

ANNUAL CHARITY REPORT Year Ended 31st December 2025

Registered charity number 1171088

Purpose

The Sherbornes with Pamber Parochial Church Council (SwPPCC) is responsible for the mission of the church in this parish within the Diocese of Winchester in co-operation with the Rector. Our vision is to see lives transformed as we connect with people from every generation and every part of our communities, share God's love, and grow in faith in Jesus.

The PCC is responsible for the maintenance of the churches and churchyards of St Andrew's in Sherborne St John and All Saints' in Monk Sherborne and also for the services that take place in Pamber Priory.

The PCC is registered as a charity with PCC members as its Trustees.

Objectives

To see our vision realised, the PCC will do all it can to enable the church to:

1. Connect with our Communities: reaching out and inviting in
2. Share God's love: through our actions and our words
3. Grow in our faith in Jesus: as we learn and respond

When planning church activities, the PCC have considered the Commission's guidance on the public benefit for charities for the advancement of religion.

To facilitate this work, the PCC are committed to maintain the fabric of the churches and the Parish Room attached to the Rectory, ensuring our churchyards are well cared for, ensuring legal compliance with charity and ecclesiastical law (including safeguarding policies), and acting as a channel of consultation with the wider church.

Activities and Achievements

Ministry team

Reverend Stewart Deering was appointed Rector in September 2025 after joining as Priest-in-Charge in July 2023.

Steve Howe and Andy Spence have the Bishop's Commission for Mission (BCM) for Worship. Andy Spence has the Bishop's Permission to Preach and preached regularly until leaving in September 2025 to continue training for ordination in Milford-on-Sea. Steve Howe and Bret Rohlof have also preached occasionally. Pippa Aslet completed the BCM (Worship) course in 2025 and was commissioned at Winchester Cathedral in October.

Stewart has been supported in leading Sunday services by Andy, Steve, Pippa with Bret Rohlof, Julie Crawley and Nick Elphick also leading occasionally.

Jenny Cooke and Julie Crawley have the Bishop's Commission for Mission for Pastoral Care. Val Hayter, Nicky Bunker & Wendy Howe completed the BCM (Pastoral Care) course during the autumn term and are due to be commissioned in 2026.

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Many people in our church community are involved in serving in a wide variety of ministries which are overseen by a team of Ministry Co-ordinators.

Employees

The PCC employed a part time Parish Administrator Judith Simpson from February for 8 hours per week who is line managed by the Rector. Her number of hours was increased to 9 per week to reflect that she has taken on the duties of PCC Secretary. The Parish Administrator does a lot of work to facilitate the smooth, efficient and timely running of church business as well as supporting and releasing the Minister in his pastoral role.

From September, the PCC has employed a part time Music Outreach Leader Geoff Tennant. As well as playing the organ and leading the music for services, Geoff organised and rehearsed a choir to sing at Easter services, the Induction Service for our Rector, and Christmas services, involving members of the church family and the wider community. Geoff also supports our Families at 4 outreach initiative and is exploring ways we can use music to reach out to our local schools.

Church Services

All are welcome to attend our regular services. Following a consultation with the church community in 2024 the monthly service pattern has been as follows:

- St Andrew's: 10.30am every Sunday – usually communion on the 1st Sunday
- All Saints': 9.30am 2nd Sunday – usually communion
- Pamber Priory: 9.30am 4th Sunday – usually communion

The PCC agreed to trial an alternative service pattern from January 2026, with the monthly communion service at Pamber Priory becoming a Midweek Communion Service and an additional communion service in the Parish Room at 7.30pm on the 3rd Sunday has been added.

The average weekly attendance at all services and all churches, counted during October, was 75. This included 65 adults and 10 children (in 2024 64 adults and 11 children). There were 83 on the Church Electoral Roll at end December (93 in 2024). The worshipping community was 103 people of all ages (99 in 2024)- 89 adult and 14 children. We have continued live streaming of our Sunday and other services on Youtube. These remain available to watch for a short period afterwards and were watched by an average of over 20 per week unable to attend in person.

We held a World Mission Sunday in May and were delighted to welcome Jonny & Olga Anderson. Olga led the Spot and Jonny preached from Matthew 28. We also heard updates from and prayed for the Potter Family serving in Mozambique and Bishop Ishaya Baba in Nigeria.

We held one "Summer Sunday" service in July at The Chute Pavilion followed by a picnic and ice-creams.

In September a service was held in celebration of the 175th anniversary of the founding of the Sherborne St John Primary School. Also in September, the Archdeacon of Winchester Richard Brand inducted and installed Stewart as Rector and separately there was a commissioning service for Andy and Jenny Spence for his move to ministry in Milford-on-Sea.

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Four services for SSJ Primary school were held with all the children and many parents attending. Children from the school also made an Easter garden in the churchyard and christingles for the school Christmas service.

In addition to the Remembrance Sunday services, the Rector led an Act of Remembrance at the War Memorial in SSJ followed by coffee in St Andrew's church.

Leading up to Christmas, a Carols by Candlelight Service was held at Pamber Priory. At St Andrew's there was a morning Family Carols service and an evening Carols by Candlelight for adults, both of which attracted many people from the wider community. A Crib Service was held at All Saints' on Christmas Eve with over 130 attending including many young families. Celebration services were held on Christmas Day at All Saints' & St Andrew's, with communion at St Andrew's this year.

As well as service leaders and preachers we have a range of people taking part in our services each week including a team of bellringers, a committed and gifted group of singers and musicians, those who do the Bible Readings, lead Prayers, the AV team, flower arrangers, welcomers, refreshments team, duty wardens and those who help with communion.

2025 Sermon Series:

- Ephesians 4 v 1 – 16: Serving for Growth (one-off)
- Genesis 1 – 3: Created
- Mark 14 – 16: From the Garden to the Cross
- 1 Corinthians 15: He is Risen
- Matthew 28 v 16 – 20: World Mission Sunday
- Selection of Psalms from Book 1: Songs for the Summer
- Matthew 6 v 5 – 13: Our Father in Heaven
- SWP Vision
- James: Faith that Works
- Isaiah: Coming Home for Christmas

Prayer

Prayer underpins our work and there are regular prayer meetings. Central prayer meetings were held monthly on Saturday mornings typically with a dozen attendees. Throughout the year, there has also been a mid-week prayer meeting on Wednesdays at Midday, alternating between St Andrew's, All Saints' & Pamber Priory attracting 7-12 attendees.

Many of our congregation meet in 2s and 3s to pray together, and our Homegroups also include a time of prayer. We organised some Prayer Walks in the summer months and in the lead up to Christmas there was a Week of Prayer which included an opportunity to meet to pray in the morning, at midday and in the evening respectively. We also had an online Mission Partners Prayer Evening in January and were joined by some of our overseas partners on Zoom. A number of people also met up in small groups to do a prayer walk through the parish during this week.

Discipleship

The church runs a full programme of men's and women's events. In 2025 The women met for a brunch, coffee morning and afternoon tea. The men met three times for breakfast and there is also a monthly Retired Men's Bible Study.

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One to One Bible reading and homegroups flourish as people meet to read the Bible and grow in faith. 60 of our congregation are members of six home groups which are held fortnightly (59 in 2024). Our study materials for our regular Home Group meetings in 2025 were based on the Christianity Explored Course and the Book of James: Faith that Works.

Homegroups were suspended during Lent and central “Equip” gatherings were held with outside speakers leading sessions on a range of topics. We were also joined by a number of members from other churches locally.

- Thursday 6th March: Mental Health & your Church – Helen Thorne-Allenson (Biblical Counselling UK)
- Thursday 13th March: Church, Sexuality & Inclusion – Andy Robinson (Living Out)
- Wednesday 19th March: Everyday Evangelism – Revd David Eastwood (Sheffield)
- Wednesday 26th March: Answering Challenging Questions – Dr Andrew Turnbull (St Ebbe's Oxford)

Evangelism & Outreach

Evangelism and outreach is a core part of our ministry as we seek to connect with our communities and share God’s love.

Little Acorns Baby & Toddler Group

The baby and toddler group “Little Acorns” met every Wednesday morning during term time in SSJ Village Hall, providing the opportunity to meet local children and their carers and share something of the Christian Message through storytelling and craft activities. This group has grown and there are now regularly 20-25 children coming with their carers. The group welcomed some residents from Marnel Lodge Care Home at Easter and Christmas for some intergenerational learning and activities.

Dads & Kids

A bi-monthly group meeting for food, chat, play and walks. This group continues to grow with 8 Dads and their children attending regularly.

Families at 4

Monthly event for families on a Sunday afternoon with refreshments, craft, activities and a bible story.

Community Choir

Open to anyone who loves to sing our community choir has met to rehearse for Easter & Christmas performances with over 30 attending regularly.

Being Together

The monthly group called “Being Together” continued to meet throughout the year. It is led by Brenda Lewis with support from Margaret Plumb and Jenny Cooke. This group is especially for women in their late 70s and older to meet for companionship a talk and often a short thought from the Bible.

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Care Home Services

Visits to Marnel Lodge care home have been made by a small team and short services held each month which have been very well received by the staff and residents. A small team has also visited The Grange Care Home regularly during 2025. Our aim is to help those who have faith to keep trusting Jesus and our prayer for all is that even in their latter days they may have that assurance of sins forgiven and a certain hope of eternal life

Hope Explored & Christianity Explored

These courses are designed to help anyone interested in exploring the Christian Faith to look at the Bible together, discuss and ask questions. We ran Hope Explored as a follow-up to our Christmas Services & events with 10-12 attending for three consecutive weeks. After Easter we ran Christianity Explored in all of our Homegroups and one central group in the Parish Room which was well attended, with some going on to join our regular Homegroups.

Men's Pub & Walk Evenings

The men organised several pub and/or walks for church members and members of the wider community.

Women's Gingerbread House Making

The women hosted a Gingerbread House Making event in November with over 60 attending from the church and wider community. This included a talk on the true meaning of Christmas.

Harvest Tea & Ceilidh

We hosted a Harvest Tea & Ceilidh for the church and wider community with money raised going to Basingstoke Foodbank. Church members also assist with local community activities with the aim of meeting people, building relationships and sharing the Gospel (e.g. Coffee Mornings in SSJ & Monk Sherborne Village Halls).

Members of the congregation volunteer with Christian-based charities seeking to serve our Lord and Saviour in a variety of ministries amongst those in need, including Prison Fellowship, Cedar Tree Counselling, Basingstoke Food Bank and Money Lifeline. A team of helpers from our churches helped Basingstoke Foodbank to deliver 50 Christmas Hampers in our community.

Youth & Children

Our Youth & Children's work is co-ordinated by David Freeman (10-14s), Caroline Elphick & Pippa Aslet (4-10s) and Becky Deering (0-4s). Throughout the year a brief talk in Sunday Services for the children is followed by Sunday Club & Creche in SSJ School which include age-appropriate Bible teaching and related activities. Each group has approx. 3 children attending each week. StAY (St Andrew's Youth) has met bi-weekly on Sunday mornings for about 2-3 attendees aged 10-14. There are a number of others connected to and supported by this group and they have also enjoyed several socials together.

A team of church members has continued go into SSJ school each week to lead Collective Worship. Four school services held in St Andrew's were very well attended by parents. Both the Rector and

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our Foundation Governor Lynda Harding have been visiting the school regularly to build relationships with children and staff.

We have also maintained and developed our relationship with the Priory School, with the Rector invited to talk to classes about what Christianity is and class tours of Pamber Priory led by David Cullum.

Pastoral Care

Pastoral Care is overseen by four Pastoral Care Co-ordinators: Stewart Deering (Rector) , Julie Crawley & Jenny Cooke (Bishop's Commission for Pastoral Care). Val Hayter, Jenny Cooke & Nicky Bunker also joined the team in 2026. The Co-ordinators meet regularly during the year and communicate in between times to ensure that all pastoral care needs are known and met as well as possible either through Home Groups or otherwise. Pastoral Visiting is a key part of our pastoral care, particularly for those who are unable to attend church in person.

Afternoon Tea ("Tea at 3") is organised several times through the year on Sunday Afternoons and a church family lunch took place in early December. These were good opportunities for getting to know one another better and building relationships. Hospitality is an important part of Pastoral Care and as well as encouraging church family to get involved with this informally we have a Catering Team who take responsibility for providing meals and/or refreshments for specific events or for households in need.

The Rector took 8 funerals (5 in church and 3 at the crematorium), visiting the bereaved families to offer pastoral care as well as to help them to plan the service. There were also 10 committals / interment of ashes.

We held a Bereavement Café in March and November with the aim of offering a space for mutual listening and support for anyone in the community who has suffered loss. We plan to run these on a termly basis going forward.

There was one wedding in March at St Andrew's.

Safeguarding

Throughout the year the PCC believe they have complied with the duty to have 'due regard' to the House of Bishops' Safeguarding Policy and Practice Guidance.

Pippa Aslet is the Parish Safeguarding Officer (PSO) and Caroline Elphick and Lynda Harding deal with the administrative responsibilities. Together with the Rector and Health & Safety Officer (Elaine Montegriffo) they form the Safeguarding Committee and met three times during the year.

The PSO reports to the PCC each month and is striving to build on and develop the practices already in place to create and maintain a safe, caring, open and transparent environment in which survivors and the vulnerable can hear and experience for themselves the love offered to them by their Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. All voluntary roles involve a Safer Recruitment process and our regular communications contain contact details for the PSO.

We held a Safeguarding Sunday service in November with the aim of reminding the wider church community about the responsibilities we all share.

Links with the wider church

The Rector and two lay members of the PCC sit on the Deanery Synod. This provides the PCC with an important link with clergy and lay representatives from Church of England churches in the Basingstoke area. Good discussions and presentations were had and contacts were made and blossomed. Pippa Aslet is a member of Diocesan Synod.

We support OneChurch Basingstoke which supports local churches through fellowship, communication, mission and prayer. We are working on developing links with neighbouring parishes.

The PCC is supporting CEEC as a partner – the Church of England Evangelical Council which aligns closely with our vision and values.

Buildings & Grounds

The Buildings & Grounds Committee is chaired by Peter Marrison and is made up of one of our Churchwardens (Tim Aslet) and a range of other members of the church family. Regular maintenance was carried out on the church buildings, two churchyards and the separate cemetery in Sherborne St John. The building at Pamber Priory is the responsibility of Queen's College, Oxford.

All Saints

Tree surgeons cut back trees in the churchyard in January 2025. The fence was repaired in December. Electrical repairs were also done in December to repair the heating. No other significant work was undertaken in 2025.

St Andrew's

In 2025 work was done on the treatment of wood worm in the belfry, repairs to the roof of the lean to building by the tower and to install a defibrillator. New bell ropes were fitted in November. Trees at the edge of the cemetery were cut back June and the churchyard hedge was trimmed in September. No other significant work was undertaken in 2025. In 2026, an architect's agreement has been made with St. Ann's Gate Architects Ltd. for a feasibility study on improving the St Andrew's church building.

Community Working Parties & Maintenance Monday

Regular working parties have been planned with members of the wider community invited to join us to help care for and maintain our churchyards. We also had "deep cleans" of each of our church buildings as part of this. The Buildings & Grounds Committee also started a new "Maintenance Monday" which is a monthly slot on the first Monday of the month to keep on top of small jobs that need attention.

Leaving St Andrew's open

Following a successful trial and the installation of a number of additional security features St Andrew's church building is now open unattended from 10am until dusk Sunday until Wednesday. This has been greatly appreciated by the local community with people able to enjoy the building for its architecture and history, as well as use it as a quiet space to reflect and pray.

Communication

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We have continued to communicate with our parish in the following ways:

- There has been a monthly article in the 'Villager' magazine written by the Rector.
- All of our services and events are advertised in the Villager.
- Flyers & posters are produced and printed including some distributed through the local schools.
- We are active on social media, which has been effective in leading to attendance at special events.
- Our website has been upgraded and continues to be updated, reviewed and promoted.

Mission Support in 2025

As an active partnership in the Gospel and including Christmas collections, the PCC gave 8.8% (2024 : 8.5%) of its income to Christian missions.

Through SiM (UK), the church supported Jonny and Olga Anderson as mission partners who are working to spread the Gospel message in Bolivia to speakers of the Quechua language.

Through Wycliffe Bible Translators, we supported Joe and Sarah Potter translating the Bible into local languages in Mozambique.

Through Crosslinks, we supported a conference for training clergy in Nigeria initiated by Bishop Ishaya Baba of Zaria.

We also supported two local charities Prison Fellowship and the Basingstoke Foodbank (including our Harvest Service & Harvest Tea & Ceilidh collections).

We donated the collections for our Christmas services to the Tear Fund Middle East Appeal and the Remembrance Sunday service to the Royal British Legion. Half the collection taken at the memorial service for the late Mary Plester was passed onto St Michael's Hospice

Homegroups are linked to a mission partner and regularly pray for the needs of that mission worker and also develop a personal relationship with them through regular contacts via email. Homegroup Links are currently as follows:

Tadley Homegroup: Andersons in Bolivia (Serving in Mission)

30 Cranesfield Homegroup: Prison Fellowship & Basingstoke Foodbank

29 Cranesfield Homegroup: Bishop Ishaya

Bournefield Homegroup: Potters in Mozambique (Wycliffe Bible Translators)

Stewardship & Giving

Giving to the PCC is organised through a number of tax-efficient methods such as standing orders and white envelope donations using Gift Aid where tax can be reclaimed, and schemes where donations are received with tax credited such as Give As You Earn schemes and Stewardship Services. Tax is also reclaimed for cash donations in the church donations boxes using the Gift Aid Small Donations Scheme. During 2025, donations of £285 were received via the tap & go terminal in St Andrew's and £15 via STRIPE.

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Of the total donations, 84% (2024 78%) were regular donations. A total of 42 parishioners made regular donations to the PCC during 2025 (2024 48).

Around 96% of PCC income from parishioners was tax efficient. The PCC reclaims tax on Gift Aided donations, including small donations through GASDS, at a rate amounting to 25% of donations, and in 2025 a total of £27,895 (2024 £17,924) was repaid in this way with a further £5,730 claimed in January 2026. This includes tax reclaimed on small cash donations (e.g. cash placed in donation boxes) where no Gift Aid Declaration is signed.

The successful “Giving for Growth” campaign in 2024 resulted in a 74% increase in regular giving and an increase in regular donors to 48. The success of that campaign meant that there was no need to hold a Gift Day in 2025 and it is anticipated that expenditure in 2026 can be met from regular donations.

Volunteers

The PCC would like to thank all those who serve in a wide variety of ways to make our church the lively and vibrant community that it is. Particular thanks are due for all that they do to the churchwardens Lynda Harding, Andy Spence until April and Tim Aslet since April. Thanks also to our Treasurer Nick Harding for looking after the church finances and accounts, to Peter Marrison who chairs our Buildings & Grounds Committee and to Pippa Aslet who is our Parish Safeguarding Officer and chairs our Safeguarding Committee. Thank you to all members of the PCC for their valuable contribution to our ministry.

The PCC is also grateful to everyone who co-ordinates or serves on all our ministry teams: Admin, Baby & Toddler, Bell-ringing, Bereavement Care, Buildings & Grounds, Care Homes, Catering, Cleaning, Duty Wardens, Events, Flowers, Finance, Homegroups, Men’s Ministry, Mission Partners, Prayer, Pastoral Care, Refreshments, Rotas, Safeguarding, Schools, Sunday Worship, Welcome, Women’s Ministry and Youth & Children.

Structure, Governance & Management

The Church Representation Rules set out how the PCC members are appointed. The membership of the SwP PCC consists of the Rector, the Churchwardens and other lay members.

The 2025 Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM) was held April 26th when new PCC members were elected by the members of the congregation who are on the Electoral Roll. All members of the church are encouraged to register on the Electoral Roll and can stand for election to the PCC.

The PCC members are responsible for making decisions on all matters of general concern and importance to the parish including decisions on how the funds of the PCC are to be spent.

There were 6 regular PCC meetings in 2025. The average attendance was 85%. Given its wide responsibilities, the PCC has a number of subcommittees dealing with particular aspects of its work. These include a standing committee and subcommittees for Finance, Buildings & Grounds, Mission Partners and Safeguarding. These subcommittees report back to the full PCC on their deliberations and any important decisions.

The standing committee has met regularly throughout the year to ensure the continued smooth running of the church.

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Risks and Insurance

The main risks for the PCC are the two historic church buildings that it is responsible for. Insurance policies are held covering the two churches, the parish room and employer's and public liability. The PCC has adopted a number of policies on how activities should be conducted including Health & Safety and Safeguarding for young people and vulnerable adults. 41 current church members have enhanced Disclosure and Barring Service certificates (2024 : 37).

Health and safety checks, risks and associated procedures have been implemented to control risks and avoid insurance liabilities. These are monitored by the church Health & Safety officer who sits on the Safeguarding Committee.

The PCC has complied with the duty under section 5 of the Safeguarding and Clergy Discipline Measure 2016 (duty to have regard to House of Bishops' guidance on safeguarding children and vulnerable adults).

Financial Review

Financial Overview

The receipts and payments account for the year shows a gain of £318 (2024 : a gain of £9,806).

There are separate funds held in the General Fund (unrestricted), the Building Fund (designated) and three restricted funds with details shown below.

There was i) a gain of £2,936 on the General Fund ii) a deficit of £3,306 in the designated Building iii) a gain of £687 in the Restricted Funds (This compared to 2024 : i) a gain of £9,119 on the General Fund ii) no change in the designated Building iii) a gain of £658 in the Restricted Funds.)

Unrestricted Income to General and Building Funds

The PCC was delighted by the success of the “Giving for Growth” campaign in 2024 which raised regular monthly giving from parishioners considerably and has covered the normal day to day expenditure in 2025 without the need for a Gift Day and will also help with future planning. Planned giving of £78,813 was 31.7% up from 2024. One off giving totalled £12,614 down by 50% from 2024 with no Gift Day in 2025 or 2024.

A gift aid claim for £5,730 will be received in 2026 in respect of donations received in the last quarter of 2025. Grants of £4,556 were requested and received from the Ministry Trust - £3,333 for costs of a Music outreach Assistant and another £1,222 to support ministry training and youth work.

The total unrestricted giving to the PCC, including gift aid, of £131,336 (2024 - £102,554) made up 98% of the total receipts of £133,843 (2024 - £124,584). Of the total giving 86% was planned and regular, 14% is made up of one-off donations and none from collections (2024 : 70%, 30% and <1%).

Fees, rents received and bookstall income amounted to £5,571 (2024 - £8,273) and bank interest was £798 (2024 - £823).

Payments from the Unrestricted General and Building Funds

Common Mission Fund. During the year £70,000 (2024 : 69,863) in total was paid monthly by direct debit to the Diocese.

Mission Donations. £10,808 (2024 - £9,574) was mostly paid to regular mission partners throughout the year – SiM (UK) and Wycliffe Bible Translators and three local charities Basingstoke Foodbank, Prison Fellowship and Money Lifeline, and with a one-off donation to Crosslinks for a clergy conference in Nigeria. Mission donations were 8.3% of the unrestricted income (2024 : 7.7%).

The Toddlers group had a shortfall of £242 during the year (2024: £328). Income was £1,035 and expenses £1,277.

Building Fund. There was spending of £3,306 in 2025 on quinquennial repairs for St Andrew’s (2024 : £0) and no transfer from the General Fund (2024 : £0) The fund at year end was £21,443 (2024 : £24,749)

Restricted Funds

All Saints Building Fund - This is restricted to work on the building at All Saints The roof is in need of substantial repairs flagged again in the 2021 Quinquennial Inspection, but the source of funding and

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timescale for such repairs is still unknown. There was an increase of £875 to £5,727 with no expenditure.

All Saints Bell Restoration Fund - This is restricted to improvement or restoration work at All Saints, excluding repairs to the building. There was a cost of £421 for bell maintenance, so the fund reduced from £1,152 to £731.

Summer Camp Fund – This is restricted for supporting children to attend Christian summer camps. There was no activity so it remains £89.

Flower Fund – Historically, volunteers have subsidised church flowers, but a new fund was set up this year following a garden party fundraising event with a balance of £224 held after expenses.

Restricted collections raised £762 including Gift aid (2024 : £1,092) in aid of i) Tear Fund Middle East Appeal for Christmas 2025 £475 ii) £53 for the Royal British Legion iii) £125 for St Michael's Hospice and iv) £50 each for Tear Fund and the Camrose Centre from Christmas 2024. All except £10 of this was paid out in 2024.

Reserves

It is PCC policy to maintain sufficient funds to be able to deal with building costs that may arise, bearing in mind that we have two listed churches in our care, and to provide working capital. £30,000 of unrestricted funds was agreed to be appropriate in January 2025.

At 31 December 2024, the cash funds of £51,166 (2024 : £50,848) were represented by reserves in the General Fund of £22,942, in the designated Building Fund of £21,443 (together £43,864 unrestricted -2024 £44,756), and restricted reserves of £6,781.

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Administrative Information

The PCC is registered with the Charities Commission as a charity in its own right with registered charity number 1171088.

PCC Correspondence Address : The Rectory, Vyne Road, Sherborne St. John, Basingstoke, Hampshire, RG24 9HX
Website : www.sherborneswithpamber.org

Regular donations to the PCC are organised via the Stewardship Secretary Lynda Harding

PCC members at 31st December 2025 were :

Incumbent & Chairman : Stewart Deering

Deputy Chairman : Nick Elphick

Churchwardens : Tim Aslet & Lynda Harding

Treasurer : Nick Harding

Secretary : Judith Simpson

Deanery Synod representative : Bret Rohloff and Pippa Aslet

Diocesan Synod Representative: Pippa Aslet

Other elected PCC members : Julie Crawley, Val Chubb, David Freeman, Kerry Watson, Ron Leeds, Rod Harding and Keith Bunker.

Approved by the PCC and signed on their behalf by the PCC Chairman, Rev Stewart Deering

Signed :

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'S Deering', with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right and a large loop at the end.

Date :

18/03/26

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	Unrestricted Fund £	Designated Fund £	Restricted Fund £	Total 2025 £	Total 2024 £
Receipts and Payments Account					
RECEIPTS					
Voluntary Receipts					
Planned giving	78813	0	0	78813	59861
Collections	0	0	762	762	1092
Gift Day and other giving	12614	0	0	12614	25125
Tax recovered	27895	0	175	28070	17705
Donations	1090	0	1569	2659	1684
Grant from Ministry Trust	4555	0	0	4555	8800
Legacy	0	0	0	0	3000
Receipts from activities for generating funds					
Bookstall	178	0	0	178	279
Rent received	100	0	0	100	100
Toddler fees	1035	0	0	1035	1022
Fees	4258	0	0	4258	6872
Other	0	0	0	0	0
Receipts from investments					
Bank and CBF deposit interest	798	0	0	798	823
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Total receipts	131336	0	2506	133843	126364
PAYMENTS					
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Church Activities					
Overseas and home missions	10808	0	753	11561	10666
Diocesan parish share	70000	0	0	70000	69863
Church running expenses	13630	0	0	13630	11458
Building maintenance	10167	3306	421	13894	7164
Clergy expenses	9571	0	0	9571	9225
Cost of services	10164	0	645	10808	6042
Youth work and outreach	4060	0	0	4060	2140
Total payments	128400	3306	1819	133525	116558
Excess of Receipts over Payments	2936	-3306	687	318	9806
Transfer between funds	0	0	0	0	0
	2936	-3306	687	318	9806
Bank Accounts at 1 January	20006	24749	6093	50848	41042
Bank Accounts at 31 December	22942	21443	6781	51166	50848

Note to the Accounts (Employees and Pensions)

During the year the Sherbornes with Pamber PCC employed two members of staff who did not want to be included in a workplace pension scheme.

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	Unrestricted Fund £	Designated Fund £	Restricted Fund £	Total 2025 £	Total 2024 £
Statement of Assets and Liabilities					
Cash Funds					
CAF Bank - Current	4331	0	0	4331	7403
Lloyds Bank	3118	0	0	3118	6257
WDBF Loan	0	0	0	0	0
CAF Bank - Gold	14727	21443	6781	42951	37168
Cash	766	0	0	766	21
	<u>22942</u>	<u>21443</u>	<u>6781</u>	<u>51166</u>	<u>50848</u>
Other Monetary assets					
Income tax recoverable	5730	0	0	5730	5913
VAT recoverable	846	0	0	846	0
	<u>6576</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>6576</u>	<u>5913</u>
Liabilities					
	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>

The Sherbornes With Pamber PCC
Annual Charity Report (cont)

Approved by the PCC and signed on their behalf by the by the PCC Chairman Rev Stewart Deering
and Mr N Harding (PCC Treasurer)

Signed: 

Date: 18/03/26

Signed: 

Date: 16/3/26

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of the Sherbornes with Pamber Parochial Church Council

I report on the accounts of the PCC for the year ended 31st December 2025 and Financial Review, which are set out on pages 11 to 15.

Respective responsibilities of the Trustees and the Examiner

The trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The 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 commission under section 145 (5) (b) of the 2011 Act

Basis of the independent Examiner's Report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the general Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records, It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from the trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a "true and fair view" and the report is limited to those matters set out in the next statement.

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 2011 Act and
 - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the 2011 Acthave 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



Signed by :

Date : 18th April 2026

Chaweevan Williams

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