



**Annual Report and Financial Statement
of the
Parochial Church Council
for the year ended
31 December 2025**

St Peter's Parish Church

Chapel Lane, Carlton Colville, Lowestoft Suffolk NR33 8AT

The PCC is a body corporate (PCC Powers Measure 1956, Church Representation Rules 2022) and a charity.

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PCC members who have served at any time from April 2025 until the date this report was approved are:

Ex Officio members:

- Incumbent: Rev'd Andrea Woods (Licenced September 2024) Chair
- Carol Browning (Church Warden)
- Mark Ellis (Lay Minister and Treasurer)
- Linda Filer (PCC Secretary and Office Administrator)

Elected Members:

- Rita Mayn
- Jenny Foyster
- Mary Corker
- Roland Worrell
- Sharon Brown (Benefice Safeguarding Officer Named Person Children and Young People and APA)

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The Agenda for the Annual Meeting of 2025

Annual Meeting of Parishioners

During a service of Celebration 26th April 2026

1. Nominations read.
2. Election of Churchwardens.

Annual Parochial Church Meeting (following the service of Celebration)

1. Apologies for absence.
2. Minutes of the last APCM.
3. Matters arising from these minutes.
4. Acceptance of the reports for 2024, contained within the Annual Report document.
5. Elections to the PCC.
 - a. Elections to Deanery Synod (if required)
 - b. Elections to PCC
6. Any questions from the meeting to be considered by the PCC.
7. Closing prayers.

First PCC Meeting on a date to be confirmed after the Apcm

1. Opening prayer.
2. Apologies for absence.
3. Minutes of the last PCC meeting.
4. Matters arising.
5. Appointment of officers: Lay Chair of PCC, Secretary, Treasurer, Electoral Roll Officer, Independent Examiner, Parish Safeguarding Officer, and Deanery Synod Representative(s).
6. Co-option of members to the PCC until the next APCM.
7. The Standing Committee is constituted in accordance with the CRR rules M31.
8. Statutory items: Safeguarding, Health and Safety and Data Protection.
9. Important and urgent AOB.
10. Date of next meeting.

**Minutes for the Annual meeting of the parishoners (AMP)
29th April 2025
7.00 pm
St Peters Church Carlton Colville.**

Election of Church Wardens:

Mr. R. Filer was stepping down as Church Warden with no successor.
Mrs. C. Browning was up for re-election.

Followed by

**Minutes for the Annual Parochial Church Meeting(APCM)
Tuesday 29th April 2025**

Thessalonians 5: 13

Rev. Andrea opened the meeting with a Prayer and a short homily focusing on gratitude and thanksgiving for all that God is doing through us and among us. We sang 'Come people of the risen King.'

Apologies: Mrs. A. Hobbs, Mr. R. Filer, Mrs. S. Krykant.

The minutes from the 2024 meeting which included the treasurers report had been available before the meeting and were agreed as a true record. There were no matters arising.

Proposed by: Rev. Woods

Seconded by: Mrs. M. Hobbs

Carried unanimously.

Church Wardens: Mrs. C. Browning was accepted as the Church Warden for the coming year.

Proposed by: Rev. Woods

Seconded by: Mrs. S. Brown

Carried unanimously.

Rev. Woods asked that the minutes included a big thank you to Bob Filer for his long standing as Church Warden.

Thanks will also go to Mrs. Sally Krykant for her past work as A.W.A.

Election to PCC: Mr. R. Filer and Mrs. S. Krykant stepped down and Mrs. R. Mayn was up for election.

Mrs. S. Brown was co-opted onto the PCC.

Proposed by: Rev. Woods

Seconded by: Mrs. M. Hobbs

Carried unanimously.

Election for Deanery Synod: Mrs. S. Brown was happy to continue.

Questions for the PCC to Consider:

Mrs D Worrell asked is Fundraising events would be organised soon : A committee was being formed and there are a few ideas in the pipeline which include, Coffee Mornings, A Christmas Tree Festival and a Quiz.

The meeting concluded with a pray and The Hymn 'Great is thy faithfulness'.

First PCC Meeting after the 2025 APCM.

Present: Rev. Andrea Woods (Chair), Mrs. L. Filer, Mr. M. Ellis, Mr. R. Worrall, Mrs. C. Browning
Mrs. S. Brown, Mrs. M. Corker, Mrs. R. Mayn, Mrs. J. Foyster.

Minutes of the last PCC: These had been included in the A.P.C.M report and distributed prior to the meeting. There were no questions arising from the minutes so they were accepted.

Elections:

Lay Chair: Mrs. S. Brown was asked to continue as Lay Chair.

Proposed by: Rev. Woods

Seconded by: Mr. M. Ellis

Carried unanimously.

Secretary: Mrs. L Filer will continue.

Proposed by: Rev. Woods

Seconded by: Mr. R. Worrall

Carried unanimously.

Treasurer: Mr. M. Ellis will continue.

Proposed by: Rev. Woods

Seconded by: Mrs. R. Mayn

Carried unanimously.

Mr. Pinnock has agreed to continue as our Independent Examiner.

Proposed by: Mr. M. Ellis

Seconded by: Mr. R. Worrall

Carried unanimously.

Electoral Roll Officer: Mrs. N. Baxter is to be asked if she wishes to continue as she was not at the meeting.

Proposed by: Rev. Woods

Seconded by: Mrs. J. Foyster

Carried unanimously.

Deanery Synod rep: Mrs. S. Brown is willing to continue in this post.

Proposed by: Rev. Woods

Seconded by: Mrs. M. Corker

Carried unanimously.

Safeguarding Officer for Children/Young People also for Vulnerable Adults:

Mrs. S. Brown will continue in these rolls.

Proposed by: Rev. Woods

Seconded by: Mrs. M. Corker

Carried unanimously.

The PCC elected as a new motion to re-new membership on an annual basis from next year.

Proposed by: Mrs L. Filer

Seconded by: Mrs. M. Corker

Carried unanimously.

Election of Standing Committee:

Rev. Woods, Mr. M. Ellis, Mrs. C. Browning, Mrs. L. Filer.

Safeguarding: Mrs. S. Brown said that the dashboard is nearly up to date.

Health and Safety: Mrs. M. Corker said that she will shortly be taking a First Aid course.

GDPR: Rev. Woods now has a secure copy of relevant names and addresses.

A.O.B.

The outer hedges are due to be cut back on Tuesday 6th May by East Suffolk Services.

Dates for next meetings: these will take place on the 4th Tuesday of the month unless notified of changes.

May 27th

July 22nd

Sep. 23rd

Nov. 26th(Budget)

Jan. 27th (pre audit)

Mar. 24th(approve accounts)

Apr. 26th APCM (after 10.30 service) A Celebration followed by a share lunch.

The meeting closed with prayer and the grace.

Independent Examiners Certificate

Report to the trustees/ members of:	CARLTON COLVILLE PCC
On accounts for the year ended:	31 st DECEMBER 2025
Charity no (if any):	—

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31 / 12 / 25.

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 [~~]]. 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: 

Date: 3/3/26

Name: KEVIN PINNOCK

Notes to Carlton Colville PCC Financial Statement 2025

The PCC extends its sincere thanks to you for your generosity throughout 2025 in supporting the work of St. Peter's Church. Your financial support has enabled the church to continue its role within Parish Ministry and pastoral work, and overseas Mission, as well supporting the Diocese financially towards clergy salary and training, and church schools, through our Parish Share contributions. But please do read on!

A summary of the Carlton Colville PCC 2025 accounts for income and expenditure follows overleaf. Income for 2025 of £63010.07 was an increase of £2601.32, a 4.3% increase from the previous year (and partially makes up for the 11% decrease between 2023 and 2024). God is good! And perhaps the Treasurer needs to trust Him more.

During the year the Parish Administrator role was reviewed and as a consequence the working hours were reduced and this contributed greatly to the +£4346.75 balance of income over expenditure at the end of the year (compared to 2024 of a negative balance of -£4930.14).

There was one outstanding Mission cheque payment of £750.00 which did not get cashed by the end of the year and which will impact the 2026 budget and Financial Statement (as well as contributing to the +£4346.75 balance this year.)

You will see that Planned giving increased from last year, despite a reduction in gift aided envelopes, and the Treasurer does thank everyone that reviewed their giving over the year and contributed to this increase.

I do have a little concern over the amount of donations received; £9-£10,000 contributing to a total income of £63,000 is a sizeable proportion that we should not have to rely on to keep us afloat.

As a consequence of the reduction in PA hours and increase in income overall the PCC agreed to provide an extra £1500 in Parish Share payments from the budgeted £32000. This is still lower than we paid in 2022 and with the request ever increasing falls way behind the expected contribution of £56914. This remains something of concern in terms of our 'viability' as a small benefice in the years ahead.

Following on from the death of Peter Bradnam at the beginning of the year, a new restricted fund was created to start funding the repair of the church tower. By the end of the year this had received £937.95.

I have been somewhat amiss this year in not providing a summary of monies raised after each social event, so here's a list from 2025:

Date	Event	Money raised	Fund
14/06/2025	Coffee morning	£274.64	Restricted Mission
05/07/2025	Stall at Carlton Hall Fete	£138.00	General
13/09/2025	Churches Together Bike Ride	£136.50	General
27/09/2025	Quiz and Puddings	£314.45	Restricted Tower fund
11/10/2025	Lowestoft Longshoremen	£390.00	General
15/11/2025	Coffee morning	£365.23	Restricted Compassion
05/12/2025- 07/12/2025	Christmas Tree Festival	£555.70	General

Read on to the full accounts, and as always I am open to questions (preferably with time to provide details)

Mark Ellis, Treasurer, Carlton Colville PCC

Carlton Colville PCC

Financial Statement for the Year Ended 31 December 2025

Receipts and Payments Accounts

	Note	Unrestricted Fund	Designated Fund	Restricted Fund	Endowment Fund	Total 2025	Total 2024
		£	£	£	£	£	£
Receipts							
Voluntary receipts:							
Collections at Services	3	2,416.75	-	-	-	2,416.75	2,416.90
Planned giving	3	28,605.94	-	-	-	28,605.94	27,414.49
All other giving/voluntary receipts	3	10,733.09	-	-	-	10,733.09	11,598.32
Grant Income	3	-	-	-	-	-	-
Legacies Received (Capital Value)		-	-	-	-	-	-
Gift Aid recovered		9,066.26	-	-	-	9,066.26	8,709.31
		50,822.04	-	-	-	50,822.04	50,139.02
Activities for generating funds	3	2,911.39	-	-	-	2,911.39	1,850.13
Investment income		569.64	-	-	-	569.64	716.10
Church activities	3	8,692.00	-	-	-	8,692.00	7,703.50
Other income	3	15.00	-	-	-	15.00	-
Total receipts		63,010.07	-	-	-	63,010.07	60,408.75
Payments							
Church activities:							
Parish share		33,500.00	-	-	-	33,500.00	32,000.00
Clergy and Staffing costs	4	5,142.41	-	-	-	5,142.41	7,088.81
Church running expenses	4	8,990.15	-	-	-	8,990.15	9,420.74
Mission giving and donations	4	4,588.53	-	-	-	4,588.53	5,663.05
Building work and repairs	4	1,608.00	-	-	-	1,608.00	-
Administration Costs	4	3,626.15	-	-	-	3,626.15	7,487.36
Other expenditure	4	1,208.08	-	-	-	1,208.08	3,668.93
		58,663.32	-	-	-	58,663.32	65,328.89
Costs of generating funds	4	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total Payments		58,663.32	-	-	-	58,663.32	65,328.89
Excess of receipts over payments		4,346.75	-	-	-	4,346.75	-4,920.14
Transfers between funds		648.18	-350.00	-298.18	-	0.00	-
		4,994.93	-350.00	-298.18	-	4,346.75	-4,920.14
Cash at bank and in hand at 1 Jan		17,049.95	18,829.04	11,071.79	-	46,950.78	51,770.92
Cash at bank and in hand at 31 Dec		22,044.88	18,479.04	10,773.61	-	51,297.53	46,950.78

Statement of Assets and Liabilities

	Note	Unrestricted Fund	Designated Fund	Restricted Fund	Endowment Fund	Total 2025	Total 2024
		£	£	£	£	£	£
Cash Funds							
Bank Current Account	5	16,649.64	-	-	-	16,649.64	13,127.36
Bank Savings Account	6	-	-	-	-	-	-
Deposit Account	6	5,295.24	18,479.04	10,773.61	-	34,547.89	33,723.42
		21,944.88	18,479.04	10,773.61		51,197.53	46,850.78

Notes

1. The financial statements of the PCC have been prepared in accordance with the Church Accounting Regulations 2006 using the Receipts & Payments basis.

2. The movement in designated and restricted funds during the year were:

Restricted	Bal b/fwd	Receipts	Payments	Transfers	Bal c/fwd
Restricted Tower and Bells	-	-	-	937.95	937.95
Restricted Music	51.55	-	-	-	51.55
Restricted Fabric	6,144.71	-	-	-	6,144.71
Restricted Compassion	3,021.89	-	-	-1,510.77	1,511.12
Restricted Parish Ministry	1,487.59	-	-	-	1,487.59
Restricted Mission	36.24	-	-	274.64	310.88
Restricted Childrens	329.81	-	-	-	329.81
	11,071.79			-298.18	10,773.61

Designated	Bal b/fwd	Receipts	Payments	Transfers	Bal c/fwd
Fabric	450.17	-	-	-	450.17
Mission	958.23	-	-	-500.00	458.23
Compassion	8,487.51	-	-	150.00	8,637.51
Discretionary	96.57	-	-	-	96.57
Parish Ministry	8,595.27	-	-	-	8,595.27
Childrens	241.29	-	-	-	241.29
	18,829.04			-350.00	18,479.04

Fabric - A designated fund for the fabric of St Peter's

Mission - A designated fund for the outward mission of St Peter's

Compassion - A designated fund for the support of the work of Compassion UK from St Peter's

Discretionary - A designated discretionary fund available to the incumbent for the provision of charity to others

Parish Ministry - A designated fund to support the Ministry within the Parish of St Peter's

Restricted Tower and Bells - A restricted fund for the upkeep of tower and bells

Restricted Music - A restricted fund for the provision of music to St Peter's (eg replacement of the av equipment)

Restricted Fabric - A restricted fund for the fabric of St Peter's

Restricted Compassion - A restricted fund for the support of the work of Compassion UK from St Peter's

Restricted Parish Ministry - A restricted fund to support the Ministry within the Parish of St Peter's

Restricted Mission - A restricted fund for the outward mission of St Peter's

Restricted Childrens - A restricted fund for the support of childrens work within St Peter's

Childrens - A designated fund for the support of childrens work within St Peter's

3. Receipts

	Unrestricted Fund £	Designated Fund £	Restricted Fund £	Endowment Fund £	Total 2025 £	Total 2024 £
<u>COLLECTIONS AT SERVICES</u>						
Sunday Collections	2,299.70	-	-	-	2,299.70	2,231.75
Weekday Collections	92.53	-	-	-	92.53	165.15
Wedding and Funeral Collections	24.52	-	-	-	24.52	20.00
	2,416.75	-	-	-	2,416.75	2,416.90
<u>PLANNED GIVING</u>						
Standing Order	1,500.00	-	-	-	1,500.00	1,050.00
Standing Order Gift Aid - Parish Ministry Fund	-	-	-	-	-	280.00
Standing Order Gift Aid - General	20,491.00	-	-	-	20,491.00	17,504.00
Envelopes (Non Gift Aid)	3,362.44	-	-	-	3,362.44	3,735.49
Envelopes (Gift Aid)	3,252.50	-	-	-	3,252.50	4,845.00
	28,605.94	-	-	-	28,605.94	27,414.49
<u>GIFT AID RECOVERED</u>						
Gift Aid Reclaim	9,066.26	-	-	-	9,066.26	8,709.31
	9,066.26	-	-	-	9,066.26	8,709.31
<u>ALL OTHER GIVING/VOLUNTARY RECEIPTS</u>						
Donations	1,532.50	-	-	-	1,532.50	1,223.98
Donations - Gift Aided	9,056.00	-	-	-	9,056.00	10,281.00
Wall Boxes	144.59	-	-	-	144.59	93.34
	10,733.09	-	-	-	10,733.09	11,598.32
<u>ACTIVITIES FOR GENERATING FUNDS</u>						
Churches Together Bike Ride	136.50	-	-	-	136.50	123.50
Sales	12.00	-	-	-	12.00	24.00
Other Fundraising	2,762.89	-	-	-	2,762.89	1,702.63
	2,911.39	-	-	-	2,911.39	1,850.13
<u>CHURCH ACTIVITIES</u>						
Use of Church building	15.00	-	-	-	15.00	17.50
Fees - Statutory	7,400.00	-	-	-	7,400.00	6,956.00
Fees - Additional	1,292.00	-	-	-	1,292.00	730.00
	8,707.00	-	-	-	8,707.00	7,703.50
<u>INVESTMENT INCOME</u>						
Dividends and Interest	569.64	-	-	-	569.64	716.10
	569.64	-	-	-	569.64	716.10

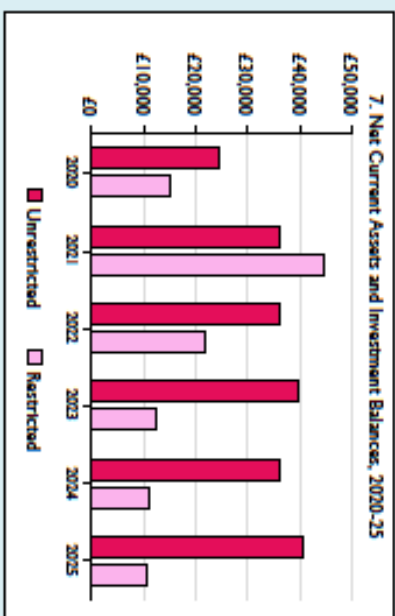
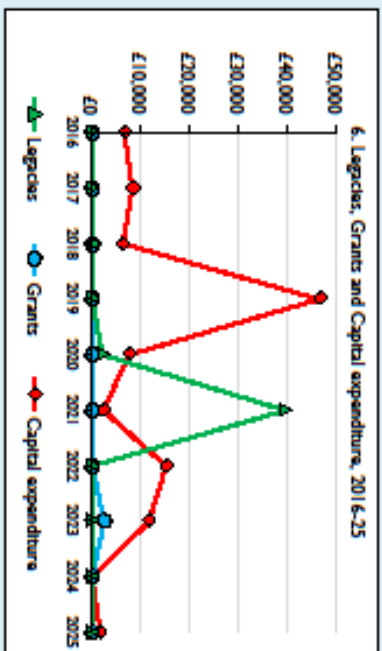
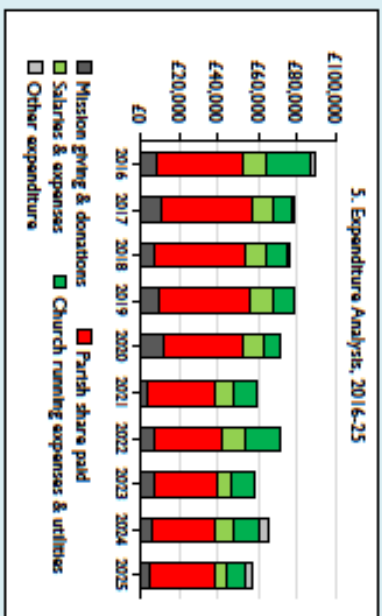
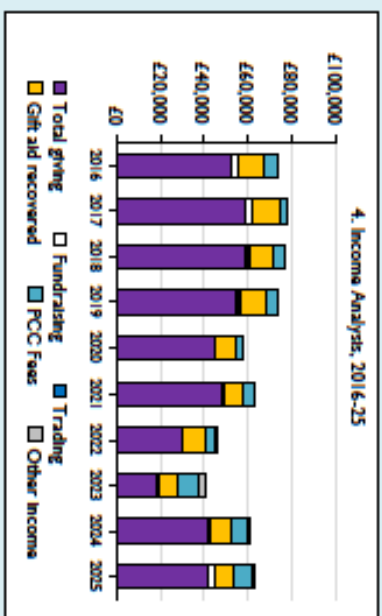
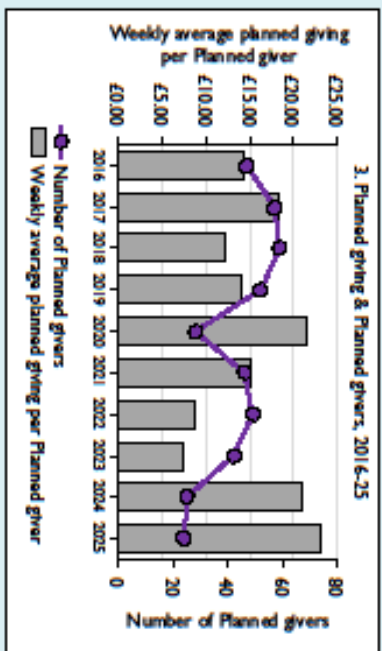
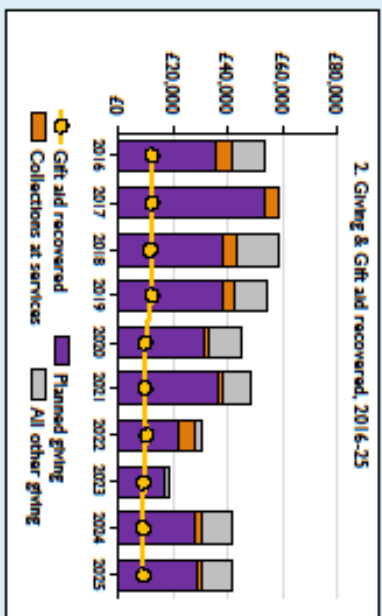
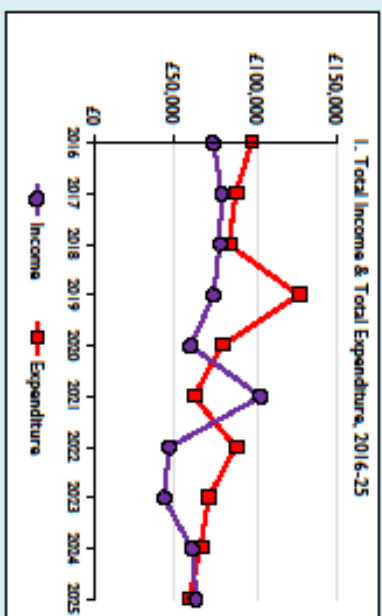
4. Payments

	Unrestricted Fund	Designated Fund	Restricted Fund	Endowment Fund	Total 2025	Total 2024
	£	£	£	£	£	£
CLERGY AND STAFFING COSTS						
Administrator Parish/Benefice	4,046.28	-	-	-	4,046.28	5,906.98
Clergy Expenses	184.13	-	-	-	184.13	269.83
Salaries	912.00	-	-	-	912.00	912.00
	5,142.41	-	-	-	5,142.41	7,088.81
CHURCH RUNNING EXPENSES						
Cleaning	10.00	-	-	-	10.00	4.00
Gas and Electricity Bill	4,996.61	-	-	-	4,996.61	5,425.02
Insurance	1,875.09	-	-	-	1,875.09	1,849.08
Service Costs	879.11	-	-	-	879.11	166.83
Maintenance	366.92	-	-	-	366.92	1,137.55
Telephone	862.42	-	-	-	862.42	838.26
	8,990.15	-	-	-	8,990.15	9,420.74
MISSION GIVING AND DONATIONS						
Charities - Home (UK)	852.53	-	-	-	852.53	1,127.05
Charities - Overseas	3,736.00	-	-	-	3,736.00	4,336.00
Charities - Christian Relief	-	-	-	-	-	200.00
	4,588.53	-	-	-	4,588.53	5,663.05
BUILDING WORK AND REPAIRS						
Church - Major repairs and Redecorations	1,608.00	-	-	-	1,608.00	-
	1,608.00	-	-	-	1,608.00	-
ADMINISTRATION COSTS						
Bank charges	94.06	-	-	-	94.06	129.61
Printing	28.00	-	-	-	28.00	278.70
Stationery	169.38	-	-	-	169.38	121.72
Support Costs	1,032.71	-	-	-	1,032.71	2,501.33
Computer	-	-	-	-	-	295.00
Fees returned to Norwich DBF	2,302.00	-	-	-	2,302.00	4,161.00
	3,626.15	-	-	-	3,626.15	7,487.36
OTHER EXPENDITURE						
Mission and Evangelism Costs	490.23	-	-	-	490.23	282.85
Churchyard Expenses	717.85	-	-	-	717.85	3,386.08
	1,208.08	-	-	-	1,208.08	3,668.93

5. Bank Current Account	Unrestricted Fund	Designated Fund	Restricted Fund	Endowment Fund	Total 2025	Total 2024
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Current Account	16,649.64	-	-	-	16,649.64	13,127.36
	16,649.64	-	-	-	16,649.64	13,127.36

6. Deposit Account	Unrestricted Fund	Designated Fund	Restricted Fund	Endowment Fund	Total 2,025.00	Total 2024
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Deposit Account	5,295.24	18,479.04	10,773.61	-	34,547.89	33,723.42
	5,295.24	18,479.04	10,773.61	-	34,547.89	33,723.42

Finance Dashboard for the Parish of Carlton Colville: St Peter in the Deanery of LOTHINGLAND



Weekly average planned giving per planned giver (2025)
Parish: 22.92
Diocese: 12.17

Number of churches in parish (2025): 1
Parish code: 260380

Notes & definitions
This dashboard contains figures as submitted by churches currently in the Parish: gaps may be the result of missing returns.
Graph 2 shows a detailed breakdown of the Total giving figure in graph 4.
Graph 3: Planned giving = Tax efficient planned giving + Other planned giving; Planned givers = Tax efficient planned givers + Other planned givers.
Graph 4 shows income other than grants and legacies.
Graph 4: Total giving = Tax efficient planned giving + Other planned giving + Collections at services + All other giving, including special appeals.
Graph 4: Other income = Dividends, Interest, Income from property + Any other income.
Graph 5 shows expenditure other than capital expenditure.
Graph 5: Other expenditure = Fund-raising activities + Mission and evangelism costs + Cost of trading + Other expenses.
Graphs 1-6: Unrestricted and Restricted amounts have been combined.
For further definitions please see the guidance notes attached to the Return of Parish Finance.

Variations from year to year may be the result of changes in the number of churches that submitted returns, or changes in parish/benefice structure.
Number of churches included in returns: 2016 1; 2017 1; 2018 1; 2019 1; 2020 1; 2021 1; 2022 1; 2023 1; 2024 1; 2025 1.
Produced by Data Services, Church House, Great Smith Street, London SW1P 3AZ. Date of production: 20/03/2026.
Every effort has been made to ensure that data are reliable. We would be pleased to be notified of any significant errors or omissions by email to statisticsunit@churchengland.org



Rectors Report

Hosea 10:12 Sow righteousness for yourselves, reap the fruit of unfailing love, and break up your unplowed ground; for it is time to seek the Lord, until he comes and showers his righteousness on you.

During the past year I have been settling in, observing and working out how we function as a church and where St Peter's sits in relation to the wider community of Carlton Colville. You will all be aware that I arrived following a period of time when there had been much change 2 vacancies in 5 years and covid thrown in the mix.

So, I discerned very soon after arriving that we all needed time to settle and rest. To give thanks. To honour the past and those faithful people who have served the church.

Sadly, we said a final goodbye this year to 3 members of the Church Ted Hood, Peter Bradnam, and Reid Brown

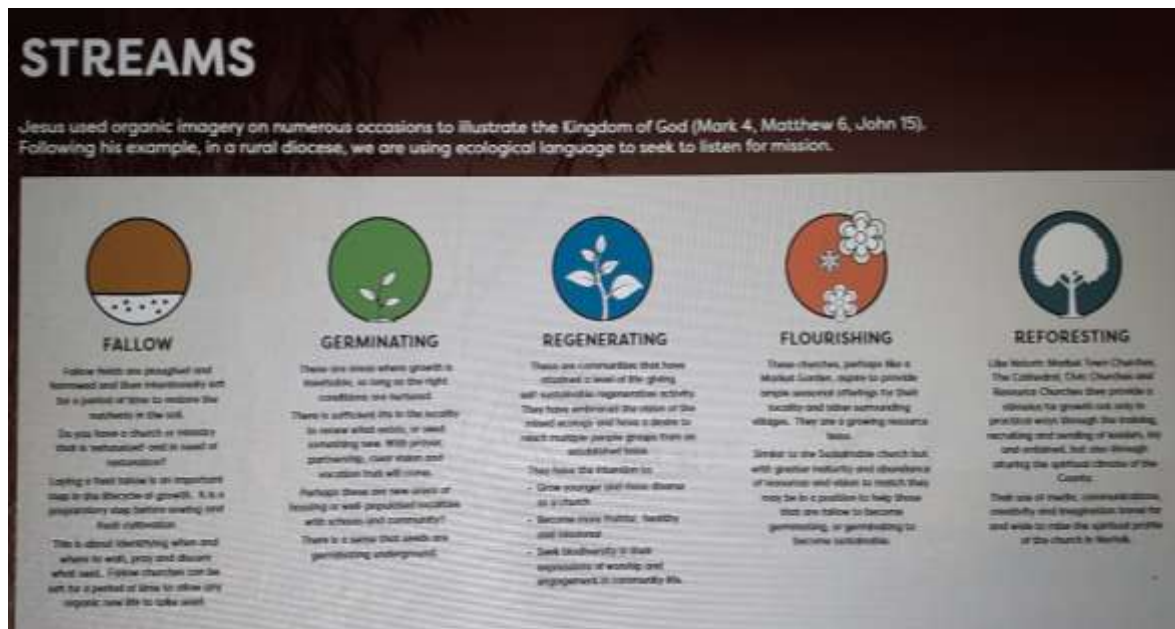
These faithful people left their mark on the church here in Carlton Colville. We give thanks to God for them and for all that they did in his service.

Faith and Vision

Looking forward, it is important that we recognise where we are as a church and recognise where God is working now and what we can do to further God's Kingdom here on earth.

During 2025 the Diocese has been developing a Strategy for Mission and Growth so that every church can thrive based on the vision that every church will be 'Transformed by Christ, Prayerful, Pastoral, Prophetic; a strategy which will help to make that hope and prayer real and grounded.

Out of this has come a document called 'Streams' helping churches to see where they are at and what we can be doing where we are. These streams are not suggesting that any church or stream is better than another but that we all focus honestly on the reality.



We find ourselves 18 months on from my becoming Rector in what I believe to be a 'fallow' church that is beginning to see signs of Germination. This is not a negative place to be but a new beginning.

Quiet seasons are all part of God's Plan.

'After all Fallow fields are ploughed and harrowed and then intentionally left for a period of time to restore the nutrients in the soil. Laying a field fallow is an important step in the lifecycle of growth. It is a preparatory step before sowing and fresh cultivation This is about identifying when and where to wait, pray and discern what next. Fallow churches can be left for a period of time to allow any organic new life to take seed. ('*The diocese of Norwich 2025*')

To find out more go to https://www.dioceseofnorwich.org/wp-content/uploads/2025/11/Streams_17NOV25.pdf

Prayer life of the Church

For the past 18 months I have been maintaining a rhythm of Prayer- almost every Wednesday and Friday at 9am; including prayers for growth in the church and for the needs of the Carlton Colville Community. I am grateful to Carol, Rita and Sharon who join with me on a regular basis. If anyone else would like to join us you are very welcome. If 9am is just too early or you prefer a quieter approach to prayer why not give Quiet time a go on the last Thursday of the month 2pm (see group reports). Again if you prefer to pray in the comfort of your own home and need some prayer pointers just let me know. Prayer is the backbone of the life of the church and without God's help we can do nothing, so however you pray just do.

Thanksgiving

I am truly thankful to our Church Warden Carol Browning and for Jenny Foyster who assists her at services and life events for all they are and do. Thanks also to the PCC who support the work of the church and represent the congregation in decision making. A special thanks also to Mark Ellis our Lay Minister for his continued ministry among us taking services and preaching and this year for taking on the co ordination of the eco management of the church yard. This year we began our journey towards becoming an eco church and hope that in 2026 we will have achieved the Bronze Eco award. I am so grateful to each member of the congregation for all you contribute to the life and work of the church in Carlton Colville using your different skills and talents in so many ways.

Safeguarding remains a priority as we seek to ensure that St Peter's is a safe space for all. (See report) It is truly a joy to see how much you love and care for one another, and welcome in those who are new or just visiting the church. God is at work among us and we praise his Holy Name for all that he is doing in us and for us.

During 2025 we have continued to serve the community in so many ways. I thankful for the growing links with the community and the willingness of the Town council, Scouts, Schools and Carlton Hall as we work together (see Group reports.)

Life events are increasing as we continue to build on the Churches links with the community.

Seeds are being sown let us continue to pray into 2026 and beyond with hope and confidence and rediscover our purpose in God's plan for future germination and for future Generations.

A prayer for Growth

Christ of transformation, sow deep into the soil of our hearts and parish,
your seeds of prayerful listening, conversation and discernment:
then nurture their growth, we pray, with the gentle rains of your Spirit
that they may flower and fruit into new ways of revealing
the abundant life you offer and long for us to share. Amen

I look forward to the privilege of serving you and working with you all in the coming year.

With every blessing

Andrea

Secretary's Report 2025

Pcc meetings during 2025

28/1/2025

23/3/2025 Extraordinary meeting

28/5/2025

22/7/2025

7/10/2025

25/11/2025

Average Numbers for Services

Church Services	2025	Total Number of Services	2024	Total Number of Services	2023	Total number of services
Holy Communion	36 Adults 1 child	30	23 Adults 1 Child	46	21 adults 1 child	54
Worship for All /Morning Prayer	35 Adults 1 child		24 Adults 1 Child	34	27 adults 1 child	33
Messy Church	0	0	10 Adults 4 Children	4	8 Adults 6 Children	7
Special Services	Adults 50 Children 40	4	66 Adults 26 Children	4	8 Adults	2
Schools	19 Adults 127 children	10	21 Adults 137 Children	10	21 Adults 141 Children	8
Festival services	44 Adults 8 children	8	41 Adults 3 children		42 Adults 9 Children	8
Baptisms		4		3		2
Weddings		2		4		3
Funerals		6		2		10
Memorial services		1		1		1
Burial of Ashes		8		6		9

Warden's Report 2025

All we need to do is sew the seed of His word and God will handle the growth

Another year has gone past without any major incidents. The Quinquennial Inspection was carried out in June and as yet we have not received the report. We are very aware that the tower is in need of our attention but until we have the report we are unable to move forward with applications for grants.

Both Linda and Andrea have tried to chase this up both with the Architect and the Diocese. We continue to collect donations for the tower and as you will see from The Treasurers report the Tower fund is just under £1000

Fabric Report 2025

I will build my Church and the gates of Hades will not prevail against it.

Gods Community meet at St. Peter's and we are blessed with a beautiful building. The Normans were very skilled artisans, but like everything time takes it's toll.

Tiles were replaced on the Church Roof.

All electrical appliances were PAT tested. All fire extinguishers were tested.

We are still waiting for someone to repair the parish room door.

Churchyard Maintenance 2025

Mark Ellis took this on at the beginning of May 2025. Having recruited a small team this quickly dissolved to only Mark and John Beamish, with Carol Browning tackling the weeds in the main path.

Up to 18th November 2025, when we called a halt to 'maintenance' as such, Mark and John had accrued some 235 man hours over the 28 weeks. That's an average of 8 hours per week between them. (At typical commercial rates that's nearly £6000 of labour).

Whilst the churchyard is now much 'tidier', work continues apace meeting Suffolk Wildlife Trust recommendations, and ultimately contributing to Arocha EcoChurch awards. Next year's work will now be focused on managing the churchyard for wildlife in the coming years, as opposite to just recovery/tidying/cutting the grass of the churchyard. I do not estimate that the required hours will be much reduced from this year and I can only highlight the issues of Climate Change in contributing to these hours - Cutting grass on the 18th November! More consistent help in 2026 will be required!!!

Since that start in May we have made a start on the EcoChurch award application, Mark attended Norwich Diocese/Norfolk Wildlife Trust 'Holy Habitats' seminar. We have entertained both Suffolk Wildlife Trust Conservation Adviser (and received a short report) and East Suffolk Council Environmental Sustainability Officer (and received 'Nature at Work' signage), and hosted the Deanery EcoChurch Roadshow.

We have also worked with the local representatives of the Commonwealth War Graves Commission 'Eyes on Hands on' project to look at protecting those known CWGC graves and identifying others of interest to them.

Progress reports have regularly been made via the Church's Facebook page and Website.

Both the ride-on mower and a newer small mower, provided by donation, have issues, hopefully both under warranty, and will be sent for a well earned service and repair over the winter, along with our petrol strimmer which was very temperamental on it's last day in use!

Safeguarding Report

Unfortunately, due to a very difficult year for me personally I have been unable to keep up to date at presenting renewed safeguarding policies to the PCC for consideration and adoption. Therefore, there are a lot of actions for me to work on with the PCC in the coming months. Though this work needs to be completed the safeguarding procedures that are in place are working. I have also managed to attend a Diocesan safeguarding update session. Most safeguarding training is up to date and for those needing to repeat their training I will be able to assist you if required over the next few months.

Please remember that Safeguarding awareness and reporting is an important part of us caring for each other and showing the love of Christ in our community.

Please remember to pray for our church to remain a safe place for all.

Sharon Brown

Safeguarding officer.

Following the update of Safeguarding training leadership module Andrea Woods and Mark Ellis have put together the following action plan. This is a working document and will be updated as and when changes are needed

Objective What would you like to achieve/ implement	Task/s What do you need to do	Success Criteria What will it look like if you achieve your objective	Timescale When would you like to achieve this
To communicate the leadership of the church better	To introduce ourselves at the beginning of each service	Each service leader will welcome and say who they are.	Immediately
To Update the PCC's on the leadership Pathway training and explain and discuss the Action Plan	At the next PCC meeting I will ensure that what I have learned will be passed on this will include a time of open discussion around the proposed action plan	To finalize an action plan and have in place timescales on each point	The next Pcc St Peter's Meeting March 24 th 2026 St Andrew's April 18 th 2026
In our Sunday notices on screen we will include a short statement on 'What Safeguarding means' and who to contact if there are any questions	Write a short Statement so that both churches get exactly the same message.	Safeguarding will seen as a priority and as a church leadership we will ensure that we are available and open	April 2026

or concerns also on screen will be pictures of The safeguarding officer and the service leader and or preacher.		to conversations and feedback.	
To Put together a vision statement on who we are and what we believe for notice boards and website	To consult the PCC and to write the statement	The statement will appear on Notice boards and on our Website	May 2026
To include a safeguarding Sunday into our services Rota	Set a date - The official date is 15 th November 2026 with 2 churches we may need 2 different dates or a benefice Service	A service on a Sunday morning will be implemented and will include resources from the Christian charity https://thirtyoneight.org/ prayers for victims/survivors, thank you to safeguarding officers, and the promotion of safer church cultures.	November 2026

Electoral Roll

We started with 46 members on the Electoral roll, of which one was called to rest with the Lord. Two have relocated, with address unknown. Two enrolment applications were received and these have been added onto the list. Upon revision of the entire electoral roll, the number now stands at 45. Of these, 26 are resident within the parish, and the remaining 19 are non-resident.

We give God the glory, whilst still praying for growth!

Luke 10 v 2: Then He said to them, “The harvest truly *is* great, but the labourers *are* few; therefore, pray the Lord of the harvest to send out labourers into His harvest.

Nelly Baxter

Deanery Synod

Deanery synod hold meetings 3 times a year usually Feb / March, June/July, and November. They are held on a date following a Diocesan Synod meeting so that the points raised at Diocesan synod can be filtered out throughout the Deanery in a timely manner. These meetings are informative and fun and it is a great place to learn more about what is happening in the churches around us and the way churches are reaching out to their communities.

Meetings usually start with a get to know each other game that is designed around the theme of the evening.

Some of the topics we have explored and discussed during the past year are:

- 1) Eco Church -Most of one meeting was spent learning more about Eco church, and the many ways in which we can as a church participate, demonstrate and encourage greater care and stewardship of our planet. This is our Christian responsibility and a way to show the love of Christ to those in poorer countries whose lives are more seriously impacted by climate change.

Please think carefully about what you can do at home and within the church to play your part in reversing climate change.

- 2) Diocesan Strategy
- 3) Saints trail - many churches in the Deanery opened their churches and put up interactive displays about a saints or famous Christians, it was aimed at families, to provide a free fun learning experience during the October half term.
- 4) Accessibility in churches both practical and spiritual, and how best to enable everyone to participate and feel a valued member of the congregation.
- 5) Sharing our story of faith
- 6) The new Diocesan Mission statement which will be launched at Pentecost in 2026.
- 7) There is space for another Deanery Synod Rep so please consider if this is a role that would be a good fit for you enabling you to shine for Christ.

Sharon Brown

Bible Study Groups

Jesus is Alive

This group has been meeting since summer 2022

We meet every other Friday from 2-3.30pm in St Peter's church hall and 10 people from both St Peter's and St Andrew's churches attend. We Learn around God's Word and Among other things we have been looking at the Psalms. We use study guides, reference books and internet sources.

The meeting begins with tea/coffee and ends with prayer.

Doreen Worrell

Young at heart

Young at Heart Homegroup report

'Growing in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.'

We try to meet every other Tuesday and are studying Rick Warrens
The Purpose Driven Life.

This has led to lively discussions where it is wonderful to hear others understandings.
There is a level of confidentiality as we share and pray for one another.

We move forward into another year thirsting in our Lord with open Hearts, Faith and Hope.

Linda and Bob Filer

Prayer Life

Quiet time.

We meet monthly on last Thursday of month between 2/3 pm

For a time of quiet stillness. Quiet worship music is played and sometimes Christian
meditation.

At present we are a group of 6, we would love others to join us As Mark has reminded us
recently. We need to come to our Lord Be still and know that I am God. Come and join
us.

Heather

Morning Prayer

During 2025 a small group of us have met at 9am on a Wednesday and Friday Morning to read
the Bible and to prayer for the needs of the world and the needs of the local community and
for God's Church here in Carlton Colville.

It would be good to have more people joining with us in this as prayer is important and the
central core of the church's life. Do be in touch if we can pray for you or if you would like
some pointers for prayer so you can pray at another time.

Andrea

Fishnets and Friendships

1st Tuesday of the month 10.00-12.00

2025 saw numbers fluctuate. Those that have come along have appreciated the group.

The subs collected from over the year were donated Between various charities including the
church.

The craft work of the group is varied, we have knitters, card makers, painting and sewing.
All are made welcome and can bring along whatever craft they like to do or use the
collection of craft materials that we have available.

Carol

St Peter's Flower Team

Our members are Rita, Mary, Linda, Christine, Jan and Heather. We decorate the Church with flower arrangements at Christmas, Easter, Harvest and any special occasion during the year.

We are grateful for the fellowships support and words of encouragement. Also for donations received towards Easter lilies.

Textiles

Linda and Heather continue to look after the banners etc. A new set was made this year. Created with an awareness of needing to be still before God.

All of us are so thankful to God for equipping us to continue to glorify His name in this way.

Thank you

Heather

Upside down group.

This group has been running for 17 years. It was begun to help support people struggling with grief. So we can reach out to each other. At present we are around 15 in number.

Some ladies stay for a short time others have stayed and enjoy the social side of sharing with each other. Please tell people you know we are here, meeting monthly on 2nd Tuesday. 12/2pm with a sharing lunch.

Thank you *Heather*

The Mission group

The mission group continues to meet periodically throughout the year with the members being Andrea Woods, Dawn Rhodes, Sharon Brown, Dorreen Worrall and Sue Cummings. At each meeting we discuss ways in which we can continue to support church mission and also to allocate appropriate funds.

This year we have continued to give financial support to the Bible Society, Church Army, Tearfund and Compassion for our Compassion children. We also sent £500 to the Tearfund Myanmar Disaster in April 25. We supported the Children's Society through the Christingle service and we continue to give support to the Kirkley Pantry.

We welcome any new members with new ideas so please let us know if you would like to join the group.

Sue Cummings

Schools Work

During 2025 Both Grove and Carlton Primary schools came to the church to celebrate Harvest Christmas and Easter.

We were also invited into the school to participate in RE lessons relating to Christianity. Andrea is serving as a governor at Carlton Colville Primary.

We hope that we will be able to grow this work in 2026 and pray that more children will be able to experience Christianity and the church in a positive way and lead them to want to know more of what it means to follow Jesus.

Andrea Woods and Mark Ellis

Carlton Hall Services

During 2025 we have led a service once a month at Carlton Hall. This has taken the form of shortened version of the Sunday service with traditional hymns. Numbers have varied from 5 - 15

Scouts

During 2025 the scout groups had services in April for St Georges day and paraded during the Remembrance day service collecting veterans from Carlton Hall along the way. We look forward to working with them again in 2026

Fund raising committee

During 2025 we have met to discuss various ways in which we can raise some much needed funds for the general funds as well as specific projects including our support of Mission globally and locally and the Tower project.

In the past year

We run Coffee mornings

Had a Stall at Carlton Hall Fete

Joined in with Churches Together Bike Ride Cycling and sitting in the church

Held a Quiz and Puddings afternoon

Been entertained by the wonderful Lowestoft Longshoremen

Held a Christmas Tree Festival week end

More creative ideas are planned for 2026

Linda, Heather, Jenny, Carol and Andrea