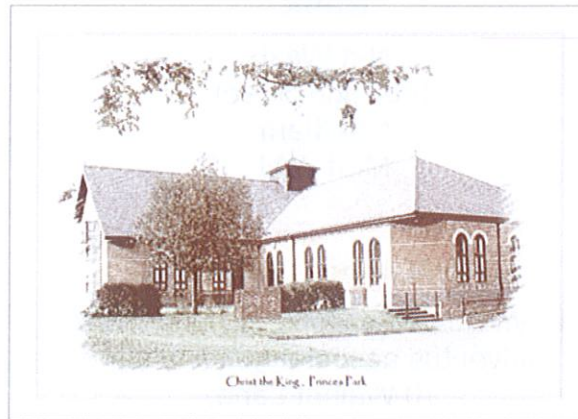


**The Parish Church of Christ the King**  
Dove Close, Princes Park, Chatham, Kent, ME5 7PX

**Annual Parochial Church Meeting**



*"To know Jesus and to make him known  
in Worship, Word and Works"*

**Sunday 26th April 2026**

**Christ the King, Princes Park**

**Annual Report  
and Financial Statements  
for the year ended 31 December 2025  
of the  
Parochial Church Council of  
Christ the King, Princes Park, Chatham**

**Vicar**

In vacancy

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## **Aim and Purposes**

The Parochial Church Council of Christ the King has the responsibility of co-operating with the Vicar, in promoting in the ecclesiastical parish, the mission of the church, pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical. The PCC has maintenance responsibilities for the church building of Christ the King in Dove Close, Chatham.

## **Administrative information**

**The Parochial Church Council (PCC)** is a corporate body established by the Church of England. The PCC operates under the Parochial Church Powers Measure 1956 and Church Representation Rules 2017. The PCC is exempted by order from registering with the Charity Commission.

All correspondence should be addressed to The Office Administrator, Christ the King, Dove Close, Chatham, Kent, ME5 7PX.

## **Membership of the PCC**

Members of the PCC are either ex officio, elected by the Annual Parochial Church Meeting in accordance with the Church Representation Rules or members co-opted by the PCC.

**Note:** SC = *Standing Committee Member*

### **Ex Officio members:**

Warden & SC	Judy Burgess
Deanery Synod Rep & Deputy Warden	Mary Roberts
Deanery Synod Rep	Barbara Barnes

### **Elected members**

SC	Graham Ashdown	
SC	Maureen Ashdown	
	Kathy Blagdon	(From April 2025)
	Beryl Davies	(Until April 2025)
	Sarah Howell	(From April 2025)
	Margaret King	(Until July 2025)
Deputy Warden	Anthea Reeves	
	Yvonne Satchel	
Secretary & SC	Paul Pearson	

### **Treasurer (but not a member of the PCC)**

Hon. Treasurer	Robert Dyer	(Until April 2025)
Hon Treasurer	Alva-Lee Semper	(from April 2025)

The Parochial Church Council serves from the Annual Parochial Church Meeting until the next Annual Parochial Church Meeting in the following year.

### **Structure, governance and management**

The method of appointment of PCC members is set out in the Church Representation Rules. At Christ the King the membership of the PCC consists of the incumbent (our vicar), churchwardens, the Deanery Synod representatives and the persons elected by the members of the congregation who are on the electoral roll of the church. All those who attend our services / members of the congregation are encouraged to register on the Electoral Roll and 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 deciding on how the funds of the PCC are to be spent. The full PCC met seven times (once via Whats App) during the year with an average level of attendance of 64%; Given its wide responsibilities the PCC has a number of committees each dealing with a particular aspect of parish life. These committees are all responsible to the PCC and report back regularly to the full PCC and are discussed as necessary.

### **Standing Committee:**

This is the only committee required by law. It has the power to transact the business of the PCC between its meetings, subject to any directions given by the Council. Membership of this committee is the Vicar, Wardens, Treasurer, PCC Secretary and a leader of the young people's work.

### **Committees**

The PCC operates through a small number of committees which meet between full meetings of the PCC. They were: Ministry, Admin & GDPR, Finance and the Standing Committee.

During 2025, Paul and Janet Pearson, Alva-Lee Semper and Graham Ashdown worked together to produce the 2026 Budget. We gave support and advice to Alva-Lee in his new role as treasurer.

### **Objectives and Activities**

The PCC is committed to enabling as many people as possible to worship at our church and to become part of our parish community at Christ the King. The PCC maintains an overview of worship throughout the parish and makes suggestions on how our services can involve the many groups that live within our parish. Our services and worship put faith into practice through prayer and scripture, music and sacrament.

When planning our activities for the year, we have considered the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit and, in particular, the supplementary guidance on charities for the advancement of religion. We try to enable ordinary people to live out their faith as part of our parish community through:

- Worship and prayer; learning about the Gospel; and developing their knowledge and trust in Jesus.
- Provision of pastoral care for people living in the parish.
- Missionary and outreach work.
- Provision of hall facilities for hire, so that local clubs and groups can carry on their activities in a safe environment.

To facilitate this work, it is important that we maintain the fabric of the building of Christ the King, Princes Park.

### **Achievements and Performance**

Details of services between 1 January and 31 December 2025.

Data of church services conducted. 2025 figures in **bold**. 2024 figures shown in brackets ( ).

#### **Average Church Attendance 2025**

08:30 am Adults: **8** (8) Average communicants: **8**(8)

10:00 am Adults: **35** (39) Under 16's: **6** (8) Average Communicants: **34**(39)

Weddings **1** (0)

Funerals held at Church: **0** (1)

Funerals conducted by our Vicar\*: 2 (2) \*includes conducted by local minister on our behalf

Number of baptisms: **2** (4)

#### **PCC meetings - Paul Pearson PCC Secretary**

During the year the PCC received regular reports on; Finance, Plant & Fabric, Ministry, Standing Committee, Junior Church, Admin and GDPR and Deanery Synod. Safeguarding is a standing item on the agenda.

During the year the PCC met 7 times. The Attendance at meetings by members was 64% much lower than last year which was 80%, only two members had 100% attendance record. The PCC uses email and whats app to keep members updated on church matters between meetings.

Key items discussed during the year by the PCC were:

The Vacancy & Safeguarding was regularly reported to the PCC, along with Ministry and Finance during the year.

In January we discussed the planned work on the roof, the need to repair the stained glass and the need to replace the burglar alarm dialler. Planning of the Easter services and the march of witness on Good Friday.

In March the PCC discussed the church annual report, church repairs and junior church.

In April the PCC met straight after our annual meetings and we made our appointment of officers for the year. The PCC appointed Graham Ashdown as Vice Chair, Alva-Lee Semper as PCC Treasurer and Paul Pearson as Secretary.

In May the PCC discussed updates on Junior church, the vacancy, repairs and Deanery Synod. Maureen Ashdown reported that she had successfully completed a Mental Health First Aider training course. She is now able to point people to the most suitable support service for the individual.

The PCC approved the signing of the House of Bishops statement on safeguarding. Planning was started on organising a Pizza meal or a Bar – BQ with the 3rd August suggested for a Picnic.

In July the PCC approved a new Finance policy and Procedure which now takes into account the use of church debit cards for specific persons. The PCC discussed the need to better manage pastoral care of members in need.

In September the PCC approved the new hire rates for hall hire in 2026. The PCC received a report from the Diocesan Finance Conference. The additional work on the roof leak was approved by the standing committee. The PCC discussed at length the planning and leadership at church services for the next two months which had proved difficult to manage. Concern was also noted that succession planning was needed for roles and responsibilities of church officers in the next year as people were likely to be standing down and that there were no obvious candidates to take over.

In November the main topic was the churches budget for 2026 and this included our contribution to the Diocese (Parish Offer). The budget for 2026 was approved. The planning for the Christmas services was approved. Approval was given for the purchase of two new microphones.

### **Worship and Prayer**

The PCC is keen to offer a range of services during the week and over the course of the year that our community find both beneficial and spiritually fulfilling. During the year we reverted back to receiving the elements at Communion with a shared cup, a small number have opted to take the bread only.

All are welcome to attend our regular services; prayer ministry is available during and after morning services. As well as our regular services, we enable our community to celebrate and thank God at the milestones of the journey through life. Through baptism we thank God for the gift of life, in marriage public vows are exchanged with God's blessing and through funeral services friends and family express their grief and give thanks for the life which is now complete in this world and to commend the person into God's keeping. We also continue to encourage and welcome our two local primary schools to join with us at special times of the year for the school community. The Maundene school carol service had a total attendance of 288 adults and 250 children.

### **Supporting other charitable purposes**

A proportion of monies raised from regular income and money raised in special collections is forwarded on to charities at home and overseas to extend the provision of care to others in need.

### **Pastoral Care**

Some members of our parish are unable to attend church due to sickness or age. We have continued the ministry of visits to them throughout the year.

### **Safeguarding Statement**

The PCC recognises its duty to have regard to the House of Bishops' guidance on safeguarding children and vulnerable adults. In the course of the year the necessary DBS checks and safeguarding training sessions have been undertaken as required.

At Christ the King we take safeguarding seriously. We therefore undertake the following commitments:

- To promote a safe environment and culture
- To safely recruit and support all those with any responsibility related to children, young people and vulnerable adults within the Church.
- To respond promptly to every safeguarding concern or allegation
- To care pastorally for victims/survivors of abuse and other affected persons
- To respond to those who may pose a present risk to others.

Any safeguarding issues can be raised with the PCC Safeguarding Officer or Diocesan Safeguarding Advisor.

### **Safeguarding - Judy Burgess**

The PCC here at Christ the King strive to make this church a safe place for all. Safeguarding is an item on the agenda for all PCC meetings and PCC members are encouraged to undertake safeguarding training in line with Diocesan requirements. The senior leadership team have undertaken the appropriate level of safeguarding training for their role, including those who required safeguarding leadership training.

DBS checks are carried out for those whose role requires it. There have been no safeguarding issues to report this year.

### **Diversity Officer**

Alva-Lee Semper is our diversity officer. If you have any concerns about how diversity is being impacted in the church you should approach Alva-Lee with your concerns.

### **Electoral Roll Report – Janet Pearson (Electoral Roll Officer)**

The roll was totally revised for 2025 with final numbers declared at the APCM on 27th April 2025 were 51 people.

### **Fabric and Ornaments Report – Paul Pearson**

We thank Jean Russell once again for her steadfast work on keeping our church building clean during the year and thanks also go to those people who step up to cover her when she is on holiday or off sick. Mary Roberts has worked very hard, often on her own to keep the grounds in a tidy condition.

The annual servicing & maintenance of the heating system, burglar & fire alarms, emergency lighting, fire extinguishers and PAT testing are all up to date. The phone system has been switched over to a digital system and this required an update the burglar alarm systems as well, all at our cost. Our insurance is with Ecclesiastical and is up to date.

There continued to be a number of minor repairs to deal with during the year mainly associated with the plumbing in the toilets. You may have also noticed a new mirror installed in the ladies toilets.

We were able to confirm that no asbestos exists in the building and this allowed us to get on with the list of jobs from the 2023 Quinquennial Inspection, which had highlighted 50 jobs that require attention. A major piece of work this year was the removing of moss from the church and hall roof; we were fortunate to obtain a grant to cover around 70% of the cost of these works. In addition, repairs were made to the guttering. We also had one of the stained-glass windows repaired where the lead had to be replaced. Further extra work was required to repair a roof leak in November over the hall.

Of the 50 jobs on the original report 22 have now been fully completed, 13 jobs now just need monitoring for development of cracks leaving 15 still to be completed. Of these 9 require specialist contractors, 5 are in progress waiting for better weather in the spring and one still to be started. If there are any of you who can do brick pointing and or painting please let me know we really need your help.

We continue to use the existing audio system but suffered problems with two of the remote clip-on microphones. We purchased two new ones which seems to be working well, these were funded from the restricted IT fund. There remains a "crackle" coming from the right-hand side speaker that needs to be resolved.

### **The Ministry Report – Judy Burgess**

We have now been in vacancy for 18 months. We were supported by two Licensed Lay Ministers from two other churches. Karen Barret left us in April when she moved out of the area. Iain Ambler left in December as he is needed in his own church which is undergoing change. This will put extra pressure on Graham and Maureen. We rely on retired clergy to lead most of our Communion Services as well as other ministers from the Diocese. With more churches in the area looking for clergy support we have had to change the occasional Communion service to a Morning worship service.

Good Friday saw a small group of us on a march of witness joining up with Holy Trinity South Chatham for a service at St Williams. In the afternoon we had an 'Hour at the Cross' here. Our Easter Sunday service was led by the new Archdeacon, the Ven Sandra McCalla.

Our Christmas services started with hosting Maundene School for their annual carol service. As usual, the worship area and back hall were full. Our carols by candlelight service was held the Sunday before Christmas. We had some new voices reading this year, as well some of the regulars. This was followed by mulled wine and mince pies. Our Christingle service was well attended with 146 adults and children making their own Christingles. Our Christmas Eve Communion service was led by the Area Dean, Canon Martyn Saunders.

The service started at 10pm so Martyn could get to his own church for their later service. Unfortunately, there was no service on Christmas Day as there was no one available to open the building or lead. The number of people attending on Sunday morning has started to drop. We have members of the congregation who are no longer physically able to get to church, for those who want it Graham and Maureen have been taking them home communion. Thank you to everyone who has stepped up and helped this year. Without your help we couldn't have provided services. We do need more help. Most importantly keep praying for the right person to come and lead us and that they come soon.

### **Deanery Synod Report – Mary Roberts**

In 2025 there were 3 Deanery Synod meetings - 15th January, 7th May and 30th September. Neither Babara Barnes nor I could attend the September meeting, but relevant information is included in this report.

The format of each meeting is generally the same and are mostly quite informal. Different churches within the Deanery take turns to host the meetings and so after the welcome and opening prayer, the order of the agenda may vary, but usually include the following:

- Previous minutes approval
- Matters arising
- A brief synopsis of current activities, plans and challenges are given by the incumbent or representative from the church
- A short bible study of some description
- A guest speaker on various subjects relevant to many aspects of church life to enhance our work within the church and our communities\*
- An opportunity to ask questions or discuss the speaker's topic
- Deanery news
- Diocesan synod report
- Farewells or welcomes to out-going or incoming Clergy etc
- Any relevant elections e.g. new standing committee Lay representatives and Lay Chair.
- Any other business
- Closing Prayer
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\* These have been:

1. Simon Lace, who is Chief Operating Officer at the Cathedral, gave a very interesting talk about the history, structure, finances, statistics, workings, exhibits and future plans of the Cathedral
2. Bishop Jonathan gave an update of the Diocesan Vision and Strategy initiative that was launched in 2022. The Strategic Development Fund and an 11 million pound grant from National Church have contributed funds towards its purpose.
3. The planned speaker on Safeguarding was unable to attend so each church's Representative present was asked to share positive things about their church, which was encouraging.

### **General Data Protection Regulations (GDPR) – Paul Pearson (Data Protection Compliance Officer)**

We took the opportunity this year to completely revise our database, members were asked to submit a new form.

This enabled us to be sure that we only held data on active church members which is a key requirement of data protection law. As a result, I was able to update the church directory, prayer diary and WhatsApp group.

We like to mention in church anyone who has a birthday and if you wish to get emails with church news or join our WhatsApp's group, we need your formal agreement in writing and so you need to sign a consent form to allow us to use your data. See me to get a form.

There are plenty of "Scams going around" so please be careful about giving your personal details out to anyone, we have been posting news about scams on the notice boards.

Key things to remember are:

- Protect your personal data and that of others at all times, secure with passwords and encryption software.
- Back up your data regularly
- Request for prayer must avoid giving medical details of individuals situation and

- you must have their personal permission to pray for individuals out loud in church preferably in writing
- Don't give out your personal bank or card details over the phone. Unless you have rung someone to order something yourself.
- Don't follow links in emails requesting your details.
- If you think it is a scam it more likely is one.

If you ever need more help or guidance ring me direct on 01634 861536.

### **Pastoral Care and Prayer Ministry - Graham Ashdown**

In 2025, we used our Home Holy Communion kit to make 16 visits to different people's homes to share Holy Communion with housebound members of our church. A total of 8 people took part in the Home Communion, on a monthly basis.

The home group at Beryl Davies' house has continued occasionally, with up to 6 people attending an afternoon meeting mid-week.

Elisabeth and Graham prayed for people at prayer table on Sundays at back of church whenever they could.

A church prayer diary is published every 3 months for people to pray for an individual church member or family each day. This was previously printed by Christina and we are very grateful for her doing this for several years. It is now printed by Paul and Janet. We are thankful they have taken this over.

Although we have not had a vicar, two visiting lay ministers, Karen and Iain, and a selection of Vicars visited to speak most months. They stayed to tea and coffee afterward which gave church members a chance to talk with them, and maybe to share any concerns of a pastoral nature with them. Tea and coffee after church is also a pleasant, relaxed time for our church family to speak to one another and talk about joys or sorrows to others. Sometimes folk pray for each other here or go home and pray about something they have heard.

Our Comfort and Joy session in church gives people opportunities to pray about items shared, and often the person passing microphone around prays for someone straight after they have spoken about something.

Occasional requests for prayer are shared on our church WhatsApp group, a closed group for church members only. We have to be careful such requests meet strict guidelines regarding confidentiality and data protection.

### **Music Group Report – Peter & Diana Brown**

We are grateful to our musicians for leading our worship. We meet to rehearse on Wednesday mornings, between 10 and 11 a.m. The songs are led with live music one week and compact discs the next. We find the series 'Songs of Fellowship' to be a very useful resource, and are currently getting to know the set of CDs entitled '10,000 Reasons to Worship'. We endeavour to include more modern songs, as well as revisiting favourites.

The Carol Service was as usual appreciated by all, in particular the arrangements of more modern carols.

We continue to encourage the use of percussion within the worship group and congregation. Our sound engineers are very helpful; We could not do without them.

We are mindful of the importance of music in worship, and feel privileged to be a part of it. May God continue to use us and make us a blessing to each other.

### **Junior Church – Maureen Ashdown**

An unusual start to 2025 with illness, left me bedbound for several weeks.

Unfortunately, I was too ill to plan or take junior church, during that time I was grateful for quieter activities provided for the children with colouring and word puzzles in church. A huge thank you for those that organised this.

We recommenced on Pentecost Sunday and continued throughout the year, allowing for school holidays and half terms.

Numbers have declined with two families moving out of the area. We have between one and 10 young people. We often take one or two children out to room two and return with six to ten and their mothers.

I am grateful for the mothers who stay in with their younger children and help me. We continue to teach scripture using all sorts of crafts from origami boats, cards with pictures that tell a story, puppets and anything else that is appropriate to help us even bouncing rubberised sheep. Not forgetting Bible Bingo.

We also have one of the older children doing her Duke of Edinburgh's Award who has been very helpful, as well as learning at the same time.

For the first time in several years, we joined the congregation with a surprise Nativity Tableau, the inspiration coming from the song "Go tell it on the Mountain. It was chaotic fun (the children all loved dressing up). An act of worship so all could join in.

Once more I am so thankful for anyone who contributes to the time spent with our young people.

### **CHICKS - Parent and Toddler Group – Judy Burgess**

We continue to meet on Thursday mornings during term time. Our numbers have dropped this year. We have Mum's joining whilst they are on maternity leave and leaving us when they go back to work. We have a core group of carers who come along each week. We have celebrated Mothering Sunday with flowers, Easter with Easter eggs, those leaving us to go to school with a gift and Christmas with a party and a gift. Thank you to all who have helped this year. Beryl has always been a big part of CHICKS. She misses coming and the children and adults have missed her.

We pray CHICKS will continue to be a place of fun and enjoyment, and the Lord will continue to bless and guide us.

### **Fund Raising and Social Report – Janet Pearson**

In 2025 the church hosted 2 quiz afternoons which raised money for church funds. Along with them were a pizza party and picnic.

A successful Christmas Fair was held in November but there was disappointing support both from church members and non-church members.

For outside fund raising, a beetle drive and baguette party were held with funds raised going towards Michael's work in Zambia.

A coffee morning was also held with money raised going to Macmillan cancer support.

We continue to receive money for the recycling of ink cartridges. A big thank you to all those who have contributed to any of these events.

### **Craft Group – Judy Burgess**

Craft group continues to meet on a Tuesday morning. We are small in number at the moment, but we still find plenty to talk about. Beryl, who has run the group for many years is no longer able to come. She was a big part of the group and is much missed. All are welcome to join us, you don't have to be able to knit, crochet or sew. Whilst craft plays a big part, supporting each other is more important.

# The PCC of Christ the King, Annual Finance report and Review for 2025

Summary of accounts	Dec 2025
General Funds	42,996
Restricted Funds	2,598
Church Repair Designated Fund Diocese & Bank	17,931
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>63,524</b>

## **Income**

Total general income to the end of December 2025 was £67507 against a budget of £66628, so we were £879 better than budget. Hall hire has contributed £22179 for the year.

## **Expenses**

Total general expenses to the end of December 2025 were £58051 and budgeted expenses was £60416 meaning we were £2365 inside budget.

This shows that we were £9456 in profit on the year against budget but taking into account transfers to the repair fund of £5000 this reduces to £4456. We received a total of £2970 from the Chicks and Craft group for use of the building. Due to the higher commitment to repairs this year more than the amount we paid in was used to pay repair bills and the Repair fund fell by £568.

All of this still hides the fact that we are well down on paying the Parish Offer figure requested by the Diocese. We ended up contributing £36,500. The year 2025 requested figure was £42,730 and 2026 figure is £44,646.

## **Away Giving**

The Away Giving remained at 5%. We gave to our four nominated charities, Samara's Aid, Jiwawa Orphanage, Family Trust and Age UK Medway. The PCC had previously agreed an extra donation of £150 be set aside at Christmas for the Leprosy Mission.

## **Report from the office for 2025**

The office continues to be very busy dealing with various enquiries about Baptisms, Weddings and Funerals and booking the hall and meeting rooms. Throughout 2025 we have had 10 groups regularly meeting each week. Also, 16 occasional hires including children's parties, 50th birthdays, M and D bus group and the local doctor's surgery from Dove Close. Our local MP also held two surgeries.

Hall hire income for the year was £22,179.12 just slightly down on last year but above the budgeted target of £20,000. This income includes both regular hirers and private hirers. This is a valuable source of income as well as providing a local venue for the area. Generating this income does require administrative as well as practical effort and our thanks go to those who have helped out by opening up for some of these events.

## **Gift Aid**

As a church our main source of income is donations and hall hire. Gift Aid, claimed back from the government and based on donations from taxpayers, is another valuable contribution.

## **Church Members**

Without the donations our church members make, the church could not continue to operate. Voluntary work carried out by church members, such as keeping the grass cut, are also a way of contributing and saves the church from having to pay someone to do it. Thank you to all church members for the contributions you make.

## **Statement of Going Concern**

The PCC of Christ the King are of the opinion that Christ the King, Princes Park is a going concern for 2026.

## **Reserves Policy**

The PCC has a reserves policy whereby the unrestricted funds not committed or invested in tangible fixed assets (the free reserves) held should be three months of resources expended.

At end of 2025 our reserve funds were £43925 against a minimum requirement of £15202.

23 March 2026

## Independent Examiner's report to the Member/Trustees of Christ the King Princes Park

I report on the accounts for the year ended 31 December 2025 which are set out on the pages following.

### **Respective responsibilities of the Trustees and Independent 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 Commissioners section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act; and
- State whether particular matters have come to my attention.

### **Basis of Independent Examiner's Statement**

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 statement below.

### **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; or
  - to prepare accounts which accord with these accounting records 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.

Yours sincerely



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THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF CHRIST THE KING, PRINCES PARK  
SOFA STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES  
YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2025

	Notes	<u>Unrestricted</u> <u>Funds 2025</u>	<u>Designated</u> <u>Funds 2025</u>	<u>Restricted</u> <u>Funds 2025</u>	<u>TOTAL</u> <u>Funds 2025</u>	<u>Unrestricted</u> <u>Funds 2024</u>	<u>Designated</u> <u>Funds 2024</u>	<u>Restricted</u> <u>Funds 2024</u>	<u>TOTAL</u> <u>Funds 2024</u>
		£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
<b>Income</b>									
<i>Voluntary income</i>	2a	43041.22	0.00	0.00	43041.22	45,130.35	0.00	76.78	45,207.13
<i>Activities for generating funds</i>	2b	857.35	0.00	0.00	857.35	763.76	0.00	0.00	763.76
<i>Income from investments</i>	2c	928.96	500.00	0.00	1428.96	924.27	552.62	0.00	1,476.89
<i>Church activities</i>	2d	22679.12	0.00	2302.39	24981.51	22,611.62	0.00	3,668.36	26,279.98
<i>Other income</i>	2e	67506.65	0.00	4980.00	4980.00	69,430.00	0.00	1,645.00	1,645.00
<b>Total income</b>			500.00	7282.39	75289.04		552.62	5,390.14	75,372.76
<b>expenses</b>									
<i>Church activities</i>	3a	58023.29	6068.00	6355.57	70446.86	55,798.04	0.00	5,337.58	61,135.62
<i>Raising Funds</i>	3b	28.00	0.00	0.00	28.00	54.32	0.00	0.00	54.32
<i>Other expenses</i>	3c	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	62.00	0.00	0.00	62.00
<b>Total expenses</b>		58051.29	6068.00	6355.57	70474.86	55,914.36	0.00	5,337.58	61,251.94
<b>Net income/(expenses)</b>		9455.36	-5568.00	926.82	4814.18	13,515.64	552.62	52.56	14,120.82
Transfers between funds		-2970.25	5000.00	-2029.75	0.00	-8,941.13	7,986.45	954.68	0.00
<b>Net movement in funds</b>		6485.11	-568.00	-1102.93	4814.18	4,574.51	8,539.07	1,007.24	14,120.82
Total funds carried forward at 31 December 2024		36510.57	18498.60	3700.93	58710.10	36,510.57	18,498.60	3,700.93	58,710.10
Total funds brought forward at 1 January 2025		42995.68	17930.60	2598.00	63524.28				
<b>Total funds carried forward at 31 December 2025</b>									

Notes on following pages form part of this Financial Statement

**THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF CHRIST THE KING, PRINCES PARK  
BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2025**

	Notes	2025 £	2024 £
<b>Fixed assets</b>			
Tangible fixed assets	5	0.00	0.00
<b>Total fixed assets</b>		<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>
<b>Current assets</b>			
Debtors	8	1,364.41	2,240.91
Short term deposits		46,603.37	45,242.41
NatWest Current A/c Church General Account		13,721.40	11,056.83
Church Repair Funds held NatWest Current A/c		0.00	0.00
Chicks Cash in hand		77.26	204.74
Craft Group cash in hand		301.33	455.21
Restricted Accounts held in NatWest Current A/c		2,219.41	0.00
		<b>64,287.18</b>	<b>59,200.10</b>
<b>Liabilities</b>			
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	9	-763	-490.00
<b>Net current assets less current liabilities</b>		<b>63,524.28</b>	<b>58,710.10</b>
<b>Total assets less current liabilities</b>		<b>63,524.28</b>	<b>58,710.10</b>
<b>TOTAL NET ASSETS</b>		<b>63,524.28</b>	<b>58,710.10</b>
<b>Funds</b>	7		
Restricted funds	10	2,598.00	3,700.93
DIOCESE Church Repair Fund	10	17,930.60	18,498.60
Unrestricted funds	10	42,995.68	36,510.57
		<b>63,524.28</b>	<b>58,710.10</b>

The notes on the following pages form part of this Financial Statement

Approved by the PCC on 24 March 2026 and signed on its behalf

ChairPerson



## The Parochial Church Council of Christ the King, Princes Park, Chatham, Kent

### Notes to financial statements for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> December 2025

#### 1. Accounting policies

##### a. Basis of preparation

The PCC is a public benefit entity within the meaning of FRS102. The financial statements have been prepared under the Charities Act 2011 and in accordance with the Church Accounting Regulations 2006 governing the individual accounts of PCCs, and with the Regulations' "true and fair view" provisions, together with FRS102 2016 as the applicable accounting standards and the 2016 version of the Statement of Recommended Practice, Accounting and Reporting by Charities SORP FRS102.

##### b. Funds

Funds held by the PCC are:

- i. **Unrestricted General fund** are held in the Nat West bank account and in Diocesan Loan fund these monies are for everyday running expenses of the church and for collection of all income used for the general purposes of the Parish church.
  - ii. **Church repair designated fund** held at Diocesan Office these funds are used for repairs and maintenance of the church building. Monies are transferred from Church repair designated fund to our General fund as needed to pay for particular repairs and maintenance.
  - iii. **Restricted funds** Are held in the Nat West bank account or Diocesan loan fund. These funds are accounted for separately in the accounts at Notes 10 and hold monies for specific purposes decided by donors or collected for specific purposes. These funds may not be used for another purpose.
  - iv. **Endowment Funds** Christ the King does not hold any Endowment funds
- c. **Short term deposits** - Include cash held on deposit either with Rochester Diocese Church Repair Fund or Rochester Diocese Loan Fund or at the bank.

##### d. Income

###### Recognition of income

These are included in the Statement of Financial Activities (SOFA) when:

- i. the PCC becomes legally entitled to the use of that income; and
- ii. the inflow of economic benefits is probable; and
- iii. the monetary value can be measured with sufficient reliability.

**Fundraising costs** - Funds raised from events and trading activities (e.g. fete, garden party or sales of books and magazines) are reported gross in the SOFA – i.e., before any related costs that may have been deducted from the gross proceeds.

**Grants and donations** - Grants and donations are included in the SOFA when any preconditions preventing their use by the PCC have been met. For collections and planned giving this is when the funds are received.

**Gift Aid Tax claims, etc.** - Gift Aid and other tax claims are included in the SOFA at the same time as the cash donations to which they relate.

**Gifts in kind** - Gifts in kind are accounted for at a reasonable estimate of their fair value at the time of gift, if feasible, or else at the amount actually realised from their disposal. Gifts in kind for sale to fund the PCC are included in the accounts at their estimated fair value at the date of gift, if feasible or else recognised when sold by the PCC.

Gifts in kind for the PCC's own use are included in the SOFA as income at their fair value when receivable, and expensed as and when consumed in use. Gifts of fixed assets, if material, are included in the balance sheet at their fair value and expensed over the asset's useful economic life.

**Donated services and facilities** - These are included in income and at the same time in expenses at estimated fair value to PCC of the service or facility received.

**Volunteer help** - The value of any voluntary help received is not included in the accounts but is described in the trustees' annual report.

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

e. **Expenses and Liabilities**

**Liability recognition** - Liabilities are recognised as soon as an outflow of economic benefit is probable and quantifiable.

**Support costs** - Include costs of the preparation and examination of statutory accounts, the costs of trustee meetings and cost of any legal advice to trustees on governance or constitutional matters.

**Grants payable without performance conditions** - These are recognised in the accounts when a commitment has been made externally and there are no pre-conditions still to be met for entitlement to the grant which remain within the control of the PCC.

f. **Assets**

**Consecrated and beneficed property** - In so far as consecrated and benefice property of any kind is excluded from the statutory definition of “charity” by Section 10(2) (a) and (c) of the Charities Act 2011 such assets are not capitalised in the financial statements.

**Movable church furnishings** - These are capitalised at cost, if they cost at least £1,000, and depreciated over their useful economic life other than where insufficient cost information is available. In this case the item is not capitalised, but all items are included in the Church’s inventory in any case.

**Tangible fixed assets for use by the Church.** Christ the King does not hold any fixed assets with any residual value.

**NOTE 2**

**2 INCOME**

	Unrestricted Funds 2025 £	Designated Funds 2025 £	Restricted Funds 2025 £	TOTAL Funds 2025 £	Unrestricted Funds 2024 £	Designated Funds 2024 £	Restricted Funds 2024 £	TOTAL Funds 2024 £
<b>a Voluntary income</b>								
Standing Orders Gift Aid	18569			18569	21046			21046
Standing Orders Non Gift Aid	3370			3370	4643			4643
Free Will Offering Gift Aid 4	9903			9903	5582			5582
Free Will Offering Non Gift Aid 7	0			0	160			160
Free Will Offering GASDS 6	393			393	537			537
Plate & donation at coffee time GASDS 8	2631			2631	42			42
Plate non GASDS 9	0			0	4673			4673
All Other Giving / Donations	0		0	0	421			421
Legacies	0			0	0			0
Donations Gift Aid 5	270			270	50			50
Gift Aid Refund	7207			7207	6980			6980
GASDS Refund	698		0	698	997	77		1074
	<b>43041</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>43041</b>	<b>45130</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>77</b>	<b>45207</b>
<b>b Activities for generating funds</b>								
Fund Raising Efforts Income	857			857	764			764
	<b>857</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>857</b>	<b>764</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>764</b>
<b>c Income from Short term deposits</b>								
Interest from DLF - Savings	929	500		1429	924	553		1477
	<b>929</b>	<b>500</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1429</b>	<b>924</b>	<b>553</b>		<b>1477</b>
<b>d Church Activities</b>								
Chicks Group Restricted			1043	1043			1127	1127
Craft Group Restricted			814	814			1324	1324
Spare 2			0	0			0	0
Special Collections & Social Events Restricted			0	0			64	64
Hall Hire fees & deposits	22179			22179	22213			22213
Social events sale of goods & other income	25			25	115			115
Wedding Banns Funeral & Other PCC Fees	475		446	921	283	0	1154	1437
	<b>22679</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>2302</b>	<b>24982</b>	<b>22612</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>3668</b>	<b>26280</b>
<b>e Other income</b>								
Insurance Claim	0			0	0	0	0	0
Grants	0		4980	4980	0	0	1645	1645
	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>4980</b>	<b>4980</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1645</b>	<b>1645</b>
<b>Total income</b>	<b>67507</b>	<b>500</b>	<b>7282</b>	<b>75289</b>	<b>69430</b>	<b>553</b>	<b>5390</b>	<b>75373</b>

**Note 2 Cont'd**

<p><b>f Giving by Trustees</b>  <b>Members of the PCC gave at least, without any conditions attached.</b>                  (for details see inc &amp; exp sheets on these dates)</p>	<p><b>2025</b> £</p> <p><b>8,308.96</b></p>	<p><b>2024</b> £</p> <p><b>12,385</b></p>
<p><b>Sub-Total</b></p>	<p><b><u>8,308.96</u></b></p>	<p><b><u>12,385</u></b></p>
<p><b>Grand Total</b></p>	<p><b><u>8,308.96</u></b></p>	<p><b><u>12,385</u></b></p>
<p><b>g Donated services and facilities by non PCC members</b></p>		
<p><b>Grand Total</b></p>	<p><b><u>0.00</u></b></p>	<p><b><u>0</u></b></p>
<p><b><u>Stewardship</u></b>                  Total planned givers using envelopes                  No. gift aiding donations                  No. of current standing orders</p>	<p><b>2025</b> 16 15 21</p>	<p><b>2024</b> 15 17 24</p>

	Unrestricted Funds 2025	Designated Funds 2025	Restricted Funds 2025	TOTAL Funds 2025	Unrestricted Funds 2024	Designated Funds 2024	Restricted Funds 2024	TOTAL Funds 2024
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
<b>3 NOTE 3 expenses</b>								
<b>a Church Activities</b>								
Away Giving	2106		20	2126	2330		44	2374
	<b>2106</b>		<b>20</b>	<b>2126</b>	<b>2330</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>44</b>	<b>2374</b>
<b>Ministry costs</b>								
Indicative Offer	36500			36500	29115			29115
Vicar's Expenses	0			0	418			418
Vicarage Council Tax & Utilities	126			126	1584			1584
Visiting Speaker	0			0	322			322
	<b>36626</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>36626</b>	<b>31439</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>31439</b>
<b>Upkeep of services</b>								
Worship, wine, CCLI, flowers	934			934	827			827
<b>Church expenses</b>								
Outreach Publicity	23			23	156		774	930
Junior Church	145			145	231		93	324
Craft Group Restricted			0	0			709	709
Chicks Group Restricted			127	127			195	195
	<b>168</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>127</b>	<b>294</b>	<b>387</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1772</b>	<b>2159</b>
<b>Church running expenses</b>								
Church Utilities Water Gas Electric	6459			6459	8525		0	8525
Church Insurance	2533			2533	2459			2459
Cleaning Materials and Refuse Collection	763			763	1019			1019
Cleaner Including Tax	4686			4686	4557			4557
Church Repairs & Maintenance	1750		2490	4240	1737		2561	4298
CRF Church Repairs & Maintenance		3940		3940	0			0
Hall Repairs & Maintenance	730		2490	3220	912			912
CRF Hall Repairs & Maintenance		2128		2128	0			0
Kitchen upkeep	0		0	0	0			0
Office Expenses	842			842	692			692
Vicar's Discretionary Fund	27			27	80			80
Tangible Fixed Asset Depreciation	0			0	0			0
Training & Stewardship	0			0	0			0
Refreshments & Social events	0			0	384			384
PCC costs & Professional fees	400			400	450			450
Fees for Vicar, Verger & DBF Restricted			801	801				0
Spare 2			0	0				0
IT Restricted			428	428			961	961
	<b>18190</b>	<b>6068</b>	<b>6209</b>	<b>30467</b>	<b>20815</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>3522</b>	<b>24337</b>
<b>b Fundraising activities</b>								
	28			28	54			54
	<b>28</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>54</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>54</b>
<b>c Other expenses</b>								
Sundry expenses	0		0	0	62			62
	<b>58051</b>	<b>6068</b>	<b>6356</b>	<b>70475</b>	<b>55914</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>5338</b>	<b>61252</b>

**NOTES 4,5,6**

**4 Staff costs**

**a Wages and salaries**

During the year the PCC employed a part time cleaner paid at current Real Living Wage

Salary paid to cleaner after PAYE deducted based on Real Living Wage

PAYE deductions made on their behalf and paid to HMRC

**Total staff costs**

	Funds 2025	Funds 2024
	£	£
	3,888.30	3,725.70
	798.00	831.60
<b>Total staff costs</b>	<b>4,686.30</b>	<b>4,557.30</b>

**b Payments to PCC members & Other connected persons**

No payments, other than for expenses incurred, were made to any PCC members or other connected persons.

**5 Tangible fixed assets**

Christ the King does not have any tangible fixed assets of any residual value

**6 Investments**

Christ the King, Princes Park, does not have any investments. We have money with Rochester Diocese in the CRF & DLF  
These are just cash deposits, details of which are stated elsewhere in accounts.

**NOTES 7,8,9**

**7 Analysis of Net assets by fund**

**YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2025**

	Unrestricted Funds 2025	Designated Funds 2025	Restricted Funds 2025	Total Funds 2025	Unrestricted Funds 2024	Designated Funds 2024	Restricted Funds 2024	Total Funds 2024
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
Current assets	44360	17931	2598	64889	37001	18499	3701	59200
Tangible fixed assets	0			0	0			0
Current liabilities to creditors	-763			-763	-490	0	0	-490
	<b>43597</b>	<b>17931</b>	<b>2598</b>	<b>64126</b>	<b>36511</b>	<b>18499</b>	<b>3701</b>	<b>58710</b>

**8 Debtors**

**YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2025**

	Funds 2025	Funds 2024
	£	£
Income tax recoverable	658	723
Prepayments and accrued income	706	1,518
	<b>1,364</b>	<b>2,241</b>

**9 Creditors: amounts due within one year**

**YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2025**

	Funds 2025	Funds 2024
	£	£
Accruals for utilities and other costs	0	100
Away Giving	172	10
Other costs	591	380
	<b>763</b>	<b>490</b>

NOTES 10

10 Statement of funds YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2025	Balance brought forward 01/01/2025 £	Income 2025 £	expenses 2025 £	Transfers, other gains & losses 2025 £	Balance carried forward 31/12/2025 £	Balance brought forward 01/01/2024 £	Income 2024 £	expenses 2024 £	Transfers, other gains & losses 2024 £	Balance carried forward 31/12/2024 £
<b>Unrestricted General fund</b>	36510.57	67506.65	-58051.29	-2970.25	42995.68	31936.06	69430.00	-5914.36	-8941.13	36510.57
<b>Church repair designated fund</b>	18498.60	500.00	-6068.00	5000.00	17930.60	9959.53	552.62	0.00	7986.45	18498.60
<b>Restricted funds as detailed below.</b>										
IT Restricted	850.57	0.00	-428.25	0.00	422.32	0.00	1625.00	-774.43	0.00	850.57
Equipment for Older Children	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	93.29	0.00	-93.29	0.00	0.00
Fees for Vicar, Verger & DBF Restricted	382.00	446.00	-800.82	-382.00	-354.82	189.00	1154.00	-961.00	0.00	382.00
Kitchen & Building Fund Restricted	401.92	0.00	0.00	0.00	401.92	366.00	96.78	-2560.86	2500.00	401.92
Chicks Group Restricted	926.23	1042.52	-126.50	-1080.00	762.25	924.00	1126.83	-195.00	-930.00	926.23
Craft Group Restricted	1120.21	813.87	0.00	-567.75	1366.33	1012.00	1323.53	-709.00	-506.25	1120.21
Special Collections & Social Events Restrictec	20.00	0.00	-20.00	0.00	0.00	109.00	64.00	-44.00	-109.07	20.00
Diocesan Roof Grant	0.00	4980.00	-4980.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
<b>Total restricted funds</b>	<u>3700.93</u>	<u>7282.39</u>	<u>-6355.57</u>	<u>-2029.75</u>	<u>2598.00</u>	<u>2693.29</u>	<u>5390.14</u>	<u>-5337.58</u>	<u>954.68</u>	<u>3700.93</u>
<b>Total all Funds</b>	<b>58710.10</b>	<b>75289.04</b>	<b>-70474.86</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>63524.28</b>	<b>44588.88</b>	<b>75372.76</b>	<b>-11251.94</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>58710.10</b>

NOTES 11

11 Charities supported	2025 £	2024 £
Samara Aid	439.00	545.00
Age UK Kent Rivers	439.00	545.00
Rochester Dioces Poverty & Hope Appeal	200.00	0.00
Precious Jiwawa Orphanage, Zambia	439.00	545.00
Family Trust	439.00	545.00
Leprosy Mission Christmas Donation	150.00	290.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>2,106.00</b>	<b>2,470.00</b>

Members of our church donated 140 kg of supplies to Medway Food Bank



