

# The Bourne Parish

FINANCE  
REVIEW  
2025

APCM MAY  
17<sup>TH</sup> 2026

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# Results summary – total parish

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2025	£ 000	Comment
Incoming resources	330	£24k lower than 2024
Resources expended	(375)	£12k lower than 2024
Investment losses (unrealised)	(9)	Bourne Youth Trust funds
<b><u>Reported net outgoing resources</u></b>	<b><u>(55)</u></b>	
Add back:-		
Depreciation charge	28	Parish rooms and Brambleton
Investment losses	9	
<b><u>Underlying cash outflow</u></b>	<b><u>(17)</u></b>	vs breakeven in 2024

# Net cash movement explained

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Fund	Fund movement £000
<b>General and Repairs/Projects Funds</b>	<b>(28)</b>
Stained Glass Windows Fund	+9
All other funds	+2
<b><u>Balance</u></b>	<b><u>(17)</u></b>

# Highlights

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## Income

- £193k from Giving and Gift Aid– slightly down on 2024
- £46k from Parish rooms, flat and hall rental - same as 2024
- £17k interest income slightly lower than 2024

## Expenditure

- £118.7k - parish share + 5.8%
- £66k - salaries including monies paid to cleaners up +8%
- £30k - utilities costs up +55%
- £36k - buildings and grounds costs (much lower than 2024)

# Parish Share = 43% of general fund expenditure

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Year	Ministry Cost (90%) £000	Shared Costs £000	Total Parish Share £000
2024	58.9	53.3	112.2
2025	60.5	58.2	118.7
2026	65.3	56.7	121.9

- **Ministry costs** - higher stipends across the CofE. Some transitional relief
- **Shared costs** increased despite (£500k) reduction in National Church costs for the diocese.
- **Lobbying.** The Bourne has led a lobby with 17 other parishes for a significant reduction in the diocesan shared cost budget to reduce allocations to parishes. The diocese appears to be maintaining its incremental approach to budgeting despite 20% decline in attendances since 2019 and deficits in the diocesan accounts

# Fund balances 2025

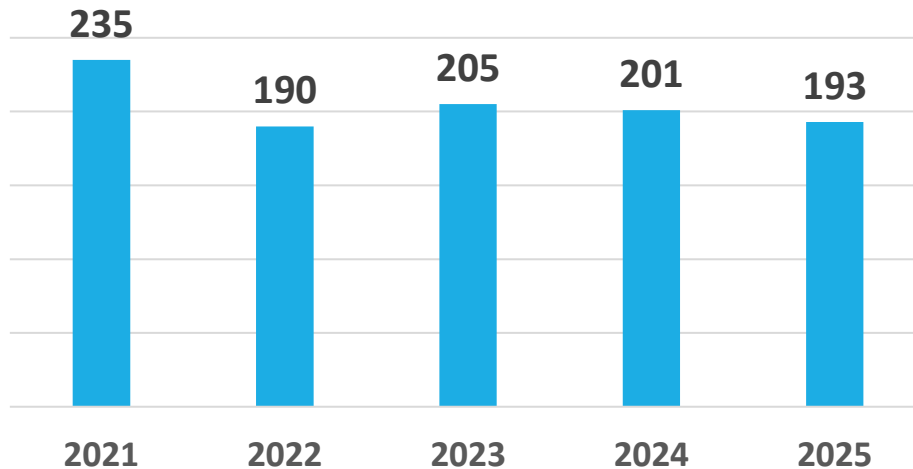
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Fund	Balances at start of 2025 £000	Balances at end of 2025 £000	Comment
General Fund (excl fixed assets)	101	82	2-3 months' general expenditure
Major projects	9	0	
Stained glass windows	18.5	27.2	Phase 2 funded
Legacies	34	34	
BPY / Families Ministry	66	70	Healthy balance to fund Families Ministry

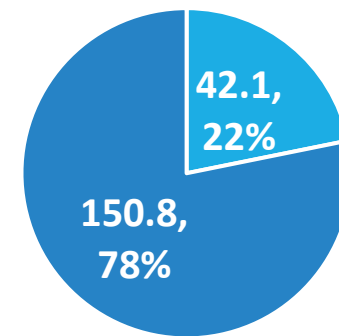
Underlying donations plus Gift Aid have been flat  
Only 22% of giving is linked to inflation each year

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Donations and Gift Aid £000



Donations 2025 £193k



■ Linked to inflation

# Giving levels and inflation

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**£100 a month** represents the average amount given by all those using the Parish Giving Scheme.

If you set your giving level **10 years ago**, then £100 would need to be **£143** today to match CPI inflation (ie a **43% increase**)

If you set your giving level **5 years ago** then £100 would need to be **£128** today to match CPI inflation (ie a **28% increase**)



**Please consider revising your level of giving and / or linking it to CPI annually via the Parish Giving Scheme**

# Legacies

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We've been very dependent on the generous Stella Walter legacy ~ £70k  
Part-funded the Brambleton Hall refurb and repairs to St Martin's roof  
£34k is now left in legacy funds

Without the legacy, we would only have 1 month's cashflow left in the  
general fund by now



**Please consider leaving a legacy to the parish in  
your will**

# 2026 YTD update (mid-May)

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£000	Balance end 2025	Current Balance	Comment
General fund	82	60	£10.2k to repair Brambleton roof
Major repairs	0	3	
BPY / Families Ministry	70	66	
Choir and Organ Scholar	34	34	

*Priority for 2026 is to close restricted Choir Scholar and Organ Scholar funds (£34k) and move them into designated Music fund*

# Conclusions

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In 2025 we depleted our general funds at the fastest rate in many years. This has continued in 2026 and we must halt this decline. It reflects flat giving against a backdrop of inflationary impact on our costs and continued buildings repairs

***We need to raise underlying giving with a target of at least +20% (£40k per year) and encourage legacies***

We still have some building repair costs looming over and above our normal expenditure – St Thomas’s gutters @ £20-£30k?

- ***The PCC is prepared to sanction the release of remaining legacy funds £34k to finance the gutters project in the hope that there is a good response to the appeal for increased general giving***

The Bourne Parish Youthwork fund is still in reasonable shape and can sustain spending on part-time staff for the next 2-3 years.

# Actions

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1. Communicate the need for increased (**and new**) giving and legacies as broadly as possible – **All**
2. Continue to lobby the diocese for changes to ‘shared costs’ within parish share – 7 parishes meeting with +Paul and diocesan team early June – **Vicar and Treasurer**
3. Attempt to close the restricted Organ Scholar and Choir Scholar funds and transfer to a Music designated fund – **Treasurer**

# THANK YOU

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**To everyone who donated their money and time to help the parish.**

To all who help with parish finances, administration and IT

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