HOLY TRINITY CHURCH

POULTON LANCELYN, BEBINGTON, WIRRAL

ANNUAL REPORT

and

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

of the

PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL

for the year ended

31st December 2025

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ANNUAL REPORT & FINANCIAL STATEMENTS 2025

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HOLY TRINITY CHURCH

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HOLY TRINITY CHURCH

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2025

Aim and purposes

Holy Trinity Parochial Church Council (PCC) has the responsibility of co-operating with the Incumbent, the Reverend Roger Wiles, in promoting in the ecclesiastical parish, the whole mission of the Church, pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical.

The PCC is also specifically responsible for the maintenance of Poulton Hey ("the Hey"), a grade II listed building, adjacent to the church building, as well as the vicarage at 6 Chorley Way.

Objectives and activities

The PCC is committed to reaching as many people as possible with the gospel message that they may become active Christians within our parish community at Holy Trinity. The PCC aims to make the services accessible to the many groups that live within our parish. Our services and the living witness of our members put faith into practice through scripture and prayer, music and sacrament and loving pastoral care.

When planning our activities for the year, the Incumbent and the PCC have considered the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit and, in particular, the specific guidance on charities for the advancement of religion. In particular, we try to enable ordinary people to live out their faith as part of our parish community through:

Meeting together in mutual encouragement to learn from the scriptures and to pray; and developing their knowledge of, and trust in Jesus.
The provision of pastoral care for people living in the parish
Missionary and outreach work.

To facilitate this work, it is important that we maintain the fabric of Holy Trinity Church and the Hey.

Achievements and Performance

Our services and Prayer

The PCC is keen to offer a range of services over the year that our community finds both beneficial and spiritually fulfilling. For example our Family Event services, which are held once a month, allow younger children and their families to engage in a more outgoing style of service. We also stream our services.

Our Children's and Families worker continued to work in the parish, with a lot of materials online and our usual program of children's activities have continued.

We encourage all our members to join house groups, which operate during term time and offer encouragement and support.

All are welcome to attend our regular services and other activities. At the APCM in April there were 159 parishioners on the Church Electoral (the same as last year). The average weekly attendance was 115, but this number increased at festivals, with 170 people attending our Easter Service.

As well as our regular services, we enable our community to celebrate and thank God at the milestones of the journey through life. Through baptism we thank God for the gift of life, in marriage public vows are exchanged with God's blessing and through funeral services friends and family express their grief and give thanks for the life which is now complete in this world and to commend the deceased into God's keeping.

Deanery and Diocesan Synods

Four members of the PCC sit on the Deanery Synod and one on the Diocesan Synod. These provide the PCC with an important link between the parish and the wider structures of the church.

The Hey

As a grade II listed building that is used by a wide cross section of the community the maintenance of the Hey is a constant source of concern for the PCC.

Pastoral care

The church building and the Hey are used throughout the week by a large number of groups, many of which are unrelated to the church. Some examples of the groups that use the premises are:

Age Concern operates a chair exercise group each Friday morning.

Holy Trinity Pre-school operated every day during school term times (until July 2025). It was run on behalf of the PCC by four staff. At the latest OFSTED inspection, the Pre-school was judged to be "good" in all categories.

There are a range of youth groups for children and young people from the ages of 4 to 18
These groups meet on a Friday and Sunday evening. The church also holds monthly sessions on a Saturday when families from the local area are encouraged to meet for food, activities, crafts, games and a bible story.

The buildings are also used for dancing classes, various uniformed groups, badminton and indoor bowls.

Some members of the parish are unable to attend church due to sickness or age. Reverend Roger Wiles or our Reverend Paul Lewis visited those who have requested it, either in their homes or in hospital.

Mission and Evangelism

Helping those in need is a demonstration of our faith. During the year the church donated £15,288 to various mission and evangelistic organisations both locally and overseas.

Cards are distributed to the parish on the lead up to Christmas and Easter inviting all parishioners to join us at our services On other occasions, cards are sent out to encourage church members who do not attend regularly to join us for specific services or events.

We have collaborated with other churches in the area via the Wirral Gospel Partnership to organise events, which act as an outreach to the community as well as providing encouragement to existing church members. We have worked particularly closely with St Marks, a local church, which we continue to support financially.

Ecumenical Relationships

As noted above, Holy Trinity had been working with St Mark's, New Ferry and the North West Partnership. Church members also attended the Bebington Churches Together World Day of Prayer.

Safeguarding

The PCC takes safeguarding very seriously. They have attempted to raise the awareness of the entire congregation, inviting them to partake in an approved course and put in place a system to identify who needs training under the Regulations and monitor it for training.

Financial review

Total receipts of unrestricted funds were £156,811. Restricted donations of £841 were also received into the Building Fund for the upkeep of the fabric of the Church and the Hey and £9090 was received in respect of monies to fund a church weekend away at Quinta.

£165,339 was spent to provide the Christian ministry from Holy Trinity Church, including a contribution of £69,844 to the diocesan parish share. This largely provides the stipends and housing for the clergy. The amount that churches in the diocese have to contribute is shared between the member churches according to a set formula. Monies were paid out from restricted funds to cover bank charges levied on the Building Fund and expenses for the weekend at Quinta.

The result for the year was a net shortfall of £8528 on unrestricted funds. Adding the assets brought forward at the start of the year (including the vicarage) the balances carried forward on 31st December (unrestricted funds) totaled £206,613.

The financial performance of the Holy Trinity Pre-school is reported separately in the financial statements, showing a shortfall during the year of £17,775, following payment of redundancy and closure of the school. The shortfall was met out of Pre-school reserves, without any contribution from the church.

Reserves policy

It is PCC policy to maintain a balance on unrestricted funds (if possible), which equates to at least two months unrestricted payments, equivalent to £27,557 to cover emergency situations that may arise from time to time. Net current assets of £87,980, (less restricted funds) of £1367) is sufficient to meet this target.

The balance of £1,367 in restricted funds is largely retained towards the cost of general repair of the church.

Volunteers

We would like to thank all the volunteers who work so hard to make our church the lively and vibrant community it is. In particular we want to mention our churchwardens, Steve Keningley and David Howcroft, who have worked tirelessly on our behalf and all the other members of the PCC for their valuable contribution to our ministry and for keeping the church running.

Structure, governance and management

The method of appointment of PCC members is set out in the Church Representation Rules. At Holy Trinity the membership of the PCC consists of the Incumbent, the Associate Minister (NSM), Church Wardens, Members elected by those members of the congregation who are on the electoral roll of the church and the Treasurer who is co-opted onto the PCC. All those who are members of the congregation are encouraged to register on the electoral roll and stand for election to the PCC.

The PCC members are responsible for making decisions on all matters of general concern and importance to the parish including deciding how the funds of the PCC are to be spent.

The full PCC met eight times during the year with an average attendance of 85%. Given its wide responsibilities, the PCC has a number of committees each dealing with a particular aspect of parish life. These committees, which include finance, fabric, mission, evangelism HR and services, are all responsible to the PCC and report back to it regularly with minutes of their meetings being received by the full PCC and discussed as necessary.

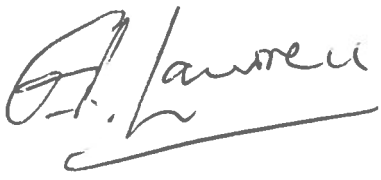
The PCC is a body corporate (PCC Powers Measure 1956, Church Representation Rules 2006) and is registered with the Charity Commission, registered number 1133047.

The PCC members who have served from 1st January 2025 until the date this report was approved are:

Ex officio members

Incumbent	The Reverend Roger Wiles	Chairman (until his retirment on 30 April 2026)
	The Reverend Paul Lewis	NSM Associate Minister
Wardens	David Howcroft	
	Steven Keningley	From 16 November 2025
Co-opted	Chris Walsh	Treasurer
Elected	Geoffrey Lawrence	Vice Chair (Acting Chairman from 1 May 2026)
	Clair Dobson	
	Susan Blevins	
	Laura Henwood	
	Chris Ryan	
	Caroline Rowland	
	Ian Buddle	
	Bob Caldwell	
	Alan McGraa	Secretary/Deanery Synod Rep/Diocesan Synod Member
	Linda Hughes	Representative on Deanery Synod
	Ian Fair	Representative on Deanery Synod
	Adrian Jaggard	Fron 19 April 2026. Representative on Diocesan Synod.

Approved by the PCC on 21 September 2026 and signed on their behalf by Dr Geoffrey Lawrence (Acting PCC chairman).



CHARITY COMMISSION FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Independent examiner's report on the accounts

Section A Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees

Charity Name
Holy Trinity Church

On accounts for the year ended	31 December 2025	**Charity no (if any)**	1133047

Set out on pages 1 - 12
(remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended **31 / 12 / 2025**

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity's trustees, 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 Trust'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

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; or
- the accounts did not accord with the accounting records; or
- the accounts did not comply with the applicable 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.

Signed: M. Forshaw **Date:** 22/09/2026

Name: Michael John Forshaw

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

For the year ended 31 December 2025

	Note	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Restricted (Pre-school) £	Total Funds 2025 £	Total Funds 2024 £
INCOMING RESOURCES						
Voluntary income (direct giving)	2a	126,868	841	-	127,709	139,864
Other voluntary income	2b	-	-	25	25	500
Gross income from Events & Activities	2c	11,333	9,090	17,321	37,744	38,731
Other ordinary income	2d	8,088	-	-	8,088	2,002
Other designated income	2e	8,880	-	213	9,093	12,983
Income from interest/investments	2f	1,642	-	19	1,661	1,890
TOTAL INCOMING RESOURCES		156,811	9,931	17,578	184,320	195,970
RESOURCES USED						
Grants	3a	15,288	-	-	15,288	15,288
Support costs	3b	202	-	-	202	459
Directly related to the work of the Church	3c	110,063	-	-	110,063	110,238
Church management & administration	3d	38,193	40	34,643	72,876	69,135
Other expenditure	3e	1,593	9,648	710	11,951	5,322
TOTAL RESOURCES USED		165,339	9,688	35,353	210,380	200,442
NET INCOMING/(OUTGOING) RESOURCES		(8,528)	243	(17,775)	(26,060)	(4,472)
FUND TRANSFERS						
Brought forward 1 January 2025		**215,141**	**1,124**	**17,775**	**234,040**	**238,512**
CARRIED FORWARD 31 DEC 2025		**206,613**	**1,367**	**-**	**207,980**	**234,040**

The notes on pages 8 to 12 form part of these financial statements

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BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31 DECEMBER
2025

	Note	2025		2024	
		£	£	£	£
FIXED ASSETS					
Tangible fixed assets	5		120,000		120,000
CURRENT ASSETS					
Debtors	7	24,473		8,377	
Short term deposits		27,217		28,018	
Cash at bank & in hand		37,375		81,806	
				-	
		89,065		118,201	
CREDITORS : Amounts falling due within one year	8	1,085		4,161	
NET CURRENT ASSETS			87,980		114,040
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES			207,980		234,040
NET ASSETS			207,980		234,040
FUNDS					
Unrestricted	6		206,613		215,141
Restricted	6		1,367		1,124
Pre-school	6		-		17,775
			207,980		234,040

Approved by the Parochial Church Council on 21 September 2026 and signed on its behalf by

Acting Chairman

Member

The notes on pages 8 to 12 form part of these financial statements

ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention and in accordance with applicable accounting standards and the Charities SORP ("Statement of Recommended Practice" Accounting for Charities).

Funds

General funds represent the funds of the PCC that are not subject to any restrictions regarding their use and are available for application to the general purposes of the PCC.

Incoming Resources

Voluntary Income

Collections are recognised when received by or on behalf of the PCC.

Planned Giving receivable under Gift Aid is recognised only when claimed.

Income Tax recoverable on Gift Aid donations is recognised when the income is received

Grants and legacies to the PCC are accounted for as soon as the PCC is notified of its legal entitlement, the amount due is quantifiable and its ultimate receipt by the PCC is reasonably certain.

Funds raised by events are accounted for gross.

Sales of books and magazines from the church bookstall are accounted for gross.

Income from investments

Interest entitlements are accounted for as they are received. Tax recoverable on such income is recognised in the same accounting year.

Resources used

Grants

Grants and donations are accounted for when paid over, or when awarded, if that award creates a binding obligation on the PCC.

Activities directly relating to the work of the church

The diocesan parish share is accounted for when paid. Any parish share unpaid at 31 December is provided for in these accounts as an operational (though not a legal) liability and is shown as a creditor in the Balance Sheet.

Fixed assets

No depreciation is provided on freehold buildings. The PCC follows a programme of regular review of its properties in order to maintain them to a high standard. Accordingly, in the opinion of the council, any element of depreciation would be immaterial.

All expenditure incurred in the year on consecrated or beneficed buildings, individual items under £1,000 or on the repair of movable church furnishings acquired before 1 January 2006 is written off.

Current assets

Amounts owing to the PCC at 31 December in respect of fees, rents or other income are shown as debtors less provision for amounts that may prove uncollectable.

Short term deposits include cash held on deposit either with CCLA Investment Management Funds or at the bank.

2) INCOMING RESOURCES

		Note	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Restricted (Pre-school) £	Total Funds 2025 £	Total Funds 2024 £
a)	Voluntary Income (direct giving)						
	Planned Giving						
	Gift Aid/G.A.Y.E.		69,414	841	-	70,255	79,291
	Income Tax reclaimed		35,453	-	-	35,453	33,915
	Uncovenanted		7,415	-	-	7,415	8,368
	Collections		9138	-	-	9,138	8,991
	Sundry Gifts		5,448	-	-	5,448	9,299
			126,868	841	-	127,709	139,864
b)	Other voluntary income						
	Donations		-	-	25	25	500
	Transfers		-	-	-	-	-
	Charitable trusts		-	-	-	-	-
			-	-	25	25	500
c)	Gross Income from Events & Activities						
	Bookstall		-	-	-	-	371
	Fees (PCC)		895	-	-	895	5,030
	Fees & Vouchers (Playgroup)		-	-	17,321	17,321	22,112
	Fundraising (Playgroup)		-	-		-	
	Insurance/gifts		-	-		-	173
	Other funding - donation photocopying		63	-		63	395
	Rent of Buildings		10,375	-	-	10,375	10,614
	Quinta		-	9,090	-	9,090	36
			11,333	9,090	17,321	37,744	38,731
d)	Other ordinary income						
		10a	8,088	-	-	8,088	-
			8,088	-	-	8,088	2,002
e)	Other designated income						
	Designated	11	8,880		213	9,093	12,983
			-	-	-	-	-
			8,880	-	213	9,093	12,983
f)	Income from investments						
	Bank Account Interest		1,642		19	1,661	1,890
			1,642	-	19	1,661	1,890
	TOTAL INCOMING RESOURCES		156,811	9,931	17,578	184,320	195,970

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS (CONTINUED) For the year ended 31 December 2025

			Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Restricted (Pre-school) £	Total Funds 2025 £	Total Funds 2024 £
3)	RESOURCES USED						
a)	Grants						
	Missionary societies		6,456	-	-	6,456	8,832
	Home missions & other Church Societies		8,832	-	-	8,832	6,456
			15,288	-	-	15,288	15,288
b)	Support costs						
	Youth groups		202	-	-	202	459
	Other groups			-	-	-	
			202	-	-	202	459
c)	Directly related to the work of the Church						
	Ministry - Parish Share & Stipend		69,844	-	-	69,844	74,268
	Clergy expenses		3,363	-	-	3,363	2,768
	Clergy conferences		395	-	-	395	529
	Vicarage repairs & costs		3,425	-	-	3,425	3,179
	Church running expenses		22,585	-	-	22,585	15,810
	Church maintenance		8,247		-	8,247	12,207
	Church Grounds maintenance		2,204	-	-	2,204	1,477
			110,063	-	-	110,063	110,238
d)	Church management & administration						
	Bank charges & Independent Examination		668	40		708	726
	Gross Wages	4	33,319	-		33,319	54,177
	Nat.Insce - ER's	4	-	-	-	-	3,231
	Office Equipment, Furniture & Fittings		167	-	-	167	1,047
	Office Costs		2,362	-	-	2,362	1,964
	Fees		895	-		895	
	Playgroup running costs		-	-	34,643	34,643	3,166
	Misc						4,249
	Staff training		596	-		596	525
	Staff expenses		186	-		186	50
			38,193	40	34,643	72,876	69,135
e)	Other expenditure						
	Ordinary	10b	-	9,648	710	10,358	-
	Designated	11	1,593			1,593	5,322
				-	-	-	-
				-			
			1,593	9,648	710	11,951	5,322
	TOTAL RESOURCES USED		165,339	9,688	35,353	210,380	200,442

4) STAFF COSTS

No remuneration was paid to members of the council. The following expenses were paid or reimbursed to members of the council:-

Reverend R Wiles	3,022	-	-	3,022	3,022
Reverend P Lewis	341	-	-	341	341

During the year the PCC employed 1 Childrens' and Families' Worker, 1 part-time administrator, 1 part time pastoral worker and 2 part time cleaners. The Pre-school employed one supervisor and three assistants. No employee received remuneration in excess of £50,000.

Salaries	32,757	-		32,757	54,968
Nat.Insce - ER's	-	-		-	3,353
Pension	562			562	-
	33,319	-	-	33,319	58,321

5) FIXED ASSETS FOR USE BY THE PCC

Freehold land & building at 6 Chorley Way, Poulton Lancelyn, Bebington, Wirral Purchase cost value of £120,000. The property was mortgaged for £130,000 during 2002, and was then valued by Allchurches Mortgage company at £160,000.

6) ANALYSIS OF ASSETS BY FUND	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Restricted (Pre-school) £	Total Funds 2025 £	Total Funds 2024 £
Fixed Assets	120,000	-	-	120,000	120,000
Current Assets	87,698	1,367		89,065	96,528
Current Liabilities	1,085	-		1,085	(263)
Long Term Liabilities	-	-	-	-	-
Fund Balance	206,613	1,367	0	207,980	216,265

7) DEBTORS					
Payments in advance					
Deposit	725	-	-	725	725
Refund of Gift Aid & Tax	23,748	-		23,748	-
	24,473	-	-	24,473	725

8) CREDITORS					
Amounts falling due within one year					
	-	-		-	2,153
H M Revenue & Customs	1,085	-		1,085	1,083
Accruals for goods & services		-		-	3,692
	1,085	-	-	1,085	6,928

9) FUND DETAILS

The unrestricted funds comprise the Holy Trinity No.1 Account, the Events Fund, HSB Savings Account and 2 Deposit Accounts with CCLA Investment Management Limited

The restricted funds comprise the Holy Trinity Building Fund.

10a) OTHER ORDINARY INCOME					
			-	-	
Maternity Pay (recouped)	7,378	-		7,378	-
Transfer Pre-school	710			710	
	8,088	-	-	8,088	-

10b) OTHER ORDINARY EXPENDITURE					
Quinta		9,648			
Transfer Pre-school - contribuntion gas/electricity and phone			710		
	-	9,648	710	10,358	-

11) OTHER DESIGNATED INCOME & EXPENDITURE

	2025 Income £	2025 Expend. £	2024 Income £	2024 Expend. £
Discretionary Fund	-		-	1,000
Library	-	40	55	103
Families Worker	6,189		6,462	-
Contribution to wages	240	-	240	-
Contribution to cost books H/G	-		56	342
Frank Houston	150		-	54
Rainbow	410	355	362	342
Toddler	231	160	325	164
Livewires	-	-	-	-
	-		-	-
Computer	250	250	261	754
Vision	-		1,666	20
Maintainance	-	100	100	
			-	
NWP/Wirral Gospel Partnership	-	-	-	500
Quinta			840	200
Gift Anna	802	688	-	
Sweeny	188		-	
Hanks	-		1,560	1,560
	-		-	-
Forum	-		63	32
Demential Together	-	-	-	20
St Johns			45	45
Ukraine	285	-	891	
Claire house	65	-	-	-
Cancer Research	-	-	57	57
Reach	-	-		45
TFU	-	-		44
Presbyterian	-	-		40
Shoebox	40	-		-
Kidney research	30	-		-
	8,880	1,593	12,983	5,322

12) COMMITMENTS

Included in the Church's current assets is unspent funding for the following projects:-

a)Support for wages

b) Building projects

c)Youth and Family worker salaries

d) Childrens' work.

e) Funds donated for other charities, including Ukraine