

**THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH OF ST CUTHBURGA,
WIMBORNE MINSTER TRUSTEES' REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2025**

Charity number 1138072

THE TRUSTEES - The following served the charity during the year: -

The Reverend Canon Andrew J W Rowland - Chair

The Reverend Heather Waldsax (ex officio)

The Reverend Marianne Mangham (ex officio)

Mr Andrew Patrick, Church Warden (Deputy Churchwarden until 22 May 2025) – Vice Chair

Mr Peter Cook, Church Warden (Deputy Church Warden until 22 May 2025)

Mr Bruce Jensen, Deputy Church Warden (Churchwarden until 22 May 2025)

Mr Richard Knott (Honorary Treasurer and Deputy Church Warden)

Mrs Jane Davidson (Safeguarding Officer)

Mrs Deirdre F Ashton (Deputy Safeguarding Officer)

Mrs Anne King

Mrs Sarah Steele

Mrs Alison Francis

Mrs Heather Davey

Mrs Minna Harvey

Mr Dennis Child

Mr Andrew Kelley

Dr John Waldsax

Mr David Allen

Mrs Angela Mullens

Honorary Secretary Mrs Rosalind Bown Jensen (from 22 May 2025). Previously vacant

(Electoral Roll Officer Mrs Ruth Marshall)

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Preamble

In line with the requirements of Church Accounting Regulations (2006) together with accounting standards and the Charities SORP applicable to Parochial Church Councils within the Church of England, the financial activities of the Wimborne Minster PCC are presented in this document

Constitution of the Council

The Parochial Church Council is a corporate body established by the Church of England. The PCC operates under the Parochial Church Council Powers Measure. The PCC was registered with the Charity Commission with effect from February 2010.

Role of the Council

The PCC have considered the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit and the advancement of religion. The PCC co-operates with the Rector in promoting in the parish the whole mission of the Church, pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical. The PCC sees the Minster's mission as witnessing steadfastly to the Christian faith and proclaiming the gospel through prayer and preaching, through service to the community of Wimborne and to visitors to the town, through service to those in need beyond the town of Wimborne and through careful stewardship of the Minster's heritage of excellence in its worship and in its fabric. The Minster also contributes to the spiritual and musical education of young people in the local area by inviting them to take part in the Choir, Experience Easter in the Minster, and through 'Open the Book' school assemblies.

Appointment, induction and training of trustees of the Council

The trustees of the PCC are elected in accordance with the Church Representation Rules. Two trustees may be co-opted for a period of one year. Members of the clergy and churchwardens are ex-officio trustees of the PCC and all committees. Help and familiarisation is available through discussions with the Rector and Churchwardens, and the Treasurer provides training in understanding PCC accounts where necessary.

Organisation of the Council

In order to discharge its duties, the PCC appoints a number of committees which meet on a regular basis. It also employs staff to carry out various functions. The PCC generally meets 6 times per year.

The main PCC committees are: Standing and Fabric. Standing Committee meets two weeks prior to the PCC Meeting and at other times if necessary. It comprises Rector, Church Wardens, Deputy Wardens and Hon Treasurer.

Further committees meet as necessary; Minster Environment Group, Heating, Fundraising and Events, Worship and Music Planning, Outreach and Minster Green Charities Fair.

The PCC is represented by 3 members at Deanery Synod and 1 member at Diocesan Synod.

The PCC takes this opportunity to thank the employees of the Minster for the fine manner in which they perform their duties throughout the year in support of the Minster's aims, to witness to Jesus Christ and always provide a warm and welcoming environment at the Minster.

Risk Management

The PCC has considered and assessed the major risks to which they may be exposed and are satisfied that measures are in place to deal with major risks should they occur. There is regular communication with the Minster's insurers, other Major Churches and the local authority on this subject. Action has been taken on matters of security in light of the worldwide activity against faith groups. An annual risk review is carried out as part of the insurance renewal process and specific Risk Assessment reviews are carried out before new enterprise starts.

Activities of the Council

The activities of the Parochial Church Council are outlined in the Reports presented for The Annual Parochial Church Meeting Booklet. This can be viewed or downloaded from the website www.wimborneminster.org.uk.

Achievements and performance

The Minster was generally open from 10am – 4pm Monday to Saturday. We also opened on Sunday afternoons during the tourist season and at selected times. The pattern of worship of four services on Sunday (8:00am, 9:30am, 11:15am and 6:30pm) and a Wednesday Eucharist (11:00am) together with Occasional Offices special worship services has attracted many new worshippers.

Sunday worship at 9:30am (and certain occasional services) have been broadcast online via YouTube, with an average of 35 households attending live and further views thereafter.

Events and special seasonal services took place together with Occasional Offices (Baptisms, Weddings and Funerals).

We are encouraged by continuing large attendances at seasonal services, and the many concerts Occasional Offices and events.

We were able to fund substantial work with young choristers and outreach ministries to families.

2025 marked the 1,300th anniversary of the founding of The Minster by Saint Cuthburga. A special month of celebrations and events led by our bishops, to mark this, took place in the summer, concluding with a record-breaking Flower Festival.

Electoral Roll: The number of persons on the electoral roll as 31 December 2025 was 330

Attendance at major services 2025

Easter Day 363

Advent Carol Service 257

Christmas Carols Service 419

Crib Service 425

Christmas Eve, Evening 387

Christmas Day Services 216

The Trustees' Report is presented to the Parochial Church Council for their Approval.

The Reverend Canon Andrew J W Rowland

Trustee

Dated: 13 May 2026