

St Michael's Bray with Braywood



Annual Parochial Church Meeting Papers Sunday 26th April 2026

St. Michael's Bray with Braywood
Welcoming all in Faith, Hope and Love

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Agenda

Minutes of the Annual Parochial Church Meeting held on April 27th 2025

St Michael's Church Bray with Braywood Annual Report for 2025

Electoral Roll Report

Treasurer's Report

Generous Giving Report

The St Michael's Online Report

The Men's Friendship Group

Safeguarding

St Michael's Mission Plan

Music Report (and Music at Bray Accounts)

Fabric, Goods and Ornaments of the Church and Church Hall Report

Maidenhead and Windsor Deanery Annual Report for 2025

Tower Captain's Report

The Friends of St Michael's

The Church Teas

St. Michael's, Bray with Braywood
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Notice of two meetings to be held at St Michael's Bray at 11.30am on Sunday 26th April 2026

AGENDA

1. Apologies for Absence:
2. First Meeting – Election of ChurchWardens:
(nominations received Lynn Olney and Helen Pearson)
3. Second Meeting – Annual Parochial Meeting
** Minutes of the Meetings held on April 27th 2025 and matters arising there from.
4. The Election of members of the Deanery Synod which take place every 3 yrs.
Penny Murray and Natasha Teeder are willing to stand again. Jim Tucker is stepping down after many years of service. Nominations received.

5. Election of up to 12 Members of the Parochial Church Council
Those willing to stand for re- election :-

Lynda Jones, Katrin Brunning, John Seymour, Jasvir Banks, Mary Wiles , Charles Botting , and Marney Nichols.

Election of a new member to the PCC.and Marney Nichols.

6. Re-commitment to an annually held election of PCC members.

7. Election of Sidespersons:

Those seeking election are:

8am:

Tony Ellison, Katrin Brunning, John Dieppe and Judith Riley and Richard Smart.

Readers Tony Ellison, Janis Dieppe, John Dieppe, Gary Farmer Judith Riley and Katrin Brunning

10 am:

Sidespeople,Readers

Sarah Pawluk. Sarah Slinn. Jilly Rothwell. Thomas Cherian. Andy Giles, Natalie Long. Julie Graham. Julie. Tompkins. Nata. Teeder. Andrew Teeder.

Mary Wiles. Jim Tucker. Ian Murray. Penny Murray. Joanna Korzak. Peter Sands. Michael. Olney.

Intercessions:

Penny Murray, Jim Tucker, Beryl Maw, Andy Giles, and Lynda Jones

8. Electoral Roll of the Parishes

9. St Michael's Church Bray with Braywood Annual Report for 2025-2026

10. The Vicar's Report on Church Life in 2025-2026

11. Presentation of the Financial Statement for the year to 31st December 2025
(Treasurer's Statement)

12. Generous Giving Report.

13. The Men's Friendship Group.

14. Online Presence and Services.

15. Safeguarding Report.

16. St Michael's Mission Plan

17. Report on the Music of the Church and Music at Bray

18. Fabric, Goods and Ornaments, St Michael's Church and Church Hall

19. Maidenhead and Windsor Deanery Annual Report for 2025

20. Tower Captain's Report

21. The Friends of St Michael's Report

22. Appointment of an Independent Examiner

- 23. Date of the Next Annual Parochial Meeting
- 24. The Church Teas and Raffle Report
- 25. Any Other Business

Annual PCC Meeting of St Michael's Church Bray and Braywood on Sunday 27th April 2025

Held in St Michaels Church. A copy of these can be found displayed within the porch.

Annual reports.

The members of the current Council are as follows.

Rev. A.Swift	Chairman
H.Pearson	Church Warden
Lynn Olney	Church Warden
Mary Wiles	Deputy Church Warden
P. Murray	Deanery Synod Representative
J.Tucker	Deputy Chairman, Verger Deputy Church Warden, Authorised Preacher
K. Brunning	Secretary and Deputy Verger.
Marney Nichols	Treasurer
J. Banks	Fees Treasurer
L. Jones	Sacristan, Lay Funeral Minister
N.Teeder	Safeguarding Officer and Young Person’s Advocate, Deanery Synod Representative
John Seymour	
Charles Botting	

Deanery Synod.

The Vicar is automatically a member of the Deanery Synod.

The deanery synod members of the PCC are Natasha Teeder, Penny Murray and Jim Tucker.

Jim Tucker is standing down this year after many years.We thank him for all his years of service.

8 Revised Electoral roll 2026

The date for the revision was displayed within the church porch.

5 names were removed as people had moved away and 8 names added to the roll.

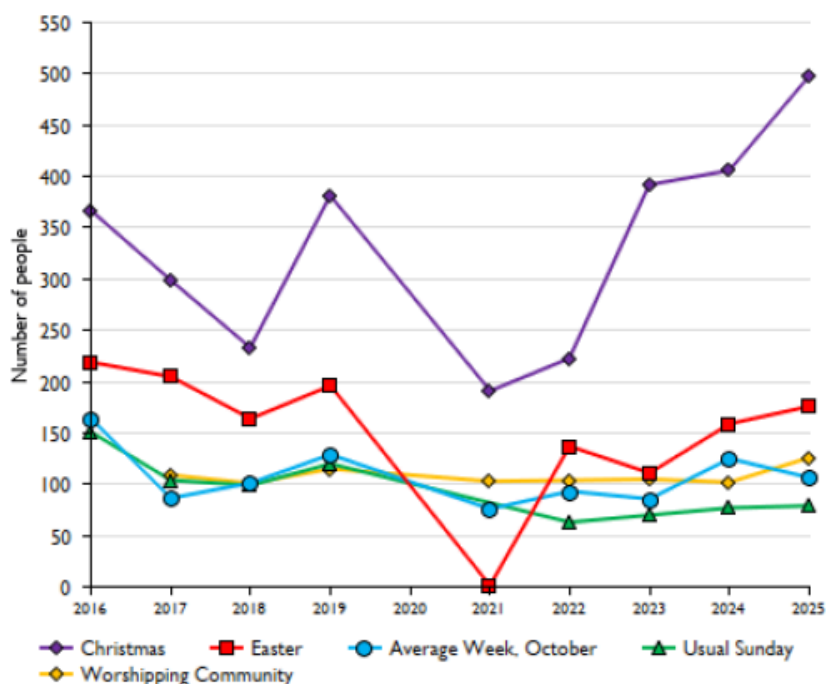
The new list has 93 names and addresses. The names only list is displayed on the noticeboard in the church porch. The full list with addresses will be kept in the safe in the vestry. Post APCM the names only list will be kept on the bookshelf near the font.

Electoral Roll Officer.

Penny Murray

9. St Michael's Church Bray with Braywood Annual Report for 2025-2026

1. Attendance Summary

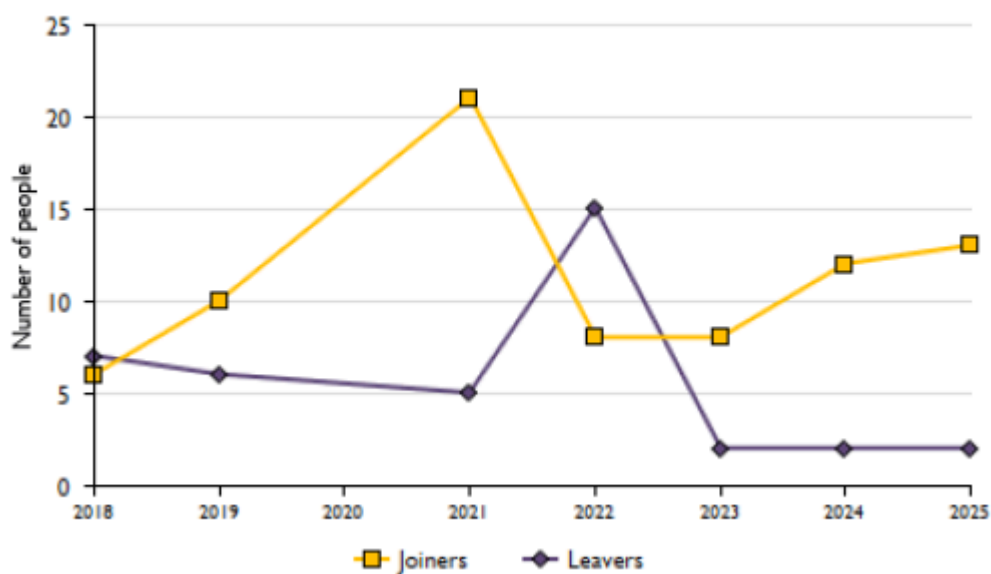
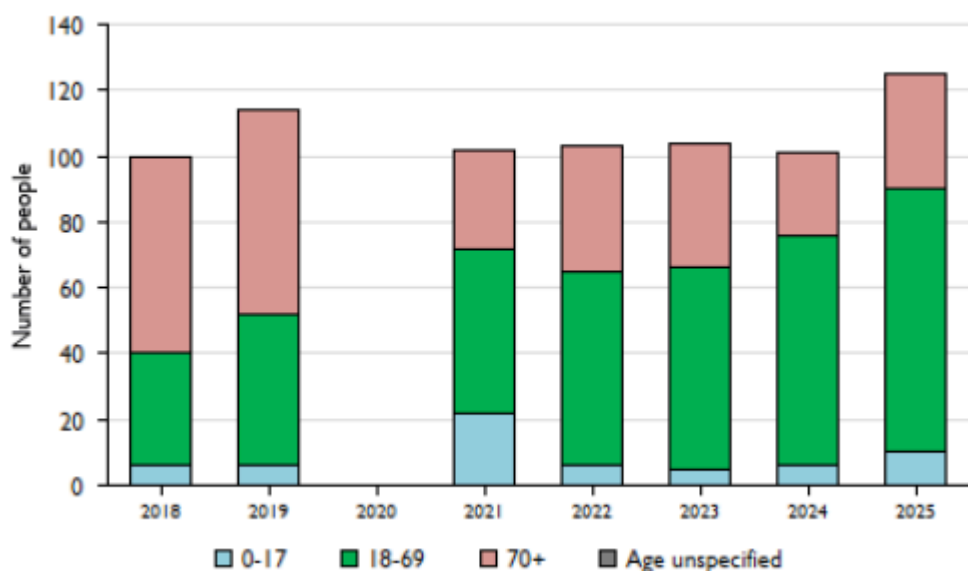


	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
Christmas	366	298	232	380	-	190	222	391	405	497
Easter	218	204	163	195	-	0	136	110	158	175
Average Week, October	163	86	100	128	-	75	92	85	124	106
Usual Sunday	150	103	98	119	-	-	62	69	76	78
Worshipping Community	-	108	100	114	-	102	103	104	101	125

N.B. Because of the disruption caused by the COVID-19 pandemic, churches were not asked to report their Usual Sunday attendance for 2020 or 2021, or their Easter attendance for 2020:

- Christmas: Christmas Eve & Christmas Day;
- Easter: Easter Eve & Easter Day;
- Average week, October: includes Sunday and midweek church services & fresh expressions in October but excludes attendance at services for schools;

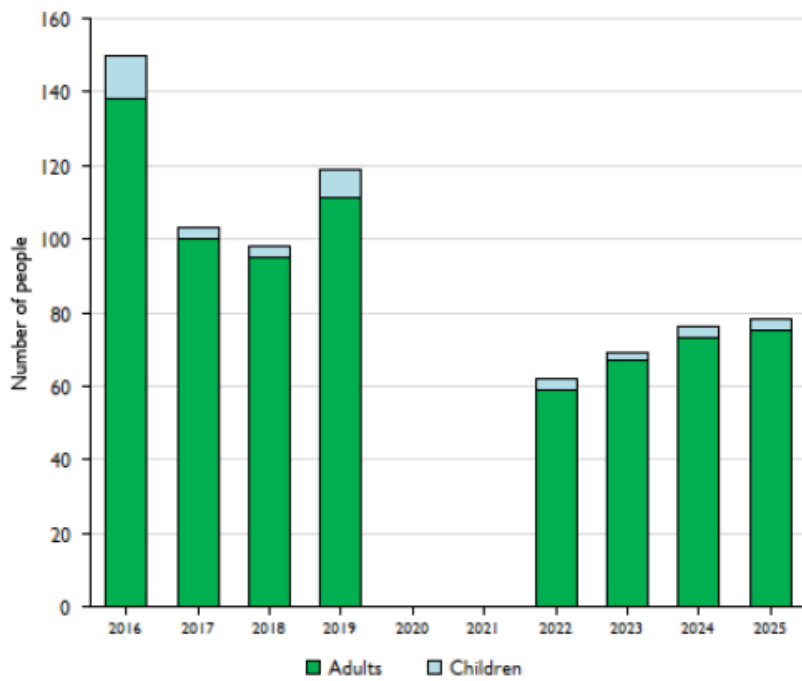
2. Worshipping Community



	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
Total	100	114	-	102	103	104	101	125
0-17	6	6	-	22	6	5	6	10
18-69	34	46	-	50	59	61	70	80
70+	60	62	-	30	38	38	25	35
Age unspecified	0	0	-	0	0	0	0	0
Joiners	6	10	-	21	8	8	12	13
Leavers	7	6	-	5	15	2	2	2

Worshipping Community information has been collected from 2012 onwards.

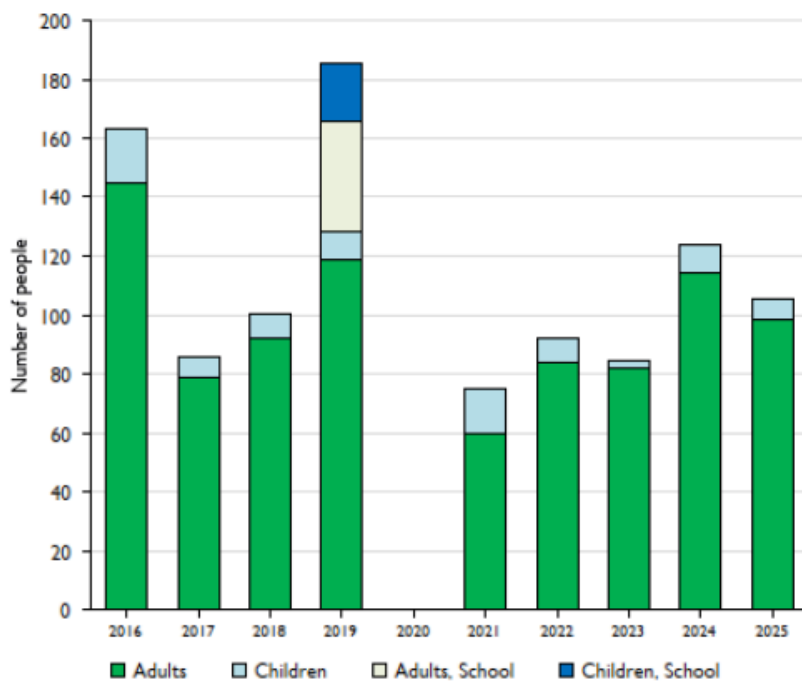
3. Usual Sunday Attendance



	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
Adults	138	100	95	111	-	-	59	67	73	75
Children	12	3	3	8	-	-	3	2	3	3

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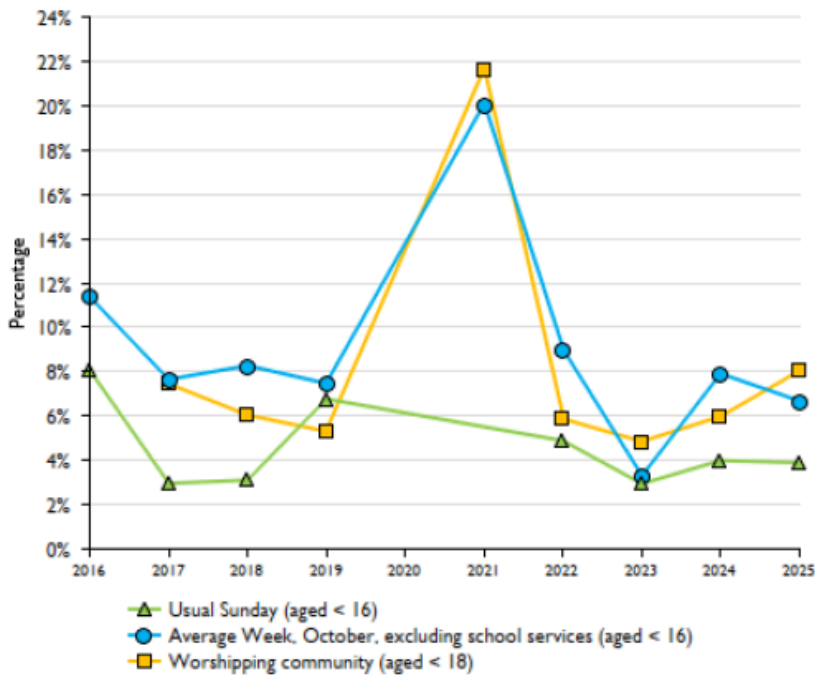
4. Average Weekly Attendance



	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
Adults	145	79	92	119	-	60	84	82	114	99
Children	19	7	8	10	-	15	8	3	10	7
Adults, School	-	-	-	38	-	0	-	-	-	-
Children, School	-	-	-	20	-	0	-	-	-	-

Attendance at Sunday and midweek church services & fresh expressions in October. Services for schools were included from 2013.

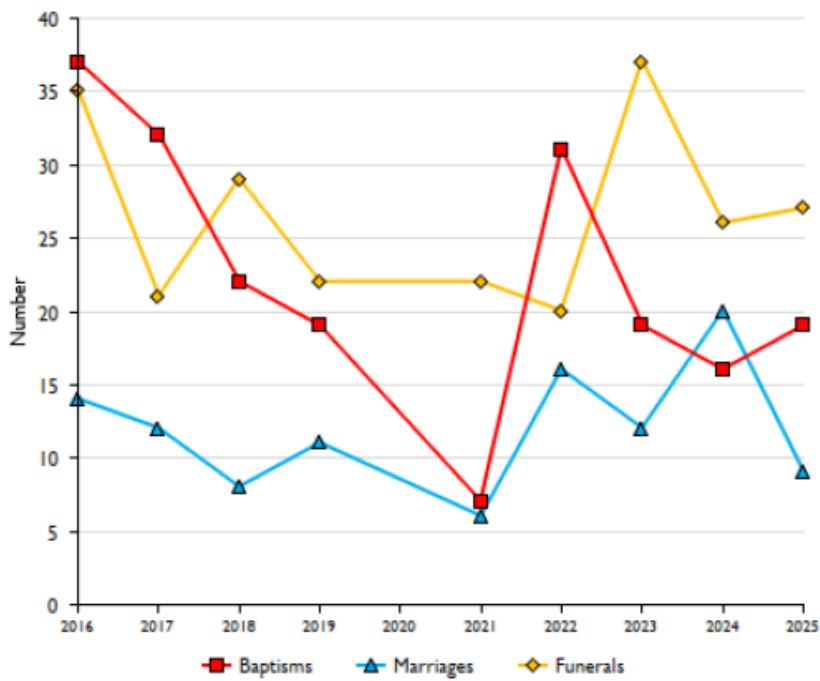
5. Percentage Children



	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
Usual Sunday (aged < 16)	8%	3%	3%	7%	-	-	5%	3%	4%	4%
Average Week, October, excluding school services (aged < 16)	11%	8%	8%	7%	-	20%	9%	3%	8%	7%
Worshipping community (aged < 18)	-	7%	6%	5%	-	22%	6%	5%	6%	8%

Average week, October: Attendance at services for schools is not included

6. Baptisms, Marriages and Funerals



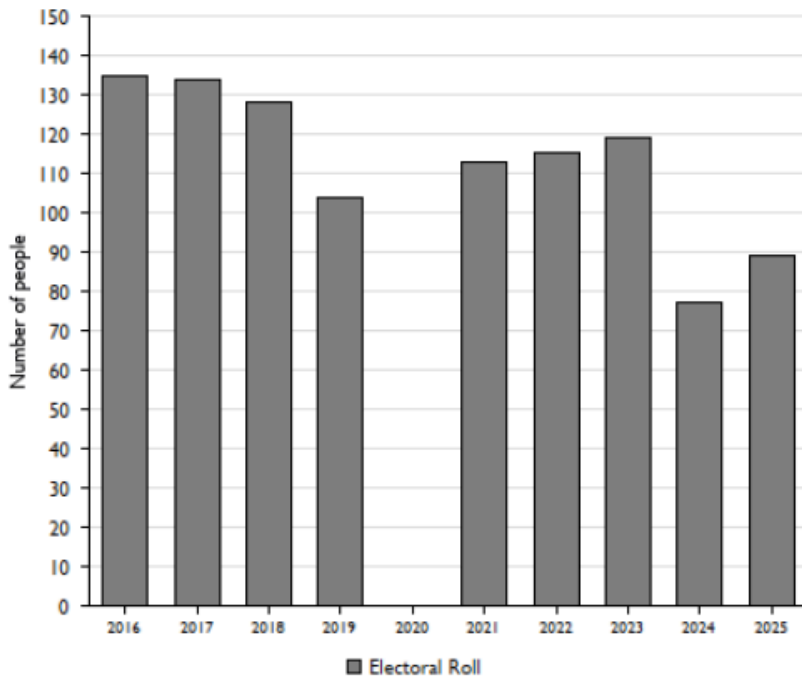
	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
Baptisms	37	32	22	19	-	7	31	19	16	19
Marriages	14	12	8	11	-	6	16	12	20	9
Funerals	35	21	29	22	-	22	20	37	26	27

Baptisms: all baptisms & thanksgivings.

Marriages: marriages and services of prayer & dedication after civil marriages.

Funerals: those held in church & at crematoria/cemeteries.

7. Electoral Roll



	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
Electoral Roll	135	134	128	104	-	113	115	119	77	89

N.B. Electoral roll renewal: 2019 & 2025

10. Vicar's Report April 2026 (covering the year April 2025-April 2026)

“Becoming a more Christlike Church for the sake of the world” – Common Vision, Oxford Diocese

Introduction

We continue to make a marked increase in attendance this year as you will see in the statistics below. Our main weak point is still with the under 16's. We did see a huge increase in the Crib Service attendance which is worth noting and seeking to build from:

2024 46 children and 81 adults

2025 84 children and 161 adults

You will see in the attached “Dashboard” that St Michael's congregation has continued to grow and our number attending major festivals and events has increased, in some cases dramatically.

Our Curate

Andy Medicott is now coming to the end of his second year as Curate of Bray.

Andy was Ordained Priest on the 28 th June last year. Andy will continue to minister and worship at Bray and been able to preside and preach at the Eucharist. He has been increasingly involved in the Pastoral work of the parish. Thank you for supporting Andy and his family in our church community life here in Bray.

Ordinand

Thomas Henley, from our congregation and choir, was selected to train for Ordained ministry. Thomas began his studies last September at Ripon College, Cuddesdon and has settled in well. He will continue his studies and formation there for another two years.

Services for “Children of All Ages”

We have held a number of Sunday afternoon services with children in mind; small numbers but a great way to try out new ways of engaging with children.

Spirituality Centre

Over the last year various parishes, groups and individuals have made use of our hall, upper room and grounds for Quiet Days and a place of retreat. This year I hope to explore how we might engage with young people and retreat, discussions with Rhodri Bowen and Kathryn Aboud from the Diocese have resulted in the Diocese booking some of its youth ministry events here in Bray.

Music and worship

Music here at Bray continues to be an impressive part of our life and worship!

Along with Ollie Gooch, Lindsey Bramley and the choir. They have done an amazing job enhancing our worship and developing the sense of God's presence in this place.

Mission Action Planning

We are holding a review of our Mission Action Plan this year. On Saturday 16 th of May from 9.30 am until lunch we will be facilitated by our Parish Development Adviser, Rhodri Bowen, who will help us to look at fresh insight into our mission and direction as a Church. All are welcome!

Sunday School

This year has continued to show small but significant growth. Many thanks to Natasha Teeder as she leads our Sunday School.

Church Schools

I have led a regular assembly (Collective Worship), in both our Church Schools, Holyport Primary and Braywood First School and serve as a Governor at both, along with Lynda Jones as Governor at Holyport and Julie Tomkin at Braywood. I have also been involved in helping in some RE lessons at Braywood and Holyport. Revd Andy has built a relationship with Holyport College and has prepared pupils there for Confirmation.

Care Homes

My thanks to Lynda Jones who maintains our ministry to Meadow Bank Care home as well as giving much appreciated support with lay funeral ministry, not to mention Sacristan duties and

choir! This year a Communion service and other pastoral work at Foxleigh Grove Nursing Home in Holyport has continued and Revd Andy has led that ministry. Residents of Foxleigh Grove have attended St Michael's for Christmas and Good Friday services.

Jesus Hospital

The Vicar of Bray continues to be Chaplain of Jesus Hospital. We currently mark seasonal celebrations for Christmas, Harvest, and Remembrance and other occasional special events. If pastoral needs arise, I am kept in touch by the Warden. The Hartley Trust donate to us each year to support the Church for the use of the Vicar as Chaplain for which we are very grateful.

The Friends of St Michaels

The 'Friends' are "To raise funds for the preservation, repair, restoration, and improvement of the ornamentation and fabric of St Michael's, Bray and its Churchyard and St Michael's Hall, so long as these buildings remain the responsibility of the Parochial Church Council, and are used for charitable purposes, and to provide articles for use in worship in St Michael's, Bray; also support music and other charitable activities in the parish." (Charity Commissioners website). We thank the 'Friends' for all they do to help maintain the church here in Bray and this past year especially for the help with the rewiring and relighting of the Church.

Our Buildings

Much of the daily care and maintenance of our building continues to be ably led by Ian Murray as our "clerk of works" and we give him special thanks for that. Ian has continued to work with Lee Brunning as his capable assistant and in terms of succession planning. Lee continues as our Health and Safety Officer.

Generous Giving

Our thanks to Jim Tucker for encouraging our Stewardship and generous giving and promoting the Parish Giving Scheme. There has been a continued increase in giving this year. Thanks also to Vicky Henley who has been managing our Gift Aid remotely from Northern Scotland!

Safeguarding

As a church we remain highly aware of our commitment to safeguarding children and vulnerable adults in the church community. We thank Natasha Teeder for being our Safeguarding Officer and Helen Pearson for administering our DBS checking and Safeguarding training.

Thanks to all!

I am sure there are lots of other important events and people that I have not mentioned, forgive me. As we enter a new season for the PCC we welcome Marney Nicholas as our new PCC Treasurer. Richard Severn, continues as our Parish Administrator, Pam Woodruff and the wonderful ministry of hospitality in continuing Sunday Breakfasts once a month and coffee after the 10.00 am service each Sunday, the Summer Teas, and a number of other occasions (and all her helpers!) and all the members of the PCC. I want to thank everyone for all they do for the church community of St Michael's and wider parish; let's build on our strengths and see that St Michael's grow in faith and love and numbers. Your Vicar,
Ainsley.

11. Treasurer's Report for the Year-ending 31st December 2025

Charity registration no. 1213749

PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF BRAY WITH BRAYWOOD ANNUAL REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2025
PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF BRAY WITH BRAYWOOD

LEGAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

Charity registration 1213749

Current trustees The Revd Canon Ainsley Swift (Chair) Marney Nicholls (appointed 12 January 2026)

Rev Andrew Medicott
Patricia Olney
Mary Wiles
Helen Pearson
Penelope Murray
Jasvir Banks
John Seymour
James Tucker
Lynda Jones
Natasha Teeder
Katrin Brunning

Treasurer Richard Severn

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PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF BRAY WITH BRAYWOOD

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PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF BRAY WITH BRAYWOOD

TRUSTEES REPORT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2025

The Parochial Church Council (PCC) presents its annual report and financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2025.

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Church (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008, Charities Act 2011, and the Statement of Recommended Practice by Charities SORP (FRS102), as well as The PCC (Powers) Measure 1956, The Church Representation Rules, and the Church Accounting Regulations 2006.

Objectives and activities

The objectives of the PCC are defined by the Parochial Church Council (Powers) Measure 1956 as to co-operate with the Church in promoting in the parish the whole mission of the Church, pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical. The PCC is committed to enabling as many people as possible to worship at our churches and to become part of the Parish community. The PCC regularly reviews the worship throughout the Parish and considers how services can involve the many groups that live in the Parish.

When planning our activities for the year, the incumbent and the PCC have considered the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit and, in particular, the specific guidance on charities for the advancement of religion.

We try to enable ordinary people to live out their faith as part of our Parish community through:

- the provision of regular public worship that is open to all
- the provision of sacred space for personal prayer and contemplation;
- the provision of pastoral work including the visiting of the sick, the elderly and the bereaved; - teaching the Christian faith through sermons, informal groups, children's meetings and links with local schools;
- the promotion of the Christian faith through various events for the elderly, parents and toddlers and other special needs groups organised by the PCC and through the distribution of the Parish magazine and through the website;
- the support of other charities involved in Christian outreach and development.

Financial review

The Parish saw an overall net incoming of resources of £39,329 in 2025 (2024: £21,076) before revaluation of investments. This included a deficit of £26,489 in unrestricted funds, and £65,818 surplus in restricted funds compared with a decrease of £5,476 in unrestricted funds and a surplus of £26,552 in restricted funds during 2024.

Total income during 2025 was £215,900, an increase of £72,866 versus last year. This was largely driven by the donation of £63,115 with respect to the lighting works needed at St Michael's Church of which £16,783 was received from The Friends of St Michael's. In the same period Parish expenditure was also higher than 2024 at £176,571 (2024: £121,958). This was largely due to the west door restoration costing £20,139 and other church repairs costing a total of £14,515.

Planned giving increased in 2025 to £61,507 (2024: £53,715) and collections at services saw a slight decrease to £12,660 (2024: £14,548).

Income received from weddings and funerals increased to £23,025 (2024: £20,720) however wedding and funeral fees paid increased to £13,519 (2024: £9,428) resulting in a net surplus from weddings and funerals of £9,506 (2024: £11,292).

The Parish Share represents the most significant cost category (41%) totalling £71,970 (2024: £66,831).

The CCLA accounts performed well this year resulting in interest income received increasing to £10,171 (2024: £3,864).

The PCC thanks everyone who has supported the Parish with their generosity in particular during such challenging times. We are especially grateful to all the volunteers within our Parish who are vitally important to providing the services we offer to the community.

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PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF BRAY WITH BRAYWOOD

TRUSTEES REPORT (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2025

Structure, governance and management

The PCC is a corporate body established by the Church of England. Its governing documents are the Parochial Church Company (Powers) Measure 1956 as amended and the Church Representation Rules 2006. It is a charity registered with the Charity Commission under register number 1213749. The parish is part of the Windsor and Maidenhead Deanery, which is within the Diocese of Oxford of the Church of England.

The Parish office address is St Michael's Church, Vicarage Drive, Bray, Maidenhead, SL6 2AB.

The following persons have served as members (trustees) of the PCC during the year and up to the date this report was approved, unless otherwise stated:

Incumbent and Chair The Revd Canon Ainsley Swift

Trustees:

Marney Nicholls (appointed 12 January 2026)

Rev Andrew Medlicott, Patricia Olney, Mary Wiles, Helen Pearson ,Penelope Murray

Jasvir Banks, John Seymour, James Tucker, Lynda Jones, Natasha Teeder, Katrin Brunning.

PCC members are recruited in a number of ways. The clergy, churchwardens and Deanery Synod representatives are all ex-officio members of the PCC. Synod representatives are elected for a three-year term by the Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM), the churchwardens and other members of the PCC are elected annually at the APCM."

New PCC members are given assistance by the churchwardens and other PCC members to enable them to carry out their duties effectively.

Statement of PCC responsibilities

The PCC is responsible for all parish finance, its management and control, including the appointment of a treasurer. Members of the PCC are responsible for keeping accounting records, which disclose with reasonable accuracy the financial position of the PCC and which enable them to ascertain the financial position of the PCC and ensure that the financial statements comply with the Church (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008, the Charities Act 2011, the Statement of Recommended Practice for Charities SORP(FRS102), the PCC (Powers) Measure 1956, the Church Representation Rules, and the Church Accounting Regulations 2006. The PCC is also responsible for safeguarding the charity's assets and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities. The PCC is also required to ensure that the financial statements are examined by an independent examiner or auditor prior to presentation to the Annual Parochial Church Meeting.

The law applicable to charities in England and Wales requires the PCC to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the Parish and of the incoming resources and application of resources of the Parish for that year.

In preparing these financial statements, in addition to the above, the PCC are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in operation.

Approved by the PCC and signed on its behalf by:

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Revd. Ainsley Swift
Chairman PCC
 Date:

PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF BRAY WITH BRAYWOOD

INDEPENDENT EXAMINERS REPORT

I report to the PCC on my examination of the financial statements of Parochial Church Council of Bray with Braywood (the Parish) for the year ended 31 December 2025.

Responsibilities and basis of report

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

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

Independent examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no 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 Parish as required by section 130 of the 2011 Act; or
2. the financial statements do not accord with those records; or
3. or the financial statements do not comply with the applicable requirements concerning 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 financial statements to be reached.

Paul Fagan

for and on behalf of Craufurd Hale Audit Services Limited

C/O Craufurd Hale Group

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PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF BRAY WITH BRAYWOOD
Financial Statements for the year ended 31 December 2025
Receipts & payments account

	Note	Unrestricted Fund	Restricted Fund	Endowment Fund	Total as at 31/12/2025 £	Total as at 31/12/2024 £
		£	£	£		
Receipts						
Voluntary income/receipts						
Planned giving		61,507	-	-	61,507	53,715
Collection at services		12,668	-	-	12,668	14,548
Donations	a	21,642	75,932	-	97,574	39,179
Gift aid recovered		9,613	-	-	9,613	5,312
Total voluntary income		105,430	75,932	-	181,362	112,754
Activities for generating funds						
Fundraising (including coffee)		2,309	-	-	2,309	2,993
Investment income						
Dividends on CBF Investment Fund		-	-	-	-	5,541
Bank and CBF Deposit Fund Interest		1,190	8,981	-	10,171	3,864
Rent - Braywood School Hall		6,574	-	-	6,574	6,575
Church activities						
Fees for weddings and funerals	b	9,506	-	-	9,506	11,292
Other revenue		5,978	-	-	5,978	15
Total receipts		130,987	84,913	-	215,900	143,034
Payments						
Church activities						
Parish share		71,970	-	-	71,970	66,831
Clergy expenses		6,675	-	-	6,675	2,452
Church administrator		9,406	-	-	9,406	8,840
Organist & music subs		8,426	-	-	8,426	6,059
Mission giving (CMS)		550	-	-	550	550
Church expenses						
Church running expenses	c	8,740	-	-	8,740	8,133
Sanctuary	d	1,680	-	-	1,680	1,532
Church utility bills	e	13,380	-	-	13,380	4,504
Church repairs & maintenance	f	8,824	35,878	-	44,702	12,350
Depreciation on under pew heating		5,056	-	-	5,056	5,056
Printing & stationery		547	-	-	547	415
Miscellaneous	g	5,439	-	-	5,439	5,236
Total payments		140,693	35,878	-	176,571	121,958
Excess receipts over payments		(9,706)	49,035	-	39,329	21,076
Transfer between funds		-	-	-	-	-
Other recognised gains and losses						
Revaluation of investments		-	-	(7,969)	(7,969)	4,461
		(9,706)	49,035	(7,969)	31,360	25,537
Fund balance as at 1 January		74,537	92,962	495,814	663,313	637,776
Fund balance as at 31 December		64,831	141,997	487,845	694,673	663,313

PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF BRAY WITH BRAYWOOD
Financial Statements for the year ended 31 December 2025
Further analysis receipts & payments

	Unrestricted Fund	Restricted Fund	Total as at 31/12/2025	Total as at 31/12/2024
	£	£	£	£
Receipts				
a General donations				
Donations - other	14,896	-	14,896	24,706
Donations - Music at Bray	1,750	-	1,750	(281)
Donations - Donnington hospital	-	-	-	1,000
Donations - lighting fund	-	46,332	46,332	-
Donations - door repairs (Friends of St Michaels)	-	16,783	16,783	-
Goodbox collections	4,996	-	4,996	3,210
Donations - The Margaret Horn	-	12,817	12,817	12,161
	21,642	75,932	97,574	40,796
b Church activities				
Wedding & funeral fees received	23,025	-	23,025	25,971
Less wedding costs & fees to OSBF	(13,519)	-	(13,519)	(18,491)
	9,506	-	9,506	7,480
Payments				
c Church running expenses				
Bank charges	607	-	607	437
Christingle & Easter eggs	102	-	102	30
Royal County of Berkshire Churches	50	-	50	50
Website costs	215	-	215	-
Church & hall annual insurance	7,598	-	7,598	7,467
Green Bin	88	-	88	85
Hand Sanitiser and Bathroom Tissue/Hand Towels	80	-	80	64
	8,740	-	8,740	8,133
d Sanctuary				
Vino Sacro Altar Wine	277	-	277	365
Candles	173	-	173	87
Communion Wafers	61	-	61	-
Palm Crosses	58	-	58	47
Altar cloth dry clean	26	-	26	-
Church Flowers	1,085	-	1,085	1,033
	1,680	-	1,680	1,532
e Utility bills				
Gas bill	2,911	-	2,911	2,816
Electric	10,133	-	10,133	1,403
Water	336	-	336	285
	13,380	-	13,380	4,504
f Repairs & maintenance				
Fire extinguisher annual maintenance	-	-	-	423
Organ tuning & maintenance	50	-	50	300
Earthing equipment annual maintenance	266	-	266	259
Church yard + cemetery maintenance	2,841	-	2,841	2,690
General repairs	2,195	35,878	38,073	5,903
Central heating boiler	490	-	490	490
Electrical Works	2,982	-	2,982	2,285
	8,824	35,878	44,702	12,350
g Miscellaneous				
Training	-	-	-	-
APCS & DBS Fees	107	-	107	147
Accountancy Support and Xero Accounts Software Fees	2,818	-	2,818	3,395
Donations	690	-	690	467
Miscellaneous	1,824	-	1,824	1,227
	5,439	-	5,439	5,236

	Notes	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Endowment Funds £	Total 2025 £	Total 2024
Cash funds						
Bank current account		22,347	63,114	-	85,461	24,218
Deposit funds	2	10,970	78,883	-	89,853	103,920
Other balance sheet items						
Fixed assets - under pew heating		31,653	-	-	31,653	36,709
Creditors		(6,127)	-	-	(6,127)	(1,861)
Debtors		5,988	-	-	5,988	4,513
		<u>64,831</u>	<u>141,997</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>206,828</u>	<u>167,499</u>
Other monetary assets						
Braywood All Saints Church	3	-	-	296,476	296,476	296,476
Investment fund shares	4	-	-	191,369	191,369	199,338
		<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>487,845</u>	<u>487,845</u>	<u>495,814</u>
TOTAL FUNDS		<u>64,831</u>	<u>141,997</u>	<u>487,845</u>	<u>694,673</u>	<u>663,313</u>

Notes

- These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Church Accounting Regulations 2006 using the Receipts & Payments basis.
- This includes The St Michael's House (sale proceeds) Trust which was transferred to local control in April 2009, making the capital available if needed for emergency repairs. For the time being the funds remain invested in CBF Church of England Deposit Fund, but with the usual PCC signatories.
- Cost £5,585. Valued for insurance purposes. At a PCC meeting held at St Michael Hall Bray on 21st September 2010, the PCC was granted a lease of Braywood All Saints former Church site for a period of 10 years at an initial rent of £6,575.
- The capital is held in Trust and invested in CCLA Church of England Investment Fund Shares, but the income is available for approved purposes.
- The movements in unrestricted and restricted funds during the year were:

	B/fwd 1 Jan 25 £	Receipts £	Payments £	Depreciation / revaluation	Transfers	C/fwd 31 Dec 25 £	As at 31 Dec 24 £
Sunday school	474	22	-	-	-	496	474
Lighting fund	-	46,332	-	-	-	46,332	-
Friends of St Michael's door repairs	-	16,783	(16,783)	-	-	-	-
Holway Legacy	2,203	-	-	-	-	2,203	2,203
Chancel Repair	6,893	795	-	-	-	7,688	6,893
Church & Hall Repair Fund	31,906	5,950	(7,095)	-	-	30,761	31,906
St Michael's HO SP Trust	12,942	-	(12,000)	-	-	942	12,942
Margaret Horn Memorial	38,544	15,031	-	-	-	53,575	38,544
Total restricted	<u>92,962</u>	<u>84,913</u>	<u>(35,878)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>141,997</u>	<u>92,962</u>
Unrestricted funds							
CCLA General Reserve	251	12	-	-	-	263	251
CCLA other reserve	10,707	-	-	-	-	10,707	10,707
Bank accounts	24,218	130,975	(132,846)	-	-	22,347	24,218
Debtors / (creditors)	2,652	-	(2,791)	-	-	(139)	2,652
	<u>37,828</u>	<u>130,987</u>	<u>(135,637)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>33,178</u>	<u>37,828</u>
Fixed assets	36,709	-	-	(5,056)	-	31,653	36,709
Total unrestricted	<u>74,537</u>	<u>130,987</u>	<u>(135,637)</u>	<u>(5,056)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>64,831</u>	<u>74,537</u>
Endowment fund	495,814	-	-	(7,969)	-	487,845	495,814
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>663,313</u>	<u>215,900</u>	<u>(171,515)</u>	<u>(13,025)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>694,673</u>	<u>663,313</u>

12. Generous Giving Report

For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

Matthew 6, 21

There is ever only one way to start this report, and that is to take the opportunity of expressing our thanks to every member of the congregation, for their very generous financial support of the parish throughout 2025. I try to avoid statistical analysis where possible, but if you look at the accounts section, you will see, I believe, that the figures speak for themselves. Regular giving, mostly through the Parish Giving Scheme (PGS) and the Gift Aid it generates, has brought in, when added to weekly collections, a sum in excess of £80,000.

On top of this we received wonderful response to our appeal for the Lighting Fund, and I am grateful to Mike Parkinson, who led the appeal with his marvellous evening "Parky in Words and Music". The contribution from the Friends of St Michael's is gratefully acknowledged.

Be in no doubt, without this level of support the St Michael's we have today would not continue as we know and love it. I would also like to thank those who work hard to gather this money and enable it to be used, Richard Severn, retiring treasurer, Jasvir Banks who helps with payment authorisation and fees, and Vicki Henley who runs PGS and processes all our Gift Aid. I'm looking forward to working with Marney Nicholls as she takes over from Richard.

Ainsley asked me recently to say how much it costs per week to run our church; this is taking us near to statistics again – what to include, what not and so on – but a realistic figure is between £220 and £250 weekly. There are other sources of income, such as wedding and funeral fees, as well as donations, but it does not require much arithmetic to see that there is little if anything to spare between what we get in and what we have to pay out. Everything that St Michael's has to pay for is subject to price increases every much as your supermarket bill.

By the time you read this report you will know that the day of the APCM has been chosen for this year's Gift Day. Thank you if you have been able to give something; thank you if you have reviewed your PGS monthly sum; thank you if you have joined PGS; thank you if you have made a bequest to the church in your will. If it feels as though you are forever being asked for money, well.... I feel very strongly that giving is one essential way in which we express our faith and join in the mission of God's church. Do please continue to give whatever you can.

Jim Tucker

13. St Michael's Church Bray Men's Fellowship 2026

In September 2019 the MEN'S Fellowship met for the first time at The White Hart in Moneyrow Green to share a meal together which was enjoyed by all. The idea was that we would meet once a month in the evening and get together, get to know each other and share great friendship. After a break for the Pandemic. We decided we should meet at lunchtimes, the group embraced that idea, and it proved a great success. So much so, someone in the group suggested we meet every two weeks, and everyone agreed and started every other Wednesday, visiting about 5 pubs in the local area. Our numbers increased and the fun and laughter at each lunch was a joy to behold. We have also enjoyed several days out visiting the RAF Museum at Hendon also, Broadlands at Weybridge. We have grown in numbers as others have joined our group, both members of the congregation of St Michaels and non-members of the Church who have heard of the friendships we have made.

Now 6 years later we are still such a friendly group and enjoy meeting up every two weeks. When we sit around a table together, I look at the group laughing and joking with each other which is fantastic. At Christmas it was suggested by the group we have a special Christmas lunch Roux at Skindles. So, for the third year running we enjoyed a lovely Christmas Celebration at Roux's.

In the last year, one of our group had health issues, which put an end to him joining us for a while, but he was supported by the men in many ways. When Derek was well enough to join us again for our lunches, it

was wonderful to see him greeted back to the fold by all his friends. True fellowship in action. In 2024, Graham asked the men, if they would be willing to help the Alex Divine Children's Hospice in bucket collections at local supermarkets, and the guys steps up to give their time to aid this wonderful hospice.

As Jesus sat down with his disciples, when the group meet, I am reminded of Jesus's teachings when we are sitting together, this is the true fellowship that Jesus often spoke about.

Quiz Night on Zoom

During the pandemic, I also started an online quiz group, as a way of keeping in touch. Having spoken to a few of our congregation, about 10 of us were happy to meet at 7.00pm on Tuesday evenings on Zoom, for about an hour and a half with each person having to ask 5 questions to those online.

Friends of the quiz group also heard about us and asked if they could join in. So, we added more to the group from Widnes, Wigan. With Jim and Mary joining us from San Francisco, we are really an international group!

Meeting Jim turned out to be the beginning of a wonderful experience. At the first meeting Jim, we were unaware how seriously ill he was. In fact, he was going through a programme of a new treatment for his illness, and we all shared Jim's journey and watched his health transform him each week to the guy we know today. It was a real joy for the group to meet Jim when he visited Bray and St Michaels last year. We all met at The George on the Green one lunchtime and enjoyed his company over a meal getting to really know Him. Belinda West, one of the founding members together with Mavis Dennett have arranged several afternoon teas for the group at various locations. Again, the friendships and fellowship that have been truly wonderful all in the name of St Michaels.

We continue today meeting up each Tuesday evening at 7.00pm for an evening of friendship and fun.

Andy Giles 24 th March 2026

14. Online Presence

This year we have continued to have our website and facebook presence.

We have been able to highlight individual events and services, such as Taize and the Pets Service.

We have also moved to using a graphical calendar which allows for more interesting pictures to be associated with events. In this year we continue to remind page owners for new updated material.

On Facebook we have been trying to ensure there are posts for each service, again to promote services.

We continue to have a small cohort of Zoom parishioners.

15. Safeguarding Report and Children's Church.

Safeguarding Report

All policies and procedures are up to date and are reviewed annually. All DBS certificates and Safeguarding training requirements have been entered onto the Diocesan Safeguarding Dashboard and are regularly reviewed and updated when appropriate.

Sunday School Report.

I am delighted to report that Sunday School has a small (5) cohort of dedicated children who meet once a fortnight or thereabouts. We have covered many topics, some lessons are based on the reading you'll hear in church others on the basic principles of Christianity.

Natasha Teeder Children's Advocate, Sunday School Teacher and Parish Safeguarding Officer.

16. St Michael's Mission Plan

The underpinning principles of the Mission Plan are

-To welcome all in faith, hope and love

- We are a community throughout the entire Parish
 - We aim to be a contemplative, courageous and compassionate church and community
 - That the areas of the Mission Plan should reflect the above and encourage an inclusive and Christ-like community.
- Throughout these APCM papers there are examples of an inclusive community ranging from Sunday teas, to Music at Bray, and the community facebook page.

The main areas of the Mission Plan are

- (1) Nurture and Discipleship Courses
- (2) Children and Young People –
- (3) Pastoral Care
- (4) Outreach
- (5) Communication
- (6) Bray Christian Spirituality Centre

We are holding a Mission Vision Day in May when a new Mission Statement will be worked upon.

Rev Canon Ainsley Swift.

17. Music at Bray Report

Once again throughout 2025 St Michael's has enjoyed the benefit of having a loyal, enthusiastic and talented choir, giving great musical support at weekly parish eucharist, and all the special dates in the church calendar. Numbers are, for the moment, a little reduced from years gone by, having bade farewell to two of our younger stalwarts. Sean Doghla took up a position as Lay Clerk at Peterborough Cathedral, and we are pleased to hear that he is doing well in his new environment.

At the end of the summer term we said goodbye to Thomas Henley, who has taken a place at Ripon College, Cuddesdon theological college and is the first ordinand from St Michael's for many years. We have no doubt that, in time, he will become a fine member of the priesthood. We remember Thomas and Sean in our prayers. The departure of Thomas means that for the first time in a quarter of a century or more there are no members of the Henley family in the choir, a great loss which we will take some time coming to terms with.

Music at Bray recitals in 2025 were almost entirely piano performances, including visits by a number of budding virtuosos. The lack of variety perhaps did not encourage larger attendance, but the faithful regulars who did come were never disappointed. Our 2026 programme has got off to a good start, do come at 3.00pm on the second afternoon each month, and see what you have been missing. As ever, Pam, Katrin and team continue to lay on excellent tea and cake in the hall on each occasion, and we are extremely grateful to them.

One Sunday in July, a day of heavy showers, Josephine Davies brought her marvellous quartet for their umpteenth afternoon of Jazz in the Vicarage Garden; but this year it had to be Jazz in St Michael's Church, but no less enjoyable for that. We hope for proper summer weather this year.

Jim Tucker

MUSIC AT BRAY STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2025

Opening Balance at 1 January 2025		10,825
Receipts:		
Interest	76	
Ticket sales		
<i>Jazz at the Vicarage</i>	665	
<i>Recitals</i>	1,330	
Wedding fees	150	

Donations	136		2,357
Payments:			
To performers and expenses:			
<i>Jazz at the Vicarage</i>	600		4,681
<i>Recitals</i>	1,207		
Donations			
<i>St Michael's PCC</i>	1,890	Closing Balance at 31 December 2025	
<i>Alexander Devine Children's</i>	217	8,501	
<i>Hospice Service</i>			
Bank charges	55		
Fees	580	Lloyds Bank Current Account	
Piano tuning	90		50
Sundries	42	Lloyds Bank Reserve Account	
	5,939		
Lloyds Bank Organ Scholarship Account			1,979
Lloyds Bank Choir Music Account			533
			8,501

Jim Tucker

Jim Tucker, Music at Bray Treasurer
February 2026

I have compared this account with the bank records and other related documents and these figures are in accordance with those records. I believe they give a true account of the funds available to Music at Bray on 31st December 2025.

Bill Banks

W R Banks, Independent Examiner
February 2026

18. Fabric, Goods and Ornaments, St Michael's Church and Church Hall.

St Michael's Church, Bray with Braywood APCM Fabric Report, April 2026

Church lighting and rewiring

The year began with several meetings between our Church electricians and a PCC subcommittee to create a suitable plan for both the urgent need to rewire the lighting system and at the same time improve it. The resulting decision was to incorporate a combined spot and pendant design. During May a full application was made to the Diocesan Advisory Committee for Petition for Faculty. This proved to be a lengthy process and was only granted in January of this year, meaning that our application for VAT rebate under the current Listed Places of Worship scheme, could not be made within the allotted time to qualify for a payment. It is hoped that we will be able to reapply under a new scheme that should be in place later this year.

The work is scheduled to start on the 7th April and should last for ten to twelve weeks.

Church energy billing

Difficulties in ensuring that the correct meter readings are sent to SSE remained a problem throughout the year. After several visits, from SSE, it was finally decided, in November, that an additional booster aerial should be installed at the base of the tower. This has resolved the data transmission issues but sorting out the back payments remains a problem.

Structural works

Following the successful completion of the works to restore the West Doors it was decided that the iron gates, that front the doors, should be removed, shot blasted and repainted, the gates in front of

the South doors were similarly treated. The remaining church doors were all given several coats of protective oils, the gates were repainted, in house, and reinstalled.

Many thanks to the Bayliss Trust for their generous donation of £800 towards this work.

Works to the Vicar's Vestry stonework were completed by Cliveden Conservation and to the satisfaction of the church Architect in July. At the request of the Bellringers a small metal bike stand has been installed at the rear of the church. This will help maintain the wooden bench outside the tower.

General maintenance

Two very successful working party days took place in the year and our thanks to all those willing helpers. All routine safety checks and maintenance of the boilers, lightening conductors and fire extinguishers have been completed throughout the year.

Our new church Visiting Architect is Jonathan Cerowski RIBA, SCA, AABC who was enthusiastically recommended by our retiring Architect Philip Tilbury. Although based in East Grinstead, Jonathan and his wife are registered VAs for thirty churches in the south of England, they are conservation specialists and work for the National Trust, English Heritage and the Chichester DAC. Jonathan will carry out our next Quinquennial inspection in 2028.

19. Maidenhead and Windsor Deanery Annual Report for 2025

The Maidenhead and Windsor Deanery comprises 14 parishes and benefices. The Deanery Synod comprises all the clergy in the deanery and Lay Representatives elected by their respective parishes for a period of three years. The current triennium runs from 2023 to 2026. At the end of 2024 the Synod had 69 members.

Attendance varied from 27 to 45 over the year.

There were three meetings of the Synod during 2025:

Tuesday 4 th March 2025 at The Soltau Centre, Stubbings:

A new Deanery Secretary (Tom Etherton) was elected to replace Thomas Walton who has moved away from the area.

The Synod heard from Rev Ainsley Swift about a successful community project he was involved with in Merseyside and shaped his understanding of where we find God.

The Synod also heard from Rev Richard Terrado-Reardon about the Alma Beacon and the Windsor Homeless Project, working with the Windsor Christian Fellowship Windsor Team Ministry was replaced on the 1 st January with the Parish of Central Windsor

Thursday 22 nd May 2025 at St Luke's Church, Maidenhead:

The Synod heard from Bishop Mary, the Bishop of Reading about her ministry before being a Bishop but also her experience far in the Diocese.

The Synod heard about Bishop Mary's desire to focus on confidence in the gospel, the wellbeing of all people and the ministry of reconciliation.

General Synod member Gracy Crane gave a report on the February 2025 General Synod sessions.

Rev Ainsley Swift marked the retirement of Rev Sally Lynch from St. Luke's, as well as her role as Assistant Area Dean. The Synod thanked her for her ministry in the Deanery.

Rev Ainsley Swift also announced his appointment as Commissary to the Archdeacon and Rev Sally Lodge took on the role of interim Area Dean.

Thursday 2nd October 2025 at All Saints, Dedworth:

The Synod heard from Charlotte Wilmshurst about Domestic Abuse training within the Church of England and how we can all work together to keep people safe.

The Synod discussed, at some length, the current allocation of Parish Share and a proposal was made by Waltham St. Lawrence and Shottesbrooke to revise the current system to enable those parishes who have historically been paying more than what their allocation should have been to reduce slightly more quickly.

The Synod had received a written report from Gracy Crane about General Synod ahead of the meeting and discussed this at the meeting.

The Synod welcomed Rev Sophie Troczynska as Assistant Priest in the Cookhams.

Thanks to parishes' hard work and generosity, the Deanery paid £961,210 of parish share in 2025, against an allocation of £1,073,166, which was 89.6% of the requested amount from the diocese.

The diocesan average was 93.1%. This was a reduction from the £925,871 paid in 2024.

In May 2025, Rev Ainsley Swift moved to a new role within the Diocese as Commissary to the Archdeacon and therefore left his role as Area Dean. Rev Sally Lodge has been appointed.

20. Tower Captain's report 2025

The band maintains a healthy outlook ranging in age from 7-90-something. The weight of the bells is a challenge at both ends of this spectrum, but not insurmountable. Nearly all Sunday morning services were covered this year. We still suffer when one or more people are away, and it would be good to increase resilience to be able to ensure Sunday services are never skipped. Attendance on Sundays should be as robust as it is on practice nights; ringing 5 on Christmas morning was disappointing. Practices continue to be well-attended. Learners start at 7:15, then the practice kicks

off at 7:30. Ringing on all 8 bells usually happens, although method focus has been more on 6 bells recently. I find it a bit disappointing that looking back over the year, very few of the band have made much individual progress. This may not matter; ringing basic stuff well is just as important as trying fancy methods, but I get the impression most people want to progress. There is no short cut to experience, and a lot of background prep and learning is needed if people really want to move

forwards. The most experienced ringers in the band will confirm they still take time to learn new methods.

7 members of the team are now ART-trained. This sharing of expertise, coupled with our training bell, has really shared the load of teaching learners. We are able to give quick taster sessions without having to wait for key personnel to be free or for a bell to be tied. I feel that training is an area where we have made great strides in confidence and competence these last couple of years, and are now able to provide good learning experiences. We currently have two learners and two "improvers".

With no strong recruitment strategy, we do seem to keep getting new people. There were 3 peals at Bray last year and there has been one already this year. We also rang some elsewhere, including Sean's first peal: a big milestone, well done Sean! We only rang two quarter peals last year; something that would be good to work on going forward. We manage visiting bands carefully (sensible times and always advertise any additional ringing). The bells are not too noisy outside so we

have only ever received compliments, never complaints about extra ringing. Two significant anniversaries have been marked recently. In November it was the 40th anniversary of the restoration of the bells. We invited past members for the evening. January was the 100th anniversary of the first peal on the bells, which in 1926 were just the back six. We commemorated this with a peal of 41 Surprise Minor on the back six. This scale of this achievement (which involved some top-class

heavy-bell ringing and conducting) should not be underestimated. The social aspect of ringing of the band remains strong, with many of the band going for walks, park runs, quiz nights, meals out, games evenings throughout the year. I feel confident I'm handing everything over in pretty good shape!

Maggie Ross February 2026

21. The Friends of St Michael's Report (Registered Charity Number 1070040)

The Friends of St. Michael's Bray was formed in 1998 with the objective of raising funds for the preservation, repair, restoration and improvement of St. Michael's Church, Bray including the Church Hall and Churchyard.

Since the formation of The Friends of St Michael's in June 1998 the following items have been

purchased for use by, or in the Church or Church Hall, or in support of Music at Bray

Cushions on pew seats and refurbishment of kneelers	6,650
Hymn and prayer books	2,735
Tables and cloths etc in Church Hall	1,200
Laser printer	305
Printing of "The Compass"	885
Donation towards piano in church	3,000
Donation to organ fund	20,000
Shed for storage	1,100
Tent and ancillaries for use at fete	450
Contribution to production of tea towels	405
Lectern and bible	280
Portable font	1,200
Restoration of memorials	9,100
West door project	3,600
Sundry maintenance items around church and Touchen End	140
Grants to Music at Bray and similar events	3,035
Provision of refreshments at concerts etc in church	1,348
Hot water boiler urn	535
Ladder	558
Printer materials	402
Notice board	250
Shortfall in organ fund	15,000
Altar frontal	1,878
Audio equipment	890
Chairs	2,857
Printing and copying equipment	2,000
Roof repairs	2,000
Printing publications, carol sheets, cards, church guide etc	1,525
Gutter cleaning equipment and vacuum cleaners	1,435
Donation to new toilets project	79,000
Repairs to vestments	148
New altar top cloth and 2nd altar frontal	2,628
New floodlighting	2,323
Boiler work	3,120
Music at Bray support, St John Passion	2,000
Organ works	6,000
Service booklets	98
Under pew heating	15,000
West door refurbishment	16,783
Vestry Stonework	5,000

216,863

In addition to the above a total of £320,000 has been paid to the PCC up to 2019 through the Emergency Appeal (started November 2007) having been raised through the combined efforts of the Fund Raising Committee and the Friends of St Michael's. These funds were used for major work to the tower, repairs to windows and major work to the northwest wall area.

There are currently 54 members of The Friends and we do need more people to join us to keep up the good work of our Church. Members need not necessarily be a member of the congregation. Please contact Lynda Jones, Chair of The Friends via lyndacjones@btinternet.com or Sarah Pallot, Membership Secretary sarah.pallot1411@gmail.com

for information on how to join The Friends. Our Annual General Meeting will be in Church on Sunday 7th June at 11.30. Please come along to hear more about the work of The Friends or support our funding raising planned for this year: Dinner at Caldesi's on Wednesday 22nd April and Summer Tea in the Church Hall on the afternoon of Sunday 26th July

The Committee comprises: Lynda Jones (Chair); Bill Banks (Treasurer); Sarah Pallot (Secretary); Julie Graham (Events Coordinator); Graham Barker, Julie Tompkins, Naomi Khoo and Canon Ainsley Swift

The Trustees of The Friends are Lynda Jones, Bill Banks and Graham Barker.

22. Appointment of an Independent Examiner

23. Date of the Next Annual Parochial Meeting TBC

24. St Michael's Church Teas 2025

Thank you to all those involved in this year's summer's Church Tea programme. Thank you for your efforts and a big thank you to everyone who has come along.

This year we raised an amazing total of £3127.

There were eight teas held raising funds for a number of charities as well as St Michaels Church Lighting funds. The charities were: Friends of St Michaels', Breast Cancer Now, HomeStart, Alexander Devine, The Children's Society and Alzheimers Dementia Support 'ADS' Maidenhead branch.

Along the way the Devine Buskers entertained us. The braver of you were able to take a trip up the bell tower with the Bellringers, and St Michaels Vintage joined us for two of the teas. I hope a good time was had at all the teas by everyone involved.

Sarah Pawluk took her donation to Homestart. She reported "They are very grateful to St Michael's for hosting & have said that this amount is equivalent to funding the rent for their Little Starters family group building in Slough for 6 weeks, which currently supports 44 families. They even gave me a mini tour !

£2558 was raised by our community for charities and £569 was raised for St Michaels Church, Thank you so much. We have started 2026 with 2 Church Cafes held on Saturdays in February and March which have included a Vintage stall and a selection of new or nearly new clothes. We hope to do more in the future. We also held a Lent Lunch in aid of the Baby Charity based in Holyport.

Keep an eye on the newsletter and noticeboards, both in church and around Bray and Holyport for details of dates and times for upcoming events such as our Hymns and Pimm's service in September and our Craft Fayre in November.

Pam Woodruff and Katrin Brunning

25. Any Other Business

Please advise a member of the PCC if you wish to raise a matter prior to the meeting.