Charity registration number: 1132731

Halas P C C

Annual Report and Financial Statements

for the Year Ended 31 December 2025

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Reference and Administrative Details

Charity Registration Number	1132731
Principal Office	The Parish Office St Margarets of Antioch Hagley Road Halesowen West Midlands B63 4QD
Independent Examiner	Ballards LLP 11c Kingswood Road Hampton Lovett Droitwich Worcestershire WR9 0QH

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Trustees' Report

The trustees present the annual report together with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 December 2025.

Objectives and activities

Objects and aims

The primary objective of the charity is the promotion in the ecclesiastical parish of the whole mission of the church.

Public benefit

The trustees have complied with their duty to have due regard to public benefit guidance published by Commission; the trustees consider that the charity meets the public benefit requirements of the Charities Act 2011 by carrying out its normal activities.

Achievements and performance
Annual Report of the Halas Parish for 2025

The Halas Team Ministry exists to serve the people of the town of Halesowen and the districts of Cradley, Hasbury, Lapal, Romsley and Hunnington to proclaim the Kingdom of God in Prayer, word, action and life through offering a distinctly Anglican expression of the Christian faith. We hope to explain how this has been explored and expressed during 2025 in the Team and individual Church reports which follow.

Whilst the Rector and team Vicars remain unchanged, one of our vicars was off work for 9 months this year, due to personal reasons and cover was provided from within the team and latterly from the diocese. Rev Sarah Tranter was ordained priest in 2025 and continues to support the whole team as does our other curate, Rev Rachel Homer.

The Renewal project, funded by Strategic Mission & Ministry Investment Board (SMMIB) from the central church of England via our diocese, has been a particular focus. In August, we welcomed Louise Hicklin as our children and family worker based out of St Johns but will be working across the whole team and she has settled in well. In September the toilets at St John's Halesowen were completed, ensuring the building can now be used for other projects and not just worship.

We have now got a number of projects started including, Messy Church, an all-age service, a stay and play toddler group, and a singing group for children called a Joyful Noise and I Sing POP for school children and their families. Other groups meet both in church and in the community, such as a monthly worship service in a local care home (Shenstone Court) and contemporary worship called Encounter at Lapal with Places of Welcome weekly and a new weekly craft group for adults with a monthly group for children and families at St Johns. There are other initiatives being piloted at other churches, which may well be adopted as regular ones soon.

Claire Biggs, who joined the team in 2024 has ensured that we are safely recruiting all volunteers and enabling them to start and sustain new community opportunities and support groups. One of the most unexpected joys has been our 'Donut Club' for year 11 students from two high schools and our homelessness project where Claire has developed cohesion of a variety of agencies from the community whom all work together to support these vulnerable adults.

Trustees' Report (continued)

Our rector Canon Hazel Charlton supports the staff and volunteer ministry team by fortnightly meetings, individual supervision and wider support for our volunteers who deliver services, lead worship, preach and work in schools. Our volunteer base continues to grow with 43 now working from St Johns and many more in the districts.

The renewal project is overseen by the steering group who have met monthly in 2025 to support the project with reps from all churches. This has been essential to expand across the parish not only what we can do but also how we support each other, each place and population.

We have five Locally Licenced Ministers who have really helped us in what has been a very busy and successful year. We have seen growth in all churches from 1-25 people in the five districts on Sundays alone.

In the last year, we have done a deep dive into our finances and reassessed a fairer contribution to the ministry share payments expected from every PCC in the diocese. Our hope is that we can contribute as much as we can to support our ongoing work in the parish and diocese.

We are reminded that God is calling all of us to Christian Ministry, whether that be working behind the scenes of in an authorized of licensed role. Encouraging people to explore the roles to which God may be calling them is an ongoing priority for our life together.

We continue to work with and prayer for the staff and pupils at the church schools in our parish, and have managed to create new relationships with a few 'non-church' schools by hosting events such as 'Explore Church' or 'Explore Advent/Easter' etc. These have been supported by all volunteers in the parish regardless of where or which school is invited into one of our churches.

We continue to review our obligations under the General Data Protection Regulations and to ensure that all our work with young people and vulnerable adults is carried out in accordance with Parish policies and that those policies are themselves kept in accordance with current Diocesan guidelines for safeguarding, safer recruitment, and employment. We are enormously grateful for all those involved with this ongoing and increasingly complex and demanding work.

We continue to monitor our finances, with regular finance committee meetings throughout the year. Income continues to be a concern, though we hop that the project at St Johns will overtime have a significant impact not just at St John's but across all our churches.

There has been a struggle to fulfil voluntary roles for lay ministry and especially church wardens, but we are pleased to say that all churches have proposals for two wardens at each church as we approach our annual meeting.

Faith and hope are God's gift to us all, both through our individual relationships with God, but also through the encouragement we receive from the dedication, passion and gifts offered in service by the people of our team. We hope to support each person we serve and everyone of our church and parish family.

We are blessed in abundance and offer our sincere thanks to each and everyone.

Hazel Charlton - Rector & Renewal Leader

Jonathan Spencer - Lay Chair

Financial review

Policy on reserves

It is the Policy of the PCC that the Parish Office and each District Church shall endeavour to establish and maintain a reserve on their General Funds equivalent to two months of general running costs to cover unforeseen emergencies.

In addition, the Parish Office shall endeavour to establish and maintain a reserve sufficient to cover any costs incurred in maintaining the building of, and equipment in, the Parish Office.

Each District Church shall endeavour to establish and maintain a reserve on their building funds to cover any cost incurred on regular maintenance, or periodic maintenance identified by the Quinquennial inspection, of their Church Building.

District Churches which have other buildings or lands, e.g. a Church Hall, shall endeavour to establish and maintain a reserve on their appropriate funds to cover any cost incurred on regular maintenance, or periodic maintenance, of their buildings or lands. A similar reserve shall be derived for the Parish Office, which shall be apportioned to each church on the same basis as Parish Share.
Initially, the value of each reserve shall be submitted to the Parish Finance Committee for recommendation and reporting to the PCC for their approval.

Subsequently, the identification of any expense which may exceed, or seriously reduce, the associated reserve shall immediately be reported to the Parish Treasurer and Chairman of Parish Finance who, if required, will call a meeting of the Parish Finance Committee to discuss the implications of such reduction in reserves and to recommend any forward action required, while keeping the PCC Chair and Vice Chair fully informed.

The status of the various reserves shall be reported at least annually to the Parish Finance Committee for onward reporting to the PCC and the Parish Treasurer for inclusion in the Annual Report as required by the Charities Act.

Structure, governance and management

Nature of governing document

The governing documents of the PCC are the Parochial Church Council Powers Measure (1956), as amended, and the Church Representation Rules.

Day to day management of the charity is carried out by the members of the PCC, all of whom are also trustees.

Recruitment and appointment of trustees

Members of the PCC, who are also trustees, are either ex officio or elected by the Annual Parochial Church Representation Rules. During the year the following served as members of the PCC:

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Rector and Chair of PCC	Canon Hazel Charlton	
Lay Chair and Vice Chair of the PCC	Jonathan Spencer	Deanery Synod Rep Halesowen
Licensed Clergy in the Team	Canon Hazel Charlton	Vicar Halesowen
	Mthr Victoria Barlow	Team Vicar Hasbury, Cradley
	Rev'd Chris Henson	Team Vicar Lapal, Romsley
	Rev'd Rachel Horner	Parish Curate
	Rev'd Sarah Tranter	Parish Curate
Churchwardens	Paul Millward	Cradley
	Christine Adshead	Cradley
	David Hobbis	Hasbury
	June Young	Hasbury
	Simon Eason	Halesowen
	Vacant	Halesowen
	Anita Gadd	Lapal
	David Scotton	Lapal
	Bernard Pridden	Romsley
	Vacant	Romsley
Deanery Synod Representatives	Canon Hazel Charlton	
	Mthr Victoria Barlow	
	Vacant	Cradley
	David Hobbis	Hasbury
	David Scotton	Lapal
	Bernard Pridden	Romsley
Elected Lay Representatives	Sharron Turner	Cradley
	Lynn Steward	Cradley
	Alan Hughes	Hasbury
	Janet Gazey	Hasbury
	Ann Shackleton	Halesowen
	Rev'd Sarah Tranter	Halesowen
	Susan Bicknell	Lapal
	Sarah Long	Lapal
	Lynda Barrows	Romsley
	Vacant	Romsley
Parish Safeguarding Officer	Melanie Case	
Chair of PCC Finance Committee	Roy Bicknell	

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Trustees' Report (continued)

Parish Treasurer	Roy Bicknell
PCC Secretary	John Neale

The annual report was approved by the trustees of the charity on 17th May 2026 and signed on its behalf by:

Hazel Charlton.

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Hazel Charlton
Trustee

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Statement of Trustees' Responsibilities

The trustees are responsible for preparing the trustees' report and the financial statements in accordance with the United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice) and applicable law and regulations.

The law applicable to charities requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity and of the incoming resources and application of resources of the charity for that period. In preparing these financial statements, the trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable accounting standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements; and
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in business.

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011, the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008, and the provisions of the constitution. The trustees are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

The trustees are responsible for the maintenance and integrity of the corporate and financial information included on the charitable company's website. Legislation governing the preparation and dissemination of financial statements may differ from legislation in other jurisdictions.

Approved by the trustees of the charity on 17/4/2026 and signed on its behalf by:

Hazel Charlton.

Hazel Charlton
Trustee

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Independent Examiner's Report to the trustees of Halas P C C

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of Halas P C C for the year ended 31 December 2025.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity trustees of Halas P C C you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the Act').

I report in respect of my examination of the Halas P C C's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent examiner's statement

Since Halas P C C's gross income exceeded £250,000 your examiner must be a member of a body listed in section 145 of the 2011 Act. I confirm that I am qualified to undertake the examination because I am a member of , which is one of the listed bodies.

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material 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 Halas P C C as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do not comply with the accounting requirements concerning the 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 accounts to be reached.

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M A Skellum FCA

11c Kingswood Road
Hampton Lovett
Droitwich
Worcestershire
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Date: 23/7/2026

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Statement of Financial Activities for the Year Ended 31 December 2025

	Note	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Endowment funds £	Total 2025 £
Income and Endowments from:					
Donations and legacies		337,513	41,528	-	379,041
Charitable activities		32,049	2,375	-	34,424
Other trading activities		31,926	-	-	31,926
Investment income		29,778	29,241	256	59,275
Other income		97,332	307,018	-	404,350
Total income		528,598	380,162	256	909,016
Expenditure on:					
Raising funds		(2,841)	(70)	-	(2,911)
Charitable activities		(537,590)	(474,402)	-	(1,011,992)
Total expenditure		(540,431)	(474,472)	-	(1,014,903)
Gains/losses on investment assets		(19,440)	(23,722)	(17,387)	(60,549)
Net expenditure		(31,273)	(118,032)	(17,131)	(166,436)
Gross transfers between funds		(7,475)	7,475	-	-
Net movement in funds		(38,748)	(110,557)	(17,131)	(166,436)
Reconciliation of funds					
Total funds brought forward		397,725	891,051	838,706	2,127,482
Total funds carried forward	9	358,977	780,494	821,575	1,961,046

The notes on pages 13 to 20 form an integral part of these financial statements.

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Statement of Financial Activities for the Year Ended 31 December 2025 (continued)

	Note	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Endowment funds £	Total 2024 £
Income and Endowments from:					
Donations and legacies		399,165	36,142	-	435,307
Charitable activities		33,850	4,046	-	37,896
Other trading activities		30,983	-	-	30,983
Investment income		22,592	30,218	250	53,060
Other income		23,162	83,784	616	107,562
Total income		509,752	154,190	866	664,808
Expenditure on:					
Raising funds		(1,993)	(70)	-	(2,063)
Charitable activities		(439,912)	(132,731)	-	(572,643)
Total expenditure		(441,905)	(132,801)	-	(574,706)
Gains/losses on investment assets		9,839	14,036	10,070	33,945
Net income		77,686	35,425	10,936	124,047
Gross transfers between funds		127	(127)	-	-
Net movement in funds		77,813	35,298	10,936	124,047
Reconciliation of funds					
Total funds brought forward		319,912	855,753	827,770	2,003,435
Total funds carried forward	9	397,725	891,051	838,706	2,127,482

All of the charity's activities derive from continuing operations during the above two periods.

The funds breakdown for 2024 is shown in note 9.

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(Registration number: 1132731)
Balance Sheet as at 31 December 2025

	Note	2025 £	2024 £
Fixed assets			
Tangible assets	4	104,390	104,390
Investments	5	1,451,025	1,511,574
		1,555,415	1,615,964
Current assets			
Debtors	6	11,937	9,683
Cash at bank and in hand	7	409,393	508,599
		421,330	518,282
Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year	8	(15,699)	(6,764)
Net current assets		405,631	511,518
Net assets		1,961,046	2,127,482
Funds of the charity:			
Endowment funds		821,575	838,706
Restricted income funds			
Restricted funds	9	780,494	891,051
Unrestricted income funds			
Unrestricted funds		358,977	397,725
Total funds	9	1,961,046	2,127,482

The financial statements on pages 10 to 20 were approved by the trustees, and authorised for issue on 17 May 2026 and signed on their behalf by:

Hazel Charlton

Hazel Charlton
Trustee

1 Accounting policies

Statement of compliance
The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019) - (Charities SORP (FRS 102)), the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) and the Charities Act 2011.

Basis of preparation
Halas P C C meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS 102. The accounts (financial statements) have been prepared under the historical cost convention with items recognised at cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant note(s) to these accounts.

Exemption from preparing a cash flow statement
The charity opted to early adopt Bulletin 1 published on 2 February 2016 and have therefore not included a cash flow statement in these financial statements.

Income and endowments

Donations and legacies

Donations and legacies are recognised on a receivable basis when receipt is probable and the amount can be reliably measured.

Grants receivable

Grants are recognised when the charity has an entitlement to the funds and any conditions linked to the grants have been met. Where performance conditions are attached to the grant and are yet to be met, the income is recognised as a liability and included on the balance sheet as deferred income to be released.

Gift aid

Incoming resources from tax reclaims are included in the Statement of Financial Activities at the same time as the gift to which they relate.

Expenditure
All expenditure is recognised once there is a legal or constructive obligation to that expenditure, it is probable settlement is required and the amount can be measured reliably. All costs are allocated to the applicable expenditure heading that aggregate similar costs to that category. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings they have been allocated on a basis consistent with the use of resources, with central staff costs allocated on the basis of time spent, and depreciation charges allocated on the portion of the asset's use. Other support costs are allocated based on the spread of staff costs.

Charitable activities

Charitable expenditure comprises those costs incurred by the charity in the delivery of its activities and services for its beneficiaries. It includes both costs that can be allocated directly to such activities and those costs of an indirect nature necessary to support them.

Tangible fixed assets

Consecrated and benefice property is excluded from the accounts by provisions of the Charities Act 2011. No value is placed on movable church furnishings held by the churchwardens on special trust for the PCC and which requires a faculty for disposal since the PCC considers this to be inalienable property. All expenditure incurred during the year on consecrated or benefice buildings and movable church furnishings, whether maintenance or improvements, is written off as expenditure in the SOFA and separately disclosed.

Fixed asset investments

Fixed asset investments, other than programme related investments, are included at market value at the balance sheet date. Realised gains and losses on investments are calculated as the difference between sales proceeds and their market value at the start of the year, or their subsequent cost, and are charged or credited to the Statement of Financial Activities in the period of disposal.

Unrealised gains and losses represent the movement in market values during the year and are credited or charged to the Statement of Financial Activities based on the market value at the year end.

Fund structure

Unrestricted income funds are general funds that are available for use at the trustees discretion in furtherance of the objectives of the charity.

Restricted income funds are those donated for use in a particular area or for specific purposes, the use of which is restricted to that area or purpose.

2 Trustees remuneration and expenses

During the year the charity made the following transactions with trustees:

Clergy expenses of £8,083 (2024 - £8,960) were paid in the year.

No trustees, nor any persons connected with them, have received any remuneration from the charity during the year.

No trustees have received any other benefits from the charity during the year.

3 Taxation

The charity is a registered charity and is therefore exempt from taxation.

4 Tangible fixed assets

	Land and buildings £	Total £
Cost		
At 1 January 2025	104,390	104,390
At 31 December 2025	104,390	104,390
Depreciation		
At 31 December 2025	-	-
Net book value		
At 31 December 2025	104,390	104,390
At 31 December 2024	104,390	104,390

5 Fixed asset investments

	2025 £	2024 £
Other investments	1,451,025	1,511,574

Other investments

	Listed investments £	Total £
Cost or Valuation		
At 1 January 2025	1,511,574	1,511,574
Revaluation	(60,549)	(60,549)
At 31 December 2025	1,451,025	1,451,025
Net book value		
At 31 December 2025	1,451,025	1,451,025
At 31 December 2024	1,511,574	1,511,574

6 Debtors

	2025 £	2024 £
Other debtors	11,937	9,683

7 Cash and cash equivalents

	2025 £	2024 £
Cash at bank	409,393	508,599

8 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2025 £	2024 £
Other creditors	15,699	6,764

9 Funds

	Balance at 1 January 2025 £	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Transfers £	Other recognised gains/(losses) £	Balance at 31 December 2025 £
Unrestricted funds						
General						
Unrestricted funds	397,725	528,598	(540,431)	(7,475)	(19,440)	358,977
Restricted funds						
Restricted funds	891,051	380,162	(474,472)	7,475	(23,722)	780,494
Endowment funds						
Expendable						
Endowment funds	838,706	256	-	-	(17,387)	821,575
	838,706	256	-	-	(17,387)	821,575
Total funds	2,127,482	909,016	(1,014,903)	-	(60,549)	1,961,046

Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 December 2025 (continued)

	Balance at 1 January 2024 £	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Transfers £	Other recognised gains/(losses) £	Balance at 31 December 2024 £
Unrestricted funds						
General						
Unrestricted funds	319,912	509,752	(441,905)	127	9,839	397,725
Restricted						
Restricted funds	855,753	154,190	(132,801)	(127)	14,036	891,051
Endowment funds						
Expendable						
Endowment funds	827,770	866	-	-	10,070	838,706
	827,770	866	-	-	10,070	838,706
Total funds	2,003,435	664,808	(574,706)	-	33,945	2,127,482

10 Analysis of net assets between funds

	Unrestricted funds General £	Restricted funds £	Endowment funds Expendable £	Total funds at 31 December 2025 £
Tangible fixed assets	-	104,390	-	104,390
Fixed asset investments	14,767	643,752	792,506	1,451,025
Current assets	348,334	43,926	29,069	421,329
Current liabilities	(4,124)	(11,574)	-	(15,698)
Total net assets	358,977	780,494	821,575	1,961,046

	Unrestricted funds General £	Restricted funds £	Endowment funds Expendable £	Total funds at 31 December 2024 £
Tangible fixed assets	-	104,390	-	104,390
Fixed asset investments	35,545	665,768	810,259	1,511,572
Current assets	363,621	126,215	28,450	518,286
Current liabilities	(1,443)	(5,321)	-	(6,764)
Total net assets	397,723	891,052	838,709	2,127,484

11 Analysis of net funds

	At 1 January 2025	Financing cash flows	At 31 December 2025
	£	£	£
Cash at bank and in hand	508,599	(102,232)	406,367
Net debt	508,599	(102,232)	406,367

	At 1 January 2024	Financing cash flows	At 31 December 2024
	£	£	£
Cash at bank and in hand	354,034	154,565	508,599
Net debt	354,034	154,565	508,599

12 Related party transactions

There were no related party transactions in the year.