

Chichester Diocese  
Rye Deanery  
Benefice of Winchelsea, Icklesham and Pett  
Parish of St. Mary & St. Peter, Pett  
and St. Nicholas, Pett Level



# Annual Review and Financial Statements of the Parochial Church Council Year Ending 31<sup>st</sup> December 2025

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1.

**The Parish of St Mary & St Peter, Pett  
with St Nicholas, Pett Level**

**Annual Parochial Church Meeting**

Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> May 2026 at 18:30  
St Mary & St Peter, Pett

**AGENDA**

**Welcome and Opening Prayer**

**Annual Vestry Meeting for the Election of Churchwardens**

1. Apologies for Absence
2. Election of Churchwarden/s

**The Annual Parochial Church Meeting**

1. Minutes of the APCM held on 27<sup>th</sup> May 2025. (see appendix 1)
2. Matters arising
3. Opening Remarks from the Rector
4. Annual Report
  - i. Accounts & Independent Examiner's Report
  - ii. Electoral Roll Report
  - iii. Deanery Synod Report
  - iv. Safeguarding Report
  - v. Vacancy Management Group Report
5. Elections to Deanery Synod
6. Elections to the Parochial Church Council
7. Appointment of Independent Examiner 2026

8. AOB

Closing Prayer



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## Parochial Church Council Meeting

Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> May 2026 at 18:30

St Mary & St Peter, Pett

Opening Prayer

1. Confirmation of Elections
  - i. Churchwardens (ex-officio)
  - ii. Deanery Synod (ex-officio)
  - iii. PCC Members
  
- i. Appointment of Officers
  - i. Vice-Chair
  - ii. Treasurer
  - iii. Secretary
  - iv. Safeguarding (PSO)
  - v. Electoral Roll
  
2. Safeguarding
  - i. Training Requirements
  - ii. Approval of Benefice Policy
  
3. Results, Returns and Updates
  
4. Agree dates for PCC meetings in 2026
  
5. AOB

Closing Prayer – The Grace

## 2. INTRODUCTION

The function of the Vestry Meeting is to elect Churchwardens and members of the Parochial Church Council. The main function of the Annual Meeting is to receive the Annual Report on the parish in 2025. These meetings will take place at St. Mary and St. Peter, Pett (SMSP) on Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> May 2026 starting at 630 pm.

Parochial Church Councils were created in 1921. Their functions used to be carried out by vestry committees. The current rules mean that our Annual Report must comply with the requirements of the Charity Commission.

In 2025 the parish of Pett remained in an informal Benefice with Winchelsea and Icklesham (having previously been in a Benefice with Fairlight and Guestling). That arrangement works well and has now been formalised. The Rector of Winchelsea and Icklesham, Rev'd Jonathan Meyer, was Curate to Rev'd Sandi Wickens, Rector of Fairlight. He retired at the beginning of February 2025. In late 2025 a new Rector was selected for the Benefice of Winchelsea , Icklesham and Pett, Rev'd Nathanael Hayler, and he took office in 2026.

The most significant event in the parish of Pett in 2025 was the six month closure of St. Mary and St. Peter's (SMSP) because of building works which started on 22<sup>nd</sup> April. The works conducted included a complete rewiring and new light fittings, replastering and redecoration along with dealing with damp and guano. The cost was approximately £42000. There is still work to be done on the Tower and the Spire. This church closure resulted in falling income and considerable expense and an inability to pay the Parish Share after the end of July.

The Remembrance Day service on 9<sup>th</sup> November was the first service to take place at SMSP once it opened again.

The chapel of St. Nicholas (SN) at Pett Level remained open and one service every month was held there. Sadly, but not unexpectedly, only a few of the Pett congregation attended services in Winchelsea and Icklesham.

## TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT FOR 2025

### 3. BACKGROUND

- The parish of Pett contains the church of St. Mary and St. Peter (SMSP) in the centre of Pett and the Chapel of Ease St. Nicholas (SN) in Pett Level.
- Until the building work started on 22<sup>nd</sup> April, the usual monthly pattern of services was Holy Communion at SMSP on the first Sundays at SMSP at 930am and at SN on the second Sunday at 830am. Any fifth Sunday was considered to be a Benefice service. Later in the year the SN service was changed to the first Sunday and the SMSP service to the third Sunday.
- In March and April Rev'd Kay Burnett led the services at SMSP and throughout the year we were extremely fortunate to have Rev'd Howard Norton leading the service at SN.
- There is reluctance amongst many Pett residents, even churchgoers, to try attending services in Icklesham or Winchelsea. In the past there was a similar reluctance to attend Fairlight services. In country areas, the existence of parishes seems to lead to narrow inward-looking attitudes. There is a feeling that there is somehow a right to have a parish church and that is where services should be held. There has been no pastoral visiting by a priest over recent years and it may be that if that can be started, attitudes may change.

### 4. PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL MEMBERSHIP

The members of the Parochial Church Council were elected at the Vestry Meeting which took place on 27<sup>th</sup> May 2025, apart from the Churchwarden and the Secretary and the Treasurer who remained *ex officio* members

During the year, the following served as members of the PCC:

Churchwarden:	John Case
Treasurer and Gift Aid Officer:	Heather Godwin
Secretary:	Angela Hawksley
Electoral Roll officer:	no one elected
PCC Members:	Andrew Blackman, Becky Ware
Deanery Synod Representatives	John Case, Angela Hawksley

During the early part of the year Val Gill was a PCC member and attended the meeting on 6<sup>th</sup> March but she died before the Annual Meeting.

On 16<sup>th</sup> September Alison Evans was coopted on to the PCC.

The PCC members act as sidesmen.

## 5. AIMS AND PURPOSES AS A CHARITY

The promotion of the gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ according to the doctrines and practices of the Church of England and promoting within the parish of Pett the whole mission of the Church, pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical.

### PLANS TO ACHIEVE THE CHARITABLE OBJECTS

The PCC is aware of the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit and have taken what appropriate steps it can.

*(a) enabling as many people as possible to worship at our churches.* Before the building work started and much later, once we were able to use the church again, we did our best to publicise the dates and times of services both on the internet and in the village magazine and by way of posters. In spite of our efforts the regular congregation at SMSP remained small. Some who are elderly have not returned since the Covid shutdowns.

There has, however, been an increase in the number attending SN, partly because some who live in Winchelsea Beach attend. SN does not have satisfactory heating at the moment, but we are determined to sort it out.

Special services always attract more people. The Sea Sunday service on 13<sup>th</sup> July was shared with the Pett Methodist church and was well-attended. The Remembrance Day service at SMSP was also well-attended.

*(b) enabling as many people as possible to become part of our parish community.* It is helpful that the church steeple is visible for miles around. People who live in Pett and those who live over the border with Guestling do find reassurance from the presence of the church building. Some of them have said so. They look on the church as belonging to the village although they hardly ever attend church services. We usually welcome a large number of non-churchgoing helpers at our fundraising events.

Quite a number of those who are not part of the congregation are members of the Friends of Pett Church, and their subscriptions are vital to our finances.

In addition to Sea Sunday and Harvest services which raise money for charities other fundraising for the church, including a Disco (22<sup>nd</sup> March) and also a Christmas Tea Party (10<sup>th</sup> December) took place with a lot of support from the community.

The chapel of SN at Pett Level is always open to visitors during the day and there is a supply of coffee, milk and tea available. Also, there are books for sale. Many of the visitors make donations.

*(c) reaching and nurturing new and existing believers.* There is a section in our monthly village magazine dealing with church matters. We remain grateful to the Editorial Team of the magazine.

The Benefice Bible Study evenings at the New Inn, Winchelsea once a month are available to all.

*(d) considering how services can involve the many groups within the parish.* The Sea Sunday service in July involves a wide range of participants. It may be that non-regular churchgoers find an outdoor service less intimidating and more comfortable. We hope to try out more outdoor services in the future.

Attendance at the special Christmas services (for example, Carols by Candlelight,) was good. There was also a group of carol singers led by the PCC who went out singing around Pett on two evenings.

*(e) offering worship and prayer, learning about the Gospel in small group situations.* There used to be a Meditation service on a weekday at SN before Covid. There was also a Bible study group in Pett. These may be a possibility in the future. We hope to be able to attend a Lent course in 2027. It is, however, quite difficult for the elderly to go out of their homes on dark winter evenings.

*(f) provision of pastoral care for people living in the parish.* People within the congregation give assistance to neighbours and others in the village. There is, however, no substitute for visits by an incumbent.

*(g) providing for the poor and needy.* Members of the congregation have contributed food to the Rye Food Bank. There is a collection at Christmas for Surviving Christmas. Until the building work started there was a collection box in the Church porch for Family Support Work.

*(h) reaching out to non-churchgoers* We used to have an information stall at the Pett Flower Show, and we intend to again in 2026. The Flower Show Committee made a contribution of £100 to SMSP in 2025.

On 10<sup>th</sup> August we held an Open Day with refreshments. The purpose was to show allcomers how the building work was progressing.

The Royal Oak Public House chose SMSP as the charity to receive their Quiz profits of £2000.

Paul and Cathy Norris generously gave a Christmas Tree to the church which was placed outside the front of the church which helped to spread our Christmas message to passers-by. Paul also sold plants at SMSP in the run-up to Christmas which drew visitors.

The Carols by Candlelight service included quite a few readers who are not regular churchgoers.

The churchyard at SMSP provides a peaceful atmosphere for visitors. The Parish Council provides the PCC with a grant towards the mowing costs because they view the churchyard as a village asset. Mike Wilkins set up a group called the Churchyard Guardians who look after the churchyard. SMSP after the building works provides a safe and clean and welcoming environment for visitors and there is a bookstall at the back.

*(i) maintaining the fabric of the building as an historic centre and focus of life in the village.* It is difficult to raise enough money to carry out all the improvements we would like to make to the church building to make it into more of a community centre. For example, we have no toilet or kitchen facilities.

Both churches have remained open to visitors (except during the building work) and SN has continued to be popular with visitors. SMSP is in the centre of the village and on the main road through the village and the steeple can be seen a long way away. People who live in the village appreciate the presence of the church in the village.

## **6. PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL MEETINGS**

- The PCC met five times (6<sup>th</sup> March and 3<sup>rd</sup> July at Becky Ware's home, 16<sup>th</sup> September and 20<sup>th</sup> November at Angela Hawksley's home).
- The Annual Meeting took place at SN on 27<sup>th</sup> May followed by a short PCC meeting. Attendance at all the meetings was good. Our Churchwarden chaired all the meetings. The main items discussed were Safeguarding, Mission, Finance, Fund-raising, Fabric, Churchyard and Deanery Synod. Also discussed was the progress in finding a new incumbent.
- There was a lengthy discussion on 16<sup>th</sup> September about the advantages and disadvantages of applying for SMSP to be listed and on 20<sup>th</sup> November, having sought professional advice we decided not to proceed with the application.

## **7. CHURCH ORGANISATION**

- Gill Plank plays the electronic organ at services in SMSP. We are very grateful indeed to Gill.
- Our deepest thanks go to Mike and Jan Marsh who open and close SMSP every day and also to Barbara Martin who opens and closes SN every day and to Noah and Sarah who keep SN clean. We are also very grateful to our very talented flower arranger Cathy Norris.
- We thank all who help such a lot with fundraising.
- We thank those who read in SMSP and those who lead the intercessions.
- We are grateful to Heather Godwin and all who worked so hard to obtain grants for the building work
- We also thank Mike Wilkins for all he does to keep the churchyard accessible and cared for.

## **8. SAFEGUARDING and RISK**

- The PCC is very conscious of Safeguarding requirements and is kept aware of them by every PCC meeting Agenda. We have agreed to share a Safeguarding Officer with Winchelsea.
- SMSP and SN remain insured with Ecclesiastical Insurance.

## **9. FINANCE**

- The Annual Accounts are shown in Appendix 3 at the end of this Report and have been prepared on a receipts and payments basis, using an EXCEL spreadsheet. The Accounting year is 1<sup>st</sup> January 2025 to 31<sup>st</sup> December 2025.
- Our income is from church collections at church services and standing order payments as well as donations and bequests and fundraising events. There are also payments available from weddings and funerals but in 2025 there was only one wedding. The Friends of Pett Church are not a separate association or charity.
- Our operating funds are held with Lloyds Bank, who during the year changed the bank account from a business account to a community account. This means we now have to pay a small amount of monthly bank charges. Surplus funds are transferred to a deposit account held by Churches, Charities & Local Authorities (CCLA).
- We were not able to continue paying our agreed Parish Contribution post July due to the cost of the building work. We did receive a number of grants but had to use almost all our reserves.
- For the year 2026 a reserve fund of £6k, which is equivalent to 6-9 months budgeted expenditure will be transferred to the CCLA deposit account.
- At the start of 2026, the Treasurer resigned and was not able to perform a handover. A member of the PCC who has a financial background, agreed to take on the role in the interim until a permanent treasurer is appointed.
- Paper records of receipts and invoices have been maintained during the year 2025 along with bank statements, utility bills and minutes of PCC meetings. It has however been identified that the EXCEL spreadsheet used for monthly reporting in 2025 contained some formula errors. This has resulted in a credit surplus of £514.69 for the year. A list of the discrepancies found has been produced and the findings have been reported at the PCC meeting in February 2026. The PCC all agree that there are no material matters that give cause to suggest that there has been any deliberate mishandling of the accounts.
- The accounts for 2025 have been examined by an independent examiner, who has confirmed that no concerns have come to their attention. A copy of the signed off report has been attached in Appendix 4

## **10. BEING IN A BENEFICE**

A Benefice can appear to some people to be a disparate group of parishes who happen to be forced to share a priest. Over time, however, and with encouragement especially from the priest, the benefits of being in a Benefice can be felt and so, albeit slowly, minds can change. The parish of Pett was a latecomer to the Benefice of Winchelsea and Icklesham but we have been made welcome by the other two parishes and there are already green shoots of cooperation. One useful activity was the Awayday where people from the three parishes met up and discussed the future. Also, the service at SN has a congregation from the three parishes. The Winchelsea Choir has welcomed singers from Pett and the Benefice service on a fifth Sunday is beginning to feel more like a shared service.

## **11. FINAL REMARKS**

***“We feel that we should remember that, whatever changes there are in this world, God is always the same and we can be supported and comforted by our faith in him and in his son Jesus Christ and by the Holy Spirit. And so we can be joyful and optimistic! And it is comfort and joy and optimism which we need to show to the people of Pett”. Angela***

*Hawksley – May 2026*

## 12. RYE DEANERY SYNOD

- The Diocese of Chichester is divided into 4 Archdeaconries: Chichester, Horsham, Hastings and Brighton and Lewes. There are 21 Deaneries in the Diocese. Our parish of Pett is in the Rye Deanery and Archdeaconry of Hastings. There are eighteen parishes in the Rye Deanery: Bodiam and Ewhurst, Brede, Udimore, Beckley and Peasmarsch, Fairlight, Northiam, Rye, Rye Harbour, Playden, Iden and Pett.
- After the retirement of Rev'd Jonathan Meyer, a new Rural Dean was appointed: Rev'd Kate Bailey of Northiam. In 2025 Angela Hawksley retired from being Lay Chairman. In 2025 Synods were held on 22<sup>nd</sup> May and 17<sup>th</sup> September.
- What is the Synod for? Its main purpose used to be to channel information from the Diocese to the parishes. Communication can be direct nowadays and so the Deanery is now a way for the parishes within the Rye Deanery to get together and share ideas and as well as to pass on information from the Diocese. In the past there were social gatherings too, but fewer and fewer people attended and they stopped. It is clear that some parishes see no point in a Deanery Synod. They do not bother to attend the Synods or even elect representatives.
- An important function of the Deanery Synod is the Chapter which gives an opportunity for the clergy in the Deanery to get together in the absence of the Laity.
- The parishes used to pay an annual amount of money to the Deanery Treasurer but, in view of the financial problems of a number of parishes that fee was waived for some time and the remaining funds were used for any expenses. There used to be a Deanery Youth Fund but that was used up some time ago. The annual payment has just been reinstated.
- An important and useful Finance meeting is held in the autumn for all, especially Treasurers, to attend at which Diocesan officers explain the Diocesan budget and other financial matters.
- At the Synods we also receive from time to time a report about the Diocesan Synod and also about the General Synod.

### 13. ELECTORAL ROLL May 2026

*A=lives in the parish of Pett  
last six months*

*B=lives in a different parish but has attended Pett Church during the*

#### **A**

Christine Bennett  
Gillian Buttle  
John Case  
Christine Deacon  
Al Evans  
Alison Evans  
Phyllis Gerreli  
Jillian Green  
Alexander Hawksley  
Angela Hawksley  
Anna Hawksley  
Patricia Hindson  
Michael Marsh  
Janet Marsh  
John Moon  
Rosemary Moon  
Wendy Norcott  
Paul Norris  
Cathy Norris  
Frances Rogers  
Henry Ware  
Rebecca Ware  
Philippa Strickland  
Frances Taylor  
Charlotte Zeepvat

#### **B**

Andrew Blackman  
Gillian Plank  
Richard Smith

**TOTAL: 28**

## Appendix 1

### **MINUTES OF THE 2025 ANNUAL VESTRY MEETING AND PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING ON 27<sup>TH</sup> MAY 2025 AT 6.30PM AT ST. NICHOLAS' CHURCH, PETT LEVEL**

The meeting could not take place at St. Mary and St. Peter's Church in Pett because of the building work there.

There were present:

*Andrew Blackman*

*John Case*

*Heather Godwin*

*Angela Hawksley*

*Becky Ware*

1. John Case opened the meeting with a prayer.
2. The Minutes of the APCM in 2024 were accepted without any matters arising.

#### **3. Vestry Meeting**

AH chaired this meeting.

- (a) JC was nominated and seconded for the post as Churchwarden and was thanked for taking this on.
- (b) The following were again appointed Parochial Parish Council members:  
AB, BW.

( JC and AH are *ex officio* PCC members. HG remains Treasurer)

The names of possible additional members of the PCC were discussed: Al and Ali Evans, the Marshes, Roger Molyneux and his wife. At some stage they will be asked to consider membership of the PCC.

#### **4. APCM**

JC chaired this meeting.

AH had circulated copies of the Annual Report and other Reports (Finance and. Electoral Roll) and there was discussion about some of the issues raised.

#### **5. Toilets at SMSP**

It was agreed that the church could be used much more for community events if there were toilet facilities. Also, there are often guests at a wedding or a funeral who come long distances and need toilet facilities. We need again to investigate the possibility of using a portaloo or a compost toilet. An additional problem is that they would have to be suitable for disabled people. We need to investigate.

#### **6. Recruitment of a new vicar**

JC reported that he and AH had attended a meeting with Revd Matthew Foy who is standing in for the Archdeacon of Hastings (yet to be appointed) together with Celia King from Winchelsea and John Taylor from Icklesham. Pett is ahead of the other two parishes in that AH and JC prepared a Parish Profile for Pett soon after the vacancy started and the other two parishes have not yet done so.

The plan is for each parish to prepare a Profile and then work will be done to amalgamate the three into one document. Neither Icklesham nor Winchelsea explained their delay. JC has also prepared and sent round a skeleton plan of the combined Profile but so far there has been no response from the other two parishes. There is to be a further meeting at the end of June to try to make some progress.

7. JC reported that there is a new Churchwarden at Winchelsea called John Rodley who is a former Town Mayor.
8. AH explained that the **Deanery Synod Report** is contained in the Annual Report. She told the PCC about the new Rural Dean, Revd Kate Bailey, Rector of Northiam, appointed after Jonathan Meyer's retirement.

#### 9. Finance

HG read her written report to the PCC.

HG spoke about the donations and grants received and about the fund-raising events including Paul Norris' sale of plants and Christmas Trees. She reported on the generosity of many to the building costs. She mentioned that Sarah Kowitz had donated £2000.

There needs to be some innovative fund-raising in the future.

The PCC confirmed that Pett would not join the Parish Giving Scheme.

10. HG will ask John Relfe to be the Independent Examiner of the Accounts next year and , if he agrees, his appointment is confirmed by the PCC. HG said she had given him a voucher as before.
11. There was a **Vote of thanks** to HG for her work as Treasurer which is always so efficient and timely.

#### 12. Tributes and thanks

The PCC mourn the death of a PCC member **Val Gill**. AH said she would write a tribute to her in the Pett Magazine. **Malcolm Sage** who was a Sponsor of the Flower Festival for many years has also died.

The PCC is very grateful to **Gill Plank** who regularly plays the electronic organ for church services.

also, to the **Marshes** who unlock and lock up SMSP every day.

also, to **Barbara Martin** who locks and unlocks SN every day and washes up the mugs there.

HG will buy them shop vouchers as our tokens of thanks.

14. The APCM will take place next year at SMSP on 21<sup>st</sup> May 2026. It was agreed that we need more publicity for the APCM.

*Angela Hawksley, acting Secretary. Pett PCC*

## Appendix 2

### Vacancy Management Group Report 2025

During the recent vacancy at our Church, the need arose for a dedicated team to oversee essential operations and ensure continuity within our congregation. To address this, a Vacancy Management Group was formed, tasked with the responsibility of guiding the Church through this transitional period.

The Vacancy Management Group was established at the outset of the vacancy, comprising representatives from various areas within the Church community. Members were selected to provide a balanced perspective and to cover a broad range of functions, including worship, pastoral care, finance, property, and communications. The team comprised of Celia King, Nigel Ashton followed by John Rodley, Charlotte Beecroft, David Harris, David Page, Gavin McFadyean and Mary Parker. The group met every Friday via Zoom.

The primary objective of the Vacancy Management Group was to maintain the smooth running of Church activities and to support members of the congregation during the absence of a permanent minister. Key responsibilities included:

- Organising and leading weekly worship services, often inviting guest preachers.
- Providing pastoral support to members of the congregation, ensuring that those in need received appropriate care and attention. Particularly weddings and funerals.
- Managing administrative tasks, such as finance, property maintenance, and compliance with denominational requirements.
- Serving as the main point of contact between the Church and external bodies, including the wider denomination and local community organisations.
- Facilitating regular communication with the congregation to keep everyone informed of developments and to encourage continued involvement in Church life.

Throughout the vacancy, the Vacancy Management Group played a vital role in sustaining the spiritual and operational life of our Church. The collaborative approach ensured that no single area was neglected and that members felt supported. The group's work was instrumental in preparing the Church for the arrival of a new minister, leaving a legacy of teamwork and resilience.

The creation and function of the Vacancy Management Group demonstrated the strength and adaptability of our Church community. The experiences and lessons learned during this period have enriched our congregation and provided a model for future periods of transition.

Celia King


# Appendix 3

## End of year Accounts 2025

31.12.25				EXPENDITURE				FABRIC A/C		
RECEIPTS	2024	SUBTOTALS	2025	Restricted Fabric	2024	SUBTOTALS	2025			
<b>Restricted Fabric</b>				<b>St Mary &amp; St Peter</b>				31.12.24		<b>18,476.63</b>
St Mary & St Peter			<b>55,165.96</b>	Renovations				03.01.25	219.41	18,696.04
Friends	827.00	904.00		Architect fees - QQR		1,167.92		03.04.25	208.42	18,904.46
Other Donations: Building Appeal*	15,317.00	53,161.96		Guano Removal		2,874.00		18.06.25	(10,000.00)	8,904.46
Restricted :Parish Council - grasscutting	1,000.00	1,000.00		Pigeon Scarer		63.85		30.09.25	182.89	9,087.35
Parish Council - Xmas	100.00	100.00		Architect fees -		3,523.41		02.10.24	94.42	9,181.77
GA Reclaimed	2,870.00			Builders 1st/2nd tranche		41,376.39		Interest 2025		793.61
GASDS Reclaimed				Structural Engineer		1,170.00				
<b>Restricted Fundraising:</b>	<b>2,757.00</b>	<b>1,200.00</b>	<b>1,200.00</b>	<b>Restricted Fund</b>	<b>130.67</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>0.00</b>			
<b>Unrestricted General</b>										<b>GEN A/C</b>
St Mary & St Peter			<b>2,087.60</b>	St Mary & St Peter			<b>5,100.90</b>	31.12.24	O/B	<b>33,849.48</b>
Planned Giving	1,120.00	1,331.00		Electricity	576.89	587.90		31.03.25	355.19	34,204.67
Service Collections	1,098.56	379.50		Gas	1,363.36	1,815.20		02.04.25	381.32	34,585.99
Donation Box	792.29	147.95		Maintenance	3,586.820	2,697.80		02.07.25	383.66	34,969.65
Unrestricted Donations	1,196.00	229.15		St Nicholas			<b>706.45</b>	02.07.25	(5,000.00)	29,969.65
St Nicholas			<b>6,505.25</b>	Electricity	642.40	521.32		16.10.25	(13,000.00)	16,969.65
Service Collections	637.00	282.50		Maintenance (in	2,105.53	185.13		30.09.25	349.33	17,318.98
Donation Box	1,319.00	1,116.00		Insurance	1,801.70	1,859.31	<b>1,859.31</b>	02.12.25	(17,000.00)	318.98
Good Box	1,520.38	2,021.04		Diocesan Expenses			<b>6,307.23</b>	Interest 2025		2,168.16
GA Reclaimed (SM&SP)		1,448.00		Priest's Expenses	375.32	586.83				
GASDS Reclaimed (SM&SP)	2,188.67	1,637.71		Parish Share	9,036.00	5,271.00				
Fees: weddings/funerals	542.00	1,424.00	<b>1,424.00</b>	Parochial Fees	20.00	449.40				
<b>Unrestricted Fundraising:</b>			<b>4,126.55</b>	<b>Unrestricted Fundraising:</b>			<b>-</b>			
Disco/Quiz	3,743.35	4,076.55		Disco	2,463.56	2,428.13				
Dep for Quiz		50.00		Dep for Quiz & H	248.00	170.00				
<b>Churchyard Guardians</b>			<b>0.00</b>	<b>Churchyard Gua</b>	<b>75.54</b>	<b>35.55</b>	<b>35.55</b>			
<b>Restricted General Donations (passing thro)</b>				<b>Restricted General Donations (passing thro)</b>						
J Meyer Retirement (€20 rec 2024)	20.00	75.00	<b>851.32</b>	J Meyer (retirement)		95.00	<b>871.32</b>			
Mission for Seafarers		139.83		Mission for Seafarers		139.83				
RBL		67.50		RBL		67.50				
Surviving Christmas	220.65	568.99		Surviving Christ	200.00	568.99				
<b>Misc:</b>			<b>99.83</b>	<b>Misc:</b>	<b>648.49</b>		<b>1,129.92</b>			
Commonwealth WarGraves	25.00	25.00		J Case misc		370.00				
Bank refunds		74.83		H Godwin :misc		145.90				
Sussex Historic Churches	82.00			Church Times Advert		274.75				
				Printing		218.40				
				Bank Charges		20.87				
				C Norris - Xmas Tree		100.00				
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>37,375.90</b>		<b>71,460.51</b>	<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>23,274.28</b>		<b>68,784.92</b>			
<b>Bank accounts:</b>				trans to CCLA Fa	15,500.00					
Treasurer's Account @31.12.25	6,247.77		9,438.05							
*CCLA Fabric Account@31.12.25	18,476.63		9,181.77							
*CCLA Gen Account @31.12.25	33,849.48		318.98							
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b>58,573.88</b>		<b>18,938.80</b>							
Notes:										
2024 - Income less Expenditure =	Cr £14,101.62	(includes bldg appeal (£15,317.00)								Without appeal funds, there was a deficit of £1215.38
2025 - Income less Expenditure =	Cr £2,675.59	Surplus funds								
Bank Bal 31 Dec 24	CR	£6,247.77								
Bank bal 31 Dec 25	CR	£9,438.05								
Net balance change in 12 months	CR	<b>£3,190.28</b>								
Income 2025	CR	£71,460.51								
Less Expenditure 2025	DR	£68,784.92								
Surplus	CR	<b>£2,675.59</b>								
Missing book entry(s)	CR	£514.69								
		<b>£3,190.28</b>								

## Appendix 4

### Independent Examiners Report on the accounts for 2025

Section A		Independent Examiner's Report	
Report to the trustees/ members of	 <b>CHARITY COMMISSION FOR ENGLAND AND WALES</b>		
	<b>Independent examiner's report on the accounts</b>		
On accounts for the year ended	Charity name <b>PETT PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL</b>	Charity no (if any)	
Set out on pages	<b>31 DECEMBER 2025</b>		
	<b>SECTION 9 PAGE 8 AND APPENDIX 3</b>		
	I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended		
Responsibilities and basis of report	As the charity trustees of the Trust, 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 Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination, I have followed 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 (other than that disclosed below *) in connection with the examination which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:		
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Act or</li> <li>the accounts do not accord with the accounting records</li> </ul>		
	I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.		
	* Please delete the words in the brackets if they do not apply.		
Signed:	<i>G Plank</i>	Date:	24.11.2026
Name:	GILIAN PLANK		
Relevant professional qualification(s) or body (if any):	RETURNED HEAD TEACHER		
Address:	SWEETBRIAR COTTAGE FRIARS HILL		
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IER	1	October 2018	