

Financial review for the year ended 31st December 2025

Overall income: £224,701

Total income decreased by c. £7,000 compared to the previous year, primarily due to fewer one-off contributions being received. Regular giving by members of the congregation, which remains the largest source of income showed a further increase from the previous year of c. £1,950. Our thanks are due to all who support the church through their giving via the planned giving scheme, card readers or the online giving platform. A short Sunday morning teaching series on giving is planned for the second half of 2026.

While hall lettings showed a small decrease compared to the previous year, income from church lettings increased by c. £8,000. The vast majority of the c £30,000 from church lettings is income from organisations (Sticky Fingers Nursery and 1st Hanwell Scouts) who have been displaced from the Bernard Sunley Hall during roof repairs. This money has been set aside for use in the Tower repair work which will start in 2026, and is included in the “Heritage Project” fund in the accounts.

We remain indebted to the trustees of the William Hobbayne Charity for their annual grant of £7,500, which was added to the Fabric fund.

The annual pantomime generated funds of c. £4,500 from ticket sales and this annual event is now a regular part of the church’s income as well as being enjoyed by the wider community of Hanwell, both on the stage and in the audience!.

Overall expenditure £198,720

The overall expenditure for the church increased by c. £5,500 compared to the previous year. As well as the general impact of inflation on costs and salaries, the church has benefitted from having our Musical Director and Digital Manager in place for the whole year.

The largest individual change was the increase from £70,000 to £80,000 in our contribution to “Common Fund”, which is how all parts of the Diocese collaborate financially to pay for local ministry. This amount is **not** the total of salaries paid to our clergy! If you want to know more about this, a London Diocese presentation can be found at <https://www.london.anglican.org/wp-content/uploads/2025/04/PCC-guide-to-Common-Fund-1.pdf>

While maintenance costs for both the church and the hall were lower this year than the previous year, this has been against the backdrop of the upcoming significant work, and commensurate spend, on the Tower repair project. This reduced cost would also not be possible without the many hours of work quietly and voluntarily done by a number of members of the congregation. While this work may not be publicly acknowledged, it is not unseen.

The church has continued to support local mission activities as a funding partner for the Grove Community, operating the Noah's Ark toddler group, providing a meeting place for 'Coffee & Cake' and as an active host for Ealing Churches Winter Night shelter.

The overall result for 2025 was an excess of income over expenditure of just under £26,000. In the signed accounts it can be seen that this has been a contributor to the new "Heritage Project" fund that has been established to support the work to be done in 2026 on the Tower project alongside a grant from the National Lottery Heritage Fund ("NLHF"). A successful NLHF grant application was made thanks to the hard work of the project team and £122,160 was received in mid-March 2026 representing the first half of the grant.

Looking ahead to 2026

The main work this year will be on the work supported by the NLHF grant, in particular the Tower repairs but also looking to the longer-term vision for the church. The finances are in a healthy position and I remain grateful to all of those who support me on finance matters.

Sam Hext
Treasurer
April 2026