, including those for our six weddings and six for out of parish weddings.

The technical team continues to develop their expertise which means they can offer many options of recording, videoing and now live-streaming for those with relatives and friends elsewhere.

We continue to take bookings and currently have weddings in our parish diary for 2026 and 2027.

The 'wedding team' continue to enjoy working together to make these wedding dates special occasions. Our team is Linda Bidder, Paul Anfield, Bob Everett, Jenny Greasley and occasionally Giles Richardson and even the churchwardens! My grateful thanks to them all.

10. Parish Eco Group

Stuart Divall, our Parish Eco Group chair writes:

The Parish Eco Group continues to fulfil its calling to be good stewards of creation and seeking ways that we, as a church family and individuals, can reduce our impact upon the environment. This is in line with scripture (Genesis 1:26-28 and 2:1) and, as a local parish and Christian community, is in accordance with the Fifth Mark of Mission; “to strive to safeguard the integrity of creation and to sustain the life of the earth”.

Chaired by Stuart Divall, the group comprises members of the parish who are enthusiastic about reducing their own impact upon the environment and helping others to do the same. My thanks go to Hazel Bateman for her tireless efforts since the group started back in 2022 but has made the decision to step back, although I know she remains a dedicated advocate of creation care and continues to contribute. You will have seen Hazel’s weekly Eco Tips in the eNews and monthly in *Parish News*. However, we are delighted to welcome Kai Solheim in 2026 to the group who brings a wealth of professional experience and knowledge.

Our environmental programme continues to be based on five areas of our church and individual lives as defined by A Rocha and shown below, indicating those members working in each of the areas:

Worship and Teaching: Stuart Divall, Lynne Mursell and Jane Keen

Buildings; and Land: Jane Keen and Lynne Mursell

Lifestyle: Hazel Bateman (stepped back September 2025), Claire Brendish and Michael Cooke

Community and Global Engagement: Brian Ridsdale and Brian Duxbury

Whilst we continue to pursue the Eco Church Silver Award, we have focused this past year on how we engage with our local community. We have maintained and continue to develop relationships with other churches in Chandler’s Ford, and have been in communication with our MP, Liz Jarvis. During 2026, we will be engaging with our local elected representatives at parish, borough and county level, seeking collaboration in how to tackle some of the key environmental challenges we all face.

We continue to produce information and helpful articles in our parish magazine and weekly eNews and assist the PCC in advising what measures can be put in place within our buildings and land. This has included advice on insulation, energy consumption and lighting within our buildings, including design of the new footpath to St Boniface. At the time of writing, we are monitoring energy use and establishing trends over the past four years to identify where savings can be made – not just financial, but carbon. Energy use is indeed one of our, if not the biggest, challenges we have and we will continue to seek ways that will help reduce our consumption.

We meet quarterly to review progress against our targets and set new objectives. Whilst working toward the awards, we remain committed to fulfilling our responsibilities as good stewards of creation. We will also continue to encourage all members to reduce their impact by providing helpful hints and ways that we can all do our bit in caring for God's creation.

11. Older People's Ministry

Parish news sheet deliveries

The parish news sheet has, on a fortnightly basis, continued to be delivered (or posted) to seven people who are either housebound or unable to attend church regularly.

Jean Nolan, Linda Read, Christine Clark and The Rev'd Claire Robinson write:

Beacon Café

Beacon Cafe has been running in the parish for ten years this year, meeting on the first and third Tuesdays of every month. It offers coffee, tea, cake, crafts, friendly chat and a warm welcome to all who attend. A good number of people attend, with new people often popping in, many of whom become regulars. Some of the ladies who attend the pilates class at St Boniface on Tuesday mornings regularly visit the cafe at the end of their class. We have also had regular visitors from a local care home.

We are grateful to the team of parishioners who regularly, or on request, bake tasty cakes throughout the year for the cafe. We are thankful too for the many volunteers from the parish who give their time to set up the tables and chairs, help in the kitchen, organise craft activities or chat to those who attend the cafe. The cafe couldn't function without them!

We marked the first ten years of the cafe with a celebration cake and balloons. We also had a 'surprise' visit from Judith Bird whose vision it was to establish this cafe at St Boniface church as a service to all in the area who wished to come.

We ended the year with a Christmas carol service led by Rev'd Claire Robinson and musical accompaniment provided by Hugh Benham (organist). This was much enjoyed by all.

Holiday at Home

Holiday at Home first started in August 2009 and continues meeting ten times a year, approximately every five to six weeks. Generally there are between 25 to 30 guests who enjoy a range of activities including bingo, quizzes, armchair aerobics, word bingo and a couple of raffles as well as a visiting entertainer in the afternoon.

A home-cooked lunch with a range of different puddings and afternoon tea is provided and thoroughly enjoyed by everyone.

The main focus is on socialising, having lots of fun and a good laugh!

Linda is blessed to have an amazing group of helpers both in the kitchen and those helping and supporting the guests. Without them she could not run Holiday at Home, so she is extremely grateful to them all.

Afternoon Guild

Afternoon Guild continues its regular meetings at St Martin's with an interesting and varied range of speakers each month. Membership, which stands currently at 50, has grown and we have an age range of 60-100. The Guild's accounts are in good shape. This regular meeting point provides valuable fellowship and social interaction while members hear its speakers and enjoy a cuppa, and is highly valued by those who attend, church and non-churched members alike.

Local Care Homes

Challoner House

The parish has had a good relationship with Challoner House Care Home since it opened in 1995.

There is an assigned team of volunteers who deliver a monthly Communion service at Challoner House for those residents who wish to attend. Home Communion can be taken to residents in their rooms, should they ask for it. We are also informed, via staff, of requests to pray individually with residents in their rooms.

Throughout 2025 we continued to share love and appreciation from the parish to residents with the delivery of posies on Mothering Sunday, palm crosses (for all) for Palm Sunday and chocolate eggs for Easter. A Christmas carol service was held at Challoner House in December, with musical support from Hugh Benham (organist) and choir members. These were times of joy and celebration for all!

Valley Lodge Care Home

A small group of people have been going into Valley Lodge Care Home, once a month, since November 2025. We are aware that there used to be a short non-eucharistic monthly service led by Rev'd Penny Thatcher and team and were advised, when resuming visits, that this was no longer appropriate for the current residents. Our current visiting pattern is to spend time with residents in the lounge, chatting to individuals as appropriate. We had a remembrance focus in November and sang carols together in December.

In January we were informed that the current activities manager was moving on after several years in post. This prompted a meeting with the new manager at Valley Lodge, who has asked us to reinstate the monthly services, which will start in March 2026.

The current team are Rev'd Claire, Sue Marsland and Christine Clark; we would welcome more on the team and prayers for further opportunities to serve in this place.

Regular social events

Our regular social events are going from strength to strength. These include Holiday at Home, Beacon Café, Men's Breakfast, Women's Breakfast, Mothers' Union and Afternoon Guild.

12. Administration and Communication



The parish office is the administrative hub of the parish and plays a vital role in our mission. It is run with cheerful, calm efficiency by Parish Administrator Suzie Pavitt. She is ably assisted by Ann Brew and Anne Addiss, who carry out a range of office tasks on a voluntary basis. Our thanks go to Anita Jarman who also helped in the office but has now chosen to step down. Jenny Greasley continues to do a wonderful job of dealing with the hirers for the St Boniface church centre and Barbara Dobson assists by co-ordinating the wedding and banns enquiries, with the ever-helpful Linda Bidder being there to help at weddings and rehearsals. Our thanks go to all who have helped to steward recent funerals or who have been involved with the music, sound, photo montages or live-streaming. The parish office is a good witness to newcomers and visitors to the parish. It helps tremendously with people involved with weddings, baptisms and funerals, and can be the first port of call for those in distress.

We continue to be grateful to David Lewis, Christine Clark and Elizabeth Seaman for all that they do in producing the *Parish News* and for all those who have contributed to it in 2025. Our thanks also go to Debbie Pearce who continues to take photographs, used by Jonathan Pearce, to produce the front and back covers of this magazine, and also to the wider team, who have faithfully distributed the magazine around Chandler's Ford, co-ordinated by Peggy Marten. We are very grateful to Anne Addiss and Suzie for compiling the fortnightly paper news sheet, and the emailed weekly eNews. Thanks also go to everyone who has helped to distribute the news sheet and reading packs. If anyone would like to receive weekly parish eNews then please contact the parish office.

The parish website continues to be another useful means of communication with visitors and congregation alike. Our thanks go to Suzie Pavitt and Giles Richardson for all that they have contributed to keeping this as up to date as possible. All the services are available through the parish website at www.parishcf.church or through our Facebook page at www.facebook.com/parishcf and on YouTube. Finally, thanks go to the team for their assistance in keeping the parish Facebook pages and groups updated with all of the parish events and services.

13. Review of Financial Activities and Affairs

Our Parish Treasurer, Susan Marsland writes:

The budget for 2025 included a £30,000 deficit. However, due to various factors including an increase in planned giving and a large fund-raising event we have ended up with net gain of approximately £800.

The achievements of 2025 worth celebrating are:

- The parish has maintained giving to mission and aid agencies at approximately 10% of budgeted income, a tithe on PCC unrestricted income that supports the work of mission and help for those in very real need in this country and around the world.
- Special collections to support organisations as diverse as Fledge, Eastleigh Basics Bank and the Children's Society were taken at various services.
- Raising funds to complete three major building/replacement projects,
 - New path at St Boniface, £36,200
 - Replacement of the insulation in the roof at St Martin in the Wood, £3,450,
 - Replacement of the Organ at St Martin in the Wood, £2,500.
- We have applied for several grants and been successful in raising £5,500 with £500 towards AV upgrades, £2,000 towards the path and £3,000 towards the roof insulation.
- We held several social, fund-raising events throughout the year with a couple of new events for this year (generosity auction and the Solent Fellowship Band concert) in total raising just over £9,100.

There was some increase in regular giving above inflation. Increased fund-raising and one-time donations have overcome the predicted deficit and enabled us to balance the books. This is testament to the faithful people who each year give large and small sums to enable the parish mission to continue.

Overview of accounts

Income for the year exceeded expense by nearly £800, resulting in a consolidated balance of £131,853 at the end of the year.

Legacies and donations left in memory of loved ones

Legacies funds received in 2025: £10,500

Legacies funds spent in 2025: £8,250

Finance team

The finance team is made up of Anne Brew, Jim Rooke, Jackie Richardson, Barbara Nance and Susan Marsland who are ably supported by Suzie Pavitt, Jenny Greasley and Linda Reed in the management of invoices.

14. Attendance

The number of people on the electoral roll at the APCM was recorded as 246. The parish completes and returns an annual return form for the diocese as part of the process of compiling the Church of England statistics.

	2022	2023	2024	2025
Baptisms	31	19	33	16
Number of couples married in church	5	9	4	6
Funeral services in church	20	16	25	19
Funerals at crematorium	3	6	0	6
Easter Day communicants	116	202	136	235
Easter Day worshippers	122	273	307	321
Communicants on Christmas Eve/Day	192	181	253	192
Worshippers on Christmas Eve/Day	252	239	296	282

The statistics above are based on services where people attended in person. We continued to have a livestream service every Sunday with an average of ten people viewing live online, and 80 viewing at a later time.

The average number of adults attending the 10am service was 93 (2024: 92).

The average number of adults attending the 4pm service was 39 (2024: 37).

There was an average of 15 (2024: 14) attendees at the monthly BCP 8am service and 29 (2024: 35) at the monthly BCP Choral Evensong.

The average number of adults attending midweek Communion/Morning Prayer service was 27 (2024: 28).

Accounting Policies

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

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention except for the valuation of investment assets, which are shown at market value.

Funds

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

General funds – restricted - represent the funds of the PCC that are subjected to restrictions regarding their use and are only available for use which complies with the restriction.

The accounts include all transactions, assets and liabilities for which the PCC is responsible in law. They do not include the accounts of church groups that owe their main affiliation to another body or those that are informal gatherings of church members.

Reserves

The Parish reserves policy is reviewed annually by the PCC and states:

It is the policy of this Parish to hold unrestricted reserves in the General Fund equivalent to two months budgeted expenditure. At least half of this amount should be held in deposit accounts.

The Fabric Fund - designated- is intended to cover unforeseen building problems, works identified at the next Quinquennial inspection and likely expenditure within the next 5 years. It is the intention that as it is used to fund work it will be restored up to a reserve figure of £30,000.

The PCC will look to achieve this in a reasonable period of time, taking into account other demands on funds
Audio Visual Fund – designated – is intended to cover updates to the Audio-Visual systems in both churches. Monies raised from providing Audio Visual at weddings and funerals by the Audio Visual Team and from hirers use of audio visual equipment.

Incoming resources

Voluntary income and capital sources

Collections are recognised when received by or on behalf of the PCC.

- Planned giving receivable under Gift Aid is recognised only when received.
- Income tax recoverable on Gift Aid donations is recognised when the income is recognised.
- Grants and legacies to the PCC are accounted for as soon as the PCC is notified of its legal entitlement, the amount due is quantifiable and its ultimate receipt by the PCC is reasonably certain.
- Funds raised by fetes and similar events are accounted for gross.

Other income

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

Income from investments

Dividends are accounted for when due and payable. Interest entitlements are accounted for as they accrue.

Tax recoverable on such income is recognised in the same accounting year.

Gains and losses on investments

Realised gains or losses are recognised when investments are sold.

Unrealised gains or losses are accounted for on revaluation of investments at 31 December.

Resources used

Grants

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

Activities directly relating to the work of the Church

The diocesan Common Mission Fund contribution is accounted for when paid. Any contribution unpaid at 31 December is provided for in these accounts as an operational (though not a legal) liability and is shown as a creditor in the Balance Sheet.

Fixed assets

Consecrated property and movable church furnishings

Consecrated and benefited property of any kind is excluded from the accounts for s.96 (2)(a) of the Charities Act 1993.

Movable church furnishings held by the Vicar and Churchwardens on special trust for the PCC, and which require a faculty for disposal, are accounted as inalienable property unless consecrated. They are listed in the church's Inventory which can be inspected (at any reasonable time). Items with a purchase price of over £5,000 may be capitalised and depreciated in the accounts over their currently anticipated useful economic life on a straight-line basis, if the PCC considers this to be appropriate.

Other fixtures, fittings and office equipment

Equipment used within the church premises may be depreciated on a straight-line basis over 4 years. Individual items of equipment with a purchase price of £5,000 or less are written off when the asset is acquired.

Current assets

Amounts owing to the PCC at 31 December 2025 in respect of fees, rents or other income are shown as debtors less provision for amounts that may prove uncollectable.

Short-term deposits include cash held on deposit at the bank or any other approved deposit taker.

Mission Giving and Donations

It is the policy of the PCC to allocate to Mission Giving and Donations, a sum equal to 10% of the budgeted income for each year.

Approved March 2026 PCC

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF THE CHANDLER'S FORD PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL

I report on the accounts of the church for the year ended 31 December 2025 which are set out on pages 26 to 32.

Respective responsibilities of Trustees and Examiner

The church's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The church's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- Examine the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 Act;
- Follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commission (under section 145 (5)(b) of the 2011 Act; and
- State whether any particular matters have come to my attention

Basis of Independent Examiner's report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commission.

An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the Chandler's Ford Parochial Church Council and a comparison of the accounts with those records. It also includes considering any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts and seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in a full audit and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair view' and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statements below.

Independent Examiner's Statement

Since the gross income for the year exceeds the amount provided in section 145(3) of the Act, I confirm that I am qualified to act as Independent Examiner under the provisions of the Act and that my qualification is as shown below.

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 2011 Act; and
 - To prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the requirements of the 2011 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.


Mrs M D E Atkinson FCA
Atkinsons, Chartered Accountants
32 Hiltingbury Road
Chandler's Ford
SO53 5SS

Date: 26th March 2026

CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
For the year ended 31 December 2025

	Note	Unrestric. Funds £	Restricted Funds £	TOTAL 2025 £	FUNDS 2024 £
INCOMING RESOURCES					
<i>Voluntary income</i>	1(a)	241,879	64,389	306,268	269,934
<i>Activities for generating funds</i>	1(b)	47,692	0	47,692	40,411
<i>Investment income</i>	1(c)	2,730	0	2,730	3,736
<i>Incoming Resources from Charitable Activities</i>	1(d)	12,498	0	12,498	12,124
<i>Other Incoming Resources</i>	1(e)	695	0	695	275
		----- £ 305,494 =====	----- 64,389 =====	----- 369,883 =====	----- 326,480 =====
RESOURCES USED					
<i>Charitable Activities</i>	2(a)	303,371	63,265	366,636	311,081
<i>Fund Raising</i>	2(b)	1,345	0	1,345	906
		----- £ 304,716 =====	----- 63,265 =====	----- 367,981 =====	----- 311,987 =====
NET INCOMING/OUTGOING RESOURCES		778	1,124	1,902	14,493
TRANSFERS BETWEEN FUNDS (All balancing, see note 11)		33	-33	0	0
NET MOVEMENT IN FUNDS after transfers		811	1,091	1,902	14,493
BALANCES Brought Forward at 1 JANUARY 2025		----- 95,908 -----	----- 34,043 -----	----- 129,951 -----	----- 115,458 -----
BALANCES CARRIED FORWARD AT 31 DECEMBER 2025		----- £ 96,719 =====	----- 35,134 =====	----- 131,853 =====	----- 129,951 =====

CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEET AT 31 DECEMBER 2025

	Note	2025 £	2024 £
FIXED ASSETS			
Tangible fixed assets	7	206	206
CURRENT ASSETS			
Debtors	9	17,323	22,472
Short term deposits (Deposit Accounts)		120,610	126,069
Cash at bank and in hand - General Fund		3,313	4,329
		-----	-----
		141,246	152,870
LIABILITIES			
Short Term (due within one year)	10	9,599	23,125
		-----	-----
		9,599	23,125
NET CURRENT ASSETS		131,647	129,745
		-----	-----
NET ASSETS		£ 131,853	129,951
		=====	=====
FUNDS			
Unrestricted	11	96,719	95,908
Restricted		35,134	34,043
		-----	-----
		£ 131,853	129,951
		=====	=====

Approved by the Parochial Church Council on 18th March 2026 and signed on its behalf by:

Duncan Hollands

Rev'd Duncan Hollands (Vicar)

Susan Marsland

Susan Marsland (Treasurer)

The notes on pages 28 to 32 form part of these accounts

RETURN OF PARISH FINANCE

The Accounting Policies are detailed in the page headed "Accounting Policies"

INCOMING RESOURCES (RECEIPTS)

1	Unrestric. Funds	Restricted Funds	TOTAL FUNDS	
			2025	2024
Voluntary Income				
1(a) Gift aided planned giving	162,639	0	162,639	154,717
Non-gift aided planned giving	10,911	0	10,911	12,605
Non-gift aided collections at services	4,915	0	4,915	6,120
All other donations	16,495	40,110	56,605	40,952
Income tax recovered on all gift aided donations and GASDS	46,919	8,279	55,198	48,290
Legacies	0	10,500	10,500	5,000
Grants	0	5,500	5,500	2,250
	241,879	64,389	306,268	269,934
Activities for Generating Funds				
1(b) Income from the use of church buildings	34,813	0	34,813	36,384
Fund-raising	12,879	0	12,879	4,027
	47,692	0	47,692	40,411
Investment Income				
1(c) Dividends and Interest (gross)	2,730	0	2,730	3,736
	2,730	0	2,730	3,736
Incoming Resources from Church Activities				
1(d) Magazines	2,243	0	2,243	2,473
Fees	8,207	0	8,207	7,974
Event receipts	2,048	0	2,048	1,677
	12,498	0	12,498	12,124
Other Incoming Resources				
1(e) Insurance claims	0	0	0	0
Other Income	695	0	695	275
	695	0	695	275
TOTAL INCOMING RESOURCES	305,494	64,389	369,883	326,480

2 RESOURCES USED (PAYMENTS)

	Unrestrict. Funds	Restricted Funds	TOTAL FUNDS	
			2025	2024
2(a) Church Activities				
Mission Giving and Donations				
Mission and relief agencies	28,000	0	28,000	27,200
Secular charities	0	0	0	0
Payments from special collections	2,986	1,548	4,534	9,225
	30,986	1,548	32,534	36,425
Ministry				
Common Mission Fund	143,228	0	143,228	134,169
	143,228	0	143,228	134,169
Clergy and staff costs				
Clergy and staff expenses	3,876	0	3,876	2,031
Parsonage house	0	0	0	0
Salaries, wages and honoraria	64,162	9,688	73,850	70,809
	68,038	9,688	77,726	72,840
Church running expenses				
General mission and outreach	8,603	2,227	10,830	7,959
Youth work	1,067	311	1,378	1,632
Children's work	778	482	1,260	672
Event costs	1,248	0	1,248	1,553
Upkeep of services	4,960	2,920	7,880	3,747
Expenditure on parish magazine	1,244	0	1,244	1,241
Church administration	7,483	0	7,483	8,361
	25,383	5,940	31,323	25,165
Church and Centre Running Costs				
Church and Centre running costs	33,218	0	33,218	37,746
	33,218	0	33,218	37,746
Church and Centre Repairs and Maintenance				
Major repairs, replacements and redecoration	2,518	46,089	48,607	4,736
New building work	0	0	0	0
	2,518	46,089	48,607	4,736
	303,371	63,265	366,636	311,081
2(b) Cost of Generating Funds				
Fund-raising	1,345	0	1,345	906
	1,345	0	1,345	906
TOTAL RESOURCES USED	304,716	63,265	367,981	311,987

3 INCOME TAX RECOVERED

Income tax recovered under the Gift Aid scheme includes £1,731.29 (2024 £2,055.45) claimed under the Gift Aid Small Donations Scheme on small cash and contactless card donations for which a Gift Aid declaration had not been completed. A further tax reclaim of £545.35 is included in payments from special collections.

4 STAFF COSTS (Funded by General Funds, included in the above)	2025	2024
	£	£
Wages and salaries	71,641	68,820
Employers National Insurance Contributions	0	0
Employers Pension Contributions	2,209	1,989

During the year the church employed an organist, a Parish administrator, a PA to the vicar, a Youth Minister, a part time Children's Minister and two cleaners for the Church Centres. The value of donated assistance has not been quantified.

5 PAYMENTS TO PCC MEMBERS

Debbie Pearce was employed as Children's Minister in the parish and Ewen Greenlees was employed as Youth Minister in the parish. Neither Debbie or Ewen can vote at PCC meetings they can take part in discussions and provide reports on their work. Peter Hale is a sole trader with a garden maintenance business, trading as Good Roots Garden Services, which received payments of £1,928 i in 2025 (2024: £2,181). Hugh Benham, the husband of a PCC member, was employed as an organist in the parish and during the year received a salary and fees of £3,911 (2024 £5,195) No other member of the PCC has received any remuneration or other benefits. There were no other disclosable transactions in respect of PCC members, persons closely connected with them or other related parties.

6 INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REMUNERATION	(Funded by General Funds, included in the above)	
	2025	2024
Amounts payable in respect of:	£	£
Independent examination	1,200	1,200
	-----	-----
	1,200	1,200
	=====	=====

7 FIXED ASSETS FOR USE BY THE PCC

		Land and Buildings £	Total £
7(a) Tangible fixed assets			
GROSS BK VALUE	At 1 January 2025	206	206
	Additions	0	0
		-----	-----
	At 31 December 2025	206	206
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DEPRECIATION	At 1 January 2025	0	0
	Charge for the year	0	0
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	At 31 December 2025	0	0
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NET BOOK VALUE	At 31 December 2025	206	206
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	At 31 December 2025	206	206
		=====	=====

Equipment costing less than £5000 has not been included. The Land & Buildings comprises only the church car park in Hursley Road (shown as the cost of transfer of ownership to the PCC from the Chamberlayne Estates). The St Boniface and St Martin's Centres are not shown, since they are attached to their respective churches and clearly could not be sold.

7(b) Investments The PCC currently has no Investments (shares etc).

8 ANALYSIS OF NET ASSETS BY FUND

FUND NAME:	Assets	Unrestric.	Restricted	Total
	£	Funds	Funds	
General Fund	206	66,966	35,134	102,306
Fabric Fund		27,828		27,828
Audio Visual Fund		1,719		1,719
Fund balance	£ 206	96,513	35,134	131,853

9 DEBTORS

	2025	2024
	£	£
General Fund	17,323	22,472
	£ 17,323	22,472

10 LIABILITIES

Short Term (amounts falling due within one year)

General Fund	9,599	23,125
	9,599	23,125

11 FUND DETAILS

A summary of the movements of each of the various funds follows:

FUND NAME:	Fund Bal. 01/01/2025	Incoming Res.	Outgoing Res.	Surplus/ -Deficit	Transfers of Funds	Fund Bal. 31/12/2025
General Fund - Unrestricted	67,120	303,030	302,198	832	-780	67,172
General Fund - Restricted	34,043	64,389	63,265	1,124	-33	35,134
Fabric Fund	27,015	0	0	0	813	27,828
Audio Visual Fund	1,773	2,464	2,518	-54	0	1,719
	£ 129,951	369,883	367,981	1,902	0	131,853

Figures include stock, assets, debtors and liabilities where appropriate.

The purposes of the various funds are...

General Fund - Unrestricted - the monies used for the normal running of the churches

General Fund - Restricted - monies given for specified purposes including legacies, not available for normal running expenses

Fabric Fund - Designated - for major repairs

Audio Visual Fund - Designated - to update the Audio Visual systems in both churches.

TRANSFERS of funds:

	2025	2024
From the General Fund to the Fabric Fund	781	0
From the Restricted Fund to the Fabric Fund	33	0

12 DONATIONS (GRANTS TO CHARITIES)

The PCC made the following gifts to charities:

	2025	2024
Mission Giving		
CMS	8,000	7,000
USPG	3,000	4,500
Church Army	5,000	7,000
Children's Society	2,000	4,500
Christian Aid	2,000	1,500
Fledge	3,000	0
Eastleigh Basics Bank	5,000	2,500
James Jenkins (trip to Uganda)	0	200
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Total Extra-Parochial giving	28,000	27,200
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A variety of retiring collections, special services and events were organised for specific charitable purposes, and the proceeds were sent to the appropriate charities. Details of the amounts are given below.

Support to local Ukraine guests	4	2,127
Assistance with cost of Christian Discipleship events	1545	0
British Legion	0	449
Winchester Beacon (WCNS)	448	350
USPG	0	55
Eastleigh Basics Bank	671	405
Collections for leaving gifts	0	3,190
Children's Society	847	735
Christian Aid	199	238
Fledge	820	0
Church Army	0	20
Winchester Diocesan Board of Finance	0	465
EBC Mayor's Appeal	0	30
Collection for welcome (Hollands family)	0	1,161
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Total	4,535	9,225
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Appendix 1

Administrative information

The Parish of Chandler's Ford is a densely populated suburban community situated midway between Southampton and Winchester. The two Anglican places of worship comprising this parish are St Boniface church, Hursley Road, and St Martin in the Wood church, Queen's Road. The parish is within the Eastleigh Deanery and the Diocese of Winchester. The address for correspondence is: The Parish Office, St Boniface Church, Hursley Road, Chandler's Ford SO53 2FT.

The PCC's banks are:

NatWest Bank plc, Southampton City (B) Branch, 68 Above Bar Street, Southampton SO14 7DS.

CAF Bank, 25 Kings Hill Ave, Kings Hill, West Malling ME19 4JQ

The independent examiner is:

Mrs M. D. F. Atkinson, Atkinson Chartered Accountants, 32 Hiltingbury Road, Chandler's Ford, Eastleigh, Hampshire SO53 5SS.

Parochial Church Council members who have served from 1 January 2025 until the date this report was approved are:

Ex Officio

Incumbent	The Rev'd Duncan Hollands
Associate Deacon (self-supporting)	The Rev'd Claire Robinson (24.9.2025)
Ordinand	Stacey Brook
Licenced Lay Minister	Adrian Nance (26.08.2025)
Churchwardens:	Lynne Mursell Jane Keen

Elected PCC members

Christine Clark (Lay-vice chairman)

Anne Addiss

Hazel Bateman

Michael Cooke

Peter Hale

Peter Knight

Anita Jarman

Heather Blake

Sue Marsland

Paul Anfield

Stuart Divall

Elisabeth Seaman

Sandy Groves

Barbara Dobson

Co-opted for one year:

Linda Read (Health & Safety Officer)

In Attendance (non-voting):

Ewen Greenlees (Youth Minister)

Debbie Pearce (Children and Schools' Minister)

Stacey Brook (Ordinand)

Representatives on the Deanery Synod:

Jean Nolan

Carole Hodgson

Anne Davies

Giles Richardson

List of Roles

At the May PCC meeting the election of officers was held and the following people were voted in:

1. Lay-vice Chairman (Christine Clark)
2. Secretary (Gill Skates)
3. Standing Committee Secretary (Hazel Bateman)
4. Electoral Roll Officer (Parish Administrator)
5. Treasurer (Sue Marsland)
6. Parish Accounts Administrator (Jackie Richardson)
7. Finance Administrator (Ann Brew)
8. Regular Giving and Gift Aid Administrator (Jim Rooke)
9. Parish Health and Safety Officer (Linda Read)
10. Disability Liaison Officer (Duncan McKellar)
11. Safeguarding Officer (Anne Addiss)
12. Deputy Safeguarding Officer (vacant)
13. Risk Management Officer (Churchwardens)
14. Data Protection Officer (Parish Administrator)

Committee Members 2025

Finance and Stewardship Committee

The Revd Duncan Hollands *, Lynne Mursell*, Jane Keen*, Sue Marsland*, Christine Clark*, Jim Rooke, Michael Cooke*, Elizabeth Seaman*.

Parish Church and Centre committee

Lynne Mursell*, Jane Keen*, Barbara Dobson*, Paul Burgon, Jenny Greasley, Linda Read*, Giles Richardson*, Stuart Divall*, Anne Davies*.

Mission Committee

Anne Addiss*, Jean Nolan*, Una Barter, Jackie Richardson, Steph Forward, Peter Knight*.

Standing Committee

Revd Duncan Hollands*, Lynne Mursell*, Jane Keen*, Sue Marsland*, Jean Nolan*, Hazel Bateman* and Christine Clark*.

Eco Church Committee

Stuart Divall*, Hazel Bateman*, Claire Brendish, Lynne Mursell*, Jane Keen*, Brian Ridsdale, Michael Cooke*, Brian Duxbury.

**Indicates PCC member*

Appendix 2

Structure, Governance and Management

Parochial Church Councils were given a legal status for the first time under the Church of England Assembly (Powers) Act 1919 and by the Parochial Church Councils (Powers) Measure 1921. A Parochial Church Council is a body corporate which means the PCC is a separate body from the people who serve on it and no-one on the PCC can be made liable for its debts. Being a body corporate also means that a change in membership of the PCC does not affect the PCC's liability for its debts. Each new PCC should honour the contracts undertaken by the previous PCC.

The PCC is registered with the Charity Commission (Registered charity No.1131152). The appointment of PCC members is governed by and set out in the Church Representation Rules, and all church members are encouraged to register on the Electoral Roll and stand for election to the PCC.

There are a maximum of 15 elected members who are elected to serve for a period of three years, and approximately one-third of the elected members retire every year, ensuring both continuity and an influx of fresh ideas. There are up to five Deanery Synod Representatives. New PCC members are given a copy of *The PCC Member's Essential Guide* by Mark Tanner. Additional advice and assistance to new members is available from the PCC Secretary throughout the year. Churchwardens and parish officers attend training provided by the Diocese when appropriate.

The Standing Committee comprises the Vicar, churchwardens, lay vice-chair, PCC treasurer, two other members of the PCC and the standing committee secretary (chosen annually by the council, non-voting). The Standing Committee transacts the business of the PCC between meetings, often at short notice, but is always subject to the direction of the PCC.

There are five sub-committees of the PCC: the Finance and Stewardship Committee; the Parish Church and Centre Committee, who are responsible for the fabric and management of their buildings and grounds; the Mission Committee, which considers both outreach and charitable giving; the Eco Church Committee; the Standing Committee, which transacts the business of the PCC between meetings, often at short notice, but is always subject to the direction of the PCC. A copy of the Terms of Reference under which these sub-committees operate is available from the parish office. Officers are appointed annually to carry out specific tasks, e.g. safeguarding, health and safety. In 2025 appointed officers are listed in the minutes of the May PCC meeting.

In addition, the PCC appoints up to six representatives to the ecumenical Churches Together in Chandler's Ford Committee.

The PCC employs a part-time administrator, Suzie Pavitt, to run the parish office and supervise a team of volunteer office assistants. Gill Skates is employed by the PCC as part-time PA to the Vicar/parish and PCC Secretary. The PCC also employs a part-time Children and Schools' Minister, Debbie Pearce, and a full-time Youth Minister, Ewen Greenlees.

Appendix 3

Charitable Objectives and Risk Management

The PCC's general functions are set out in the Parochial Church Council (Powers) Measure 1956, section 2: 'It shall be the duty of the minister and the PCC to consult together on matters of general concern and importance to the Parish.'

The functions of the PCC are:

- 'Co-operation with the minister (i.e. the Vicar) in promoting in the parish the whole mission of the Church, pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical.'

The Church is called to be pastoral – to look after individual people; to be evangelistic – to tell people the Good News and invite them to accept it; to be social – to help the poorer members of society and those suffering from racial, economic and other forms of injustice; and to be ecumenical – to encourage good relations with other Christian denominations. The PCC's primary objective is the promotion of the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to the doctrines and practices of the Church of England.'

- 'The consideration and discussion of matters concerning the Church of England or any other matters of religious or public interest, but not the declaration of the doctrine of the Church on any question.'
- 'Making known and putting into effect any provisions made by the Diocesan Synod or the Deanery Synod, but without prejudice to the powers of the council on any particular matter.'
- 'Giving advice to the Diocesan Synod and the Deanery Synod on any matter referred to the council.'
- 'Raising such matters as the council consider appropriate with the Diocesan Synod or Deanery Synod.'

This shows the link between the PCC, the Deanery Synod and the Diocesan Synod. Each PCC has on it one or more members of the Deanery Synod who act as a link between the Deanery Synod and the council.

Financial objectives are outlined in the Financial Report beginning on page 24.

Risk Management

As trustees, members of the PCC are aware of their corporate responsibility to monitor and manage the risks to which the PCC is exposed. At the last review, all major risks were assessed and mitigation steps taken to ensure they were managed to an acceptable level of risk. The risk register is available for inspection in the parish office. The churchwardens undertake reviews, overseen by the clergy.