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**Glamorgan Heritage Coast Ministry Area**  
**Unaudited Financial Statements**  
**31 December 2025**

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# **Glamorgan Heritage Coast Ministry Area**

## **Financial Statements**

**Year ended 31 December 2025**

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# Glamorgan Heritage Coast Ministry Area

## Trustees' Annual Report

Year ended 31 December 2025

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The trustees present their report and the unaudited financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 December 2025.

### INTRODUCTION FROM THE MINISTRY TEAM

This annual report is a practical document containing data and reports that are an important part of our accountability as a charity. We have significant trustee responsibilities and it is right that we are held to account by the Diocese of Llandaff and the Charity Commission. A great deal of work has gone into the preparation of accounts and reports, with people across our Ministry Area giving generously of their time and talents in this work. Thank you.

This report also speaks of mission and the work of the Holy Spirit along the Glamorgan Heritage Coast. Our 12 churches are beacons of faith and hope, drawing together local communities as well as welcoming visitors and pilgrims on their journey. Strong partnerships exist across our Ministry Area, including partner working with schools, care homes, civic bodies, local businesses and throughout the local agricultural community.

There are also partnerships with charities committed to supporting good mental health and domestic abuse, as well as established work shared with the organisations such as the Mothers Union. All this combines with our patterns of prayer, worship and pastoral care mark out a unique role for the Glamorgan Heritage Coast Ministry Area, in our commitment to serve the people in our care, both within and beyond our regular congregations.

2025 has given us much to celebrate, with patterns of worship adapting in our churches as we seek to build where there is established strength in our churches. Some of our smaller churches are finding it difficult to sustain the patterns of worship that have gone unchanged for many years, so adapting to new forms of worship and seeking new purpose in God's name is becoming important.

The Ministry Team continues its work with 3 fulltime 'incumbent' posts. This year also saw the ordination of Fr Lee Gonzalez as a priest; Fr Lee was already linked to our Ministry Area for the 2 years of his ordination training, enabling him to establish some strong pastoral relationships, despite working fulltime in a busy secular role. After 3 years, Bishop Mary decided to move Fr Lee to a different Ministry Area to continue the growth and learning of his ministry. Although sad to see him depart in the Autumn, his Ministry is a reminder of the important role we play in the training and development of ordinands and clergy.

Natasha Jones is now established in post as our Ministry Area Administrator, and her gifts are really coming to the fore with the development of our website and online presence. The Ministry Area Office remains a vital hub for our work, providing both practical and pastoral support for all of our churches. Mention should also be made of Imogen Clout, Keith Brown and Hazel Norfolk who serve as Lay Readers, along with our retired clergy who work tirelessly to support the pattern of worship in our churches.

Our 2 Church in Wales primary schools in Wick and St Brides Major make a unique contribution to the work of our Ministry Area, providing constant inspiration to the families and communities they serve. It should be remembered that our Ministry Area logo comprises 14 fish, reaching out from a central Celtic cross, representing our 12 churches and 2 Church schools, and our shared task of service and mission in God's name.

2025 has also brought significant financial and organisational challenges. The contribution we make to the 'Common Fund' of the Diocese makes up much of our outgoings, while utility costs have soared in recent years; meantime, significant rises in the cost of living make for a challenging time when most of our income comes from the generosity of parishioners in their regular giving.

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## **Trustees' Annual Report *(continued)***

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We also face the challenge of identifying and nurturing local leaders in many of our churches. For decades, the roles of Local Church Wardens and Church Treasurers have been filled by local people in our churches, but it is becoming increasingly difficult to find people to undertake these roles. We are already having to deal with financial administration for some churches within the Ministry Area Office, and we will need to look again at the governance of our churches as Local Church Committees are working with dwindling numbers. Despite all this, local leadership in our churches is crucial, and thanks are extended across the whole Ministry Area to those who have taken on roles and responsibilities as Local Church Wardens and treasurers, while many others have given their time and energy on Local Church Committees and carried out the everyday tasks to maintain and sustain their local church.

This annual report sets out the work of our Ministry Area starkly in its reports and accounts. Behind those headlines and data, many people have contributed to our shared work in countless ways in 2025. The tireless work of David Walke, the MA Treasurer is deserving of special mention, along with the careful governance exercised by the members of the Ministry Area Council. That constant support is both practical and prayerful, and speaks of a Christian community with Christ at its centre and God's love at its heart. It is in that promise of faith that our work moves forward.

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### REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

<b>Registered charity name</b>	Glamorgan Heritage Coast Ministry Area
<b>Charity registration number</b>	1131490
<b>Principal office</b>	Ministry Area Office St Illtud's Church Church Street Llantwit Major CF61 1SB
<b>The trustees</b>	Mr JL Robinson Mr E Williams Mr AG Semmens Ms SM Evans Mrs LM Mumford Mrs MJ Sheppard Canon ECR Counsell Rev. CA Vaughan Mr RJ Simpson Ms J Newton Rev EE Street Ms ST Copeland Roberts Ms LA Edwards Mr RL Oldham
<b>Incumbent</b>	Rev'd Canon Edwin Counsell The Rectory High Street Llantwit Major CF61 1SS
<b>Independent examiner</b>	Farzana Ahmed ACCA 1st Floor, Tudor House 16 Cathedral Road Cardiff CF11 9LJ
<b>Bankers</b>	Lloyds Bank plc

### OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

The principal object of the Ministry Area Council is the promotion of the whole mission of the Church, pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical, in the Ministry Area.

The members of the Council as trustees confirm that they have due regard to the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit when planning their activities.

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Trustees' Annual Report *(continued)*

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## ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE

### General Pattern of Sunday Services in the Ministry Area

Time	1 <sup>st</sup> Sunday	2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday	3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday	4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday	5 <sup>th</sup> Sunday
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#### St Illtud's, Llantwit Major

8.00am	Holy Eucharist	Holy Eucharist	Holy Eucharist	Holy Eucharist	
9.30am	Holy Eucharist & online	Holy Eucharist & online	Holy Eucharist & online	Holy Eucharist & online	MA Service at any one of the 12 Churches

#### St James', Wick

11.00am	Holy Eucharist	Holy Eucharist	Holy Eucharist	Holy Eucharist	MA Service at any one of the Churches
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#### Ewenny Priory, Ewenny

9.30am	Holy Eucharist	Holy Eucharist	Holy Eucharist	Holy Eucharist	MA Service at any one of the Churches
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#### St Giles', Gileston

9.30am	Holy Eucharist		Morning Prayer		MA Service at any one of the Churches
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#### St Michaels, Llanmihangel

9.30am	Holy Eucharist		Morning Prayer		MA Service at any one of the Churches
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#### St Cattwg's, Llanmaes

11.00am	Holy Eucharist	Holy Eucharist	Holy Eucharist	Holy Eucharist	MA Service at any one of the Churches
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#### St Bridget's, St Brides Major

11.00am	Holy Eucharist	Holy Eucharist	Holy Eucharist	Holy Eucharist	MA Service at any one of the Churches
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#### St Tathan, St Athan

11.00am		Holy Eucharist		Holy Eucharist	MA Service at any one of the Churches
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#### St Donats, St Donats

11:15am	Prayer & Praise	Holy Eucharist	Meet, Greet & Eat	Prayer & Praise	MA Service at any one of the Churches
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## Trustees' Annual Report *(continued)*

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### Achievements and performance *(continued)*

#### Individual Church Reports

##### **St Bridget's Church, St Brides Major**

St Bridget's Church is 1 of 12 Churches in The Glamorgan Heritage Coast Parish. It holds an Act Of Worship every Sunday at 11am, except for the 5th Sunday of the month, when all 12 Churches join together in the various Churches in the whole Ministry Area.

It is open daily for visitors & walkers 10-4pm. Cold drinks are available & the nearby Fox has a wider selection & toilets. Contact Churchwarden Joy Newton [ 07977 701713] with any queries.

Our thanks go to Revd Emma who enables us to have our monthly Communion Service in All Saints Church, where we all enjoy a time of prayer, praise and fellowship together. Thanks also goes to our members who host monthly coffee mornings, that are enjoyed by all who attend.

Our CHURCH HALL is a short walk from the Church, by the War Memorial on Southerndown Road. It is used regularly by a number of groups. These include Playgroup, Yoga, Keep Fit, Toddlers, Art & Crafts, Coffee & Chat Club, W.I., Commoners Committee Meetings and Community Library.

This hall is managed by Churchwarden Angela Edwards [07794 386288] and her team who organize bookings, cleaning, etc. The hall is available for rental for £15 per hour.

*Joy Newton*

##### **All Saints Church, Southerndown**

The Wednesday service at All Saints continues at 3.00pm, but the church is open and used for several other communal activities e.g. mothers union meetings, knit and natter, the local council and on a Friday morning Tai Chi, to name but a few. We now have Wi-Fi and this has been a great help to our local council. They helped enable us to obtain Wi-Fi use for the church. As indeed it will also help, the police, Senedd, and general elections held in All Saints. Our new flat roof has been completed and funds thankfully obtained from grants and community generosity. We are very grateful for all the support that has been given to us, the encouragement, and the admin etc. that has gone on behind the scenes, - all is very much appreciated. This last Xmas, after others generosity for our roof appeal, we decided to help with St Bridget's Bell Restoration efforts and held our carols around the Xmas tree, which is a fundraising community get together, in aid of their bells. We certainly had a very good turnout; so we hope helping with the outreach and finance of the ongoing restoration project. At present we are merging our financial systems centrally with St Illtyd's, after agreement at an extraordinary meeting held in St Brides recently. Thus we are beginning successfully to centralise All Saints and St Bridget's finances with St Illtyd's.

Finally thanks to the internet connection and expertise of others, we have been given a QR code for All Saints, which we now hope will enable us to have some extra funds donated to us, from those in the community who use and visit our church regularly.

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### Achievements and performance *(continued)*

#### **St Cattwg's Church, Llanmaes**

St Cattwg's Church has been a centre of Christian worship since the fourth century. A wooden building was replaced with the stone we now see in 1234 (an easy date to remember) and the tower added in the 1630's. Our present congregation has grown slightly this year and are happy and privileged to continue the great tradition of Christian observation.

Our new organist plays many familiar hymns but also introduces us to new ones. He also recently provided a woodwind quintet to play one evening to a packed church; it was much appreciated. Like most of our ancient church buildings we do not have easy coffee making facilities but the occasions we have provided coffee after church has always gone down well.

We intend taking a leaf out of many of our fellow churches who do this more regularly than us, however. We remain grateful to our own clergy for all their efforts and for the blessing of talented retired clergy who also visit us and who are most welcome.

St Cattwg's is blessed to have use of the local village hall. This is owned by the Diocese who have allowed us free use of the facility. The link with the Llanmaes Community Council has been very successful for over thirty years. Proposed changes in local council organization means that a new contract will need to be established sometime in the near future with the council successor. Once again this year the church had a very successful and well attended harvest lunch in the Hall in 2025. The building is also the venue for the monthly film show.

These successful events are well attended by so many who enjoy a latest film accompanied by a glass of wine (not compulsory!) Profits from the film club go to St Cattwg's Church and to charity. We are grateful to the organisers – most of whom are church members – for a recent gift of £1500 towards our on-going church restoration work.

Our church attendance has remained strong and happily slightly up on the previous year. Our Christmas services were very well attended and provided an important link between regular and occasional worshippers. In addition, we still have regular visits from people from all over the country and beyond who are followers of the Gavin and Stacey series. The wedding scene was filmed in the church in 2006. Visitors write in our visitor's book that they have attended, the sandwich they prefer (you need to have followed the series to understand that) and now usually add, to our treasure's satisfaction, that they have left a donation!

The year 2025 was unremarkable in some ways but also in other ways it showed that God's work continues in this ancient place.

*Wardens Kerry Veale, Charles Anderson and Jeff Robinson*

#### **St Donat's Church, St Donat's**

St Donat's continued to hold 4 services most months. These consist of 3 led by clergy (1 Eucharist, 2 Prayer and Praise) and one Meet, Greet and Eat (MG&E).

MG&Es are informal gatherings, usually with a theme of some sort. We have been particularly appreciative of the clergy and of Imogen Clout's continued commitment to St. Donat's Church.

The MG&E are informal get-togethers with students attending Atlantic College (AC) and church members, organised by Sheila Smith and Vicky Bailey (church member and Atlantic College House Parent) MG&Es are usually held about 8 times per year.

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#### **Achievements and performance** *(continued)*

In addition, Sheila opens her home to students for informal gatherings. Vicky's support is an important link with the college, both in encouraging and supporting students and in assisting with the MG&E. At the end of the gathering, everyone present enjoys fellowship and refreshments. All students are welcome, with many varied topics and themes discussed e.g. aspects of faith, culture, life experiences and much more. Our student leaders liaise with church members, and we deeply value their contributions to other Services. e.g. readings, songs from different cultures and the sharing of their life experiences. The input and involvement with students from AC is unique within the Ministry Area. We see it as a joy and a mission to support and encourage students to join in our worship. We are privileged to have between 8-12 students attend and take part. Sometimes fewer and sometimes more.

The link with the college also includes liaising with Brett Williams (Head of Music) at the college (supported by Guy Harbottle) in organising musical events at the church. In addition, church warden and the AC Welcome team representative meet regularly to discuss important issues related to church and college.

#### **Key events in 2025:**

Student Leavers Service 18th May 2025: Fr Edwin Counsell led the 2nd year students' Leaving Service. Students leaving the college received a blessing from Fr Edwin and were presented with Welsh Love Spoons as mementos of their stay at the college, and as members of the church community. This was followed with a picnic at Vicky's house.

Internment of ashes 30th August 2025: Heather March's ashes were interred. A thoughtful, intimate service was led by Fr Edwin. Sian Tesni attended along with Heather's close family members.

Student Welcome Service 6th October 2025: Fr Edwin led the Welcome Service to students joining AC. The Service was well attended with refreshments and fellowship to follow.

Harvest Thanksgiving Service 12th October 2025: Led by Emma Street in collaboration with Stanley Gilbert. The Harvest service included contributions from students. There was a generous response to the Vale Foodbank Appeal. The church looked a picture, and the Harvest loaf was ably prepared by Jayne Thomas. Refreshments were enjoyed after the service.

Remembrance Sunday 9th November 2025: Imogen Clout led the Remembrance service, attended by students of many nationalities. In line with our usual practice the emphasis was on sacrifice and a call for nations to live together in peace.

AC Candlelight Service 7th December 2025: Organised by (and his team), Stan Gilbert and Vicky Bailey. The Service was led by Fr Edwin with AC students and staff participating. It was wonderful to see the church so full! A very special beginning to Advent. The service was followed with refreshments as people took the opportunity to socialise. Cash donations amounting to £140.00 was collected at the carol service in aid of the Vale Foodbank. Isobel Jenkins, a regular congregant at the church and volunteer with the Vale Foodbank gave a brief overview of the charity's much needed work in the area. The success of these services is due to the hard work and dedication of our organist, Stanley Gilbert in collaboration with the clergy, Vicky Bailey and college music staff.

*Sian Tesni Roberts*

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### Achievements and performance *(continued)*

#### **The Priory Church of St. Michael & All Angels, Ewenny**

We are maintaining steady numbers in the congregation and have indeed welcomed some new people. We have wonderful support from our congregation, they freely give their time to flower arrange, clean and read. The Rota is always full. Margaret and Dr. Logan continue to share the playing of the organ.

I continue to advertise services and special events on local hubs and the church Facebook page and this seems to work well.

We had some wonderful services last year including Father Lee's first Eucharist followed by refreshments in the monastic end of the church. It was a joyful day and everyone enjoyed it. We were of course very sorry to hear of Father Lee's departure from the ministry area but wish him and his family all the very best!. The 9 lessons and carols was excellent, Ewenny chamber choir and contraband sang and played to a full church, it was truly atmospheric and special. Thank you to Wendy and the choir. Harvest was a lovely bring and share after the service which seems to be the favoured way as many don't like driving at night any longer.

We have ongoing issues with the electrical supply, we have had quotes from a local electrician, it's the upheaval it will cause as the parquet floor will have to be taken up. We are managing at the moment and have everything in place to make it safe.

Sadly, in August we had some damage to the windows. I reported it to the police and took photos, Natasha has organised with the insurance and is being sorted in March; thank you Natasha.

Alun and Jayne continue to be such an asset to the priory; we can't do without them! The same for Helen and Peter Morgan.

#### ***Ewenny Arts Festival***

We began the year with a Spring Concert with Côr Tadau Trisant which supported the Soroptimists charities. The choir was excellent as was the attendance and we were able to donate £810.

In July we welcomed back the Welsh Argentine Guitar Duo on a "Voyage to Patagonia". This event was supported by Night Out. There was a good audience and it was another successful evening.

Fr. Philip Morris kindly gave a talk in October on the Turner painting of the transept of the Church to celebrate 250 years since his birth and 230 since his visit to the Priory Church. The talk was very informative and very well received.

The concert in November was provided by Patrick King's students from RWCMD, with an "Extravaganza of Rhythm and Flair". A fantastic and uplifting evening.

As usual, we had our annual Christmas concert with the Vale of Glamorgan Ensemble. Always a wonderful evening of excellent music and amusing interludes from Pete Fry. The Church was full.

*Samantha Budd*

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### Achievements and performance *(continued)*

#### St Giles Church, Gileston

Unfortunately, there is very little to report from St Giles for 2025. The monthly Holy Eucharist services were well attended for such a small church. It was sad to say goodbye to Lee Gonzalez who had taken many of our services for the past few years, but we are happy to have Rev Emma Street on a regular basis.

The harvest service in October, and the carol service and Christmas day services were all successful especially when followed by refreshments in Gileston Manor, however it was sad news when the manor decided to cancel all weddings for 2026 and the foreseeable future for personal reasons. Once again, there were no fundraising events organised during 2025.

*Lynda Mumford*

#### Holy Trinity Church, Marcross

The highlight of the year has to be the VE day festival, where local villagers and families of the war heroes, paid homage to the three soldiers from Marcross whose names are recorded on church war memorial. Each family provided a history of their lost relative and local families also sent their own memories of the war. Special recognition was given to Mr Doug Small, whose daughter provided moving newspaper records of his bravery rescuing American airmen at sea, and pictures of his medals. The display was left in the church for visitors to return and enjoy. This was followed a week later by a combined Church & Village social celebration in Village Farm Barn courtesy of The Morgan family.

The recent quinquennial report has made for difficult reading with many repairs listed as urgent. Maintaining the fabric of Holy Trinity is an increasingly onerous task, and we are grateful for the support from people who live here. Several meetings have been held throughout the year to try and work out a plan. Mr Michael Davies (Architect) was engaged to design a "Masterplan" which highlighted to a well-attended and productive meeting in Holy Trinity that the most immediate problem was the church roof which was losing slates due to Nail sickness.

With low funds and poor church attendance, various options were explored but without a car park, no running water, toilet facilities & ineffective heating, our options are limited.

Service attendance has been static, although support for the church building repairs has been heartwarming, with a very active group of local people willing to get involved - sadly this hasn't yet followed through with regular church attendance.

The newly formed supporters group have seized on the idea of a walking trail originally between the coastal churches, but with the help and support of Fr Philip Morris has now evolved to reigniting The Pilgrims trail, which we are hoping will open doors to some grant funding, Without this we cannot possibly raise enough money to meet the challenges ahead.

Thanks to Tom & Will for replacing the Tower ceiling and to Liz for the ongoing challenge of removing the ivy from around the churchyard, and again a huge debt of gratitude to the small group who regularly care for the church.

Thanks also to Byron for designing our "Christmas card with bank details" which raised over £200 for church funds.

Finally, thanks must go to Fr Craig for his leadership, knowledge and ability to present any and all services to match our ideas and requests, and to David Walke for his support and guidance.

Holy Trinity closes over the winter but opens again on Palm Sunday for regular monthly Sunday Services.

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### Achievements and performance *(continued)*

#### **St Illtud's Church, Llantwit Major**

In 2025 we have seen that the numbers of people visiting and attending the church have remained stable and we have also been delighted to welcome a number of new members to our congregation over the last year.

Our continuing challenge is to continue to develop the welcome to all, whether it would be members of our parish community or those who visit the area from elsewhere. It has continued to be busy in St Illtud's Church, and a number of new groups and events have started and been held in the church.

Our Children's clubs continue to go from strength to strength, Tiny Treasure Seekers on Thursday Mornings, Treasure seekers on the first Sunday of each month and Club Illtud on Friday evenings, We must thank again the Children's ministry team for all of the hard work in running the clubs and continuing to make them a great asset to the Church, They are very well attended and continue to develop.

We have throughout 2025 had a large number of events that have been held in the Church, we have had book launches, concerts, Charity Events which have all been successful.

The attendance at all the services has continued to increase and we regularly have over 60 people attending the 9.30am service on a Sunday morning and have good numbers at the services on Wednesdays and Fridays too.

We are pleased that the number of servers has continued to remain steady and hopefully we can continue to have full rotas for the services on Sundays, we are looking to increase the number of servers so would encourage anyone who is interested to speak to one the wardens. The worship on Friday has been followed by a soup lunch which has continued to be successful, and the seasons café has continued.

We have had some very successful events in the Church over the last year including exhibitions and talks, The Easter trail, The Santa event at Christmas and also the regular open mic evening has continued to flourish. There have been other concerts and events including the Chamber Music Festival, and choral concerts.

There was also a wine tasting event held which was led by the Noble Grape team from Cowbridge and was very well attended.

We continue to be indebted to Lynn Brown our director of music for her ongoing commitment to develop music for our worship and she also has all of her best wishes; We also thank Gillian and Jean for assisting Lynn on Sundays. We must also thank Moria Robinson for assisting Lynn with the ecumenical choir rehearsals and at the Carol service on Christmas Eve. This was a very successful event and the collection raised over £600 for Parkinsons UK Cymru.

We are grateful to all of those who have contributed to the work of St Illtud's throughout the year including the fund-raising group who run the Church's 100 club and other events in the church, the bellringers, flower arrangers, and all of those who help with stewarding, serving, the intercessions, collections, reading, and providing refreshments after the services.

We must thank Nick Lang for his hard work revamping the Church shop, this shop now looks amazing and stocks a fine range of local produce and gifts together with local history books and is a credit to the church. It's much appreciated by both local residents and also visitors to the church.

The West Church now has an alcohol license which means we are able to offer a bar service to those wishing to book events at the church.

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#### **Achievements and performance** *(continued)*

We also need to make a special mention and thanks to Elsie Jones, who did a fabulous job in laying the wreath on behalf of not just St Illtud's Church, but also all of the other churches in the ministry area at the Remembrance Service at the War memorial in Llantwit Major. Elsie performed this role perfectly at this very sombre event.

We continue to be grateful to our keyholder Colin for unlocking and locking the church each day. Our partnership with "The Samaritans" has continued to highlight and assist those with mental health issues, events have been held in the Church to support this partnership.

We are immensely thankful for the dedication of all the ministry team, not just in St Illtud's but throughout the Glamorgan Heritage Coast Ministry Area for their unwavering support and care that they give to our parishioners.

We also need to thank Natasha for all her great work in supporting St Illtud's church.

The LCC has met throughout the year and is working hard to continue the programme of work to repair and improve our church and church yard, there are several large projects planned which we are looking forward to. In order to improve security CCTV had now been installed inside and outside the church We have achieved many things during this year and there have also been challenges, we have much to be thankful for as we seek to continue to grow and develop. We are also always looking to encourage anyone who feels they can assist in any way.

*Rob Oldham, Tricia Lancaster & Louise Lang (Church Wardens)*

#### **St James' Church, Wick**

##### **Services**

We were very fortunate in 2025, in that we had a regular Sunday Eucharist almost every week, and we are very grateful to our clergy for maintaining this.

Only one service in September needed to be congregation led, and we had our usual combined services with our sister churches in the Western Vale during the month of August.

We are delighted to continue to welcome our Treasure Seekers twice a month during term time and appreciate all the hard work by their leaders, which adds a new and lively dimension to our services, and considerably reduces the average age of our congregation!

Our congregation numbers have remained fairly constant, between 14-24 but up to 40 for special services such as Mothering Sunday, Easter, Harvest and Christmas services.

We sadly lost our oldest member, Bunty this year, who died at the age of 91 and was buried in the churchyard alongside her husband Cyril. She was a wonderful character and will be greatly missed.

##### **Fabric**

There are a number of jobs that need to be done. The re-plastering of parts of the South wall has still not been carried out. The heating system is outdated and inefficient (and some elements are not working) and it would seem to make sense for replacement to be undertaken at the same time as the re-plastering.

The bell rope has broken and needs replacing but, before this, work is needed on the upper flooring of the tower to improve accessibility and to make it safe.

At present we have insufficient funds for these works to be completed but will look into the possibility of grants towards meeting the costs.

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#### Achievements and performance *(continued)*

##### **Churchyard**

We still have not been able to deal with the tree causing damage to one of the neighbouring walls, but we have now obtained the necessary planning permission from the Vale of Glamorgan Council and will try to proceed in early 2026 before the rooks start nesting again!

##### **Fundraising**

Many of our fundraising attempts have been frustrated by inclement weather, with 2 of our outside even cake stalls having been cancelled at the last minute! These were eventually rearranged as indoor events and were reasonably successful but not quite so much as the previous years.

We did hold our annual 'Village Tea Party' where we were wonderfully entertained by the children of Wick and Marcross C in W school. As usual it was a very successful event much enjoyed by everyone who attended.

This year we also held a Flower Festival- the first for many years -and it proved to be a wonderful event. All of the village organisations were invited to participate and many responded very positively. It brought them all together in one place and the arrangements / displays were beautiful and imaginative. Tea, coffee and cake were provided and we had a constant stream of visitors over the three days of the August Bank Holiday weekend.

It was pretty hard work but with a lovely team of enthusiastic helpers it was great fun!

Once again we would like to thank all the clergy for their support, and of course our wonderful Congregation

Thank you everyone!

*Louise Edwards*

#### **St Mary Magdalene, Monkash**

During 2025 St Mary Magdalene held monthly services of Friday Fellowship celebrating the Holy Eucharist and including the ministry of healing. Seven further services were held spread throughout the year. These included the celebration of the Holy Eucharist on Easter Sunday and Pentecost, a Patronal service for Mary Magdalene in July, a Harvest Festival, Darkness to Light and Nine Lessons and Carols.

In August we held a joint group service with St Donat's, Holy Trinity, Marcross and St James', Wick, during which there was the dedication of new church door, which replaced the outer door in the porch entrance. This was a gift from the Wilde family, whose members have worshipped in the church over many years. Gwenyth Wilde was organist in St Mary's for over sixty years.

Both the Harvest Festival and Nine Lessons and Carols services had large numbers in the congregations filling the church. As usual we had support from the local farming community and other churches within the Parish plus people from the local communities of Broughton and Monkash.

Our regular, dedicated congregation remains small in number. In August St Mary Magdalene was represented in the Flower Festival held in St James' church. Sue Evans created a beautiful floral display with additional items associated with the countryside within which our church is located. An open-air Nativity event held at Lower Monkton Farm shortly before Christmas was very well attended. The Treasure Seekers aided by donkeys, brought to life the story of Jesus' birth. Patrick and Hannah King have kindly given a donation from money raised at the event to the church.

During 2025 there was one funeral service followed by interment in the churchyard and a burial following a service elsewhere. There have been two burials of ashes within existing graves. The Christening of a member of the Wilde family was held on Easter Sunday.

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### **Achievements and performance** *(continued)*

The church continues to attract a steady stream of visitors as indicated by the entries in the Visitors' Book. Walkers in the area continue to be frequent visitors along with those who are engaged in researching their family history or who are visiting the graves of loved ones. Many visitors enjoy chatting with the Wardens, who aim to answer their questions and queries. We have also learned a lot during these conversations about families who have lived in the locality in the past. One regular visitor over many years, who travelled from Buckinghamshire to attend his wife's resting place, sadly died last year. He always wrote lovely words in the visitors' book and was very grateful for the church being open and the graveyard being carefully attended.

*Marie Sheppard*

### **St Michael's and All Angels Church, Llanmihangel**

#### **Services**

##### ***Frequency***

We have regular services at Llanmihangel on 1st and 3rd Sundays of the month. Eucharist services have been somewhat sporadic which we think is due to clergy availability/illness.

##### ***After each Service***

We continue to offer coffee and cakes after each service. Cakes are supplied on a rota basis within the congregation. People always enjoy lingering and it is wonderful to see community bonds being built and developed.

##### ***Acoustic Support***

Since a chance meeting at Easter Sunday service between Lucie and Stan Gilbert (from St Donat's), Stan has occasionally come to Llanmihangel to play the harmonium, and we are grateful for his support. We also had Jeanne from St Illtud's volunteer to play at the Carol Service, and she has volunteered to return in 2026, plans are for her to play at a baptism in February.

##### ***Attendance***

Congregation numbers still fluctuate between single and double figures – in the last 12 months, With the exception of carol service and MA service, the average attendance was recorded at 11 pax. We have suffered in the last few months as a few regular attendees have been in poor health so not able to attend. What we have noted, is that where perhaps, 3 services are lined up in a row (example November - where we had services on 2nd, 9th and 16th), due to an occasion such as Remembrance Sunday, on 3rd Sunday attendance is low. Moving forward we have decided that we should look at the year ahead in advance so that we don't overload any month with 3 services in succession.

##### ***New Faces***

We've seen a few new faces in church in the last 6 months, so trying to keep up a gentle welcoming approach to encourage people to return. What will keep Llanmihangel alive is links with the Sigingstone and Llanmihangel community. We're super happy that one of the local farmers attended the harvest service and we hope to engage more with the farming community off the back of the Plough Sunday service in January.

#### **Services - Highlights**

##### ***MA Service: August***

In 2025, we were offered the chance to host the Ministry Area service at the end of August - the church were full, with 75 people attending. Standing room only at the back! Despite the number of people, we successfully offered refreshments after the service - with a spot of help from Jenny from St Illtud's. Around 50% of the attendees stayed on for refreshments - so we know it was well worthwhile to connect with the wider MA community. Moving into 2026, we'd love to hold another MA service in the summer. Harvest Service: September We also had 16 at our harvest service - we invited local farmers and 1 couple attended (we've never seen any previously). One of the Sigingstone community, Debbie

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#### **Achievements and performance** *(continued)*

Hopkins, volunteers for Trussell Trust Food Banks and in the last 2 years we have worked in conjunction with Debbie to collect donations for food banks at our Harvest Service. September's service saw a 50% increase in donations YOY - so we know we just need to repeat how the service / collections was promoted in the local community. Ideally, we'd like to get more farmers involved in 2026.

#### ***Decorating the church - pre-Christmas***

As our church has no heating, this year Leanne and Lucie arranged a different way to tackle decorating the church - organising arrangements of greenery at the Plas and then taking them down to the church - this worked really well, we had mince pies and bubbles at the Plas. 10 people attended. We kept decorations simple with arrangements on each windowsill, ivy up the poles and a tree with fairy lights and small red ribbons. Everyone attending our services in December complimented us on the arrangements - and we've agreed to decorate the church in the same way for 2026.

#### ***Carol Service: December***

We had 60 at our annual Christmas carol service despite the poor weather. As per usual, the Plas hosted mulled wine and mince pies/sausage rolls after the service. Everyone loved our new rendition of "The 12 Days of Christmas" (flash-mob style) and feedback is that we should do something similar at the start of the service to get everyone in a jolly mood.

#### ***Christmas Morning: December***

We also had 27 at the Christmas morning service - 5 more than the previous year despite many of our regular attendees being away!

#### **Events: Fundraising**

This year we tested the water with 2 new events in our calendar - which we linked in with the Plas for:

#### ***June: Berries, Bubbles & Bygone Days***

A historical talk by Sian Evans, followed by strawberries and drinks up at the Plas. 65 people attended and we made £1,346 towards the church restoration fund.

#### ***November: Myths & Legends***

A more intimate evening of 34 people, with a short talk of local legends by Sian Evans, followed by cheese and drinks up at the Plas. We made £626 towards the church restoration fund. Oscar Johns provided creative content (posters) for each event and Lucie organised all logistics in conjunction with Leanne from the Plas. In preparation for these events, the Parish office gave the church a card reader for transactions - which worked really well to get more money (cake sales, drinks sales). In June, cakes were made by congregation / locals from Sigingstone. Ticket payments in advance via bank transfer have worked well and all logistics organised by Lucie. Because the organisation and events themselves worked well, we have plans to hold another couple of events in 2026.

#### **Events: Churchyard Working Parties**

We also had 3 churchyard working parties between Jan and June. On average 14 people attended each time and we were able to clear a lot of garden waste as well as give the interior of the church a good clean. Working only between 10 and 12.30, it gave people the opportunity to attend and still have the rest of their days free. We provided hot drinks and people brought biscuits/cakes. Some non-regular attendees from Sigingstone came to each one armed with power tools and we drew up a mini task list for each working party. Moving forward into 2026, we have agreed that we should hold 2 in the year - 1 in the spring, and 1 late autumn. This will enable us to keep on top of brambles, cut back ivy and ensure that around graves are well tended. Tony Edmonds from the village continues to come and cut the grass at no expense, which is much appreciated.

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#### Achievements and performance *(continued)*

##### Church Building: Repairs / Maintenance

###### ***Pulpit***

In April, Tony Woodroffe mended the floor in the pulpit. This now means that the pulpit, unusable for years, can now be used for services and events. Total cost £37.50.

###### ***Cover for Font***

As part of the belfry cleanup, we uncovered the wooden lid that sits on top of the font. Once again, Tony offered to mend and revarnish the lid, and it is now back on the font. Total cost £0.

###### ***Roof***

By far our biggest challenge moving forward, in December, using some money from the restoration fund, we embarked on basic roof repairs to a section of the roof – apparently the biggest issue is corroded nails holding the slates up. Initial repairs have been carried out but we need to focus on fundraising to continue this work and get the church completely watertight. Total cost to date £700.

###### ***Belfry***

In November, Graham and Lucie cleaned out the belfry - removing any surplus / old lights / broken glassware - so that we could reasonably assess the state of the belfry. Total cost £0.

###### ***Exterior Night Lights***

Following feedback at the Myths and Legends event in November, we realised that we needed to spend some cash on exterior water-resistant battery-operated lights to help light up the path to the porch and the church. 4 durable lights were sourced from Amazon as well as 3 torches and these proved very useful at the carol service. Total cost £112.02.

In 2026, we should consider purchasing a few more to drop light by the porch.

###### ***Kneelers***

It was established that the kneelers were in a sorry state of repair and needed replacing. These are essential for people to kneel at the altar when taking communion. Lucie found via Facebook a church in Nailsworth offering kneelers for £5 each. At an LCC everyone agreed that we should go for them, but arrange to hang them out between services - so they could be preserved. Tony Woodroffe put the hooks up and they are now in situ. Total cost £55.

##### **Moving into 2026: Focuses**

###### ***Services***

- Work with Edwin to set up farming related services - need to sort out dates
- Request to hold MA service again at end Aug - Sun 30th Aug Congregation
- Continue to engage congregation / wider community - encourage attendance of villagers, farmers, those who attend events
- Promote using MA Facebook page
- Ensure those on distribution lists still want to be on them (e.g.: people who don't come anymore)
- Reignite the flame for those who used to come but for some reason don't come anymore

###### ***Events***

- At least 2 events for 2026 - work in conjunction with Plas
  - Repeat of berries/bubbles in June but change up talk topic - maybe something walking related - walks in the area (check in with Sheila from Vale Walkways)
  - Music event either spring or September (whilst not too cold in church)?
  - Explore possibility of linking in with Pilgrim walk

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### Achievements and performance *(continued)*

#### **Finances**

- General fund - get congregation onboard for direct debits and see if wider community would be prepared to donate despite not always attending
- Fundraising for church restoration fund - link up with Judith (Leanne's friend)

#### **Building / Churchyard**

- Roof repairs
  - Assess what else can be done to avoid full roof replacement - replace nails?
- Stained-glass windows
  - Assess which need replacing to make building watertight - find out costs
- Churchyard
  - Set up 2 churchyard working parties - 1 for around Easter, 1 for late autumn
  - Bench in churchyard - organise something that will not rot - need to agree a location
  - Assess wall status - worst areas - chase Mr Keylock to take a look / assess

*Graham Bray, Lucie Foster (Church Wardens)*

### **St Tathan Church, St Athan**

St. Tathan's has had a somewhat "odd" year, the feeling of "hurry up... and wait" is perceptible, there is much to do and much that could be done but for one reason or another 2025 ran at 50% speed. Not so for 2026.

We have had the usual civic, religious, musical and seasonal services which we hold every year which are always very well subscribed by those in the area. There have been seven funerals and no weddings. We have settled into the routine of one Sunday Service on the second Sunday of the month there are pros and cons regarding this schedule. Numbers hover at six or seven but the service on Wednesday seems to be growing with congregations of around fifteen to seventeen people regularly packed into the lady chapel.

The Shortcut café is still doing well with a core of children and parents who I am happy to say, treat the church like home, the children run into the church far ahead of their parents and probably would stay longer if they could.

The St. Athan Belles have their handbell practice every other Tuesday and their repertoire is increasing. A community breakfast is due to be hosted in the church on May the 4th... where it is possible that characters from a long time ago from a galaxy far, far away will be in attendance.

In the wake of a very successful movie evening with the Women's Institute we have decided to explore the concept of "The Underground Cinema Club" where will be screening a variety of movies selected by ballot using the big screen and projector.

We have had our quinquennial inspection which was costed at around £132,000 but we are approaching this strategically and utilising free labour offered by a local veterans group and are aiming to complete works in record time.

The village is expanding with large new housing developments and we are working with the community council to ensure that the church remains one of the centres of village life.

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### Achievements and performance *(continued)*

#### Mothers' Union Report

##### *St Illtud's Mothers Union*

There were many highlights in our year. We met twice in January, firstly for Eucharist for Epiphany in Llysworney with our fellow members in the St Brides and Colwinston Branches. Our Wave of Prayer took place on 31 January as we met to join in the great round of prayers with which MU members praise God and support each other all around the world.

Our AGM took place at our February meeting when we were able to allocate funds to various MU projects from money raised in 2024. It was especially pleasing to be able to send over £700 to help fund the AFIA Caravan at Porthcawl which provides breaks for families who have often never had a holiday before and are desperately in need of a break.

In March, Father Craig celebrated Eucharist for us at our meeting and we also joined in the Mothering Sunday Service where members renewed their vows.

At our April meeting, our Branch Member Philip Morris spoke to us about the hymns of Mrs C F Alexander, and played so that we could sing as well.

We joined in two other Deanery events. The Deanery Festival was held in St Brides in May and to celebrate Mary Sumner Day in August we remembered the work of our founder by welcoming the other Deanery Branches who joined in the Wednesday morning Eucharist. This was followed by a delicious fish and chip lunch.

One of the highlights of our year was welcoming Jean Starr, our new Diocesan President to speak to us, she came to us fresh from a meeting of MU Provincial Leaders who had been planning for the celebration of 150 years of MU which we are celebrating now in 2026.

Our Quiet Day was held in October at All Saints in Southerndown and was led for us by Storm and Richard Hann. Our series of meditations were based on the theme of "The Cup of Life". As always it was good to set this time apart to focus in a way it is often difficult to do in our busy daily lives.

Our fundraising activities have continued Our craft/ gift stall on Holy Saturday raised money for MU projects both overseas and closer to home. These projects range through Literacy and Numeracy training and Parenting education as well as small "seed money" grants which enable women start small businesses to support and educate their families.

We have continued our contribution to the work of St Illtud's with young people, specifically we are supporting the Tiny Treasure Seekers, a group for parents and carers of very young children and babies. This group meets weekly in the West Church on Thursday mornings during term time. MU members are involved in all aspects of this group. Our Branch has specifically undertaken to support this work with the provision of refreshments and providing Mums and carers with a listening ear when needed.

As we look forward, we remember all members of our Branch and others who have nurtured us in our faith and in MU and we pray that we may carry on the work which God sets before us. We pray that we will be given the gifts which will enable our branch and our work to flourish. We ask for inspiration in our prayer, our practical work and our fund-raising which enables that work here and around the world to continue.

*Sue Beetlestone - Branch Leader*

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### Achievements and performance *(continued)*

#### ***St. Brides Major Mothers Union***

Our Mother's Union Leader is Joan McDowall - Thomas [07495 863558]. We have had a busy year with a very full and varied program, enjoying talks from very interesting people and visits to the Police Museum, Cardiff Bay and a bowling alley. We also continue our work supporting the refuge for the victims of domestic abuse in Bridgend, giving thanks to our whole Church congregation for their donations. We also support the caravan in Porthcawl who offer a holiday for people in need of a break.

### **FINANCIAL REVIEW**

#### **Management structure and accounting**

The Glamorgan Heritage Coast Ministry Area is a registered charity managed by a Ministry Area Council as trustees.

#### **Organisational structure, funding and activities**

The Ministry Area includes 12 church buildings. Title to the buildings is vested in the Representative Body of the Church in Wales. The Ministry Area also has a beneficial interest in the church hall in St Brides Major. The Representative Body of the Church in Wales holds the title to the premises on trust for the parish.

The continuing operations of the Ministry Area are funded principally from regular giving by those who attend services, and there is also some income from fees for weddings, funerals and interments, for which there is a standard scale of fees throughout the Church in Wales. There is also some income from rental of St Bridget's church hall and the church building in Southerndown. Various community activities take place in the 'West Church', a distinct area of St Illtud's Church, Llantwit Major, for which, when appropriate, a rental is charged, and Ewenny Priory Church hosts the Ewenny Arts Festival. There is some limited income from investments, discussed below.

#### **Income and expenditure**

In recent years, income and routine expenditure has been broadly in balance, though with some variation from year to year. There was, however, a significant increase in expenditure in 2023, when routine (unrestricted) expenditure exceeded income by nearly 10 per cent. While the situation improved in 2024, churches have struggled to maintain income at a level to meet outgoings, in particular energy costs.

It has, however, been encouraging to see a rise in regular giving, with many church members opting to make donations via direct debit or standing order, providing some certainty about anticipated income. We continue to claim Gift Aid wherever appropriate, which increases the value of donations.

Credit and debit card donation facilities have been installed in those churches where there is an adequate Wi-Fi or mobile phone signal, with QR codes displayed in the other churches.

Each of the churches would normally be involved in fundraising to support major projects and external charitable activities. While fundraising has gradually resumed since the pandemic, much of this has been devoted to covering running costs.

St Illtud's, St Donat's and St Mary Magdalene's churches benefitted from legacies in 2025. We greatly appreciate those who choose to remember the church when making their wills.

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#### Financial review *(continued)*

The main item of day-to-day expenditure has been the Ministry Area's contribution towards the Diocesan Common Fund, which covers the cost of clergy across all Ministry Areas in the Diocese. The Common Fund was introduced in 2025 to replace the former Fair Share system and Ministry Areas were invited to pledge an appropriate contribution. For 2025, our pledge amounted to £157,607, which represented an 8 per cent increase over our 2024 contribution to diocesan funds.

The Ministry Area also has its own running costs. Apart from staff costs, central funds cover clergy expenses, printing of booklets and newsheets, and provision of altar supplies to all the churches. These costs are funded by contributions from the churches, supplemented by income from property rental and occasional fees for administrative services, including arrangements for weddings.

In addition to funds available for day-to-day expenditure, each of the churches has one or more restricted funds which may only be accessed for specific purposes. Regulations require that fees for burials and interment of ashes are allocated to a fund for the maintenance of the churchyard.

Total income for the year was £371,917 (2024 £351,725), of which £346,308 (2024 £293,857) was unrestricted. Total expenditure was £352,848 (2024 £362,247), of which £336,848 (2024 £291,752) was unrestricted.

Project activity often spans more than one year with a consequent disparity in annual income and expenditure. Restricted income in 2025 was £22,620 (2024 £54,929) and expenditure £16,000 (2024 £70,495).

#### Investment policy

All current investments have arisen from sale of property, specific donations or bequests rather than being generated from surpluses. In such circumstances, the Council has regard to any specific or implied conditions relating to use of the funds.

The Ministry Area receives rental income from a residential property in Llantwit Major. This is seen as a long-term source of income. There is some expenditure on maintenance, which will vary from year to year, in order to keep the property in good order.

Two of the churches benefit from permanent endowments, drawing income while maintaining the capital. The investments take the form of shares in the Church in Wales Common Investment Fund. This fund aims to achieve a balance between sustainable levels of income and capital growth; to optimise total returns without undue risk; and to operate within the constraints of the Church in Wales' Ethical Investment Policy.

- Under the R H Thomas Trust, the proceeds of the sale of Flush House, Llantwit Major are held in trust for the benefit of St Donat's Church.
- Proceeds of the sale in 1945 of a house and land in Llanmaes left to the church by Miss Catherine Richards have been invested to provide income for St Cattwg's Church. While use of the income from the bequest is discretionary, Miss Richards' will requests that family graves are maintained.

There are Chancel Repair Funds for St Bridget's and St Illtud's churches which are also invested in the Common Investment Fund, in these cases with the income being routinely reinvested to provide for growth of the Fund. Until October 2024, the use of these funds had been subject to regulations under the Tithe Act 1936, which restricted their use to maintenance and insurance against fire of the walls, roof and floor of the chancel, but not of other parts of the church or of monuments, stained glass or decorations. Under the latest regulations, the funds (both capital and income) may be used for the repair, maintenance, improvement and insurance of the whole of the church, rather than just the chancel.

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#### Financial review *(continued)*

During 2025 the Chancel Repair Fund for St Mary Magdalene's Church in Monknash was used to defray the cost of renewing the chancel roof. That fund is now extinguished. It is anticipated that the Chancel Repair Fund for St Bridget's Church will contribute towards the cost of restoring the church bells.

St Tathan's Church has investment funds arising from the sale of a church hall and land. This has been used to support ongoing activities and maintenance at St Tathan's Church. Both dividend income and capital have been used for these purposes. At the year-end the holding had a value of £246,839.

The total value of Ministry Area investments in the Church in Wales Common Investment Fund at the year-end was £405,363. In addition, £46,196 was held in short-term cash deposits.

The Representative Body of the Church in Wales also holds some funds which may be made available in appropriate circumstances. These include the proceeds of the sale of a house in Llantwit Major, held for the benefit of the church there, and of a Deed of Gift benefitting St Giles' Church.

#### Reserves policy

Apart from the investments described above, the Ministry Area and the individual churches hold funds to meet current and anticipated expenditure.

At the end of 2025, funds held in current or deposit accounts amounted to £376,825. Some of this was in restricted or designated funds for particular purposes, while £242,645 would be available for such purposes as may be approved by the Council consistent with the constitution. While in total this is more than adequate to cover the routine expenditure of the Ministry Area, the funds are held in 30 different bank accounts, in most cases operated by local treasurers, who will need to address the particular needs of their churches and the community.

Overall reserves at the year-end are £831,829 (2024 £782,773), of which £530,932 (2024 £497,104) is unrestricted, while £166,840 (2024 £161,542) is restricted and £134,058 (2024 £124,127) is in the form of endowment funds.

The reserves should provide the Ministry Area with adequate financial stability and the means for it to meet its charitable objectives for the foreseeable future.

The Council intends to maintain reserves at a level which is at least equivalent to six months' operational expenditure, having regard to anticipated income and outgoings and limitations on the uses for particular funds.

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### PLANS FOR FUTURE PERIODS

There is optimism that more activities will be possible during 2026 and future years. The income stream will remain heavily dependent on commitments to regular giving, with active encouragement for the use of the Church in Wales Gift Direct facility, providing for regular donations by direct debit, and other forms of direct payment. We also intend to make greater use of contactless giving in our churches.

For 2026, our contribution towards the Common Fund will be £167,063, which is 6 per cent above the 2025 figure. The pledge is primarily funded by the individual churches, which rely on regular giving from their congregations in order to maintain these payments. In view of the extent of the overall increase we have budgeted for individual churches to increase their commitment by 5 per cent over 2025 levels, with the balance coming from reserves. We intend that from 2027 our contributions will cover the cost of 3 stipendiary clergy.

Maintaining church buildings will remain a major concern. The Ministry Area includes eleven listed buildings, regarded as being of particular historical and architectural significance. While some grant funding may be available for major works, in each case there will be a need for initial funding and fundraising by local people.

There is concern over the decision by the UK Government to terminate the Listed Places of Worship Grant Scheme, under which grants had been provided to cover the VAT paid on major work to listed buildings used as places of worship. Most of our churches have benefitted from the scheme in the past, including three during 2025. The government has announced a new, more limited, Places of Worship Renewal Fund for England, but no such fund has been announced for Wales.

The evaluation of any proposal will involve an assessment of the benefit to be provided by the proposed work and the extent to which this will contribute to the mission of the church, the needs of the wider community and the preservation of heritage. In each case, formal permission will be required before undertaking major works on a listed building.

We are grateful to local church treasurers, who have played a key role in the activities of the Ministry Area. With the impending retirement of several of the treasurers, the finances of some of the churches will be administered centrally within the Ministry Area, maintaining discrete funds but reducing the number of bank accounts. We will however remain reliant on local contacts for ensuring a steady income and identifying necessary expenditure.

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### STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

#### Description of the Ministry Area

The Glamorgan Heritage Coast Ministry Area is situated in the Vale of Glamorgan, South Wales. It is in the Vale of Glamorgan Deanery Diocese of Llandaff.

#### Dedications of the churches within the Ministry Area and their locations

All Saints	Southerndown
Ewenny Priory (St Michael and All Angels)	Ewenny
St Bridget	St Brides Major
St Cattwg	Llanmaes
St Donat	St Donat's
St Giles	Gileston
St Illtud	Llantwit Major
St James	Wick
St Mary Magdalene	Monknash
Holy Trinity	Marcross
St Michael and All Angels	Llanmihangel
St Tathan	St Athan

#### Names of all persons who were MAC members during the financial year and any Parochial Office held.

Mr Eddie Williams	Chair
Canon Edwin Counsell	Ministry Area Leader
Fr Craig Vaughan	Vicar
Rev'd Emma Street	Vicar
Mr Robert Oldham	Representative: St Illtud's, Llantwit Major
Mrs Louise Edwards	Representative: St James', Wick
Mr Jeffrey Robinson	Representative: St Cattwg's, Llanmaes
Mrs Sharon Evans	Representative: Holy Trinity Marcross
Mrs Marie Sheppard	Representative: St Mary's, Monknash
Mr Richard Simpson	Representative: St Tathan, St Athan
Mrs Lynda Mumford	Representative: St Giles, Gileston
Mr Graham Bray	Representative: St Michael's, Llanmihangel
Mrs Joy Newton	Representative: St Bridget's, St Brides Major
Mrs Sam Budd	Representative: St Michael's, Ewenny Priory
Ms Sian Tesni Roberts	Representative: St Donat's, St Donats

#### Ministry Area Administrator and Secretary to the Council:

Mrs Natasha Jones

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### Structure, governance and management *(continued)*

#### Details of Governance

The Ministry Area Council is an unincorporated charity, governed by its constitution adopted 1 February 2004, as amended on 24 July 2018.

The Constitution of the Church in Wales defines the functions and powers of a Ministry Area Council.

These include:

1. the promotion of the mission of the Church in the Ministry Area;
2. consideration of matters concerning the Church in Wales (but not declarations of doctrine);
3. propagation and implementation of any provision made by the Governing Body, the Representative Body or the Diocesan or Deanery Conference;
4. the discharge of the duties placed upon it by any Regulations made under the provisions of the Constitution;
5. all Ministry Area finances, the preparation of the Ministry Area budget and production of a report and accounts in accordance with the Charities Act and Church in Wales Accounting Regulations;
6. advising on matters properly referred to it and taking into consideration any expression of opinion by any properly constituted church meeting; and
7. communication with the Diocesan and Deanery Conferences on such matters as the Council deems appropriate.

The Council shall be the normal channel of communication between the parishioners and the Bishop.

The Ministry Area holds an Annual Vestry Meeting and ensures that every member of the Council signs a declaration that they will be bound by the Constitution.

The trustees' annual report was approved on .....<sup>27<sup>th</sup> May 2026</sup>..... and signed on behalf of the board of trustees by:

Signed .....  .....

Print name ..... E. WILLIAMS .....  
Trustee

Signed .....  .....

Print Name ..... EDWIN COWSER .....  
Trustee

# Glamorgan Heritage Coast Ministry Area

## Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of Glamorgan Heritage Coast Ministry Area

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I report to the trustees on my examination of the financial statements of Glamorgan Heritage Coast Ministry Area ('the charity') for the year ended 31 December 2025.

### Responsibilities and basis of report

As the trustees of the charity you are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the Act').

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

### Independent examiner's statement

Since the charity's gross income exceeded £250,000 your examiner must be a member of a body listed in section 145 of the 2011 Act. I confirm that I am qualified to undertake the examination because I am a member of the Association of Chartered Certified Accountants (ACCA), which is one of the listed bodies.

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

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

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

Farzana Ahmed ACCA  
Independent Examiner

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Date:

# Glamorgan Heritage Coast Ministry Area

## Statement of Financial Activities

Year ended 31 December 2025

		2025			2024
	Note	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Endowment funds £	Total funds £
<b>Income and endowments</b>					
Donations and legacies	4	249,981	5,876	–	<b>255,857</b>
Charitable activities	5	14,133	11,532	–	<b>25,665</b>
Other trading activities	6	36,892	3,648	–	<b>40,540</b>
Investment income	7	21,950	1,463	2,989	<b>26,402</b>
Other income	8	23,352	101	–	<b>23,453</b>
<b>Total income</b>		<u>346,308</u>	<u>22,620</u>	<u>2,989</u>	<u><b>371,917</b></u>
<b>Expenditure</b>					
Expenditure on raising funds:					
Costs of other trading activities	9	12,143	303	–	<b>12,446</b>
Expenditure on charitable activities	10,11	319,973	15,614	–	<b>335,587</b>
Other expenditure	13	4,732	83	–	<b>4,815</b>
<b>Total expenditure</b>		<u>336,848</u>	<u>16,000</u>	<u>–</u>	<u><b>352,848</b></u>
Net gains on investments	14	18,285	1,772	9,930	<b>29,987</b>
<b>Net income</b>		<u>27,745</u>	<u>8,392</u>	<u>12,919</u>	<u><b>49,056</b></u>
Transfers between funds		6,083	(3,094)	(2,989)	–
<b>Net movement in funds</b>		<u>33,828</u>	<u>5,298</u>	<u>9,930</u>	<u><b>49,056</b></u>
<b>Reconciliation of funds</b>					
Total funds brought forward		497,104	161,542	124,127	<b>782,773</b>
<b>Total funds carried forward</b>		<u>530,932</u>	<u>166,840</u>	<u>134,057</u>	<u><b>831,829</b></u>

The statement of financial activities includes all gains and losses recognised in the year. All income and expenditure derive from continuing activities.

The notes on pages 27 to 39 form part of these financial statements.

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## Statement of Financial Position

31 December 2025

	Note	2025 £	2024 £
<b>Fixed assets</b>			
Investments	19	405,363	375,112
<b>Current assets</b>			
Stocks	20	5,470	848
Debtors	21	4,796	14,808
Cash at bank and in hand		423,021	401,515
		<u>433,287</u>	<u>417,171</u>
<b>Creditors: amounts falling due within one year</b>	22	<u>(6,821)</u>	<u>(9,510)</u>
<b>Net current assets</b>		<u>426,466</u>	<u>407,661</u>
<b>Total assets less current liabilities</b>		<u>831,829</u>	<u>782,773</u>
<b>Net assets</b>		<u>831,829</u>	<u>782,773</u>
<b>Funds of the charity</b>			
Endowment funds		134,057	124,127
Restricted funds		166,840	161,542
Unrestricted funds		530,932	497,104
<b>Total charity funds</b>	24	<u>831,829</u>	<u>782,773</u>

These financial statements were approved by the board of trustees and authorised for issue on 27<sup>th</sup> May 2026, and are signed on behalf of the board by:

Signed  .....

Signed  .....

Print name E. WILLIAMS  
Trustee

Print Name E. WILLIAMS  
Trustee

# Glamorgan Heritage Coast Ministry Area

## Notes to the Financial Statements

Year ended 31 December 2025

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### 1. General information

The charity is a public benefit entity and a registered charity in England and Wales and is unincorporated. The address of the principal office is The Rectory, High Street, Llantwit Major, CF61 1SS.

### 2. Statement of compliance

These financial statements have been prepared in compliance with FRS 102, 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and the Republic of Ireland', the Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (Charities SORP (FRS 102)) and the Charities Act 2011.

### 3. Accounting policies

#### Basis of preparation

The financial statements have been prepared on the historical cost basis, as modified by the revaluation of certain financial assets and liabilities and investment properties measured at fair value through income or expenditure.

The financial statements are prepared in sterling, which is the functional currency of the entity.

#### Going concern

After making reasonable enquiries and having considered the impact of various other factors on the financial performance of the charity and its current position, the trustees believe the charity will be able to continue to fulfil its charitable purpose, will be able to meet its liabilities as they fall due and will have adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. Accordingly, the trustees continue to adopt the going concern basis in preparing the financial statements.

#### Judgements and key sources of estimation uncertainty

The preparation of the financial statements requires management to make judgements, estimates and assumptions that affect the amounts reported. These estimates and judgements are continually reviewed and are based on experience and other factors, including expectations of future events that are believed to be reasonable under the circumstances.

There are no material judgements or estimation uncertainties to note.

#### Fund accounting

Unrestricted funds are available for use at the discretion of the trustees to further any of the charity's purposes.

Restricted funds are subjected to restrictions on their expenditure declared by the donor or through the terms of an appeal, and fall into one of two sub-classes: restricted income funds or endowment funds.

#### Incoming resources

All income is included in the statement of financial activities when entitlement has passed to the charity, it is probable that the economic benefits associated with the transaction will flow to the charity and the amount can be reliably measured. The following specific policies are applied to particular categories of income:

- income from donations or grants is recognised when there is evidence of entitlement to the gift, receipt is probable and its amount can be measured reliably.
  - legacy income is recognised when receipt is probable and entitlement is established.
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## Notes to the Financial Statements *(continued)*

### Year ended 31 December 2025

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#### 3. Accounting policies *(continued)*

##### Resources expended

Expenditure is recognised on an accruals basis as a liability is incurred and is classified under headings of the statement of financial activities to which it relates:

- expenditure on raising funds includes the costs of all fundraising activities, events, non-charitable trading activities, and the sale of donated goods.
- expenditure on charitable activities includes all costs incurred by a charity in undertaking activities that further its charitable aims for the benefit of its beneficiaries, including those support costs and costs relating to the governance of the charity apportioned to charitable activities.
- other expenditure includes all expenditure that is neither related to raising funds for the charity nor part of its expenditure on charitable activities.

All costs are allocated to expenditure categories reflecting the use of the resource. Direct costs attributable to a single activity are allocated directly to that activity. Shared costs are apportioned between the activities they contribute to on a reasonable, justifiable and consistent basis.

##### Investments

Unlisted equity investments are initially recorded at cost, and subsequently measured at fair value. If fair value cannot be reliably measured, assets are measured at cost less impairment.

Listed investments are measured at fair value with changes in fair value being recognised in income or expenditure.

##### Operating leases

Lease payments are recognised as an expense over the lease term on a straight-line basis. The aggregate benefit of lease incentives is recognised as a reduction to expense over the lease term, on a straight-line basis.

##### Stocks

Stocks are measured at the lower of cost and estimated selling price less costs to complete and sell. Cost includes all costs of purchase, costs of conversion and other costs incurred in bringing the stock to its present location and condition.

##### Financial instruments

A financial asset or a financial liability is recognised only when the entity becomes a party to the contractual provisions of the instrument.

Basic financial instruments are initially recognised at the amount receivable or payable including any related transaction costs.

Current assets and current liabilities are subsequently measured at the cash or other consideration expected to be paid or received and not discounted.

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## Notes to the Financial Statements *(continued)*

Year ended 31 December 2025

### 4. Donations and legacies

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2025 £
<b>Donations</b>			
Planned Giving	80,410	1,300	81,710
Loose Collections	33,652	104	33,756
Donations	52,484	3,451	55,935
For Mission	371	–	371
Tax Refunds	31,607	271	31,878
<b>Legacies</b>			
Legacies	25,875	–	25,875
<b>Grants</b>			
St Illtud's:			
Making a Difference Locally	1,000	–	1,000
Llandaff & Monmouth Bell Ringers Assoc	1,015	–	1,015
Listed Place of Worship Grant Scheme	406	–	406
St Giles:			
St Athan Community Council	–	350	350
St Cattwg's:			
Listed Place of Worship Grant Scheme	382	–	382
St Mary's, Monknash:			
Listed Places of Worship Grant Scheme	675	–	675
St Athan:			
St Athan Community Council	–	400	400
Parish Office:			
Llandaff Diocesan Board of Finance	450	–	450
Llandaff Diocesan Board of Finance	1,354	–	1,354
St Bridget's:			
St Bride's Community Council	1,000	–	1,000
Vale of Glamorgan Council	10,399	–	10,399
Glamorgan Heritage Llandaff DBF	7,500	–	7,500
Charities Trust	940	–	940
Glamorgan Voluntary Services	461	–	461
	<u>249,981</u>	<u>5,876</u>	<u>255,857</u>

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## Notes to the Financial Statements *(continued)*

Year ended 31 December 2025

### 4. Donations and legacies *(continued)*

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2024 £
<b>Donations</b>			
Planned Giving	81,536	2,033	83,569
Loose Collections	31,434	–	31,434
Donations	36,185	4,585	40,770
For Mission	406	–	406
Tax Refunds	30,866	–	30,866
<b>Legacies</b>			
Legacies	11,921	–	11,921
<b>Grants</b>			
St Illtud's:			
Llandaff Diocesan Board of Finance	4,000	–	4,000
St Giles:			
St Athan Community Council	350	–	350
St Cattwg's:			
Listed Place of Worship Grant Scheme	–	3,065	3,065
St Mary's, Monknash:			
Welsh Church Act Fund	–	5,000	5,000
Llandaff Diocesan Board of Finance	–	3,000	3,000
Listed Places of Worship Grant Scheme	–	7,313	7,313
National Churches Trust	–	3,000	3,000
Wolfson Foundation	–	9,000	9,000
St James', Wick:			
Listed Places of Worship Grant Scheme	–	750	750
Parish Office:			
Ty Cerdd	–	1,500	1,500
St Bridget's:			
SB Community Council	200	–	200
Miscellaneous other small grants	150	–	150
	<u>197,048</u>	<u>39,246</u>	<u>236,294</u>

### 5. Charitable activities

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2025 £
Sale of goods/services as part of direct charitable activities	<u>14,133</u>	<u>11,532</u>	<u>25,665</u>

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2024 £
Sale of goods/services as part of direct charitable activities	<u>15,650</u>	<u>10,671</u>	<u>26,321</u>

This relates to church fees for weddings, funerals and interments. Fees are set by the Representative Body of the Church in Wales.

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## Notes to the Financial Statements *(continued)*

Year ended 31 December 2025

### 6. Other trading activities

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2025 £
Fundraising events	28,108	3,648	31,756
Shop income	8,784	—	8,784
	<u>36,892</u>	<u>3,648</u>	<u>40,540</u>

  

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2024 £
Fundraising events	18,807	2,503	21,310
Shop income	4,404	—	4,404
	<u>23,211</u>	<u>2,503</u>	<u>25,714</u>

### 7. Investment income

Title to the residential property in Illtyd Avenue, Llantwit Major is vested in the Representative Body of the Church in Wales. The Ministry Area receives rental income and has responsibility for maintenance.

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Endowment Funds £	Total Funds 2025 £
Income from investment properties	9,900	—	—	9,900
Income from listed investments	5,503	530	2,989	9,022
Bank interest receivable	6,547	933	—	7,480
	<u>21,950</u>	<u>1,463</u>	<u>2,989</u>	<u>26,402</u>

  

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Endowment Funds £	Total Funds 2024 £
Income from investment properties	9,500	—	—	9,500
Income from listed investments	11,093	516	2,939	14,548
Bank interest receivable	7,792	370	—	8,162
	<u>28,385</u>	<u>886</u>	<u>2,939</u>	<u>32,210</u>

### 8. Other income

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2025 £
Other income	23,352	101	23,453
	<u>23,352</u>	<u>101</u>	<u>23,453</u>

  

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2024 £
Other income	29,563	1,623	31,186
	<u>29,563</u>	<u>1,623</u>	<u>31,186</u>

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## Notes to the Financial Statements *(continued)*

Year ended 31 December 2025

### 9. Costs of other trading activities

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2025 £
Costs of other trading activities - Shop costs	1,366	—	1,366
Costs of money raising - Staging events	10,777	303	11,080
	<u>12,143</u>	<u>303</u>	<u>12,446</u>

  

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2024 £
Costs of other trading activities - Shop costs	3,116	—	3,116
Costs of money raising - Staging events	6,437	112	6,549
	<u>9,553</u>	<u>112</u>	<u>9,665</u>

### 10. Expenditure on charitable activities by fund type

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2025 £
Support for Ministry	168,165	—	168,165
Parish Running Costs	40,746	3,642	44,388
Church Property	82,338	11,972	94,310
Missions	23,924	—	23,924
Support costs	4,800	—	4,800
	<u>319,973</u>	<u>15,614</u>	<u>335,587</u>

  

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2024 £
Support for Ministry	154,079	—	154,079
Parish Running Costs	31,063	5,563	36,626
Church Property	63,495	64,765	128,260
Missions	28,500	—	28,500
Support costs	3,840	—	3,840
	<u>280,977</u>	<u>70,328</u>	<u>351,305</u>

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## Notes to the Financial Statements *(continued)*

Year ended 31 December 2025

### 11. Expenditure on charitable activities by activity type

	Activities undertaken directly £	Support costs £	<b>Total funds 2025 £</b>	Total fund 2024 £
Support for Ministry	168,165	–	<b>168,165</b>	154,079
Parish Running Costs	44,388	–	<b>44,388</b>	36,626
Church Property	94,310	–	<b>94,310</b>	128,260
Missions	23,924	–	<b>23,924</b>	28,500
Governance costs	–	4,800	<b>4,800</b>	3,840
	<u>330,787</u>	<u>4,800</u>	<b><u>335,587</u></b>	<u>351,305</u>

### 12. Analysis of support costs

	Analysis of support costs £	<b>Total 2025 £</b>	Total 2024 £
Governance costs	<u>4,800</u>	<b><u>4,800</u></b>	<u>3,480</u>

### 13. Other expenditure

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	<b>Total Funds 2025 £</b>
Other expenditure	<u>4,732</u>	<u>83</u>	<b><u>4,815</u></b>

  

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2024 £
Other expenditure	<u>1,222</u>	<u>55</u>	<u>1,277</u>

### 14. Net gains on investments

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Endowment Funds £	<b>Total Funds 2025 £</b>
Gains/(losses) on listed investments	<u>18,285</u>	<u>1,772</u>	<u>9,930</u>	<b><u>29,987</u></b>

  

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Endowment Funds £	Total Funds 2024 £
Gains/(losses) on listed investments	<u>11,870</u>	<u>1,134</u>	<u>6,446</u>	<u>19,450</u>

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## Notes to the Financial Statements *(continued)*

### Year ended 31 December 2025

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#### 15. Independent examination fees

	<b>2025</b>	2024
	<b>£</b>	£
Fees payable to the independent examiner for: Independent examination of the financial statements	<b><u>4,080</u></b>	<u>3,480</u>

#### 16. Staff costs

The total staff costs and employee benefits for the reporting period are analysed as follows:

	<b>2025</b>	2024
	<b>£</b>	£
Wages and salaries	20,080	15,732
Social security costs	2,079	843
Employer contributions to pension plans	480	—
	<u>22,639</u>	<u>16,575</u>

The average head count of employees during the year was 1 (2024: 1). The average number of full-time equivalent employees during the year is analysed as follows:

	<b>2025</b>	2024
	<b>No.</b>	No.
Number of staff - admin	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>

No employee received employee benefits of more than £60,000 during the year (2024: Nil).

#### 17. Trustee remuneration and expenses

No remuneration or other benefits from employment with the charity or a related entity were received by the trustees.

During the year, 3 trustees received a total of £10,879 for expenses reasonably incurred in the course of their duties as clergy (2024: 4, £10,067).

#### 18. Transfers between funds

A variety of transfers between funds took place within the year, as detailed in note 24, and mostly relate to the income from investments being transferred to general funds. It also includes the transfer from Monknash Chancel Repair Fund to unrestricted funds, as this has been used towards the cost of renewing the Chancel Roof, so is now fully spent.

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## Notes to the Financial Statements *(continued)*

Year ended 31 December 2025

### 19. Investments

	Cash or cash equivalents £	Listed investments £	Total £
<b>Cost or valuation</b>			
At 1 January 2025	152	374,960	<b>375,112</b>
Additions	530	519	<b>1,049</b>
Disposals	(521)	(268)	<b>(789)</b>
Fair value movements	–	29,991	<b>29,991</b>
<b>At 31 December 2025</b>	<u>161</u>	<u>405,202</u>	<u><b>405,363</b></u>
<b>Impairment</b>			
<b>At 1 January 2025 and 31 December 2025</b>			<u><b>–</b></u>
<b>Carrying amount</b>			
<b>At 31 December 2025</b>	<u>161</u>	<u>405,202</u>	<u><b>405,363</b></u>
At 31 December 2024	<u>152</u>	<u>374,960</u>	<u>375,112</u>

All investments shown above are held at valuation.

#### Financial assets held at fair value

Investments are held in The Church In Wales Common Investment Fund. Statements are received stating the middle market valuation of a share at the year-end. This is considered to be fair value and the value of each investment is calculated accordingly.

### 20. Stocks

	2025 £	2024 £
Raw materials and consumables	<u>5,470</u>	<u>848</u>

### 21. Debtors

	2025 £	2024 £
Other debtors	<u>4,796</u>	<u>14,808</u>

### 22. Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2025 £	2024 £
Accruals and deferred income	<u>6,821</u>	<u>9,510</u>

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## Notes to the Financial Statements *(continued)*

### Year ended 31 December 2025

#### 23. Pensions and other post-retirement benefits

##### Defined contribution plans

The amount recognised in income or expenditure as an expense in relation to defined contribution plans was £480 (2024: £Nil).

#### 24. Analysis of charitable funds

##### Unrestricted funds

	At 1 Jan 2025 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers £	Gains and losses £	At 31 Dec 2025 £
General funds	497,104	346,308	(336,848)	6,083	18,285	530,932

  

	At 1 Jan 2024 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers £	Gains and losses £	At 31 Dec 2024 £
General funds	480,190	293,857	(291,752)	2,939	11,870	497,104

##### Endowment funds

	At 1 Jan 2025 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers £	Gains and losses £	At 31 Dec 2025 £
<b>Permanent Endowment Funds:</b>						
<b>St Donat's Church, St Donat's</b>						
RH Thomas Trust	114,951	2,768	–	(2,768)	9,196	124,147
<b>St Cattwg's Church, Llanmaes</b>						
Miss Richards' Bequest	9,176	221	–	(221)	734	9,910
	124,127	2,989	–	(2,989)	9,930	134,057

  

	At 1 Jan 2024 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers £	Gains and losses £	At 31 Dec 2024 £
<b>Permanent Endowment Funds:</b>						
<b>St Donat's Church, St Donat's</b>						
RH Thomas Trust	108,981	2,722	–	(2,722)	5,970	114,951
<b>St Cattwg's Church, Llanmaes</b>						
Miss Richards' Bequest	8,700	217	–	(217)	476	9,176
	117,681	2,939	–	(2,939)	6,446	124,127

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## Notes to the Financial Statements *(continued)*

Year ended 31 December 2025

### 24. Analysis of charitable funds *(continued)*

Restricted funds							
	At 1 Jan 2025 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers £	Gains and losses £		At 31 Dec 2025 £
<b>St Illtud's Church, Llantwit Major:</b>							
Access	729	–	–	–	–		729
Cowethas Peran Sans	246	–	–	–	–		246
Friends of St Illtud's	16,391	420	–	–	–		16,811
Toddler Group	159	11	–	–	–		170
Galilee Account	18,983	–	–	–	–		18,983
Churchyard	20,130	5,652	(387)	–	–		25,395
Chancel Repair	3,658	87	–	–	293		4,038
Youth Project	1,136	1,591	(1,414)	–	–		1,313
<b>St Cattwg's Church, Llanmaes:</b>							
Churchyard Restoration / Maintenance	2,190 11,501	100 –	(129) (2,289)	17 –	– –		2,178 9,212
<b>St James' Church, Wick:</b>							
Restoration	856	500	–	–	–		1,356
Churchyard	2,842	2,946	(1,321)	–	–		4,467
Youth Work	1,555	–	–	–	–		1,555
Friends of St James'	675	1,076	–	–	–		1,751
<b>St Tathan Church, St Athan:</b>							
Churchyard	768	2,848	(5,566)	1,950	–		–
Bells & Tower	21,083	1,202	–	100	–		22,385
<b>St Giles' Church, Gileston:</b>							
Cemetery	1,805	512	–	–	–		2,317
<b>St Donat's Church, St Donat's:</b>							
Churchyard	6,442	–	(1,918)	(310)	–		4,214
<b>Holy Trinity Church, Marcross:</b>							
Churchyard	25	–	(440)	415	–		–
Restoration	–	415	–	–	–		415
<b>St Mary's Church, Monknash:</b>							
Churchyard	1,239	420	(720)	–	–		939
Chancel Repair	5,270	–	–	(5,266)	(4)		–
<b>Ewenny Priory:</b>							
Churchyard	6,220	–	–	–	–		6,220
Legacy Fund	12,611	–	–	–	–		12,611
<b>St Bridget's, St Brides Major &amp; All Saints, Southerndown:</b>							
Chancel Repair	18,502	443	–	–	1,483		20,428
Bells	–	1,575	(600)	–	–		975
<b>Parish Office:</b>							
Early Voices	–	–	–	–	–		–
St Michael's Churchyard	371	600	(80)	–	–		891
St Michael's Restoration	6,155	2,222	(1,136)	–	–		7,241
	<u>161,542</u>	<u>22,620</u>	<u>(16,000)</u>	<u>(3,094)</u>	<u>1,772</u>		<u>166,840</u>

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## Notes to the Financial Statements *(continued)*

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### 24. Analysis of charitable funds *(continued)*

<b>Restricted funds</b>							
	At 1 Jan 2024	Income	Expenditure	Transfers	Gains and losses		At 31 Dec 2024
	£	£	£	£	£		£
<b>St Illtud's Church, Llantwit Major:</b>							
Access	729	–	–	–	–		729
Cowethas Peran Sans	246	–	–	–	–		246
Friends of St Illtud's	15,682	709	–	–	–		16,391
Toddler Group	159	–	–	–	–		159
Galilee Account	18,983	–	–	–	–		18,983
Churchyard	17,700	4,705	(2,275)	–	–		20,130
Chancel Repair	3,389	84	–	–	185		3,658
Youth Project	2,369	648	(1,881)	–	–		1,136
<b>St Cattwg's Church, Llanmaes:</b>							
Churchyard	2,284	540	(634)	–	–		2,190
Restoration / Maintenance	5,454	6,159	(112)	–	–		11,501
<b>St James' Church, Wick:</b>							
Restoration	3,802	2,275	(7,461)	2,240	–		856
Churchyard	2,605	1,521	(1,284)	–	–		2,842
Youth Work	1,869	–	(314)	–	–		1,555
Friends of St James'	1,820	1,095	–	(2,240)	–		675
<b>St Tathan Church, St Athan:</b>							
Churchyard	804	5,558	(5,594)	–	–		768
Bells & Tower	20,590	493	–	–	–		21,083
<b>St Giles' Church, Gileston:</b>							
Cemetery	1,805	–	–	–	–		1,805
<b>St Donat's Church, St Donat's:</b>							
Churchyard	6,442	–	–	–	–		6,442
<b>Holy Trinity Church, Marcross:</b>							
Churchyard	–	505	(480)	–	–		25
<b>St Mary's Church, Monknash:</b>							
Churchyard	21,671	28,528	(48,960)	–	–		1,239
Chancel Repair	5,250	6	–	–	14		5,270
<b>Ewenny Priory:</b>							
Churchyard	6,220	–	–	–	–		6,220
Legacy Fund	12,611	–	–	–	–		12,611
<b>St Bridget's, St Brides Major &amp; All Saints, Southerndown:</b>							
Chancel Repair	17,141	426	–	–	935		18,502
<b>Parish Office:</b>							
Early Voices	–	1,500	(1,500)	–	–		–
St Michael's Churchyard	319	52	–	–	–		371
St Michael's Restoration	6,030	125	–	–	–		6,155
	<u>175,974</u>	<u>54,929</u>	<u>(70,495)</u>	<u>–</u>	<u>1,134</u>		<u>161,542</u>

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### 25. Analysis of net assets between funds

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Endowment Funds £	Total Funds 2025 £
Investments	246,839	24,467	134,057	<b>405,363</b>
Current assets	290,674	142,613	–	<b>433,287</b>
Creditors less than 1 year	(6,581)	(240)	–	<b>(6,821)</b>
<b>Net assets</b>	<u>530,932</u>	<u>166,840</u>	<u>134,057</u>	<u><b>831,829</b></u>

  

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Endowment Funds £	Total Funds 2024 £
Investments	228,555	22,430	124,127	375,112
Current assets	277,819	139,352	–	417,171
Creditors less than 1 year	(9,270)	(240)	–	(9,510)
<b>Net assets</b>	<u>497,104</u>	<u>161,542</u>	<u>124,127</u>	<u>782,773</u>

### 26. Operating lease commitments

The total future minimum lease payments under non-cancellable operating leases are as follows:

	2025 £	2024 £
Not later than 1 year	<b>1,886</b>	1,896
Later than 1 year and not later than 5 years	<b>6,602</b>	474
	<u><b>8,488</b></u>	<u>2,370</u>

During 2025, the Ministry Area entered into a 5-year lease for a photocopier.