

UPLYME PCC APCM Report 28/4/2026

Treasurer's Report

The Accounts for the year ended 31 December 2025 have been approved by the PCC and circulated together with a copy of the Trustees Report as prepared by the church warden.

This year the accounts have been prepared on a Receipts and Payments basis as this is considered to be more appropriate for a smaller charity. This will also facilitate budgeting reporting. The 2024 figures have therefore been restated to a comparable basis.

- 1) Overall our Planned Giving, collections and gift aid recovered has remained steady at £59328 (2024 £60213) and we have an overall total income of £94423 (2024 £94892). Whilst this is similar in cash terms, when you take into account the effect of inflation of 3.4% in 2025 then we would need an increase of £3226 just to cover this. With 62 people on the electoral role this would mean a further £1 per week each just to remain steady.
- 2) Expenditure on the common fund and AVMC fees came to £60830 for the year. Church running costs marginally increase but this mean the church building is comfortable and used regularly by several groups and the school. Youth and child costs have increased now the church is fully responsible for the rental for Shining Stars and for Friday Night Fun and Bites and Bible groups which meet weekly in term time.
- 3) There was a deficit on overall funds of £14893 in part due to repair work following the quinquennial report in 2024 and also a general funds deficit of £4135. The latter is covered by transfers from Legacy funds.
- 4) Since 2009 Legacy funds given to Uplyme Church have totalled £142,776. Whilst these have previously been used for the church refurbishment and organ replacement they are now been used up to cover normal running costs. At 31/12/2025 the balance on the legacy fund was just £38524. Nowadays legacies left in wills are an important source of income for charities and with increasing inheritance tax on estates can be used to reduce that liability. If you would like further information to consider leaving a legacy to Uplyme Church in your will then please speak to me or your solicitor.

OUR FUTURE

I anticipate that with current giving levels we will continue to incur deficits on general funds. Whilst there is £38524 in the legacy funds to cover deficits this is not the primary intention with regard to these monies. At December 2025 we have £24004 in the Fabric fund and this has fallen by £9960 following significant repair work to the roof and tower. The Church Development group is looking at options for future work to encourage mission and we are holding £27645 in the Disabled Toilet fund which may assist with this.

The Children and Youth funds stands at £4034 at 31/12/25 and will be used up at current expenditure over the next 2 years. The PCC agreed that 20% of the 2025 gift day income was allocated to support this work.

Many thanks to all those who support Uplyme Church with regular BACS payments or the Parish Giving Scheme and by signing up for gift aid where possible. Regular giving makes my job much easier. Please do not hesitate to speak to me if I can help in any way or if you want more information.

I realise that giving is not just money and so many members of Uplyme Church are also very generous of their time, their talents and their caring. I feel that I am privileged to be a member of this church.

Sharyn Walker

Uplyme Church Treasurer