



BURPHAMCHURCH
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**ANNUAL APCM REPORT
and
FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

**of the Parochial Church Council
of the Parish of Burpham St Luke's
with the Church of the Holy Spirit
For the year ended**

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**PCC of Burpham Church Registered
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Aim and Purposes

The worshipping community of Burpham Church exists to promote the mission of Jesus to this parish. As is quoted in Matthew 28:20-22, we are all called to “therefore, go, and make disciples of all nations”, so our mission to this community is to be disciples, and support bringing more disciples into his Kingdom. The Incumbent has a responsibility to shepherd and lead this mission, alongside the elected Parochial Church Council (PCC) in partnership. When planning activities for the year, the PCC considered the Charity Commission’s guidance on public benefit and, in particular, the supplementary guidance on charities for the advancement of faith and religion. This mission to help ordinary people to live out their faith encompasses worship, prayer, outreach, evangelism, discipleship, pastoral care, fellowship, building church-community partnerships, and being a voice for the voiceless across the parish. Alongside the worshipping community, and mission to the parish of Burpham, we have two main worshipping centres. Burpham Church comprises two church buildings: St Luke’s Church on Burpham Lane and the Church of the Holy Spirit (CHS) on New Inn Lane with its attached church centre. To facilitate this mission, the PCC considers that it is important to maintain the fabric of the St Luke’s Church, the Church of the Holy Spirit (CHS) and the Church Centre.

Summary of Main Events

2025 was the first full year with the Incumbent, Rev James Hanson. The report is structured to cover the review of key church activity, before the annual accounts.

Objectives and Activities

Burpham Church currently runs two Sunday services at CHS weekly: a 9.15am more traditional Common Worship communion service, followed, usually, by a 10.45am contemporary service with provision for children, either in the service or in the hall (Sunday Club). Alongside the weekly services, there is a monthly all-age service (Lego Brick Church) on Sunday afternoons, and also a monthly short spoken Holy Communion service in Church on a Thursday morning. Through the year, there have been a number of informal services either at CHS (December services for Memorial, Community Carols, Christingles) and at St Luke’s (Remembrance, Pet service, Candlelit Carols, School Carols). There are also numerous activities that have been ongoing through 2025, reported about below.

Burpham Church endeavours to:

- Enable all people to go deeper in their faith journey, to become more like Jesus (Being with Jesus)
- Reach all people in the parish through invitation to events, ultimately to explore and find faith in Jesus, ministering across generations (Worshipping intergenerationally).
- Be God’s hands and feet in the parish, supporting pastoral and community needs for those living in the parish (Loving this community).

PCC Membership during 2025 (with periods of office)

Ex officio members:

Rev'd James Hanson	Vicar
Rev'd Darlene McCarley	Associate Minister (until August 2025)

Churchwarden:

Jane Agg	(from APCM 2023)
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Diocesan Synod Lay Representative

Joan Gibbons	(Aug 2024-2027)
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Deanery Synod Lay Representatives

Rex Thorpe	PCC Secretary (2020-2023) (2023-2026)
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Elected Members: Elected terms (from/to date of APCM or resignation)

Grace Luke	(2021-2024) (2024-2025)
Robert Gibbons	(2022-2025)(2025-2029)
Mike Pocock	(2020-2023) (2023-2026)
Nick Tooze	(2024-Nov 2025)
Sarah Stothard	(2024-2027)
Iain Robertson	(2024-2027)
Ruth Boughton	(2024-2026)
Graham Rutherford	(2024-2025)
Candice Carrington	(2025-2028)
David Agg	(2025-2028), Treasurer

Co-opted Members

William Lowries	(2025-2028)
Ann Wigmore	Parish Safeguarding Officer
Rev'd Jo Lambeth	Treasurer (until May 2025)

Invited to Attend all meetings

Lisa Scott	Church Manager
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Review of the Year's Activities

Churchwarden's Report for the calendar year 2025

Looking back over 2025 gives an opportunity to reflect on how much has happened over the last 12 months. As in any church we have welcomed new people while others have moved on, some have gone to glory. In 2025 there have been changes in our small ministry team.

We have been grateful to Revd Jo Lamberth and her husband Andy for their contribution to the life and ministry at Burpham Church since they were seconded here from St John's Stoke in 2023. On a very hot evening in June a good number of us went to a joyful service to instal Jo as vicar of St John's Milford. We miss Jo's gentle ministry and her deep love of the eucharist. Somehow, she managed to be in paid employment, be our church treasurer, and curate all at the same time!

In August Revd Darlene McCarley decided that it was time for her to retire and move on from Burpham church. Darlene had a valued ministry amongst the older members of the congregation and community. She was also a grandma figure to some of our youngest children, who would follow her up onto the dais when she was leading services. Although she told me that she didn't like preaching I know that many of us, me included, found her sermons insightful and challenging. We are grateful to Darlene for all she has brought to us, and been for us, over the last nearly ten years.

In February, following a rigorous interview process, Carol Lowries was appointed as Intergenerational Minister. Carol was already leading our Sunday Club, she quickly got to know older members of the church and Drop In. The reimagining of holiday club to become an intergenerational holiday at home has been a great success, attracting people of all ages from the community. In the autumn Carol relaunched a toddler group, now named Noah's Ark which is growing steadily. We have continued to develop our intergenerational services which are popular with our friends from Mallow Crescent and attended by all ages.

2025 has been Revd James' first full year with us. We are grateful for his leadership and teaching over the year, but especially for the relationships that he has developed in both the congregation and the local community. In our parish profile we wrote that "we wanted a vicar who would be visible in the Burpham community, taking Jesus into the community not expecting the community to come to the church buildings". We have this in James, whenever I walk around the parish with him, he is constantly stopping and greeting people he knows.

A highlight of 2025 was celebrating the 60th birthday of CHS. It was a joy to be joined by many past members of the church, including a few who had been at the dedication in November 1963. A birthday Brick Church and birthday tea were held on Saturday afternoon, followed by a very popular Songs of Praise. We were delighted to welcome the late Bishop Andrew to preside and preach at our celebration service on the Sunday. This was followed by a plentiful lunch: take home boxes provided lunch for people the next day! We are grateful to the many people who ran the various events that took place over the weekend.

Many people in our church work, have caring responsibilities or have their own health problems so we continue to be reliant on a small group of people who have the capacity to do practical tasks. As we move into 2026, we face challenges with both of our buildings which will require volunteer time and money to put right. We also have a vision to develop our ministry into the community. It seems daunting but I am reminded of Jesus feeding 5000 people using just two fishes and five small loaves of bread. We offer what we have and God will use it.

I am grateful to the many people who have helped me with some of the duties that should fall to the churchwarden while I have been the only warden. You know who you are, thank you.

Jane Agg

Parish statistics 2025

The average weekly Sunday attendance, counted during October 2025, was

24 adults and **1** under 16 for the 9.15am Communion service

42 adults and **6** Under 16s at the 10.45am Contemporary service.

The clergy team officiated at **6** funerals **1** of which was held at CHS (3 at Guildford Crem, 1 at Woking Crem, 1 at Clandon Wood), and **3** interments at St Luke's.

(J Lamberth **0**)

(D McCarley **3** funerals, **1** interments)

(J Hanson **3** funerals, **2** interments)

There was **1** child baptism at CHS and **0** Thanksgivings at St Luke's.

There were **0** church members confirmed at St Luke's or CHS in 2025.

Safeguarding

The PCC has adopted the House of Bishops' Promoting a Safer Church Safeguarding Policy statement, and the House of Bishop's Safeguarding Policies and Practice Guidance.

The PCC is responsible for all safeguarding within Burpham Church. Ann Wigmore continued as Parish Safeguarding Officer (PSO) for 2025, she remains a co-opted member of the PCC. The PCC is responsible for the safer recruitment and supervision of lay volunteers and employees and ensuring all activities involving under 18s or potentially vulnerable adults are safe. The Bishop's Office has responsibility for all clergy and LLMs. Safeguarding continues to be a standing item at every PCC meeting with verbal and written reports presented.

The electronic national Parish Safeguarding Dashboard helps ensure all policies and processes are up to date. The PSO uses the Safeguarding Hub to manage the recruitment and training of all volunteers and lay staff.

We are grateful for the excellent and swift support provided by the Diocese Safeguarding team without whom the PCC and PSO's task of keeping Burpham Church safe would be impossible.

Ann Wigmore
Parish Safeguarding Officer

Vicar's report 2025

As I write this, sat looking opposite a Scottish Loch, surrounded by stunning mountains and being mostly off-grid in one of God's beautiful gardens, I can't help but be thankful for all God has been doing and continues to do in Burpham. We began 2025 with an attitude of gratitude, longing to give thanks for an enormously blessed Advent and Christmas season, and I launched the new year with a challenge from the story of Mary and Martha – that of "Being with Jesus". The notion that we need to stop what we are doing, and spend time at the feet of Jesus, learning to "be" over "do", a mindset where we know that we are to be fed, equipped and nurtured as a church ready to be sent out to "be" the church in Burpham. This became a watchword for the year just gone, and our Sunday services (especially 10:45am) have had many regular slots, known as "God stories", whereby the open invitation to share what God has been doing amongst us becomes more and more a usual pattern of our discipleship and worship. Where we have had many such stories, it has been really rich and encouraging to see God at work, both through our joys and laments, and there is a gentle growth in confidence in sharing these stories with the wider church family.

I see this in part as our journey of encouragement, but also a journey towards evangelism, whereby we understand God's story happening around us more and more, and we become more practised at noticing God at work as well as in sharing our faith through testimony. It is an exciting road ahead, but we will move step by step. If we sum up 2025, I would love it to be with one word: noticing. We began the year setting up a new pattern of one Intergenerational service per month – often known as "IG", a deliberately different service setup more all-age café-style, but with a feel of everyone involved, and everyone included. This had been a really key word from the PCC away day in late Summer 2024, so here was our pilot. This journey has been exciting, fun and ended up trying a range of activity and engagement whereby we have actively begun the work of working out how we might minister to one another across generations and including all generations. No longer would the mindset be what do we do for the children, but what might they bring to minister to us and for us. In the same way the African proverb works that it takes a village to raise a child, then it takes the child to raise the village too. What it meant too, was that our sought after team member would need to be a lead on intergenerational ministry, and thus a job advert was created in the run up to Christmas to seek our first (and the Diocese's first) intergenerational minister.

As January led into Lent, we enjoyed a brilliant shared Lent course following John-Mark Comer's book "Practising the Way" – leading us to focus more on being with Jesus and becoming more like him. We joined up with Christ Church, and had a really wholesome time as two church groups growing together. As Easter hove into view, we were really excited to start to use St Luke's more to host the Year 1's at the Primary School, alongside nursery visits from Christopher Robin to explore the Easter story through making beautiful tray gardens, and a Lego storyboard. On the subject of Lego, we have enjoyed a full year of Lego church, meeting monthly on a Sunday afternoon to explore a Bible story through video and creative Lego building. Our Brick Church has ranged from half a dozen children up to 20 with families coming to be welcomed, included and sharing a learning journey over these stories. As we entered Holy Week, Jo led us through daily reflections on the women of Holy Week (narrated by Paula Gooder), to help us enter the story afresh. Good Friday allowed us to have a fun and creative IG service followed by our walk of witness carrying the cross to St Luke's whereby we spent an hour in mostly silent meditation on the events of that day. A few hardy souls made it up to St Martha's for the dawn service before we worshipped together on Easter day.

Our Spring time joy came firstly with the brilliant pre-school Spring fair, where over 200 people came through the doors for an extravaganza led by the brilliant pre-school team, and soon followed the starting of Carol Lowries as our Intergenerational Minister. The teaching through the Spring looked at what Fruitfulness on the frontline might be for us, and this is something both Carol and William embody in spades. Carol being well-known to us, as with William, a wonderful gift from St John's Stoke for a season where Burpham needed experienced and wise support, and God has clearly led them to explore whether going back was his call, or staying longer was the vocation. Needless to say, we were thrilled by this appointment, and deeply grateful for St John's in releasing them both to continue to serve here. It was at this time that we said hello to Carol formally, that we also said farewell to Jo and Andy Lambeth too. Both of them had also been so generously loaned to Burpham for this season, and served with huge love and distinction. Jo was wrestling as well with where God might call her for the end of her Curacy, and late 2024 sowed the seeds in her heart for Milford, where she was appointed as Vicar in May 2025. A loss for both Burpham and St John's, but a huge gain for Milford – both will be sorely missed, but we live to serve by faith and obedience, so we celebrate noticing God's call for all of their lives. One of Jo's parting gifts was the suggestion of a sermon series on the Eucharist, so she was very excited that we spent Lent dwelling on the Lord's support.

Within weeks, it was obvious that Carol's wealth of ideas would bear much fruit and drive us in hitherto new directions. A brand new "pray and play" area arrived at the South side of CHS, followed by a week-long team sort and clear out of every cupboard in CHS ready for new ministries to take off. Our parent and toddler group restarted in the early Autumn (now named Noah's Ark), we have enjoyed a few Holiday clubs (called Holiday at home) intended for all ages, and journey themed through France and Italy over the Summer. We genuinely had ages 0-100 there, and all supporting each other, and meant the Summer weeks were much more active than in previous years. In July we also joined up with the Burpham Hub, community association and local businesses to put on the first Burpham Village fair for some time. Fresh with many memories of "Free-and-for-nothing" in pre-Covid years, we resurrected the

marquee, and joined our pre-school to host a wonderful set of activities for the village around the memorial hall (soak the vicar, racing maggots were some notable highlights). While busy in partnership with our local community, learning to love the community, as we build relationships and explore outreach options there, we also said a very sad but fond farewell to Darlene McCarley, as she retired from her role as associate minister. It felt pertinent to be exploring heroes of faith over the Summer, so we said a longing goodbye to one of Burpham's heroes of faith. I say retire, because no one retires fully, but she is staying in Merrow and will be a huge blessing to local churches, just at a much more gentle pace. We will miss her, not least for her ministry to the bereaved, the home-bound, as well as the 9:15am congregation which she made her own. It meant both James and William have stepped up more in preaching and leading.

After the Summer, we also took special delivery of a sculpture from Piers Rosslyn-Smith, who made a fabulous wooded mobius band, displaying the words of God's never-ending love. This stayed with us 3 months as a piece of art drawing us into his promises and comfort; particularly important to us as we worked through sermon series on the Holy Spirit followed by "Project 167", where we explored how we could be church for the 167 hours each week not spent in church. These promises have been so rich and helpful for us, as we dwelt greatly in the promise from Isaiah – "See, I am doing a new thing". The PCC away day in September offered us the chance to look deeply into a new vision: Being with Jesus, Worshipping intergenerationally, Loving this Community. Each strand has been worked out through the year, but we long to turn vision into values for our church family – which will be brought to life through 2026. One of our other Autumn joys was being a partner in vocation, so we received Sam Fisk to join us as a potential Ordinand, exploring vocation on placement in September and October. Sam was a gift and natural leader who fitted in very well to the team as she discerned which way God was calling her, and spotted the huge potential there is within the church very quickly.

Over the early months of 2025, various groups had been spending time in St Luke's, and CHS discerning what God has been saying to us about how we can steward his buildings – these wonderful gifts to us for the future years. Alongside known building issues, we met in each building to dream big, and listen well. It soon became clear that St Luke's should be "a house of prayer / oasis in Guildford / open doors for welcome and space to reflect and listen". Alongside needing extensive roof repairs, this vision has given it a new purpose and direction, so we have partnered with Acorn healing in running regular open door prayer sessions, and the local Orthodox church to use it as their own place of prayer and ministry at the end of the year. It has brought much joy to see St Luke's begin to find a place in the community again – through hosting August services, to being open in September for its second "Love St Luke's" week, hosting pre-schools and nurseries alongside school visits at Harvest and Christmas, so it continues to tug on our hearts with a crying need locally to be a gift for the community near and far. Through 2025, St Luke's has been gradually transformed – from the outside in. We give huge thanks to David and Jane Agg for driving a team to take down the large conifers, begin replanting native shrubs, clearing paths and areas overgrown and bringing the graveyard into new life. With Carol too, the outside was adorned with a handful of prayer stations for

open worship. Plans and vision took shape through our PCC away day and I prepared a paper outlining many visional ideas for St Luke's, which we hope 2026 will kick-off in earnest.

At the same time, we are seeing a greater community need for CHS; from the new Noah's Ark group, Holiday-at-Home events, pre-school fairs, drop-in now moved successfully into Church (to allow pre-school to open 5 days per week given the new offering from the government for 30 hours of free childcare), and a host of Diocesan-wide training events (leaders of worship, Heads and Chairs, Intergenerational ministry), there is a need to work out its long-term needs too. Jane Agg led a number of work parties here too through the year, and the church was made ready for the 60th anniversary celebration in late November, where we had the joy of welcoming back Bishop Andrew to rededicate this building as a place of prayer, and to wrap up our term sermon series on the Nicene Creed (at 1700 years old too). As well as changing a broken main screen, the windows (particularly the ailing South window) will need replacing, creating a more bespoke hospitality serving area, opening up a vision for the foyer as a reflective prayer space and replacing the front of the hall with a modern set of rooms. All will take time, but offer great excitement for the events that are already happening in there and are opening up.

We ended the year full of excitement, buoyed up by a wonderful celebration weekend for the 60th anniversary, whereby we had so many friends come back to visit and share with us. Our womens' ministry had enjoyed a fabulous summer gathering and had plans for more social events in 2026, and our mens' group continued its monthly curry or breakfast gatherings with a new growth group that met bi-weekly from the Autumn, brilliantly led by William Lowries. So, as we were led into Advent, we worked hard to put on 18 events, ranging from hosting the primary school for Christingles and carol services, each of our nurseries and pre-schools for Christmas nativities, carolling round Burpham (from Sainsbury's to Aldi, Mallow Crescent to the pub), a first community Christmas concert in partnership with Seymour's, Carols at St Luke's – there was so much to give thanks for.

So what does 2026 hold in store? I hope that we really step into noticing God at work even more – in the small things, but also in a attitude of gratitude. For sure, buildings will be a huge part of what happens to evolve our places of worship for God's new purposes. This won't be easy, but will be exciting. Yet, at the crux of all we do, there is a mood to root everything we do and are in prayer. 2026 will be a year of digging deeper and being more reliant on prayer. Monthly prayer gatherings, teaching on prayer, intentional prayer ministry and a longing to grow and rely more on prayer will be the bedrock of all we do. It starts and ends with prayer.

James Hanson

Vicar

Review of the Year's PCC meetings

The PCC members are responsible for making decisions on all matters of general concern and importance to the parish including deciding how the funds of the PCC (mostly donations from the congregation + Gift Aid) are to be spent. New members receive a handbook explaining the workings of the PCC. The PCC met six times during 2025, less often than in previous years because of the creation of sub-committees called Action Teams. The average attendance at PCC was 12 members (13 in 2024). The Standing Committee did not meet. Urgent matters needing PCC approval were voted upon by e-mail.

In January the PCC considered and approved a budget proposed by the treasurer. This predicted a deficit of £39,000 for 2025 but the PCC took into account that it had more than adequate reserves, had committed some of those reserves, if necessary to the employment of an Inter-Generational minister, could not see any cuts in expenditure that would harm the mission of the church and that the budget, as is usual, had been prepared on a slightly pessimistic basis. As the outturn for 2025 found in the financial report shows, the PCC was relatively wise to take this approach. The PCC also agreed to preliminary terms of reference for its Buildings Action Team and commended it for the actions it was already taking arising from the 58-page risk inspection report that had been produced for the PCC.

In March the vicar, on behalf of the recruitment team, was pleased to announce to the PCC the appointment of Carol Lowries as I-G minister. He was also pleased to inform the PCC that the Bishop of Guildford would be preaching in November at the service to celebrate the 70 years of worship and ministry since the opening of the Church of the Holy Spirit. The Treasurer reported to the PCC that the accounts for 2025 had been approved by the independent examiner. The PCC approved the accounts for publication, along with the agenda for the AVM and the APCM. This was Rev Jo Lamberth's last meeting as its treasurer and the PCC thanked her for her significant efforts to reform and improve the accounting systems.

In May the new PCC met and welcomed one new elected member and co-opted two others one of whom was the new treasurer, David Agg. The PCC requested that the permission for William Lowries to officiate as a Lay Minister be renewed. The officers of the PCC were elected for the year and the Parish Safeguarding Policy was approved. The PCC unanimously approved Terms of Reference for the Buildings and Environment Action Team (BEAT) and the People in Burpham Church Action Team (PBCAT).

In July, the PCC received proposals for I-G activities to be led by the new I-G Minister. Holiday at Home and a mother and toddlers offering (later named Noah's Ark Toddlers) were approved. The treasurer reported that the financial outturn for the year was looking a little better than forecast in the budget.

In September the PCC welcomed, as an observer, a person undertaking a six-week placement with a view to exploring a calling to Lay Ministry. The PCC, in small groups, considered the following question; what are the strengths and weaknesses of our church safeguarding culture?

The PCC approved the set of activities for *CHS @ 60*, which included Songs of Praise on the Saturday, a Celebratory Communion Service led by the Bishop of Guildford and a lunch afterwards. The PCC gave the vicar permission to explore hiring out St Luke's early on Sunday mornings to the Orthodox Church in response to a request for the Diocese to find them premises with a better fit for their need for a place to hold services for Ukrainians granted residence. The PCC approved the planting of two trees of native species in the churchyard at St Luke's.

In November the PCC voted to allocate or reallocate the remaining unspent surplus of funds declared as debts (see page 36, section 9 of the annual accounts).

Rex Thorpe, PCC Secretary

Burpham Church Buildings and Premises Report 2025

"The annual fabric report under section 50 of the Ecclesiastical Jurisdiction and Care of Churches Measure 2018"

While most activity in 2025 was again at the Church of the Holy Spirit (CHS), there has been a significant increase in activity at St. Luke's with imaginative ideas coming forward and further usage in a range of ways. We continue to have relatively few significant problems arise in our buildings, with one notable exception (the south window at CHS as reported below), although we still have the serious long term issues, reconfirmed in the Quinquennial Inspection in May 2022, arising principally from their age, and of course the next Quinquennial Inspection is only about a year away.

A lot of work has been done developing a serious vision for the future of our church and its place in our local community, in which our buildings play a very important part. While initially focused on St Luke's this has extended to CHS and while led by James it has very much involved the PCC. We expect to explain the ideas more fully shortly and initiate projects soon, although handling the CHS window has become a priority for the short term. The aim will be to not only address the serious defects in our buildings, but also enhance them to meet our future needs in terms of our ministry and mission in Burpham. It is likely that the initial focus will be on St Luke's, but CHS must also be a priority.

The new team set up to oversee matters relating to our buildings, the areas around the buildings, and the environmental aspects that relate to them, is now known as the Buildings and Environment Action Team (BEAT). The members of the team are now Jane Agg, David Agg, Lewis Williams, and Mike Pocock, with Mike chairing the team. As well as general planning for our buildings they have been working with Lisa to set up systems to review the premises regularly, to ensure regular checks where required and speed up the response to any issues raised by the church family.

Apart from the major projects, we are very reliant on volunteers for so much of the necessary work on our buildings and we are very grateful to them for the time and skills they provide so frequently to support us.

St Luke's

It has been encouraging to see St Luke's continuing to come back to life. The removal of the towering leylandii trees and even a large holly tree, has made the church visible from Clay Lane, and this has been well received by the local community. A small team have continued to work on the churchyard removing the non-native species and revealing some long-hidden graves. In 2025 we relaxed the mowing regime leaving the grass behind the church to grow into a wildlife meadow. We are grateful to David, John, Nigel and Mike who have carried out most of the work.

Plans for the future require the roof to be replaced as a priority, and it would not make sense for any work to be done inside the church unless this takes place. This will be expensive, so we hope

that the local community will support fundraising for this project. Plans for St Luke's that we have been considering include creating composting toilets near to the church building, and putting in simple facilities at the back of the church to enable hot drinks etc to be served efficiently. Composting toilets, which have been created at a number of churches in the diocese, are an economical (and environmentally friendly) way of creating toilet facilities, which are much needed at St Luke's.

Church of the Holy Spirit

At CHS we have been busy improving the facilities. The lighting in both the foyer and the hall has been replaced, which as well as making these areas brighter will also save electricity. Volunteers redecorated the foyer; we are grateful to William for making good the many holes in the ceiling where the lighting had been changed. Over the summer David, Ann and Jane painted and re-laid the carpet tiles in the preschool lobby and toilets area.

Just before Christmas we became increasingly concerned about the poor condition of the South Window in the church, where there were signs of the timber rotting in several places. Our inspecting architect, supported by structural engineers, advised us that there was a significant risk of the window collapsing in the event of strong winds or a storm, and that scaffolding should be erected to secure it as a matter of urgency. This was done very rapidly in spite of it being at Christmas time, and was done both inside and outside on professional advice, and also arranged to comply with our insurers' requirements.

Since then we have been working with the diocese and the professionals advising us on what to do as it became obvious that the windows have to be completely replaced. This will be an opportunity to improve the church building as we install doubled glazed windows and perhaps even some doors giving better disabled and other access into the church and a better fire escape from the church. The aim is to carry out the work this summer, although there are many complexities to resolve including the necessary consents. The other two windows of similar design and construction, on the west elevation and at high level on the north, are in better (but far from perfect) condition, but ideally would also be replaced if affordable, improving both thermal efficiency, the visual aspect, and the long term durability of the building.

Of course, it remains necessary to replace the low level parts of the building at the front of the site which have greatly exceeded their intended life span and are in poor condition, but have survived surprisingly long in spite of this. More consideration needs to be given to this, and what layout and design would best meet our needs, but the vision for CHS is becoming clearer generally and it is likely that less expensive improvements will be made in other areas.

Like St Luke's we will attempt to secure grants for work where possible, but we are likely to depend significantly on the generosity of the church family as we have so much in the past.

Mike Pocock, Assistant Warden and Chair (BEAT)

Report on Guildford Deanery Synod Meetings in 2025

The synod has an Executive Committee which makes any detailed or complex decisions. Minutes of this committee are published to the whole synod and any member may query any such decision made on its behalf.

The synod met in January and received a presentation from Alison Moulden, Diocesan Environment Officer about progress and schemes for funding in the drive towards net zero (GHG emissions). There is CofE grant money towards schemes at church buildings that will reduce GHG emissions, but they are allocated on a cost-benefit basis. This has meant that most of the money allocated so far has gone to big churches that are able to use their buildings throughout the week. Parishes were encouraged to have a professional energy audit done, which might help with a grant allocation and at the very least pinpoint where the parish's own money might be best spent.

The synod met in September and received a report on the actions agreed by the Diocese in response to the resolutions forwarded to the Diocesan Synod by Guildford Deanery Synod on the swift cascading of safeguarding information and the lack of sharing of personal information submitted by Deanery Synod members to the Diocese with officers of the Deanery Synod for synodical purposes. The synod also heard from the new Dean of the Cathedral about his vision for the Cathedral to be a better resource for the parishes in the Diocese.

Rex Thorpe, elected lay-representative from Burpham

Mission and ministry across the church

Prayer

At an away morning in October 2025, the PCC was united in agreeing that prayer is the number one priority for Burpham church. The challenge is how we move closer to that becoming a reality. It is easy to confuse levels of activity with an underlying hunger for more of God in prayer, and we do not want to just create more meetings.

My prayer is that we can help people to pray privately, **and** together. I look forward to feeling a sense of excitement and anticipation as we come to prayer, knowing that God longs to bless us. "Prayer is not overcoming God's reluctance, but laying hold of his willingness" (Martin Luther). The main regular focus for prayer is every Tuesday, meeting at 10am in the church. Numbers vary between 3 or 4, up to 12 or so occasionally. We pray for each other, for the church, the community and issues in the wider world.

We only meet for half an hour each week, but it feels like a powerhouse of prayer; a group of people for whom prayer is a way of life. We expect God to meet with us, and to answer our prayers. And He does. We have also introduced Prayer Central as a monthly evening hour of prayer. Ann Wigmore is also starting a contemplative time of prayer & meditation at St Lukes.

We want to re-introduce prayer ministry at our services, helping to embed & normalise the habit of seeking and receiving prayer. I would also love to find creative ways for posting items for prayer, and for celebrating answers to prayer. Please join in as you can, and I would love to hear ideas on how we can help you to pray

William Lowries

Men's Ministry

The pattern of alternating monthly breakfast meetings at the Anchor and Horseshoes pub, and a weekday evening curry at the Rajdoot has continued. Both establishments have been excellent hosts and great fun to get to know staff much better too. The Curry nights are friendly, informal & easy to invite friends to, and we end the evening with one member sharing either a short testimony or a story of God at work in their lives. Our breakfasts have a longer talk on a theme which usually leads to lively discussion. The pub lends itself to this more than the curry house, as it's quieter at breakfast time!

During Autumn 2025 a men's growth group has begun meeting, on a Sunday evening. Numbers are steady at 6 and we pray more will be able to join. We have been studying Mark's gospel. It has been stimulating and praying for one another is a highlight. We usually conclude by adjourning to the pub. This is called a thirst after righteousness! Again we would love to hear more ideas how we can help to extend and develop this ministry.

James Hanson & William Lowries

Pastoral Care

At the heart of our pastoral work, as is reflected in the early church, is regular prayer, seeking unity and sharing Christ's love, compassion and encouragement for our fellowship. This we have sought to do here at Burpham church.

Last year there were visits by both clergy and members of the pastoral team, where there was a need, such as loneliness, illness or bereavement. Holy Communion was taken by the clergy to people's homes, when members were unable to get to church for a longer period of time. This has been both a positive link for those unable to attend church and a source of spiritual comfort. In addition, there have been visits during the year for members of the church who have been in either hospital or care homes. With these and other visits, there have been important opportunities to read passages from scripture, for prayer and for supportive conversation.

Within our services, there have regularly been aspects of teaching on the importance of sharing, caring and of 'looking out' for one another. This has been happening in many ways, between friendship groups, both within and outside the church. The very ethos of our Growth Groups has been that through our weekly meetings we can encourage, pray and offer practical help to one another, as we develop and deepen friendships and grow in faith and trust together.

At the end of last Summer, Rev Darlene McCarley felt the time had come to retire. As a church, we have been very grateful for her friendship and the ways she has led and supported us over many years. In particular for the home visits and the incredible way she selflessly supported the older members of our fellowship.

Rob Gibbons and James Hanson

Intergenerational Ministry

In early May 2025, I was delighted to take up the role of intergenerational minister at Burpham church. It has certainly been an exciting and busy year, beginning to develop what we mean by 'intergenerational' and in particular how that might look for our worship. I have spent time getting to know the worshipping community and also the wider Burpham community.

We continued to have monthly intergenerational services, set up in a café style, considering how to make activities, discussions, music, prayers and sermons accessible and inclusive for all. The feedback from the congregation continues to be positive and attendance has remained good. During the spring term we decided to increase IG services to twice a month. It is sometimes a challenge to maintain the different activities and approaches needed to be intentionally intergenerational but it's a great joy to see all worshipping together. We would like to involve a more diverse age range in the planning and delivery of services and recently we had a young people's music group – we look forward to more of this!

Aside from services, last August I ran our first 'Holiday at Home' event, 'travelling' to different countries as our theme. It's been wonderful to see ages from 6months to 90 years old, coming together to have fun, learn new skills & crafts, enjoy puzzles and quizzes and appreciating a meal

together. We are continuing to run these events during most holiday periods and now have regulars attending from both church and the local community.

October 2025 saw the start of our new toddler group 'Noah's Ark. Meeting on Wednesday mornings during termtime, we are steadily building up a regular group of parents, carers and toddlers supported by a wonderful team of volunteers. They are enjoying a variety of messy activities, crafts, toys and a singing session to end our morning.

James and I have also been involved in visiting our local schools, preschools and nurseries and it was such a blessing to share many activities and services with them over Christmas and Easter. I really enjoy this role and feel privileged to have been called to initiate this work in Burpham, please pray as this develops further, that we may know God's guidance in this ministry area, and reach more people for Him.

Carol Lowries

Sunday club

During the last year Nigel Cooper and Carol Lowries have run Sunday Club twice a month, on alternate weeks. Numbers of children vary each week from 2 to 8 and age ranges are from 3yrs to 12yrs.

Throughout the year we have used Energize online material, which is produced by Urban Saints and provides comprehensive and flexible materials which can be easily adapted for our numbers and age range, which can be a challenge! We have chosen topics that are consistent with the preaching themes. It was a great joy to share with one of our young people in their first communion at Burpham on Easter Day.

This year we have welcomed new families and we continue to build deeper relationships with them all. Please pray for a deepening faith for the children and young people.

Carol Lowries & Nigel Cooper

Lego (Brick) Church

One of the 2024 initiatives was Lego church, which has run for almost 18 months as 2025 ends. It remained a monthly all-age service, perhaps a little like "Messy" church, only without the mess, and instead having Lego. Each week used the mix of brilliant resources from Go Chatter studios, whose stated aim was to build the bible out of Lego completely. We looked at key biblical figures like David, Gideon, miracles from Jesus (healing the paralysed man, feeding the 5000), alongside key season events like Christmas, Easter and Harvest.

Running for an hour and a half on a Sunday afternoon, this had answered the call from many families who shared with our research team who built the parish profile, that they longed for another activity for children on Sunday afternoons. It also fulfilled our wish to gather up families, and incorporate them into the church, perhaps with a more gentle outreach service.

We have seen many repeat families, and a growing number of new ones each Sunday afternoon, come and build. Each service, we have a pause to watch a key bible story, and then I host a Q & A on the story, to which I am always bowled over by the understanding of both children and adults of the rich details in the story shown, and also what Scripture has written about here. Then they get the chance to rebuild an aspect of the story to add to a large A1 size story-board, hopefully cementing the story in hearts, and captured by memories. One of our great highlights was to finish building the CHS replica out of Lego in November in time for the 60th Anniversary. It is well supported by a committed team of volunteers who faithfully support with friendship, building and hospitality.

James Hanson

Schools and pre-schools

There have been some really encouraging relationships with schools and pre-schools being built through the year. Hosting pre-school families for Mother's Day, Fathers' Day, Harvest and Christmas gatherings in CHS have all been so cherishing and encouraging for our growth in partnership. For much of the year, Carol Lowries and myself have been to visit the Primary School to help them with RE lessons in the run up to Christmas, visits to St Luke's church (e.g. to make Easter gardens) and resources to inspire wonder in faith. I have also become a governor at the primary school, keen to support the governance function at the school.

As Carol has been appointed, we have been excited to build further and deeper relationships with Christopher Robin Daycare and Nursery, to visit and read stories with each room group, and to invite over to the Church both at Harvest time for short services, and also to use St Luke's Church for their Christmas carol and nativity service. At the latter, it was so good to see St Luke's used all week for rehearsals and a full church of over 120 people came to see the children in action. This model has been extended to Peter Rabbit nursery in Sutherland memorial park, with visits to there to read stories, as well as their own Christmas nativity service at St Luke's. It has been a brilliant opportunity to support them with planning and welcome.

In October, I was invited in to do an assembly for Year 4 on what worship looked like to each class, as part of their RE curriculum, and how to ask the big questions. Later on, alongside Carol, we went in to Burpham Primary school to do an RE lesson on Christingles in December, before inviting the Y4s over to CHS for their Christingle service that was also full of families and children. The following week, we invited the Y5s to St Luke's for their carol service, which was again a delight to see the children perform and answer brilliant questions about the Advent story, accompanied by some opening of carefully wrapped Lego models of the Nativity.

George Abbot school has invited me to speak about Street Angels to a Y12 assembly, and to continue to help them with practice University interviews in early December, with we hope that this will lead to more doors opening to support them in any way through 2026.

James Hanson & Carol Lowries

Growth Groups

Throughout 2025 there were two Growth Groups meeting weekly and two Groups met fortnightly. Each group, of approximately eight to ten members, has met in their member's homes and generally moving to different homes each week. The format of each group meeting varies and the leaders of each group decide on the material and topics they will follow. All groups begin with coffee and chat before moving on to the study and discussion for that week. Two groups have been going slowly through the Gospels, one choosing an in depth study of St Luke and the other has discussed Mark's Gospel, interspersing it with looking at a Psalm for occasional weeks. Another group follows the themes of the Sunday Sermons. The fourth has followed a series on the different Crowns as recorded in the Bible, such as the Crown of Life, the Crown of Righteousness and others. This group also has studied some passages from Hebrews and discussed the characteristics of the Early Church and the Fellowship of Believers as recorded at the end of Acts chapter 2, attempting then to apply what is learned and discussed to living as a Christian today.

As well as Bible Study and discussion the groups enjoy each other's company and get to know each other as friends. Members enjoy catching up with each other and sometimes find there is a specific need to support someone in prayer. Some of the groups begin with a fun activity followed by a short time of worship, listening to a worship song and then perhaps a 'lighter' look at a Psalm. After 10 years, at the end of 2025 one Ladies Group felt that it was time for them to close, but they were thankful for wonderful times of learning and friendship together. Being part of a Growth Groups gives opportunity informally to get to know God's Word better and to be able to support each other in general day to day living. Members will pray for each other throughout the week and it is a privilege to be with others who want to read and study God's Word, and with His help apply it to daily Christian living.

Joan & Rob Gibbons

Drop In

Now in its 45th year Drop In remains a popular Thursday morning social gathering. Between 30-40 people meet for coffee, a good chat and visit from Hetty our P.A. T dog. Many members are from the Church family, but a large number come from the wider community. The monthly Hearing Aid clinic run by Jean Davy, assisted by Bob Hughes, is much appreciated by many in the Guildford area. Additional events held during the year included –

- A Hunger (soup) Lunch during Lent which raised much needed funds for Christian Aid.
- An opportunity to join the Holiday at home dates in August
- A mini-Christmas fair in November.
- A talk from a local PCSO about staying safe online, by phone and at the door

- On 18th December we joined for part of the morning by pupils from Burpham School who entertained us with carols and Christmas songs. This was followed by a visit from Father Christmas and his elf with a present for everyone.

Drop In would not be possible without the helpers who give their time and energy in so many ways. We thank them all for their support and encouragement.

Janet Robins and team

Music Group

“Shout for joy to the Lord, all the earth. Worship the Lord with gladness; come before him with joyful songs.” (NIV Psalm 100:1-2)

We are a small group of musicians and singers who have a heart for worship. Our pianists, Rob Gibbons (mainly 9.15 am service), Debbie Smith and Steve Rickman (usually the 10.45 am service) lead the musical worship, with one or 2 singers. We are most grateful to Steve who willingly helps and serves at CHS alongside his commitments at his home church. We are thrilled that Thea Hanson has started playing the guitar for some services, and that Gracie Luke continues to share her talents in the same way. We all enjoy the depth this adds to our musical worship. The children have sung for some services, including the Christmas Eve crib service. Our thanks to Claire Pocock and Jenny Hanson, who with the help of the Chantry Singers provided 2 glorious carol services. Another highlight was the 60th anniversary service for CHS where we had multiple singers involved.

Carol Lowries has joined the planning meetings in order to bring the Intergenerational worship part of the service planning together. Lisa Scott continues to provide administrative support to the group, and we thank both of them for their help. We hope we can include the children more in the musical worship of the Intergenerational Services in the future. We would welcome all, no matter what their musical style, interest and ability to join us in supporting musical worship.

Susan Denton & Debbie Smith

Audio Visual

We have a small team on the AV and Sound desk. Renny joined us and has trained up to run AV and sound desk – which is great. Ella Hanson has also been ably supporting AV monthly through Intergenerational Services so we have grown the team. We could do with some more support especially on AV. There is work to do on identifying legacy equipment we clearly don't use/need, fixing power outputs and setting up an IP address mask for the Laptop to TV broadcast studio. Through the latter part of the year, we had the main TV screen break on us. After we got the TV screen down, we had a good size team and hired-in tower built to lift and fix the replacement tv (now even wider).

Lewis Williams

Mission Partners – who we support financially and in prayer

Foodwise

We have had another busy year, and we thank all at Burpham Church for kindly supporting the charity financially, but also and perhaps more importantly, through prayer. Prayers were answered as the charity could have lost its building in Sheerwater when the council went bankrupt. After over a year of negotiations and some miraculous renegotiations (finalised after the Church prayed) we purchased Sheerwater Nursery in October 25 and secured our future. We now have two food pantries (Sheerwater and Bellfields Guildford) serving over 70 families a week.

We continue to teach, but the Lord demands more, as we are seeking to run Parkview Community Centre and bring Surplus to Supper to Woking (delivering within a 10-mile radius). This could bring some 5 tonnes of **Surplus Food** each day to this area, supplying Food Banks/Pantries and Community Fridges to name a few). Keep praying please, for the Lord's Will to be done!

Martin Vodden, Chair of Trustees, Foodwise (TLC) Limited.

Guildford Town Centre Chaplaincy (GTCC)

I would like to thank Burpham church for your ongoing support and encouragement with Guildford Town Centre Chaplaincy. Our three projects; Community Angels, Street Angels and Volunteer Chaplains are still in great demand. One of our challenges is continued recruitment of volunteers so that we can respond to the needs on behalf of the Christian churches in and around Guildford.

Many of the people we come across are struggling in all kinds of ways from loneliness, poor mental health, family and work stresses. It's a great privilege to be able to come alongside and be there for them. Our latest annual review can be seen on our Website under the resources tab, please do visit and have a read.

Noelle Coe, Chaplain, GTCC

Christians against poverty (CAP)

The Christians Against Poverty mission is to transform lives and end UK poverty through supporting those who are in debt as well as delivering practical courses to help people learn to budget better and find suitable work. We are grateful to God that Burpham Church, in partnership with 15 other churches across our town, provide both financial and prayer support so we can respond to this challenge here in Guildford. Our challenges are many as the cost of living continues to bite and our clients face a range of physical and mental health issues, domestic

abuse, addictions, loss of work and living on unsustainable budgets in such an expensive part of the country.

But God is good, and highlights in the last year include:

- 15 local people going debt free in 2025 and 4 so far in 2026
- 20 new clients referred for debt help since January 2026
- 19 clients provided with emergency food and energy support through our hardship fund.
- 8 new befrienders from 6 different churches joining our volunteer group.
- 8 clients attending local churches for the first time with at least one becoming a Christian and others seeking to know more about Jesus.
- Many answers to prayer, including debts unexpectedly written off, new homes and jobs found, and places provided for rehab against the odds.

Thank you on behalf of the CAP team, and all our clients, for your ongoing support and partnership in the gospel.

Helen Kershaw

Friends International (FIG)

FIG continues to play a large part in the lives of many of the International Students who come year by year to study at the University. The two leaders, Phil Duncalfe and Lilli Jones, are now officially members of the Chaplaincy Team which may involve them in caring for more than the international students.

Last Autumn brought some 6000 new students to Guildford Uni and a large proportion of them were internationals. There is now an App which tells new students about FIG and keeps them up to date with what is happening. There are various activities and people are needed to organise and accompany those taking part. These include:

A monthly walk, various day trips, a regular men's group called The Junction, a regular women's group called Rendezvous, a monthly Meal and Talk which concerns matters of Faith.

The Local Link: students invited to local homes for a meal, especially at festival times. This is something for which more hosts are needed. There is also the possibility of a week's trip to the Isle of Wight this summer. Many students go home to important jobs and some keep in touch with their British hosts and friends. Please get in touch with me if you feel you could share in any of these activities.

Jean Davy

Happy Child International Update

We would like to thank Burpham Church for their loyal support to us all throughout 2025. Your prayers, the opportunities you have given us to present our work and your giving have enormous value and importance for us.

2025 was a tough year for us both operationally and financially with internal changes at the charity. Caroline Taylor stepped down as Head of Operations after over 30 years of service and Tracy Moreton has taken over her role since March 2026. We are so grateful to God for providing a person with vision and passion for Brazil and who also speaks Portuguese. Throughout 2025 we continued to financially support all our projects at the levels we have achieved over the last 5 years. In a competitive charity environment we feel that this is an achievement. Going into 2026 we are continuing to keep the funding of all our projects under careful review. This year the Mentoring and Training Skills Project started towards Easter which is slightly later than usual but we have continued to fund the Ammar Transforma project. We hope to resume funding of our Mum's and Babies and IT project later in the year and following a more focused fundraising campaign in the second quarter of this year.

Specific results about the projects can be found in our 2025 Annual Report which will shortly be published on both our website www.happychild.org and the charity commission website www.gov.org. Overall results for 2025 about the projects were presented at a church service on Sunday March 15th 2026.

Caroline Taylor MBE

Regular partners and hire-partners – who generate a significant portion of our income

Preschool

It's been a busy year at Burpham Preschool, with changes to the staffing and provision. Roger Inveen continued as manager, leading the preschool team.

The preschool's indoor environment continued to be enhanced, to promote a wider range of teaching and learning opportunities and to make more effective use of the space. It has allowed all children 2-4 years to be playing, socialising and mixing together as one group. This change has also meant that children who join us at 2 years old will have the same Key Person for their entire time at our preschool.

This year saw significant change to our opening hours by increasing to 5 days a week from 9am - 3pm and enabled us to offer 30 hours of childcare, in line with government funding.

During the past year preschool has enjoyed using the church for activities, music and dancing, they regularly go out for walks withing the local community, have been to visit the library and recently had a wonderful family trip to Wisley.

James and Carol continue to be frequent visitors to preschool and support several events such as Mother's Day, Easter and Father's Day celebrations, as well as end of term events. We had a wonderful Spring Fair when families and church came together to fundraise for resources.

A huge thank you goes to our volunteer church trustees, who continue to work hard supporting our preschool

Carol Lowries, Chair of Trustees.

1st Burpham Guides

1st Burpham Guides have been meeting at CHS for many many years with their currently leader celebrating their 21st year this year as Leader of 1st Burpham Guides.

During this last year we have been lucky to enjoy many camping trips and activities together with our weekly meetings where we have been undertaking activities to gain our badges and life skills. Over the coming year Burpham Guides hope to welcome many new guides and continue with learning new skills and partaking in new experiences.

Our biggest project this year will be to recruit new leaders for not only our unit but all Girlguiding units in Guildford and planning our next international adventure.

Yvonne Peach

Chantry Singers

The Chantry Singers rehearses in the Church of the Holy Spirit on Tuesday evenings and puts on three concerts a year. We are a chamber choir of around 30 mixed voices which performs a varied repertoire of sacred and secular music from Renaissance masterpieces to contemporary works. 2025 saw successful concerts at St Nicholas Church, from Sunset Serenade and a Legacy's echo.

It is one of the foremost chamber choirs in the area. In 2024 our long-serving conductor, Roy Rashbrook, stepped down after 20 year, so we were thrilled to appoint Peter Hicks as his successor. Such was his success with us, we are now looking for a new Music Director to continue the development of the choir following the appointment of Peter as the new first countertenor of the Kings Singers, so 2025 was quite an eventful year for us, and not wishing to merge with any another group, we began the discernment process of looking for a new musical director, who we hope to appoint in early 2026.

We have also had a few new members join us, so we are looking forward to an exciting new chapter in 2026, where we will do our usual concerts and build to the Dream of Gerontius later in the year.

Urban Saint Girls

In January, USG Girls turned two years old. From humble beginnings where a small group of girls who wouldn't say 'boo' to a goose, but two years later we've nearly double the numbers and easily ten times the volume! 2025 included sports at the park, ice-skating, bowling, pirate golf, pancake party, firework night and a Christmas party.

We enjoyed getting to know one another through the 'hot seat' series whereby girls and leaders took it in turns to sit in the hot seat - aka a large, inflatable pink flamingo chair(!) and answer an assortment of questions including...

- Would you rather sneeze marbles or fart confetti?
- What's your proudest moment?
- What's your fav bible verse and why?

This resulted in much hilarity and some very interesting insights both profound and ridiculous! Our girls are sporty, crafty, funny and awesome!

So how can you be praying for us:

Leaders: leaders would emerge who have a heart for Jesus and keen to hang out and share his love with the girls.

Funds: receive enough money to see us through 2026

Discipleship: Young people would come into a personal relationship with Jesus

David Wright

Financial Review

The PCC is very grateful for the continued generosity of the church members through planned and ad hoc giving to support the work of the church.

The accounts show a deficit of £9.1k at the end of 2025. Total income was £193.2k which is £20.2k less than in 2024, with significantly lower one-off donations, but higher lettings income and savings interest, and historic Gift Aid claims for donations back to 2021. Expenditure in 2025 was £201.1k which was £1.4k less than in 2024. Notable expenditure items include: employing an Intergenerational Minister for 7 months of the year, carrying out fixed wiring tests at both churches, removing overgrown trees at St Luke's, and emergency work on supporting the south window at CHS.

The PCC remains committed to the policy of tithing the voluntary unrestricted income and accordingly £16.3k was allocated to mission giving, principally distributed to the five mission partners adopted by the church.

The cash position of the church remains strong due to the exceptional gift received in 2019 and 2020. However, we are expecting significant additional expenditure on replacing the south window at CHS, and we are also aware that both our church buildings are in need of further substantial repair.

Reserves Policy

The PCC keeps its Reserves Policy under regular review and adopted the following revised policy in 2019:

“It is the policy of Burpham Church to hold the equivalent of four months of salary costs and two months of running costs, excluding the Parish Share, in reserves. Such funds will be held in a cash investment account separate from the day to day working capital cash of the church.”

Independent Examiner's Report to the Members of the Parochial Church Council of the Parish of Burpham St Luke's with the Church of the Holy Spirit

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

Respective responsibilities of the Trustees and Independent Examiner

As trustees of the charity, the members of the PCC are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. They consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 Act;
- follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act; and
- state whether 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

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

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention

1. which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements
 - to keep accounting records in accordance with s.130 of the 2011 Act; or
 - to prepare accounts which accord with these accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the 2011 Act 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.

Andrew Wye, FCA



4 Beaufort Parklands, Railton Road, Guildford, Surrey GU2 9JX

Date 9-4-2026

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Statement of Financial Activities

for the year ended 31 December 2025

	Note	Unrestricted Funds	Designated Funds	Restricted Funds	Total 2025	Total 2024
Incoming resources						
Voluntary Income	2a	146,827	18,187	6,610	171,624	194,524
Activities for generating funds	2b	15,904	-	-	15,904	12,512
Income from investments	2c	4,639	-	-	4,639	1,541
Income from church activities	2d	1,068	-	-	1,068	4,825
Total incoming resources		168,438	18,187	6,610	193,235	213,402
Resources expended						
Church activities	3a	186,924	14,192	-	201,116	202,508
Total resources expended		186,924	14,192	-	201,116	202,508
Net incoming/outgoing resources		(18,486)	3,995	6,610	(7,881)	10,895
Transfer between funds	10a	52,500	(52,500)			
Gains/losses on investment assets						
On disposal				-	-	-
On revaluation	7	(1,177)	-	-	(1,177)	-
Net movement in funds		32,837	(48,505)	6,610	(9,058)	10,895
Balances b/fwd 1 January		54,858	307,696	3,422	365,976	355,082
Balances c/fwd 31 December		87,695	259,191	10,032	356,918	365,976

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Balance Sheet as at 31 December 2025

	Note	2025	2024
Fixed Assets			
Tangible fixed assets	6	1,284	1,061
Investment assets	7	99,668	100,845
		100,952	101,906
Current Assets			
Debtors & prepayments	8	31,413	26,752
Short term deposits		162,718	45,652
Cash at bank and in hand		77,827	205,725
		271,958	278,128
		372,910	380,034
Liabilities			
Sundry Creditors & Accruals	9	15,992	14,058
Interest-free Loans		-	-
		15,992	14,058
Total Net Assets		356,918	365,976

Parish Funds

Unrestricted Funds			
General Reserve		87,695	54,858
		87,695	54,858
Designated Funds	10a		
Mission		3,146	-
Drop-In		6,850	6,001
Major projects		249,195	299,195
New Wine		-	2,500
		259,191	307,696
Restricted Funds	10b		
Building Fund		10,032	3,422
		10,032	3,422
		356,918	365,976

Approved by the members of the Parochial Church Council on 21 April 2026 and

Signed on their behalf by:



Rev James Hanson, Vicar and Chair of PCC



David Agg, Treasurer

The notes on the following 8 pages form part of these accounts

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Notes to the Accounts

For the Year Ended 31 December 2025

1 Accounting policies

The PCC is a public benefit entity within the meaning of Financial Reporting Standard (FRS) 102. 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. They have been prepared under FRS102 (2016) as the applicable accounting standards and the 2016 version of the Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP), Accounting and Reporting by Charities (SORP(FRS102)).

The financial statements include all transactions, assets and liabilities for which the PCC is responsible in law. They do not include the financial statements of church groups that owe their main affiliation to another body, nor those that are informal gatherings of church members.

INCOMING RESOURCES

Voluntary income and capital sources

Collections are recognised when received by or on behalf of the PCC. Planned giving receivable under Gift Aid is recognised only when received. Income tax recoverable on Gift Aid donations is recognised when the donation is recognised. Grants, donations and legacies to the PCC are recognised as soon as the PCC is notified of its legal entitlement, the amount due is quantifiable, and its ultimate receipt by the PCC is reasonably certain.

Funds raised through one-off events and activities are accounted for gross.

Other income

Rental income from the letting of the church buildings/rooms is recognised when due.

Income from investments

Interest entitlements are recognised as they accrue.

Gains and losses on investments

Realised gains or losses are recognised when investments are sold. Unrealised gains or losses are recognised on revaluation of investments at 31 December.

RESOURCES USED

Grants

Grants and donations are accounted for in the year recognised as the qualifying period.

Activities directly relating to the work of the church

The diocesan parish share is accounted for when due.

FIXED ASSETS

Consecrated property and movable church furnishings

Consecrated and beneficed property of any kind is excluded from the financial statements by the Charities Act 2011.

Movable church furnishings held by the vicar and churchwardens on special trust for the PCC and which require a faculty for disposal are accounted for as inalienable property unless consecrated. They are listed in the church's inventory, which can be inspected at any reasonable time. Items acquired since 1 January 1998 have been capitalised and depreciated in the financial statements over their currently anticipated useful economic life on a straight-line basis.

All expenditure incurred in the year on consecrated or beneficed buildings, individual items under £500, and the repair of movable church furnishings acquired before 1 January 1998 is written off.

Other fixtures, fittings and office equipment

Equipment used within the church premises is depreciated on a straight-line basis over 4 - 6 years, with the exception that fixtures and fittings are depreciated over 10 years. Individual items of expenditure of less than £500 are normally written off in the year in which they are acquired.

Current assets

Amounts owing to the PCC on 31 December in respect of Gift Aid tax recoverable, fees, rents or other income are shown as debtors less provision for amounts that are deemed to be uncollectable.

Short term deposits include cash held on deposit at a recognised UK bank or financial institution.

FUNDS

Unrestricted Funds represent the income funds of the PCC that are not subject to any restrictions regarding their use and are available for spending on the general purposes of the PCC, including amounts designated by the PCC for fixed assets for its own use or for spending on a future project.

Designated Funds allocated by the PCC for a particular purpose are also unrestricted as they may be undesignated by the PCC and applied for general purposes.

Restricted Funds are those income funds that must be spent on restricted purposes, and details of the funds held and restrictions provided are included in the notes to the accounts.

2 Incoming resources

	Unrestricted £	Designated £	Restricted £	Total 2025 £	Total 2024 £
2a Voluntary income					
Planned Gift Aid donation	82,048	16,336	6,610	104,994	103,132
Tax recoverable	37,326	-	-	37,326	24,545
Other	8,205	-	-	8,205	11,799
Loose collections	3,527	-	-	3,527	-
Tax recoverable	60	-	-	60	-
Donations Received net	7,960	-	-	7,960	-
Tax recoverable	1,990	-	-	1,990	-
Other	5,712	1,851	-	7,562	55,048
Legacies	-	-	-	-	-
	146,827	18,187	6,610	171,624	194,524
2b Activities for generating funds					
Trading activities	15,904	-	-	15,904	12,474
Fundraising activities	-	-	-	-	38
Grant	-	-	-	-	-
	15,904	-	-	15,904	12,512
2c Income from investments					
On deposit accounts	4,639	-	-	4,639	1,541
On loans	-	-	-	-	-
	4,639	-	-	4,639	1,541
2d Income from church activities					
Fees for weddings and funerals	1,044	-	-	1,044	1,911
Regular weekly activities	-	-	-	-	1,293
Other activities and events	24	-	-	24	1,620
	1,068	-	-	1,068	4,825
Total incoming resources	168,438	18,187	6,610	193,235	213,402

3 Resources expended

				Total 2025	Total 2024
		Unrestricted £	Designated £	Restricted £	£
3a Church activities					
Mission Partner giving	Tithed giving	-	13,190	-	13,190
	Charitable gifts	-	-	-	-
Parish Share		88,425	-	-	88,425
Staff Salaries (see note 4)		32,856	-	-	32,856
Vicar/Curate/Staff expenses		1,092	-	-	1,092
Staff and Volunteer training and development		465	-	-	465
Resourcing of Services		1,143	-	-	1,143
Intergenerational activities		829	-	-	829
Church Activities and Outreach		3,220	1,001	-	4,221
Discipleship and welfare		-	-	-	-
Major Buildings Works		-	-	-	-
Utilities		10,985	-	-	10,985
Insurance		3,577	-	-	3,577
Office Costs		5,449	-	-	5,449
Cleaning and Refuse collection		6,818	-	-	6,818
Maintaining St Lukes Church and Churchyard		6,853	-	-	6,853
Maintaining CHS		22,689	-	-	22,689
Depreciation of equipment (note 5a)		846	-	-	846
Vicarage maintenance and expenses		1,699	-	-	1,699
Independent examination fee		(20)	-	-	(20)
Quinquennial Survey		-	-	-	-
Other governance costs		-	-	-	-
Total expenditure		186,924	14,192	-	201,116

4 Staff costs

	2025	2024
Wages and salaries	29,679	16,096
Pension contributions	3,176	724
	32,856	16,820

The Church employed:

- a Church Centre Manager working on weekdays during term time, based in the Parish Office
- an Intergenerational Minister working Mon-Thu and Sun throughout the year

The full value of employer Class 1 National Insurance contributions arising during the year was less than the overall Employment Allowance.

No payments or expenses were paid during the year (2024 – none) to any PCC member, persons closely connected to them, or related parties, in connection with their PCC duties.

5 Pensions

Burpham Church participates in the Pension Builder scheme of the Church Workers Pension Fund (CWPF) for lay staff. The scheme is administered by the Church of England Pensions Board, which holds the assets of the schemes separately from those of Burpham Church and the other participating employers.

The CWPF Pension Builder scheme is made up of two sections – Pension Builder Classic and Pension Builder 2014 – both of which are classified as defined benefit schemes. Lay employees of Burpham Church are enrolled to the Pension Builder 2014 section with contribution rates of 4% for the employee and 4.5% for the employer, including 0.5% for life insurance cover.

The scheme is considered to be a multi-employer scheme as described in Section 28 of Financial Reporting Standard (FRS) 102, because it is not possible to attribute the scheme's assets and liabilities to specific employers.

A valuation of the Pension Builder scheme is carried out every 3 years, with the latest being due on 31 December 2025. There is no requirement for deficit payments at the current time.

The legal structure of the scheme is such that, if another employer fails, Burpham Church could be liable for paying a share of that employer's pension liabilities. The PCC considers that the risk of such a liability arising is remote.

6 Tangible fixed assets

	Fixtures & fittings	Office equip	Church equip	Kitchen equip	Total
Gross book value 1 Jan 25	10,585	966	-	-	11,551
Additions - 2025	-	-	1,069	-	1,069
	10,585	966	1,069	-	12,620
Accum depreciation b/fwd	10,248	242	-	-	10,490
Depreciation - 2025	337	242	267	-	846
	10,585	483	267	-	11,336
Net book value - 1 Jan 25	337	724	-	-	1,061
Net book value - 31 Dec 25	-	483	802	-	1,284

All tangible fixed assets are held as unrestricted assets.

7 Investments

We own 1,606.7742 accumulation units of the CBF Church of England Investment Fund. Revaluation of these assets during 2025 resulted in a loss of £1,177. The value of the assets at 31 December 2025 was £99,668.

8 Debtors and prepayments

	2025	2024
Gift Aid tax estimated as recoverable	28,238	24,474
Prepayments and accrued income	3,174	2,278
	31,413	26,752

The Gift Aid tax recoverable relates to donations received in 2025.

Other accrued income includes interest on savings accounts and income from lettings.

9 Liabilities

	2025	2024
Amounts due to mission partners	-	11,271
PAYE/NI and pension	1,735	1,247
Other liabilities	14,256	1,540
	15,992	14,058

The 2024 accounts showed a liability of £11,271 due to mission partners, as the portion of the 10% tithe unspent in previous years. In 2025, the PCC decided that £6,500 of this money would be spent on outreach activities rather than being given to mission partners. At the end of 2025 and in future years, unspent money from the 10% tithe is held in the Mission Fund (see Note 10a) rather than appearing as a liability.

Other liabilities include staff expenses and invoices for building work.

10 Funds

10a Designated Funds

	Mission	Drop In	Major Projects	New Wine
At 1 Jan 2025	-	6,001	299,195	2,500
Income	16,336	1,851	-	-
Expenditure	13,190	1,001	-	-
Transfer	-	-	(50,000)	(2,500)
At 31 Dec 2025	3,146	6,850	249,195	-

The designated funds comprise the following:

- The Mission Fund holds funds which have been designated by the PCC to be used for the wider mission of the worldwide church through the work of mission partners and similar charitable partners. The PCC has agreed that 10% of our total voluntary unrestricted income should be allocated to this fund.
- The Drop-in Fund records the transactions of the longstanding Thursday Drop-in group, which are operated through a separate bank account under the oversight of the Drop-in Committee.
- The Major Projects Fund holds funds which the PCC wishes to implement significant initiatives that deliver the vision and mission of the church. In 2025, the PCC decided to transfer £50,000 from this fund to the General Reserve, to cover ongoing expenditure, including the employment of an Intergenerational Minister for a period of 3 years.
- The New Wine Fund held funds to subsidise individuals who wished to attend the New Wine festival. In 2025, the PCC decided to close this fund and return its assets to the General Reserve.

10b Restricted Funds

	Building
At 1 Jan 2025	3,422
Income	6,610
Expenditure	-
Transfer	-
At 31 Dec 2025	10,032

The restricted funds comprise the following:

- The Building Fund holds funds which have been given specifically for the reordering and refurbishment of the Church of the Holy Spirit and St Luke's.

11 Analysis of Net Assets by Fund

	Unrestricted Funds	Designated Funds	Restricted Funds	Total 2025
Tangible fixed assets	1,284	-	-	1,284
Investment assets	-	99,668	-	99,668
Debtors & prepayments	31,413	-	-	31,413
Short term deposits	3,158	149,528	10,032	162,718
Cash at bank and in hand	67,831	9,996	-	77,827
Sundry Creditors & Accruals	(15,992)	-	-	(15,992)
Interest-free Loans	-	-	-	-
	87,695	259,191	10,032	356,918