

The church giving Income in 2025 showed an increase of approximately £1,500 more than 2024 and there was an increase in Statutory Fees of approximately £3,000 (two weddings and several funerals). An increase in donations and successful fund raisers in the Flower Festival and Garden Fete added much needed income and an increased Gift Aid claim also contributed.

On the Payments side, we were able to contribute an extra £2,000 to the Parish Share more than in 2024 although this still fell short of the requested amount by about £10,000. Against the increased Statutory Fees this means larger amounts to be sent to Peterborough and larger amounts for vergers, organist and bell ringing. On the advice of the Oil company, we ordered a second delivery in the summer and that is now proving advantageous, Electricity is up by £400, largely due to an increased user charge. The sumup equipment cost £248 but this has already generated £444. The magazine costs are lower due to more donations towards printing.

The Restoration Account balances are very similar to 2024, but several repair tasks have been undertaken which have been covered by the interest earned on investment.

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