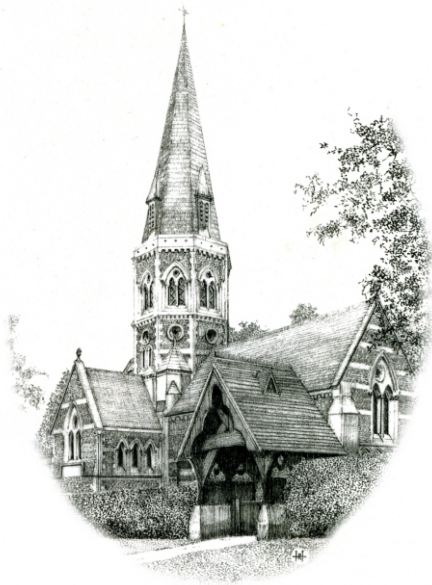


# ST BARNABAS RANMORE

## Annual Report & Accounts 2025-2026



### Legal and administrative information

Full Parochial Name: St Barnabas Church,  
Ranmore, Dorking, Surrey.

Location: Ranmore Common Road, Dorking RH5 6SP

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| Reverend Dr Anthony Rustell  | Priest-in-Charge                         |
| Dr Robin Luff  | Churchwarden and<br>Acting PCC Secretary |
| Mrs Stephanie Kingham  | Churchwarden                             |
| (Churchwardens are <i>ex officio</i> members of the PCC, elected annually) |  |
| Mr Howard Hills  | Deanery Synod Representative             |
| Mr Philip Warley   | Hon. Treasurer                           |

Names of elected members of the PCC during 2025–2026:

|                        |                   |
|------------------------|-------------------|
| Mrs Carolyn Bourton    |                   |
| Sir Anthony Goodenough |                   |
| Mrs Helena Hay         |                   |
| Mrs Lynda Mackie-Gandy |                   |
| Mrs Sandra Skelt       | Minutes Secretary |
| Mrs Geraldine Swallow  |                   |
| Mrs Veronica Watts     | Hon. Secretary    |

The Parish of St Barnabas Ranmore has been joined with St Martin's, St Paul's and St John's parishes in a formal group ministry in the Diocese of Guildford.

The Parochial Church Council of Ranmore is a Charity exempted from registration with the Charity Commission but recognised by HMRC for taxation purposes under reference Xn3955.

It receives income only from the Baron Ashcombe Churches Fund which is administered by independent trustees.

## Structure, governance and management

*The members of the PCC are elected in accordance with the Church Representation Rules for terms of office of three years. All members of the congregation are encouraged to enrol on the Electoral Roll and to stand for election to the PCC.*

## Objects and activities

*The objectives of the PCC are to promote St Barnabas as a centre for the community of Ranmore and a place for regular worship using, predominantly but not exclusively, the Prayer Book forms of Service; to maintain to a high standard the structure of the Victorian Gothic Grade II\* listed Church building; and to provide an increasingly popular venue for weddings and baptisms.*

## Achievements & Performance

**Statistics for Mission 2025:** We have completed and submitted the Statistics for Mission for the year past.

### Parish return made to Diocese:

1. The Electoral Roll in 2025 numbered 30. The list of names will be available at the APCM.
2. Average Sunday attendance – 31 (3% children)
3. Weddings 3, Baptism 1, Funerals (interment of ashes)6, Confirmations 2
4. PCC activity – 5 meetings
5. We welcomed the Venerable Martin Breadmore to our Archdeacon's Visitation in February, the first for 15 years. Pleasingly, we received a very good report .

## 1. Electoral Roll

Richard Gover continues as the Electoral Roll Officer for the parish, for which we thank him. The Roll for 2026 contains 37 names, an increase of seven compared to 2025. On this basis, the PCC may have six lay members but may co-opt additional members.

## 2. PCC Report 2025.

THE PCC has been balanced and stable throughout 2024-2025 and quorate at all meetings. It has met on five occasions since the last APCM to conduct the business of the parish.

Mr Ian Hudson resigned as Treasurer and we thank him for his years of diligent service. We welcomed Mr Philip Warley to the role last summer.

We thank Mrs Sandra Skelt for serving as Minutes Secretary to the PCC.

The PCC has complied with all Safeguarding requirements and Clergy Disciplinary measures. All Diocesan policies are in place.

## 3. Parish Report.

THE population of the Parish remains steady and is very supportive of St Barnabas Church, particularly at the Christmas and Cherry (Summer) Fairs.

The Reverend Dr Anthony Rustell continues as our priest in charge, with assistance from The Reverend Caroline Lazenby and Dr Chris Watts, Lay Minister.

We have seen a whole year of weekly Sunday services, with only one exception when severe ice conditions in January forced a cancellation on grounds of safety.

Mr Brian Belton continues in post as our excellent Verger and we thank him and all the wonderful volunteers who joined the cleaning party.

Music remains extremely important in St Barnabas' Church. Martin Hall left the post of organist in September. Since then we have employed some talented locum organists. We await the appointment of a permanent organist to the post. The Whyte Effect Choir continues to enhance services, particularly the liturgy of sung Eucharist, visiting in total 11 times in the past year. In addition to the usual offices, *Tenebrae* was again a highlight.

The Right Reverend Paul Davies, Bishop of Dorking, attended a service of Confirmation in October, confirming two members of St Martin's congregation. It was a joy to welcome him back again for the celebration of 9 lessons and Carols, which saw the largest congregation of the year.

Fundraising remains hugely significant. We particularly wish to thank Mr David Gandy for tirelessly chairing the Fundraising Committee. The season of Summer Teas and the recent Coffee Morning with a Good Book Sale were most successful. Additionally the Ranmore Common Open Gardens in June also donated the takings from refreshments sold and has led to a new initiative. The Friends of St Barnabas is enlisting those living in the parish and further afield to support fundraising ventures and build a wider sense of community, hospitality and tradition around our much-loved church.

#### **4. Notes on the church contents.**

THE hymnals now in use are the (green) New English Hymnal. 6 additional copies of the full harmony edition were donated. One copy in large print is also available. The old hymnals were donated to the parish of Church Crookham. The Merbecke setting of the Mass is now in use, part-photocopied, and may also be found in the rear section of the NEH. (Rite B)

#### **5. Notes on the curtilage of the church.**

RESTRICTED Parking notices seem, in part, to be successful and will be made permanent. Additional notices reserving spaces for disabled parking and for Clergy have been added.

The new signboard for St Barnabas Church was commissioned and replaced the old one by the North hedge. An additional A-frame notice-board was supplied.

Roofing repairs are ongoing. A small supply of Delabole slates was located in the crypt. Repairs have been undertaken to both the flat outer vestry kitchen roof and to that of the waterless loo. All Aspects Roofing will continue to work on the South side.

The coastal redwood at the East end of the churchyard was felled and underwent stump-grinding. (Tree surgery completed by Dave Ford with our thanks.) An ash tree in the graveyard extension was reduced following identification of disease.

The grounds continue to be maintained to a very good standard and we thank Andy Bullen and his team for their excellent work

#### **5. Notes on the fabric of the church.**

ANNA Hummel, our church architect, has visited twice to assist with the setting up of the new Friends of St Barnabas. The full Quinquennial Report will be conducted later this year.

A number of new defects in the stained glass have been noted. The bell tower has rainwater ingress, to be addressed with the Steeplekeeper in conjunction with Anna Hummel. All urgent matters will be discussed by the PCC and appropriate action taken.

*Dr Robin Luff, Mrs Stephanie Kingham.  
Churchwardens, April 2026.*

#### **Financial Report 2025**

THE recent trends in our underlying finances continue: incoming resources from donations and operations are flat or down year-on-year, while recurring costs are trending upwards. On an ongoing basis the year would have ended in deficit, however we report a surplus due to receipt of a number of legacies during the year.

The programme of essential maintenance continues. Amongst other projects, the vestry roof was extensively repaired in 2025, and major tree removal was commissioned which will be undertaken in 2026. Other repairs are also envisaged and the quinquennial review in 2026 will indicate which further works on the fabric of the church to prioritise.

In view of the trend in donations and income from operations and ongoing inflationary cost pressure, the churchwardens will embark on a stewardship programme in 2026 seeking to extend the funding base and secure ongoing donations from the wider Ranmore Common community.

During the year, Ian Hudson stepped down as hon. treasurer after eight years' service. We thank him for his diligence, commitment and guidance.

*Philip Warley, Hon. Treasurer.*

**St Barnabas' Church, Ranmore****Balance Sheet at December 31st 2025**

|   | 2025                 | 2024                 |
|---|----------------------|----------------------|
| <b>Current assets</b>                                     | £                    | £                    |
| Debtors and payment in advance                            | 1,342                | 2,140                |
| Bank balances and cash in hand                            | 131,212              | 107,255              |
|   | <u>132,555</u>       | <u>109,394</u>       |
| <b>Liabilities: amounts falling due within one year</b>   |                      |                      |
| Other creditors   | (35,303)             | (22,457)             |
| <b>Net Current Assets</b>                                 | <u>97,251</u>        | <u>86,937</u>        |
| <b>Parish Funds – Unrestricted &amp; Designated Funds</b> |                      |                      |
| General Fund  | 53,705               | 62,891               |
| Cubitt Legacy   | 5,000                | –                    |
| Woodroffe Legacy  | 2,000                | –                    |
| Maynard Legacy  | 5,000                | –                    |
| Scott Legacy  | 7,500                | –                    |
| Whitaker Legacy   | 5,000                | 5,000                |
| Knight Legacy   | 2,000                | 2,000                |
| Improvements Fund   | <u>1,287</u>         | <u>1,287</u>         |
|   | <u>81,492</u>        | <u>71,178</u>        |
| Restricted Funds  | <u>15,760</u>        | <u>15,759</u>        |
|   | <u><u>97,251</u></u> | <u><u>86,937</u></u> |

Approved by the PCC and signed on 19th March 2026

The Reverend Anthony Rustell – Priest-in-Charge

## Independent Examiner's report to the PCC of St Barnabas Church, Ranmore

REPORT to the members of the PCC (the Council) on my examination of the accounts of the Council for the year ended 31st December 2025.

### Responsibilities and basis of report

As members of the Council you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the Act').

I report in respect of my examination of the Council's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

### Independent Examiner's Statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe that in any respect:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the Council as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008, other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

*Nicola Downs*  
4 Fox Cottages, Ranmore Common, Dorking RH5 6SR  
– 11th March 2026

**St Barnabas Church Ranmore**
**Statement of Financial Activities for the year ended 31st December 2025**

|                                       |      | Unrestricted  |               |               |               |               |
|---------------------------------------|------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|
|                                       |      | General       | I             | Restricted    | Total         | Total         |
|                                       |      | Fund          | Funds         | Funds         | 2025          | 2024          |
|                                       |      | £             | £             | £             | £             | £             |
| <b>Incoming Resources</b>             | Note |               |               |               |               |               |
| Income from Donors                    | 1a   | 25,359        | –             | –             | 23,539        | 23,509        |
| Income from Operations                | 1b   | 12,827        | –             | –             | 12,827        | 16,725        |
| Income from Investments               | 1c   | 3,133         | –             | –             | 3,133         | 3,097         |
|                                       |      | <u>39,498</u> | <u>–</u>      | <u>–</u>      | <u>39,498</u> | <u>43,331</u> |
| Cubitt Legacy                         | 1a   | –             | 5,000         | –             | 5,000         | –             |
| Maynard Legacy                        | 1a   | –             | 5,000         | –             | 5,000         | –             |
| Woodroffe Legacy                      | 1a   | –             | 2,000         | –             | 2,000         | –             |
| Scott Legacy                          | 1a   | –             | 7,500         | –             | 7,500         | –             |
| Knight Legacy unrestricted            | 1a   | –             | –             | –             | –             | 2,000         |
| <b>Total Incoming Resources</b>       |      | <u>39,498</u> | <u>19,500</u> | <u>–</u>      | <u>58,998</u> | <u>43,331</u> |
| <b>Resources Expended</b>             |      |               |               |               |               |               |
| Grants and Donations                  | 2a   | 4,329         | –             | –             | 4,329         | 2,860         |
| Activities in the Church              | 2b   | 42,170        | –             | –             | 42,170        | 39,903        |
| Administration                        | 2c   | 2,185         | –             | –             | 2,185         | 655           |
| <b>Total Resources expended</b>       |      | <u>48,684</u> | <u>–</u>      | <u>–</u>      | <u>48,684</u> | <u>43,418</u> |
| <b>Surplus (Deficit) for the year</b> |      |               |               |               |               |               |
| General funds                         |      | (9,186)       | 19,500        | –             | 10,314        | 1,913         |
| Balances b/fwd at 1st Jan 2025        |      | <u>62,891</u> | <u>8,287</u>  | <u>15,759</u> | <u>86,937</u> | <u>85,024</u> |
| Balances c/fwd at 31st Dec 2025       |      | <u>53,705</u> | <u>27,787</u> | <u>15,759</u> | <u>97,251</u> | <u>86,937</u> |

**St Barnabas Church Ranmore – Notes to the Financial Statements**
**Statement of Financial Activities for the year ended 31st December 2025**

|   |  | Unrestricted  |               |            |               |               |
|---|--|---------------|---------------|------------|---------------|---------------|
|   |  | General       | I             | Restricted | Total         | Total         |
|   |  | Fund          | Funds         | Funds      | 2025          | 2024          |
|   |  | £             | £             | £          | £             | £             |
| <b>Incoming Resources</b>                           |  |               |               |            |               |               |
| <b>1a Income from Donors</b>                        |  |               |               |            |               |               |
| Planned Giving (Gift Aided)                         |  | 9,575         | –             | –          | 9,575         | 10,587        |
| Other Gift Aided Receipts                           |  | 775           | –             | –          | 775           | 537           |
| Offertories   |  | 7,018         | –             | –          | 7,018         | 6,412         |
| Income Tax recovered                                |  | 5,073         | –             | –          | 5,073         | 5,028         |
| Other donations                                     |  | 1,098         | –             | –          | 1,098         | 945           |
| Cubitt Legacy                                       |  | –             | 5,000         | –          | 5,000         | –             |
| Maynard Legacy                                      |  | –             | 5,000         | –          | 5,000         | –             |
| Woodroffe Legacy                                    |  | –             | 2,000         | –          | 2,000         | –             |
| Scott Legacy  |  | –             | 7,500         | –          | 7,500         | –             |
| Knight Legacy unrestricted                          |  | –             | –             | –          | –             | 2,000         |
|   |  | <u>23,539</u> | <u>19,500</u> | <u>–</u>   | <u>43,039</u> | <u>25,509</u> |
| <b>1b Income from Operations &amp; Fund-raising</b> |  |               |               |            |               |               |
| Cherry Fair   |  | 2,444         | –             | –          | 2,444         | 2,796         |
| Christmas Fayre                                     |  | 2,094         | –             | –          | 2,094         | 2,318         |
| Commission from Easy Fundraising                    |  | 42            | –             | –          | 42            | 53            |
| Ranmore Open Gardens                                |  | 2,299         | –             | –          | 2,299         | –             |
| Wedding fees  |  | 3,303         | –             | –          | 3,303         | 3,605         |
| Funeral fees  |  | 1,230         | –             | –          | 1,230         | 2,462         |
| Teas  |  | 1,414         | –             | –          | 1,414         | 1,780         |
|   |  | <u>12,827</u> | <u>–</u>      | <u>–</u>   | <u>12,827</u> | <u>16,725</u> |
| <b>1c Income from investments</b>                   |  |               |               |            |               |               |
| Ashcombe Trust                                      |  | 2,100         | –             | –          | 2,100         | 1,756         |
| Interest  |  | 1,032         | –             | –          | 1,032         | 1,341         |
|   |  | <u>3,133</u>  | <u>–</u>      | <u>–</u>   | <u>3,133</u>  | <u>3,097</u>  |
| <b>Outgoing Resources</b>                           |  |               |               |            |               |               |
| <b>2a Grants and Donations</b>                      |  |               |               |            |               |               |
| St Martin's School Fund                             |  | 350           | –             | –          | 350           | 350           |
| St Martin's Church                                  |  | 2,000         | –             | –          | 2,000         | 400           |
| CofE Children's Society                             |  | 695           | –             | –          | 695           | 320           |
| Other Secular Charities                             |  | 919           | –             | –          | 919           | 1,465         |
| Deanery Chaplaincy                                  |  | 365           | –             | –          | 365           | 325           |
|   |  | <u>4,329</u>  | <u>–</u>      | <u>–</u>   | <u>4,329</u>  | <u>2,860</u>  |

**St Barnabas Church Ranmore**

**Notes to the Financial Statements – continued**

**Statement of Financial Activities for the year ended 31st December 2025**

Unrestricted

|                                    | General<br>Fund<br>£ | I<br>Funds<br>£ | Restricted<br>Funds<br>£ | Total<br>2025<br>£ | Total<br>2024<br>£ |
|------------------------------------|----------------------|-----------------|--------------------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| <b>2b Activities of the Church</b> |                      |                 |                          |                    |                    |
| Parish Share                       | 13,153               | –               | –                        | 13,153             | 13,442             |
| Salaries and fees                  | 4,202                | –               | –                        | 4,202              | 2,867              |
| Wedding Expenses                   | 950                  | –               | –                        | 950                | 1,324              |
| Funeral Expenses                   | 355                  | –               | –                        | 355                | 600                |
| Heating, Lighting & Water          | 4,356                | –               | –                        | 4,356              | 5,200              |
| Insurance                          | 3,798                | –               | –                        | 3,798              | 3,717              |
| Maintenance (other)                | 7,700                | –               | –                        | 7,700              | 5,216              |
| Upkeep of services                 | –                    | –               | –                        | –                  | 989                |
| Miscellaneous Expenses             | 1,085                | –               | –                        | 1,085              | 1,198              |
| Churchyard maintenance             | 6,572                | –               | –                        | 6,572              | 5,350              |
|                                    | <u>42,170</u>        | <u>–</u>        | <u>–</u>                 | <u>42,170</u>      | <u>39,903</u>      |
| <b>2c Administration</b>           |                      |                 |                          |                    |                    |
| Telephone & Broadband              | 708                  | –               | –                        | 708                | 655                |
| Miscellaneous                      | 1,477                | –               | –                        | 1,477              | –                  |
|                                    | <u>2,185</u>         | <u>–</u>        | <u>–</u>                 | <u>2,185</u>       | <u>655</u>         |

**3 Trustees**

No payment has been made to PCC members for their services.

**4 Accounting policies**

The accounting policies are those contained in the recommended model except that moveable fixtures and fittings and other equipment are written off upon acquisition.

**5 Quinquennial Inspection**

The next inspection is due in October 2026

**St Barnabas Church Ranmore**

**Notes to the Financial Statements – continued**

**Statement of Financial Activities for the year ended 31st December 2025**

**6 Movement in Funds**

|  | Brought<br>Forward<br>£ | Received<br>this<br>Year<br>£ | Spent<br>this<br>Year<br>£ | Transfers<br>£ | Carried<br>forward<br>£ |
|--|-------------------------|-------------------------------|----------------------------|----------------|-------------------------|
| <b>Unrestricted Funds</b>                                    |                         |                               |                            |                |                         |
| General Fund   | 71,178                  | 39,498                        | (48,684)                   | –              | 61,992                  |
| Unrestricted Legacies received                               | –                       | 19,500                        | –                          | –              | 19,500                  |
|  | <u>71,178</u>           | <u>58,998</u>                 | <u>(48,684)</u>            | <u>–</u>       | <u>81,492</u>           |
| <b>Restricted Funds</b>                                      |                         |                               |                            |                |                         |
| Brian Senior Bequest<br>for capital projects/maintenance     | 10,000                  | –                             | –                          | –              | 10,000                  |
| Chasuble Fund  | 73                      | –                             | –                          | –              | 73                      |
| Grealy Fund for stained glass<br>windows and outside masonry | 5,686                   | –                             | –                          | –              | 5,686                   |
|  | <u>15,759</u>           | <u>–</u>                      | <u>–</u>                   | <u>–</u>       | <u>15,759</u>           |

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**Accounts for the year ended 31st December 2025**

|                                       | 2025<br>£    | 2024<br>£  |
|---------------------------------------|--------------|------------|
| Brought forward on 1st January        | 126          | 286        |
| Monthly Subscription receipts         | 3,185        | 3,532      |
| Prize Draws                           | (180)        | (192)      |
| Donations to St Barnabas PCC account  | –            | (3,500)    |
| Balance carried forward 31st December | <u>3,131</u> | <u>126</u> |