



The Parish of St. John the Baptist, Hatherleigh

Annual Report & Financial Statements

Of the Parochial Church Council

For the year ended 31st December 2025

Team Vicar: The Reverend Leigh Winsbury

Bankers: National Westminster Bank

Independent Examiner:
Mr Greg Morgan
Landscape

**The Parochial Church Council is an Excepted Charity
Charity number 1208479
St John the Baptist Church, Hatherleigh EX20 3JN
stjohnshatherleigh.uk**

TRUSTEES ANNUAL REPORT

AIMS AND PURPOSES

St John the Baptist's Parochial Church Council (the PCC) has the responsibility of cooperating with our Rector & Incumbent the Reverend Claire Reynolds & Team Vicar the Reverend Leigh Winsbury, in promoting in the ecclesiastical parish, the whole mission of the church, pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical. We have a curate Jonathan Cook who is working for the 5 parishes.

The church itself is a Grade I Listed Building, which the PCC is responsible for maintaining as well as the Old Vestry and Old Schools both grade 2 listed buildings, which are also Church property.

PUBLIC BENEFIT STATEMENT

In promoting activities in furtherance of these objectives the PCC has regard to the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit.

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

The PCC is committed to enabling as many people as possible to worship at our church and to feel part of our parish family by holding regular services and community events and meetings in both the church and other church buildings. Within our worship we endeavour to put faith into practice through worship and prayer

We seek to benefit the whole community by being inclusive of everyone.

In particular, we try to enable ordinary people to live out their faith as part of our parish community through worship and prayer, provision of pastoral care for people living in the parish and by mission and outreach. We have traditional and alternative styles of worship in order to meet the spiritual needs of everyone regardless of age or gender.

We are now encouraged by Bishop James Grier and our Archdeacon Douglas Dettmer.

We realise that to facilitate this aim we must maintain the quality of our Church, its ancillary buildings and the churchyard.

At the end of the year the Electoral Roll stood at 65

ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE

Worship and prayer

We continue with a broad range of worship styles across the 6-7 services held each month to reflect the breadth and diversity of our congregation. We hold weekly prayer meetings. We have established 3 regular and well attended Home Groups led by Mel Croom, Judith and Will Sawers and Sarah and Donald Miles.

These are well attended.

Special Activities

Good Friday service

Girdling the church (formerly Ascension Day Sunday school anniversary service)

Church fete
Open gardens
Hatherleigh Festival service
Bandamonium service
Remembrance Service
Christmas Eve service
Carers support group
Nativity service – involving children and adults
Singing Group – for Christmas
Christingle
9 Carols and lessons

Other Activities

Carer's support group
Living Churchyard eco project
Sunday School
Hatherleigh Gym
Saturdads – father and toddler group
The weekly coffee mornings
Youth Cafe
Mum's Crew

TEAM VICAR'S REPORT

2025 has been an incredible year at St. John's, Hatherleigh. We have seen much encouraging growth in terms of numbers, with many new people of all ages coming, both from the existing community and those who have moved to the town in recent years. Many of these are now picking up responsibilities such as children's work, musicians, hospitality and building works, as well as deepening their faith beyond services by attending home groups.

We have made excellent progress this year seeing most of the desperate repair work needed on the church building completed, and the beginning of re-ordering which will continue into the new year.

The Leadership team including PCC, Lay leaders and home group leaders continue to be positive about the mission in hand and for the most part find encouraging, ready agreement and a passion for the way forwards. What I find most delightful is that the reputation of the church, and Jesus, in the wider community has been raised, largely through the wide range of supportive community ministry and outreach initiatives that the church manages to supply. Our connections with community partners continue to be a joy and grow deeper each year. It is a delight and an honour to serve in such a thriving and positive church.

CHURCH WARDEN'S REPORT

It has been a busy period since our last annual report. Christmas has come and gone, the bellringers once again took responsibility for putting up and decorating the tree in the church and a grateful thank you is due to them. The tree was collected by Winkleigh Young Farmers, and a donation was made to Devon Air Ambulance. The bells have started to be rung again, how wonderful to hear them welcoming people to church on a Sunday and on practice night. What a lot of work has gone into getting

the new bell frame in and rehangng the bells. Also raising the ringing chamber. A great deal of this work has been done by the bellringers themselves.

The display cabinets have been placed in the South East corner of the church and look splendid. Magnificent craftsmanship and a wonderful asset for the church. We now need to source and display items and artefacts. Chris Thorne has finished his wiring in the church, and it is good that there is a sensor activated light that comes on when people enter the building. There has been some concern over the visibility of some of the white wiring in the eaves.

The ramp has been installed, partly created from some pews that had to be removed to create it and has been used satisfactorily on a couple of occasions. There is a good space for turning and for entering the body of the church. The porch gates were removed and restored making a very smart entrance. There has been a problem with the heating, the automatic function doesn't appear to be working and there have been occasions, on funerals for example when it has been quite chilly. This is in hand. We are still waiting to hear when the clock will be installed. Robin has been in touch with the person concerned. We will then be able to make our final claim from the Heritage lottery. Our attention can then turn to the kitchen and toilet area. We need to organise a building's subcommittee meeting to agree a forward plan. Dave Denton has been asked to address the valleys in the church roof and to give us a quote for addressing the damp issue in the Old Schools.

We agreed to ask the companies who had tendered for the kitchen and toilet area to tell us when they might be able to start. We agreed that we would go ahead having raised 50% of the money needed. There has sadly been a broken gravestone in the churchyard, it is uncertain how this has happened. The family needs to be contacted. It was noted on 23rd Feb that a considerable amount of rain was coming in the windows on the South side of the church. This needs to be investigated and we need to consider what action to take.

Very happy to report that on the last family service we had 17 children in the congregation.

There was a working party on 20th September to rake it up following the cut by Top Cut. It has been a particularly dry season, and the appearance of the churchyard will be improved by this tidy up.

We had a discussion about the new toilet and kitchen area and progressing with the initial stages even though we do not have all the money needed to complete the project to the amount quoted. It was agreed by those present that we would go ahead and start the essential early work. We have had professional people on board for the essential water and waste works and have had some local craftspeople and volunteers working on the project to Jeremy Chadburn's design.

I would like to formally thank Leigh and Lynn for hosting the evening where all the churchwardens from the 5 parishes got together to share a delicious meal. It was good to spend time in their company and learn something of what is going on in the other parishes. Similarly, an event was held in October at Leigh and Lynn's invitation to discussion and lunch in the Old Schools.

The home groups are running well and the one I attend has grown in size and is helpful to all of us all in growing our understanding and knowledge of the Bible and God's word.

Robin has installed a new electronic giving device, and this is being used. It was agreed that Hatherleigh PCC would make a donation of £1000 to Meeth PCC to help with their building project and the unexpected extra work. They had been very generous last year and had made a donation to us.

We have had 2 special joint services following events in the town. The first was the Festival Service which inspired many and the second was the Sunday Bandamonium service. Both were very well received and well attended. Several people have since been inspired to 'come aboard'.

It has been brought to our attention that there is further damp damage in the main room of the Old Schools. This has recently been redecorated but the wall is now bowing and there are signs of staining on the ceiling.

Work has been progressing on the new kitchen and toilet area. Local contractors have been employed under the direction of the architect Jeremy Chadburn and the building work is being overseen by a new church member Steve Carter. Trenches have been dug outside to establish the whereabouts of existing drains. However, it was deemed necessary to install a gravity fed system to minimise disruption to existing graves as no direct access was available to an existing drain. During the course of excavation at the back of the church, an old lead-lined coffin was found containing some human bones. This was obviously the grave of someone of importance. It was decided that the remains would stay where they had been laid to rest and some carbon dating of the remains of the wooden cross that was laid on top would be carried out. Rod Lane kindly made a new cross which was laid on top of the unknown person's remains. The Delabole slate floor has been laid where the back pews have been taken out. Most of the work causing dust has been completed. The organ was shrouded to keep it free from dust.

There has been a great deal of extra cleaning necessary in the church and Kate has been doing an excellent job. There has been a working party to prepare the church for Sunday services and again before the Remembrance service in November. While clearing out the church we came across the old audio system which appears to be no longer in use. The socket is in current use. We will clear out the unnecessary wiring. There has been another trench dug alongside the main cobbled path, and we were wondering if it might be an opportunity to plant some spring bulbs.

I was able to attend some churchwarden training in Newton Abbot. Always interesting and informative. This one was led by Douglas Dettmer and key to everything is safeguarding and data protection.

Liza has been busy organising the coffee mornings for the church and for the Sunday school. She is also building up the Sunday school attendance which is very positive.

We now have 70 new hymn books, thanks to Ian and Liza. They are looking into getting some large print books. The new oven has been installed and is working in the Old Schools, enabling food to be heated or cooked from fresh. Ian and Liza have been sorting through and tidying the Sunday School files upstairs in the Old Schools.

2025-2026 Hatherleigh PPC report - Curate's contribution

It has been a real joy this year as team Curate to see new and existing ministries developing that allow us as a Church to invest in families. A huge thank you to the incredible volunteers who make such a wide range of community care possible.

Saturdads, our monthly father's breakfast and toddler group, has now taken root with a regular attendance of around 3-6 fathers, alongside 4-13 children. In January we held our first evening conversation in the pub for just Dad's, and it was warmly received and shows promise of building a culture of mutual support. We hope to repeat and build on this aspect.

Youth Cafe, our weekly open space for teens, has been re-launched for a younger age group and attendance has shifted from regularly 1-4 teens, to between 12 and 16 on an average night, and over 30 registered youth. We also have some new volunteers and raised some funds to support this growth.

Mum's Crew, has been started and led by Ruth Tagg and has been a huge blessing. It regularly fills up with mothers and children in Old Schools, and there is a close community being built with supporting social events. We have created a lead-volunteer role description for Ruth, and established a line of communication between myself and the PCC on her behalf. Ruth's role will need to be replaced as she leaves this year, and we hope that this will allow the role to be taken up by those worshipping in our own church on Sunday and living in the parish. We offer many thanks for all she's begun.

School assemblies and Nursing home, partnerships continue as a regular part of parish life. Monthly services take place in the Hatherleigh Nursing home and fortnightly assemblies at the school. The school is appearing to reach out for more varied interaction with the Church, such as Leigh's sharing in a class lesson around the topic of science and creation, and Jonathan representing the church at other school events. Nursing home relations remain positive but less formalised, and we are excited that one parishioner is exploring a voluntary pastoral connection to the

home, with Jonathan, that could grow into a more regular form of care and discipleship for those most elderly in our parish.

Electoral Roll Report

At the publication of the new Electoral Roll on 7th March 2025 there were 65 people on it.

We were particularly pleased to welcome 16 of these who had not previously been on the electoral roll. It's important to be on it if you would like to stand for the PCC and/or vote and in order to help out at services for instance as a sides-person.

Deanery Synod

Two Deanery Synod meetings were held in 2025, both at Whiddon Down village hall.

The new Rural Dean, Revd David Spence opened the 1st meeting of the year on 27th March. Michael Winter was elected as Secretary and Bill Sutton-Coulson as Treasurer. Bill reported on Bishop Mike's first Diocesan Synod where he had given an impressive address. He wants the parishes to give less attention to the 'A,B,C' (attendance, buildings, cash) and more to the 'D,E' (discipleship and evangelism). There was a presentation by Laura Bird on the Okehampton Street Pastors. They work in the Town on some Saturday evenings with a ministry that involves walking and talking, under the motto of Care-Listen-Help. They make a difference just by being there and are always pleased to have new volunteers. A Deanery Worship and Cream Tea event was held at North Tawton on July 29th.

The second Deanery Synod meeting was on 22nd October and a report on the Diocesan Synod included the increasing work of the Safeguarding team (including for work external to the Diocese) and the application that was about to be made to the National C of E for substantial grant aid over the next 6 years. There was a plea for more parishes to use the Energy Footprint Tool as the rate of response to this could affect access to National grant funding. During the discussion that followed, further consideration was given to the Bishop's strategic priorities: Missional leadership, Missional 'DNA', Vocations, Children & young people, Mixed 'Ecology' and how the parishes were building on the Bishop's 'C' and 'D' to increase involvement of people within and outside of the church and in ways old and new.

The PCC is represented by two members on the Deanery Synod, Sally and Jane

THE FABRIC OF THE CHURCH

The ringing chamber is now upstairs.

Drains and sewers have been installed ready for the toilet and kitchen.

A slate floor has been laid.

The back pews were taken out in readiness for the new kitchen.

The old screen was removed.

SUNDAY SCHOOL REPORT

Sunday School in its new form began on 1st August 2025. Sessions are held on the first, second and fifth Sundays of the month, between 11:00am and 12 noon.

Children are dropped off/collected at the Church before heading to the Old Schools building where a host of games and activities take place, mirroring the theme of the week's sermon. There are currently 10 children registered and an average weekly number of children who attend is 6. This number swells on the fifth Sunday and around holidays. The Sunday school is run by a team of seven volunteers.

MUM'S CREW REPORT

Mum's Crew started in April 2025 and is held in Old Schools on Wednesday mornings between 9:15am and 12pm. Its purpose is to create a space for mums, grandmothers and female carers to spend time with their children. It is a safe place for mums to talk about motherhood, women's issues, give advice, support and a listening ear. There are 19 mums registered and the average weekly attendance is 10 mums and 6 children. There are monthly evening get togethers and the group meets for outings during the school holidays.

THE CHURCHYARD

The PCC's commitment to follow the principles of the Living Churchyard scheme continues with success aided by volunteers and working parties from our local environmental group.

Work has been being carried out to improve the safety within the graveyard and to update and improve the mapping of the graves.

We are being considered to be a County Wildlife Site which are sites of county importance for a wildlife habitat or for special wild plants or animals.

PASTORAL CARE

The community in Hatherleigh has continued its efforts to ensure that anyone in need was identified and steps taken to assist them. The positive leadership and comfort provided by Rev Leigh Winsbury has been much appreciated.

SAFEGUARDING

Since the last APCM Melanie Croom has been appointed as the Safeguarding Representative for Hatherleigh with Douglas Young dealing with the admin side (the hub and dashboard) of safeguarding for all 5 parishes.

One or two issues which have come up during the year have been dealt with locally and by the Exeter team.

All those involved in various roles in the parish have had the necessary DBS checks and undergone safer recruitment processes. All those who need to have also undertaken the necessary Safeguarding training with one exception who should have completed the additional course soon.

The PCC continues to follow the instructions and guidance contained in the Diocesan Safeguarding policy and all members have received the necessary training for their role.

The PCC has complied with the duty to have due regard to the House of Bishops' Safeguarding Policy and Practice Guidance.

The PCC is a corporate body established by the Church of England. It operates under the Parochial Church Council Powers Measure 1956 and Church Representation Rules 2011. The PCC is a registered charity with the Charity Commission – Registered Charity No 1208479.

The appointment of PCC members is governed by and set out in The Church Representation Rules. At St John the Baptist, Hatherleigh the membership of our PCC consists of our Vicar, Church Wardens (ex officio) and members elected by those members of the congregation who are on the electoral roll of the church. There are currently 63 people on the electoral role.

The PCC members are responsible for making decisions on all matters of general concern and importance to the Parish including on how the funds of the PCC are to be used. Members receive the necessary training in safeguarding, health and safety etc to enable them to meet their obligations. The PCC met on 5 occasions with a separate subcommittee set up to oversee the building projects. The Tower, Roof, Disabled Access, Church Re-wiring and museum project was successfully completed in the spring of 2025.

PCC members elected at the APCM (or subsequently co-opted)

EX OFFICIO

Incumbent The Reverend Leigh Winsbury

Church Wardens Mrs Jane Fawcett
 Mr Ian Lancaster-Watts

ELECTED MEMBERS

The Reverend Jonathan Cook
Miss Melanie Croom
Mrs Liza Lancaster-Watts
Mr Donald Miles
Miss Sally Vick
Mr Robin Wonnacott (Treasurer)
Non PCC Safeguarding Officer – Mr Douglas Young

Administrative Information

Hatherleigh St John the Baptist Church is part of the Northmoor Team Ministry in the Diocese of Exeter within the Church of England.

Address for correspondence: The Reverend Leigh Winsbury, The Rectory, Church Lane, Hatherleigh, Devon. EX20 3JY

VOLUNTEER STATEMENT

On behalf of the PCC, we would like to officially thank all those who help in any way in the day to day running of the church and the maintenance of the buildings and grounds. We are always grateful for the kind offers of assistance.

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

The PCC is a corporate body established by the Church of England. It operates under the Parochial Church Council Powers Measure 1956 and Church Representation Rules 2011 and is a charity currently excepted from registration with the Charity Commission.

We are in the Archdeaconry of Totnes in the Diocese of Exeter.

The appointment of PCC members is governed by and set out in the Church Representation Rules. At St John the Baptist the membership of the PCC normally consists of our vicar, church wardens (ex-officio) and members elected by those members of the congregation who are on the electoral roll of the church. There are currently 65 people on the electoral roll.

The PCC members are responsible for making decisions on all matters of general concern and importance to the parish, including deciding on how the funds of the PCC are to be spent. Members receive the necessary training in safeguarding, health and safety, etc. to meet their obligations. The PCC met 4 times during the year.

PCC members who were elected at the APCM are:

Ex Officio

Incumbent: Rev Leigh Winsbury

Licensed Lay Minister:

Church Warden: Mr Ian Lancaster-Watts

Church Warden: Mrs Jane Fawcett

Deanery Synod Members: Miss Sally Vick, Jane Fawcett

Elected members

Miss Mel Croom - Safeguarding lead

Mrs Liza Lancaster-Watts - Children's lead

Mr Donald Miles

Mr Robin Wonnacott (Treasurer)

Non PCC safeguarding officer – Douglas Young

Administrative information

St John the Baptist is situated in Hatherleigh. It is part of the Northmoor Team Ministry in the Diocese of Exeter within the Church of England.

Address for correspondence:

Rev. L. Winsbury, The Rectory, Church Lane, Hatherleigh, Devon EX20 3JY.

HATHERLEIGH PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL

St John the Baptist Church - Reg Charity No 1208479

FINANCIAL STATEMENT – YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2025

NATWEST NO 1 ORDINARY ACCOUNT (Unrestricted General Fund)

<u>RECEIPTS</u>	<u>2025</u>	<u>2024</u>
Tax Efficient Planned Giving	16490.00	14878.00
Other Planned Giving	4227.00	4355.00
Collections at Services (GASDS)	1940.35	1210.46
Contactless Giving	343.87	0.00
Gift Aid Recovered	4371.47	5129.93
Non- Recurring Donations	1956.59	493.27
VAT Refunded	10972.75	42425.07
Heritage Lottery Grant Receipts	16086.95	159175.76
Salar Gallery (Christmas Card Sales)	356.95	0.00
Salar Galary (50/50 Sale)	200.00	200.00
Fund Raising Events – Gross Receipts	4056.99	4391.37
Fees Paid to the PCC	2381.00	2362.00
Church Property Income	5199.00	4509.00
Old Vestry (John’s Gym Subscriptions)	10995.00	7760.00
Churchyard Designated	53.49	49.18
Youth Café	630.00	45.00
Big Story/Sunday School	0.00	5.00
Other Sundry Income	268.76	43.44
Fund Raising for Other Charities (Christingle) (see note 3)		98.60
Disabled Access Fund Raising	0.00	400.00
Hatherleigh Group Admin Contributions	1605.72	1606.64
Hatherleigh Group Curate Contributions	1245.00	671.06
Donations and Grants Received (See Note 1)	42000.00	45200.00
Withdrawn from Income Bonds (NS&I)	0.00	15000.00
Charity Bank Interest (Churchyard Des)	2556.44	2880.78
Income Bond Account Interest	1591.02	2039.52
<u>TOTAL RECEIPTS FOR THE YEAR</u>	<u>129528.35</u>	<u>314939.08</u>

<u>No 1 Account – PAYMENTS</u>	<u>2025</u>	<u>2024</u>
Parish Share	11059.00	10316.00
Northmoor Team Ministry	1180.00	1054.32
NMT Curate Cost Contribution	2500.00	1500.00
Church Electricity	701.25	1801.26
Church Heating Oil	618.75	638.77
Church Cleaning Wages	1848.00	1 588.30
Okehampton PCC (Hath Group Admin)	3244.56	3065.67
Insurance Premium	7266.70	6855.35
Church Maintenance (General)	2451.71	1101.05
Upkeep of Services	990.48	325.05
Old Schools Electricity	1268.19	2368.31
Old Schools Cleaning	1691.99	1450.58
Old Schools Maintenance	154.42	1564.66
Old Vestry (John's Gym) Expenses	2835.49	1718.78
Old Vestry (John's Gym) Electricity	298.21	896.57
Church Yard Maintenance	4414.88	3327.50
Repairs to Garage Roof	0.00	530.20
Sunday School Expenses	326.77	22.22
Big Story Expenses	0.00	7.21
Youth Café Expenses	992.22	1681.98
Saturdads Expenses	337.18	85.58
Photocopier Rental/copy costs	907.15	718.69
Rural Dean Expenses	0.00	174.20
Music Copyright Licence	230.00	223.00
Vicar's Discretionary Fund	100.00	150.00
Website Expenses	757.99	622.99
Shopping Evening Expenses	0.00	84.92
Training Costs	1320.00	185.00
Fete / Light Party Expenses	0.00	75.81
Church Away Day	0.00	377.76
New Pew Cushions	3892.32	0.00
Christmas Cards (For Resale)	174.52	0.00
DBS Check Fees	185.00	0.00
Payaz Contactless Giving Terminal & Sim	411.44	0.00
Other Sundry Expenditure	167.45	451.09
Charitable Giving (See Note 2 Below)	3605.22	2205.00

Church Roof and Tower Repair Project	20300.10	255214.67
Church Kitchen and Toilet Project	48445.40	0.00
<u>TOTAL PAYMENTS YEAR TO 31.12.25</u>	<u>124676.39</u>	<u>302382.49</u>
<u>EXCESS/(DEFICIT) FOR YEAR</u>	<u>4851.96</u>	<u>12556.59</u>

Notes to Receipts and Payments

1. Donations/Grants Received

Per E Sawers (Pew Cushions)	2000.00
Benefact Trust (Kitchen/Toilet)	12000.00
Balsdon Trust (Kitchen/Toilet)	1000.00
Hatherleigh Moor Committee (Kitchen/Toilet)	5000.00
Parish Pump (Kitchen/Toilet)	1000.00
Garfield Weston (Kitchen/Toilet)	15000.00
Devon Historic Churches (Kitchen Toilet)	<u>6000.00</u>
<u>TOTAL DONATIONS</u>	<u>42000.00</u>

2. Charitable Giving

The Children's Society	200.00
Hospice Care, Exeter	160.00
Meeth PCC (Tower Repair Contribution)	1000.00
Hatherleigh Rotary Foodbank	201.22
Open Doors	681.00
The Salvation Army	681.00
Children's Hospice South West	<u>682.00</u>
<u>TOTAL CHARITABLE GIVING</u>	<u>3605.22</u>

3. Christingle

In addition to the above Charitable Giving £304.93 was raised for the Children's Society at our Christingle Service; this amount was forwarded directly to the Children's Society.

No 1 General Unrestricted Account – Reconciliation

Opening Balance as at 1.1.25	1401.97
Receipts for Financial Year	<u>129528.35</u>
Sub Total	130930.32
Less Payments for Financial Year	<u>(124676.39)</u>
Sub Total	6253.93
Transfers FROM Vicar & c/w account	<u>87887.65</u>
Sub Total	94141.58
Transfer TO Old Schools Reserve	<u>(105.00)</u>
Sub Total	94036.58
Transfers TO Vicar & c/w account	<u>(87651.40)</u>
Sub Total	6385.18
Transfers TO Bell Tower Current account	<u>(4227.88)</u>
<u>Closing Balance as at 31.12.2025</u>	<u>2157.30</u> (As per Statement)

OLD SCHOOLS – NatWest Business Reserve Account- Designated Fund

Opening Balance as at 1.1.25	3513.01
Interest Received during the year	<u>40.30</u>
Sub Total	3553.31
Transfer FROM No 1 account (Coffee Morning)	<u>105.00</u>
<u>Balance as at 31.12.25</u>	<u>3658.31</u> (as bank statement)

VICAR AND CHURCH WARDENS NatWest Business Reserve Account (Unrestricted)

Opening Balance 1.1.2025	60379.04
Transfers IN from No 1 account	<u>87651.40</u>
Sub Total	148030.44
Transfers OUT to No 1 Account	<u>(87887.65)</u>
Sub Total	60142.49
Error : Duplicated Transfer	<u>50.53</u>
Sub Total	60193.32
Interest Received during year	<u>818.73</u>
<u>Balance as at 31.12.2025 (as per bank statement)</u>	<u>61012.05</u>

Vicar and Churchwarden account – Designation of balance 31.12.25

Church Building Project	33685.71
Sunday School	2133.44
Youth Café	119.27
Insurance Reserve	4000.00
Old Vestry (John's Gym)	14343.98
Non Designated	<u>6729.65</u>
<u>TOTAL</u>	<u>61012.05</u>

HATHERLEIGH PCC BELL TOWER NatWest Ordinary Account (Designated)

Opening Balance at 1.1.25			1186.29
<u>Receipts</u>			
Donations	1750.00		
Grants	9800.00		
Keyring Sales	256.00		
Wood Product Sales	2726.02		
Striking Competition	72.00		
Other Fund Raising	1608.12	<u>16212.14</u>	<u>17398.43</u>
<u>Payments</u>			
MNW Timber	1422.01		
Dawson Steeplejacks	522.00		
Carpet and Underlay	975.00		
Matthew Higby	<u>21623.40</u>	<u>24542.41</u>	<u>(7143.98)</u>
Transfer IN from Liquidity Manager a/c			12000.00
Transfers IN from PCC No 1 Account			<u>4227.88</u>
(VAT 3927.90, Gift Aid 299.98)			
			<u>9083.90</u>
Transfers OUT to Liquidity Manager a/c			<u>(5083.90)</u>
<u>Balance as at 31.12.25 (as per statement)</u>			<u>4000.00</u>

Hatherleigh PCC – Bell Tower NatWest 35 Day Liquidity Account (Designated)

Opening Balance 1.1.2025	13048.19
Transferred IN from Bell Current a/c	<u>5083.90</u>
Sub Total	18132.09
Transferred out to Bell Current a/c	<u>(12000.00)</u>
Sub Total	6132.09
Interest for the year	<u>129.61</u>
<u>Balance as at 31.12.25 (as per statement)</u>	<u>6261.70</u>

(35 Day NatWest Liquidity account interest rate 2.05% AER)

THE CHARITY BANK LTD ETHICAL 1 YEAR FIXED TERM ACCOUNT

CHURCHYARD RESTRICTED

Balance as at 01.01.25	57000.00
Interest Received 24.10.24	2556.44
Transfer to Vicar & Church Warden a/c	(2556.44)
(Churchyard Designated)	
<u>Balance as at 31.12.25</u>	<u>57000.00</u>

The above balance relates to the Manaton and Petherick Legacies (Restricted to Interest only).

Interest is fixed at 3.61% for 3 years with interest allocated to Churchyard Maintenance Expenses annually until maturity (27/10/28)

N S & I INCOME BOND ACCOUNT – RESTRICTED ACCOUNT

	<u>2025</u>
Balance at 01/01/25	48000.00
No Transactions (See Note below)	
<u>Balance as at 31.12.25</u>	<u>48000.00</u>

NOTE: All interest (**£1591.02**) received during the year from this income bond account is paid monthly directly into the Hatherleigh PCC No 1 Account.

£35,500 of the above total is **restricted to interest only** under the Manaton and Petherick Legacies and is not available for use.

The Parochial Church Council of St John the Baptist Church Hatherleigh

(Registered Charity No 1208479)

BALANCE SHEET (as at 31st December 2025)

STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES

FIXED ASSETS

Property Owned **350,000.00**
(Old Schools, Old Vestry, 5 Garages)

CURRENT ASSETS

Monetary Assets (see No 1) **182089.36**

CURRENT LIABILITIES

NONE

NETT ASSETS

182089.36

PARISH FUNDS

General (Unrestricted) 21386.95

Designated 68202.41

Restricted (see Note 2) 92,500.00

182089.36

Note 1 (Monetary Assets)

No 1 Account (Unrestricted) 2157.30

Old Schools Reserve (Designated) 3658.31

Vicar & Church Warden (Designated) 54282.40

Vicar & Church Warden (Non Designated) 6729.65

Bell Tower Current Account (Designated) 4000.00

Bell Tower Liquidity Account (Designated) 6261.70

Charity Bank Ltd (Restricted) 57000.00

N S & I Income Bonds (Restricted) 35500.00

N S & I Income Bonds (Unrestricted) 12500.00

TOTAL (as balance sheet) **182089.36**

Note 2 (Restricted Funds)

Manaton & Petherick Legacies

The Charity Bank Ltd * 57000.00

N S & I Income Bonds ** 35500.00

TOTAL (as balance sheet) **92500.00** *

***Restricted to interest on the capital only to be used for Churchyard maintenance**

****Restricted to interest on the capital only to be used for General Church Expenses**

HATHERLEIGH PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

RECEIPTS

Regular Giving

Tax Efficient Planned Giving	16490.00	
Other Planned Giving	4227.00	
Collections at Services	1940.35	
Income Tax Recovered	4371.47	
Contactless Giving	<u>343.87</u>	
Sub Total		27372.69

Other Voluntary Donations and Grants

Non Recurring Donations	1956.59	
Donations and Grants	42000.00	
Youth Café (Mustard) Grant	<u>630.00</u>	
Sub Total		44586.59

Income From Church Activities

Hatherleigh Group Admin Conts	1605.72	
Hatherleigh Group Curate Conts	1245.00	
Fund Raising	4613.94	
Fees Paid to the PCC	2381.00	
Church Yard Designated	53.49	
Church Property Contributions	5199.00	
John's Gym Subscriptions	10995.00	
VAT Reclaimed (LPW)	10972.75	
Heritage Lottery Payments	16086.95	
Other Sundry Income	<u>268.76</u>	
Sub Total		<u>53421.61</u>

TOTAL 125380.89

INCOME FROM INVESTMENTS

Charity Bank Ltd	2556.44
Vicar & Church Warden (NatWest)	818.73
National Savings Income Bond	1591.02
Old Schools Reserve (NatWest)	40.30
Bells Liquidity Account (NatWest)	<u>129.61</u>

TOTAL

5136.10

PAYMENTS

Church Activities

Charity Giving	<u>3605.22</u>
Diocesan Share	11059.00
Clergy Expenses (NMT)	1180.00
Church Utility Costs	1320.00
Church Running Expenses	1848.00
Church Maintenance	2451.71
Upkeep of Services	990.48
Okehampton PCC (Group Admin)	3244.56
Group Curate Costs (NMT)	2500.00
General Church Property Expenses	6248.30
Churchyard Maintenance	4414.88
Sunday School Expenses	326.77
Saturday Expenses	337.18
Youth Café Expenses	992.22
Photocopier lease and copy costs	907.15
Annual Insurance Premium	7266.70
Copyright Licence	230.00
Website Maintenance	757.99
DBS Checks	185.00
Other Sundry Expenditure	<u>267.45</u>

SUB TOTAL

50132.61

Extraordinary Expenditure

Pew Cushions	3892.32
Church Tower/Roof Project	20300.10
Training Expenses Contribution	1320.00
Payaz Digital Giving Machine & Sim	411.44
Christmas Cards for resale	174.52
Church Kitchen & Toilet Project	<u>48445.40</u>

SUB TOTAL

74543.78

TOTAL

124676.39

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS

1. This Financial Statement of the PCC has been prepared in accordance with the Church Accounting Regulations 2006 using the Receipts and Payments basis and were prepared by the Hatherleigh PCC Treasurer Mr Robin Wonnacott.
2. £60,000 of The Maurice John Young legacy was used in previous years for major repairs to the Old Schools Building. If this building is sold in the future £60,000 of the funds raised must be restricted for Church Fabric Repairs Only.
3. The PCC Allocated £3910.15 to Mission Giving during 2025; this was raised from various fundraising activities and was allocated to charities that had requested support or were selected by Church Members.

Details of giving are as follows:

The Children's Society (Christingle)	304.93
The Children's Society	200.00
Hospice care, Exeter	160.00
Meeth PCC (Tower Repair)	1000.00
Hatherleigh Rotary Foodbank	201.22
Open Doors	681.00
The Salvation Army	681.00
Children's Hospice South West	<u>682.00</u>
<u>TOTAL</u>	<u>3910.15</u>

4. Currently a project to provide a Disabled Toilet and Kitchenette facilities within the church is underway with an anticipated completion date of Spring 2026
5. A new 3 year Electricity Contract was agreed in December 2024; this has resulted in tremendous savings on our previous contract. Total Electricity costs for 2025 were £2267.65 compared to a total of £5066.14 in 2024 showing a reduction year on year of £2798.49
6. During the year the PCC decided to bring Contactless Giving into the Church; this was installed in July 20254

S

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

The PCC is a corporate body established by the Church of England. It operates under the Parochial Church Council Powers Measure 1956 and Church Representation Rules 2011. The PCC is a registered charity with the Charity Commission – Registered Charity No 1208479.

The appointment of PCC members is governed by and set out in The Church Representation Rules. At St John the Baptist, Hatherleigh the membership of our PCC consists of our Vicar, Church Wardens (ex officio) and members elected by those members of the congregation who are on the electoral roll of the church. There are currently 63 people on the electoral role.

The PCC members are responsible for making decisions on all matters of general concern and importance to the Parish including on how the funds of the PCC are to be used. Members receive the necessary training in safeguarding, health and safety etc to enable them to meet their obligations. The PCC met on 5 occasions with a separate sub committee set up to oversee the building projects. The Tower, Roof, Disabled Access, Church Re-wiring and museum project was successfully completed in the spring of 2025.

PCC members elected at the APCM (or subsequently co-opted)

EX OFFICIO

Incumbent	The Reverend Leigh Winsbury
Church Wardens	Mrs Jane Fawcett Mr Ian Lancaster-Watts

ELECTED MEMBERS

The Reverend Jonathan Cook
Miss Melanie Croom
Mrs Liza Lancaster-Watts
Mr Donald Miles
Miss Sally Vick
Mr Robin Wonnacott (Treasurer)
Non PCC Safeguarding Officer – Mr Douglas Young

Administrative Information

Hatherleigh St John the Baptist Church is part of the Northmoor Team Ministry in the Diocese of Exeter within the Church of England.

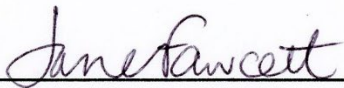
Address for correspondence: The Reverend Leigh Winsbury, The Rectory, Church Lane, Hatherleigh, Devon. EX20 3JY

ACCOUNTS APPROVED BY THE PCC – DATE 23rd February 2026

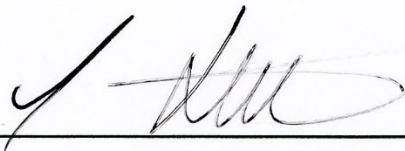
Signed For and On Behalf of The Hatheerleigh Parochial Church Council



The Reverend Leigh Winsbury
PCC Chairman



Mrs Jane Fawcett
Church Warden



Mr Ian Lancaster-Watts
Church Warden



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Independent examiner's report on the accounts

Section A Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees [Charity Name]
Hatherleigh St John The Baptist Parochial Church Council

On accounts for the year ended **Charity no (if any)**
31st December 2025 1208479

Set out on pages (remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)
1 - 12

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended DD / MM / YYYY.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity's trustees, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ("the Act").

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

Independent examiner's statement

[The charity's gross income exceeded £250,000 and I am qualified to undertake the examination by being a qualified member of [insert name of applicable listed body]]. *Delete [] if not applicable.*

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination (other than that disclosed below *) which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; or
- the accounts did not accord with the accounting records; or
- the accounts did 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.

** Please delete the words in the brackets if they do not apply.*

Signed: [Signature] **Date:** 30/1/2026

Name: GREGORY MORGAN

Relevant professional qualification(s) or body FINANCE DIRECTOR FOR BEN'S FARM SHOP LTD. FORMERLY WITH KPMG PLYMOUTH OFFICE 1984 - 1992 (AUDIT DEPARTMENT)

(if any):

Address:

GREEN COTTAGE, LANDSCOVE,
ASHBURTON, DEVON, TQ13 7LZ

Section B

Disclosure

Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight material matters of concern (see CC32, Independent examination of charity accounts: directions and guidance for examiners).

Give here brief details of any items that the examiner wishes to disclose.