St Paul's Boundary Road

Annual Report

For the year ending
December 2025

The Annual Report of the Parish of St Paul's Wilford Hill
for the Annual Parochial Church Meeting held on 26/4/2026

St Paul's Wilford Hill is situated on the corner of Boundary Road and Loughborough Road, West Bridgford, Nottingham. It is a Church of England parish within the Diocese of Southwell and Nottingham. The correspondence address is:

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The Parochial Church Council (PCC) is a charity registered with the Charity Commission. Members of the PCC act as Trustees for the charity. Charity number 1133058.

Structure, governance and management

1. The method of appointment of PCC is set out in the Church Representation Rules.
2. All Church attendees are encouraged to register on the Electoral Roll.
3. Those on the roll can stand for election and vote at the Annual Parochial Church Meeting.

Aim and purposes

St Paul's Parochial Church Council has the responsibility of cooperating with the incumbent in enabling the whole mission of the church, pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical within the Parish, Deanery and beyond. The PCC also has responsibility for the facilities provided in the adjoining church halls, which are used for public and private lettings as well as church meetings.

Objectives and activities

The PCC is committed to enabling as many people as possible to worship at our church and become part of the parish community at St Paul's. Our services and worship put faith into practice through prayer and scripture, music and sacrament. When planning our activities, we have considered the Commission's guidance on public benefit and, in particular, the supplementary guidance on charities for the advancement of religion. In particular, we try to enable all people to live out their faith as part of our parish community through:

- **Worship and prayer, learning about the gospel, and developing their knowledge and trust in Jesus.**
- **Provision of pastoral care for people living in the parish.**
- **Missionary and outreach work.**
- **Use of our hall facilities by community organisations and private individuals.**

To facilitate this work, it is important that we maintain the fabric of the church and the hall complex.

Achievements and performance

Essentially the ministry of the church is not about achievement or performance. Spiritual life and the presence of care and love cannot be measured or judged in these ways. Worship has been provided each Sunday, usually Holy Communion with sermon and prayers.

Role Holders

Vicar	Revd Tim Fox
Children, Youth and Families Ministry Co-leads	Leslie Avendano, Sue Buckby
Retired Clergy with Permission to Officiate	Revd Mary Griffiths, Revd Hilary Smart, Revd Ros Donovan, Revd Howard Bateson
Church Wardens	Wendy Pearce and Ann Shepheard
Parish Safeguarding Officer	Ann Shepheard
Electoral Roll Officer	Maureen Hollins
Worship Leader	Adam Baker
Sacristans	Ros Donovan, Charlie George, Maureen Hollins Margaret Oldroyd, Bob Oldroyd, Ann Shepheard, Hilary Smart, Jill Hannaford-Bray

Parochial Church Council 2025/2026

(the number denotes the years served since last election and term)

Suzanne Astill – Deanery Synod	Until April 2026
Debbie Caine – Treasurer	2 of 3 – until 2027
Janet Coleman – PCC Secretary	1 of 3 – until 2028
Russell Daxter	3 of 3 – until 2026
Revd Ros Donovan	co-opted 12th May 2025
Ian Duce	2 of 3 – until 2027
Charlie George	3 of 3 – until 2026
Liz Jones	2 of 3 – until 2027
Leia Morales	1 of 3 – until 2028
Wendy Pearce - Warden	Until 2026
Ann Shepheard - Warden & Safeguarding	Until 2026
Geraldine Wilkes	1 of 3 – until 2028
Carol Williams - Deanery Synod	3 of 3 – until 2026

Thanks to all who have served on the PCC for another busy year in the life of St. Paul's. We met a total of 9 times during the year discussing a wide variety of topics from finance, including charitable giving, mission, vision and growing disciples. The agendas also referred to recruiting volunteers, the use of the mini-bus, introducing visible giving points, and of course, the toilets.

At the time of writing there will be 2 vacancies on the PCC, 2 Warden vacancies and 2 Deanery Synod vacancies.

Janet Coleman, PCC Secretary

Electoral Roll 2026

The revision of last year's Electoral Roll will take place prior to the APCM and be presented to the meeting on Sunday, 26th April. Last year's new roll has increased by five and now stands at 128, five more than 2025 with no deletions. Sixty nine members live in the parish, and 59 outside it. There are 84 women on the roll and 44 men.

Maureen Hollins, Electoral Roll Officer



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Vicar's report: 2025 at St Paul's

As I reflect on 2025 at St Paul's, I feel very grateful to have had such a positive year as a Church. Whilst there were challenges, I do feel that 2025 was a year in which we saw real growth. In fact, I would suggest that we saw growth in three different ways. Growth in breadth, growth in depth, and growth in confidence.

What do I mean? Well, as for growth in breadth I would say that we have seen a positive increase in attendance; particularly at our 10:30 informal service, but broadly across all of our services.

Regarding growth in depth I feel that our ambitious summer sermon series (featuring extended looks at the Biblical books of Genesis and Revelation) was a sign, yes, of deepening theological depth, but more than that, it was a sign of deeper depth in our preaching ministry, as we had talks from our 'own' Sarah Baker and Camilla Gilmore. Growth in depth of participation has been, and remains a goal for our worshipping life at St Paul's.

I think there was also a growth in the depth of our partnership working; seeing the Nottingham Nightstop project (run by Open Homes) supported so well by our Saturday Youth community (with their fundraising efforts) and our congregation (more generally), has been very pleasing. I wonder what ways we can grow deeper in partnership with the charities that we support in the future!

And when I reflect on everything else that our community, particularly our Wellbeing Hub, has been able to do in 2025, I really do see a growth in confidence. Perhaps this is aided by the fact that our wonderful Wellbeing Hub has not only acted as a model for others to start their own projects (just ask the local Social Prescribing Team), but we have also won an award! In fact, a Celebrating Rushcliffe award in the Health and Wellbeing category.

But further, I think that we have seen our confidence in our identity as a Church grow. I think we are learning to be confident in that identity as a generous, progressive and inclusive Christian voice in the wider area. If nothing else, the presence of our Love Joy Peace course at Greenbelt this year has enabled many individuals and churches to learn about what we offer in terms of this new way of faith-sharing.

Finance

The financial outlook for the church gently improved across 2025. At the start of the year we were budgeting to come in about 10% below the requested amount of Parish Share contribution to the Diocese. Happily, over the course of the year, we were able to gradually strengthen our financial position, and we finished 2025 by paying 100% of the requested allocation. As ever, the financial giving of our worshipping community is something for which I am tremendously grateful. As I regularly say during our worship; every single thing that happens here at St Paul's is enabled by the giving of time, talent and money by our congregation. As ever, everything in this annual report is a direct result of the generosity of our community and congregation; so thank you, sincerely, for your support.







Looking to the future, we will be launching a new vision (and potentially a new Website) at the APCM where this report will be offered.

Whilst our vision statement itself (the 3' E's that invite us to 'Experience, Explore and Engage' together) will remain constant, it is the values that help us express who we are that we are developing and refreshing.

Do have a look for the blog posts that have been on the Mailer (and eventually the new website) for a deeper reflection on these new values, which I do believe will help us further grow in confidence, depth, and breadth.

Thank you!

Tim





Our Vision

St Paul's aims to be a church where people of all ages can:

- **Experience the presence and vision of God in their lives, through worship, prayer and the power of the Holy Spirit.**
- **Explore what it means for them to be a disciple of Jesus Christ – walking the 'Way of Jesus'.**
- **Engage with an authentic and loving community, where divisions and differences are overcome.**

Or to put it more succinctly:

At St Paul's our vision is to be a place where people can:

- **Experience God.**
- **Explore the Way of Jesus.**
- **Engage with community.**

Or even simpler still:

- **Experience, Explore and Engage.**

Our Values

St Paul's uses the following distinctive values to help shape our work, which are new for 2026. These values help shape and guide our worship, our activities, and our place in the wider Christian community.

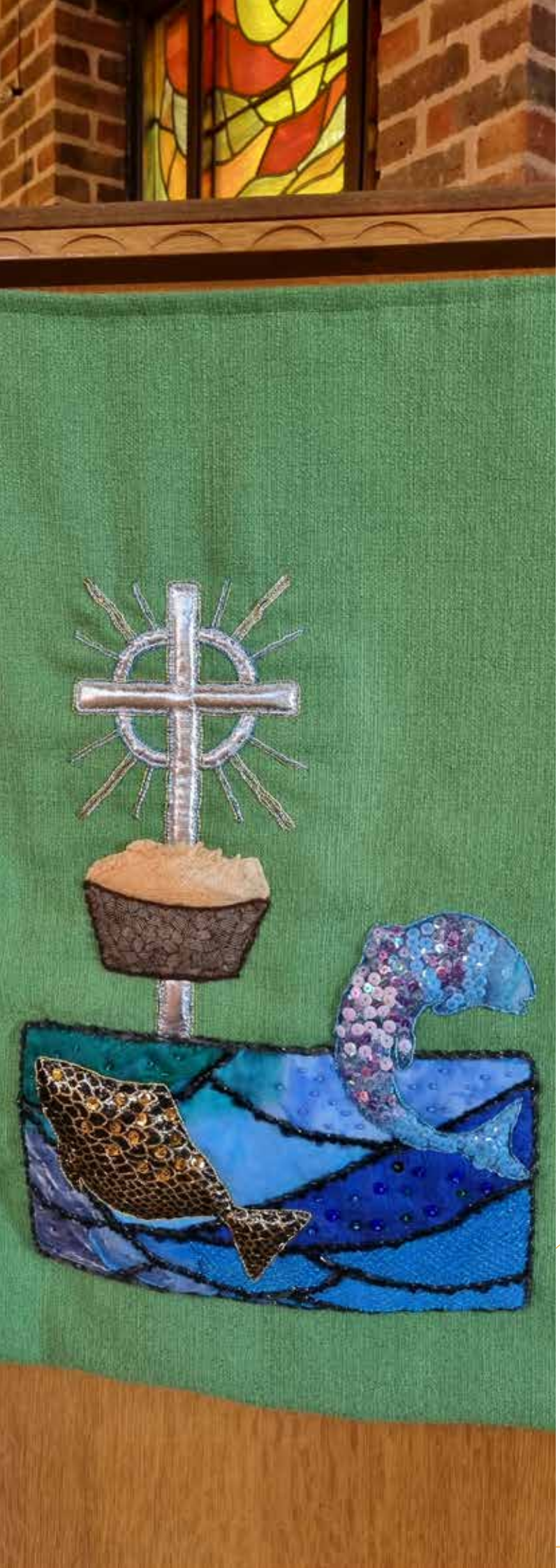
At St Paul's we aim to demonstrate the following values in all that we do:

St Paul's aims to be a church that is:

- **Jesus Centred**
- **Ancient / Progressive**
- **Spiritual and Spirit-Full**
- **Bible-Wise**
- **Confidently Inclusive**
- **Justice-Focussed**







Inclusion at St Paul's

St Paul's is a member of Inclusive Church, and aims to be a place where all are welcome and valued – in safety. In particular we feel the need to be clear that we are a church that welcomes, includes and affirms those in same-sex relationships and all LGBTQI+ people. We believe that all of us – every human being - bears the 'Image of God', and that all deserve our welcome and inclusion in safety.

The Inclusive Church Statement:

As a member of 'Inclusive Church' the PCC has agreed that:

"We believe in inclusive church – a church which celebrates and affirms every person and does not discriminate.

We will continue to challenge the church where it continues to discriminate against people on grounds of disability, economic power, ethnicity, gender, gender identity, learning disability, mental health, neurodiversity, or sexuality.

We believe in a Church which welcomes and serves all people in the name of Jesus Christ; which is scripturally faithful; which seeks to proclaim the Gospel afresh for each generation; and which, in the power of the Holy Spirit, allows all people to grasp how wide and long and high and deep is the love of Jesus Christ."

Church Wardens' report



In our capacity as Church Wardens, Wendy and I have cared for and supported Tim as our incumbent and our retired clergy in their roles. We have endeavoured to relieve them of unnecessary administrative and other tasks and, from time-to-time acted as 'critical friends' and provided feedback from you, our congregation, whom we also support and encourage. We have taken seriously our responsibility for the Church building and its property and I am happy to report, that with the help and support of members of the PCC, including Charlie's willingness to continue to oversee the site, we have between us, met the requirements of the role.

Ann Shepheard

Site report

It is probably common knowledge that one of the wardens' key responsibilities is maintaining the church fabric. However, the arrangements at St Paul's is a little different in that when I stood down as warden some 3 years ago, I agreed to continue site maintenance while being answerable to Ann and Wendy and reporting to PCC. This seems to be working well enough.

The first of two main tasks undertaken in 2025 was the replacement of the door leading from the second hall onto the back patio. This was carried out to a high standard by Brooks and Sims over the Easter Holidays for £3540 including VAT. We had List B authority for this.

The second significant improvement works arose at short notice by way of a successful application to the Diocese for a Net Zero Quick Wins Grant. This was a small fund of £59,000, with any grant not to exceed £5000, or £6000 including VAT for unlisted buildings. The clue is in the Grant title and in our case related to upgrading our lighting. Replacement LED lighting went in the toilets (along with sensors) and the corridor leading into the café, the high-level tubes in the main hall (for which scaffolding was needed), and new LEDs replaced the external lights. We obtained List B authority, and the work was carried out by Martin Crew at a cost (covered by this Grant) of £2170 on 30-31 October and 13 November. For the sake of completeness, I should mention that in the main hall we realised that we also needed to replace the 8 flood lights and asked Martin to do this at the same time at an outlay of £495.

Staying with electrical works, the biennial PAT testing was undertaken by Martin Crew at a cost of £319.50. No issues arose.

It is a fact of life that a busy site, now even more so with the café and ever developing Hub, suffers a fair amount of wear and tear, and general battering. Ian Duce's DIY skills to deal with running repairs are much appreciated and have the additional benefit of limiting financial outlay. I will not list all he does, but we do rely on him a lot to fix toilets, door handles, taps in the kitchen, the Lincat boiler, installing smoke detectors and replacing lights, and so on.



However, inevitably we need to get contractors in from time to time, and this year Phoenix Plumbing were employed to replace the hot water dispensers in both the gents' and ladies' toilets at a total cost of £544.

I should give a thank you to Ann and Jon Shepheard for carrying out much needed decorating in the second hall and the corridor area into the café.

Both health and fire safety are, of course, of great significance and are subject to ongoing review and improvement. At the end of 2024 evacuators were installed and at present I am awaiting a report about upgrading our emergency lighting. There has also been some valuable training. Ten people were trained in the use of fire extinguishers by Steve Hallam during the autumn and Wendy Cranefield arranged two excellent defibrillator training sessions provided by fire fighting crews from West Bridgford fire station.

Finally, we must go outside and acknowledge the good work carried out by a small group of willing volunteers to keep gardens, hedges and shrubs in decent condition. Many thanks to the Shepheards and Jane George, plus Geraldine Wilkes for looking after the Garden of Hope. Thanks must also go to the three gents who help me keep the grass cut, which now extends to the area around the Community Garden. It should be said that some of the beds have been looking rather sad. As a result, over 100 plants were ordered from Old Hall Nurseries to go in the 4 beds adjacent to Boundary Road, plus 3 climbers near the café. This cost £725.28. The church is grateful this was met by a donation from the Georges.

Charlie George



Safeguarding

I am happy to report that 2025 has been a good year as far as the ongoing role of Parish Safeguarding Officer at St Paul's is concerned. You may recall I noted in my report last year that I had completed a 'Train the Trainers' course. As a result I have delivered 5 face to face training sessions, 3 at St Paul's and 2 at Holy Rood.

Also, as mentioned in last year's report, I have begun to tackle the 5 'National Safeguarding Standards' via the diocesan Safeguarding hub online. It is astonishing to realise how much we have going on at St Paul's across the week as I list each activity that takes place here. In this regard, may I thank those of you who were able to take part in the online questionnaire the diocese made available towards the end of the year, as one means of measuring our success in meeting these standards.

The ongoing support of the diocese in continuing to emphasise the importance of safeguarding within the Church and the provision of termly Zoom briefings to keep us up to date with current practice is hugely helpful. As previously reported I have the opportunity to report to PCC at each meeting and to the best of my knowledge therefore, everything is in order.

Once again I thank all of you who offer your gifts to serve at St Paul's, for those who are new to roles, those who have undergone DBS checks, those who have engaged in safeguarding training, those who have completed forms for me, those who have done all of the above.

Special thanks go to Tim and members of the PCC for their continued support.

Ann Shepheard, Parish Safeguarding Officer and Lead Recruiter

Deanery Synod

West Bingham Deanery Synod met three times during 2025 covering a range of topics. We heard from Bishop Paul in March on his Vision 2030 and he thanked the Deanery for its faithfulness and for what we are doing as a Deanery. In July The Diocesan Chief Executive, Martin Cooper, and Finance Director, Katrina Proctor, spoke to us about the changes in how diocesan finance is being structured and Katrina held a financial surgery to answer questions. In November the Diocesan Environmental Officer, Robert Cleave, told us there are 138 Eco churches in the diocese , 48% of those are in the West Bingham Deanery, and the diocese now have the numbers to apply to be a Silver Eco Diocese. He spoke about the environment and what we can do to decrease our emissions, and about the help and support being put in place to achieve Net Zero Carbon by 2030.

At each synod we shared good stories from across the Deanery . It is encouraging to see so much good work.

Having served three years Carol Williams will stand down as our representative on Deanery Synod at our APCM in 2026.

Carol Williams

Eco Church

In our activities and building maintenance we remain mindful of the underlying principles which would help us to achieve the Silver Award from A Rocha but there are some obstacles yet to overcome.

The new planting around the front of church was deliberately chosen to attract pollinators and increase biodiversity, thanks to Jane George. The on-site composting is effectively overseen by Charlie George.

As detailed in Charlie's Site Report we benefitted from the Diocesan Net Zero Quick Wins Grant which enabled the lighting in the hall, toilets (with the addition of sensors) and the external lights to be upgraded and designed to contribute to our energy saving.

Wendy Pearce





Charitable Giving

In 2025 the PCC made donations to the following charities:

Christians Against Poverty (West Bridgford)
£960 (paid monthly)
Helping families and individuals break free from debt and poverty. (West Bridgford branch announced its closure in late 2025 so monthly donations ceased in December.)

Church Mission Society £600
Support for Anna Sims in Lima, Peru who works to discover creative ways to share the hope of Jesus with people unconnected to the church.

The Friary £960
Delivers practical and emotional support to those who are homeless or at risk of homelessness.

Cecily's Fund £500
Helps vulnerable children in Zambia tackling the poverty and deep inequalities that affect the most vulnerable families through education and training.

Nottingham Nightstop £500
Provides safe accommodation for young people facing street homelessness.

Refugee Roots £1,000
Helps asylum seekers and refugees build relationships and navigate the complexities of building a new life in the UK. Offers a warm welcome and hospitality, support and friendship through a range of befriending, support and empowerment initiatives.

Safe Families Home for Good £1,000
Through family support works towards ensuring that every child has a stable place to call home, can live in an environment that feels safe and nurturing and has someone they can trust who will offer unconditional care and support.

Nottingham Street Aid £500
Provides a visible, easy way of donating and the money then goes to charities in the Nottingham area which support people who are homeless.

Wendy Pearce - Charitable Giving Group



Children's, Youth and Family Ministry

Children and Youth Groups

The year of 2025 has been a real blessing to welcoming more families and their children into St Paul's. We have seen a rise in our numbers of younger kids and consistency on Sunday mornings of our youth. We are regularly now having an average of 8 kids and 12 youth in attendance on Sunday mornings. As a result at the start of 2025, we implemented that our Sunday Kids group include those children in reception up to Year 4 and our Sunday Youth include those in Year 5 and up. This has helped to be able to be more inclusive and provide developmentally appropriate activities to kids and youth alike.

Our Saturday Night Youth Group has also seen a rise in numbers and has been a place for youth to be able to connect with each other through engagement in games, sport and snacks while including a time for us to join in reflection and discussion. We are now averaging 15 youth and have had as many as 21. There has also been a rise in girls attending our groups which makes it feel more balanced.

Our Youth took part in their annual Sleep out back in February raising £948 for the Open Homes Charity and their Nottingham Night Stop Project. In October, they also led the Harvest All Age Service for the congregation which is always so well received and joyful. The youth took on various roles in speaking, playing music, and engaging the congregation through activity, all related to the gospel. As usual, it came together so well and was a real treat for the congregation to experience their energy and enthusiasm.

Our collaboration with Jesse Gray has continued to be a real blessing to our church, as we see the children have fun, dance and sing throughout their experience here alongside their peers. Our focus is always to offer a place where the children can come and experience what Christian faith means to us while being inclusive and welcoming to all. The Christmas and Easter experience is offered to complement their current RE studies in a way that is engaging and allows them to explore faith from a safe place. Our goal has always been to bring those of faith, those of other faith, and those with no faith at all, to a place where



they feel welcome and included to participate from exactly where they are, sharing the stories of Jesus that display values to take care of one another and us as a community .

We continue to have various other schools including Greythorn and Heymann reach out to visit the church and provide support when able with their RE lessons and have been able to follow through with that support either at their school or at St Paul's.

As ever, we are looking forward to the year ahead, for our continued presence in the community. We pray that those that enter and attend our events may experience our offerings as gift, feel called to engage in what we offer while exploring their faith. We are grateful for the support of our congregation, volunteers and growing staff. We ask as always for continued prayer to sustain our energy and passion to facilitate community-based programs through gift and invitation and for all to feel welcome in all that we do.

Leslie Avendano



Youth Space



Since our launch in November 2024, we now regularly welcome 100 children and young people each week for hot chocolates (with a seasonal switch to mocktails in the balmy summer months!) Due to the popularity, we've now moved from the café space into the main hall, and have plans to develop the space with comfy seating, games and a reflection space. We have an incredible team of committed volunteers, as well as developing our partnership with the Community Wellbeing Hub with Wendy Cranefield (Community Connector) also joining the team. It's a joy to welcome the youth each week, and to create a space where they are known, valued and celebrated. For our 1st anniversary, we asked for feedback from the young people as to what they love about Youth Space. Here are some of the responses:

- **We think St. Paul's is a very positive place**
- **This place feels like home**
- **Everything**
- **How welcoming you are!**
- **The hot chocolate**





Football Church

Football church launched on a rainy Sunday afternoon in July, with 6 kids (Y2-6) and 4 youth (Y7-13) attending. Overall, we've welcomed 26 children and youth, and their families, and are building a diverse community! Each session includes fun warm-ups, a skills focus and some small-sided games, with a half time thought around faith and football. We're thankful for support from Rob and Ambassadors Football that have helped equip and enable our very own St. Paul's coaching team. The feedback has been overwhelmingly positive, and we're excited to see this community continue to grow in 2026.



Activate

In August, St. Paul's hosted three days of holiday club in partnership with St. Luke's, St. Giles and Holy Rood churches. We splished and splashed our way through the story of Jonah, with children rotating through story, active and prayer zones. The upfront team kept the energy levels up in between zones, as we guessed 'what's in the belly of the fish?' and had daily votes to gunge a leader! Volunteers were drawn from across all churches, with our young people also stepping into leadership roles. We had a lot of fun, grew in our faith and somehow managed to avoid getting baked beans and custard on the communion table. Result!

Sue Buckby





Toddler Group

Toddler Group runs each Wednesday, 10.15-11.30am, term time only. 2025 was another good, if relatively quiet, year for the Toddler Group as it continues to be part of our Church in the Community. We are able to welcome a number of 'regulars' each week as well as those who pop in on a more irregular basis.

We offer a welcome to all who come, valuing the opportunity to get together for a drink, a chat and a play. Parents/carers and children benefit greatly from the facilities offered by the Church and the opportunities provided by the wide-ranging group activities that take place here. They particularly enjoy song time, especially when it is their turn to dip into the song bag to choose what we will sing or it is time to celebrate a birthday.

Thanks again to Sue and Leslie who pop in to say 'hello' to our attendees, when they have the opportunity to do so.

Ann Shepheard



Messy Church



Messy Church runs on the 3rd Saturday of the month, apart from August. Camilla Gilmore and myself co-ordinate Messy Church, we are supported by Tim, Leslie and Sue, and a great team of volunteers.

Messy Church is a space for all ages to learn and grow in their faith.

We are fortunate at St Paul's that we have lots of space to run Messy Church. Messy Church starts with a time in church where we sing some songs, hear a Bible story and learn about what it means. We then go into the halls and have some craft time, sometimes this bit is quite messy! There's a space for babies and toddlers to enjoy too. We then move back into church where the children can share the crafts they have done. We have a time of prayer and end with a song. We then go back into the halls to have food together.



Messy Church continues to grow in the numbers of children and their parents/ carers. We have introduced a take home sheet each month which has a craft to do at home and some prayers that can be shared as a family, we've had some really positive feedback from this.

We have a fantastic group of volunteers who help on a regular basis to enable Messy Church to happen. Without them it wouldn't be possible to run it and for them I am thankful. However if you would like to come along and help we always welcome new helpers.

Jenny Daxter







Women's Fellowship

Women's Fellowship continues to meet on the 1st and 3rd Thursday of each month at 2.30pm. We have a variety of speakers through the year and more of them are using IT facilities so we frequently now meet in the church rather than in the Hall. During our summer break of July and August we enjoy visits to local garden centres, coffee mornings, afternoon teas and a meal out. We currently have 26 members with several from the local community and visitors are always welcome.

We raised £685.40 for the Cardiac Support group in Nottingham and donated gifts and festive treats at Christmas to the Nottingham Central Women's Aid.

Maureen and Lyn



Flowers

The flowers for the Church pedestal are renewed every two weeks. Throughout the year I endeavour to choose a variety of colours relating to the Church calendar if possible. Thank you to Jane Tindale for providing the Paschal and Advent ring. I hope you will agree that the flowers are a constant reminder of the beauty of God's creation.

Lyn Lygo



Pastoral Team

St Paul's pastoral team are here to pray for you and support you whenever you need us.

We can be contacted via email, which has been used this year , and one of us is always in a church service if you would like us to pray for you in church.

Suzanne and I assist Tim in our monthly visits to The Grand and I personally get so much from being there with both staff and residents, it really is a most humbling experience.

We visit our parishioners that can no longer get to church at Christmas and Easter . We've accompanied people to hospital visits and doctor's appointments and have helped with shopping when required.

Our team of Jenny Daxter, Maureen Hollins, Betty Rootham, Lyn Lygo, Ann Jordan, Suzanne Astill and Bob Oldroyd, regularly meet to pray for our church and Jenny and I meet with other members of the churches in West Bridgford to ensure that activities offered by other churches are coordinated with the services that our church has to offer too.

It's not just the pastoral team that care for you. We're all part of one church and I know that lifts are being arranged, care is being offered and fellowship is shared throughout the church and for that I thank God.

Thank you to my team and may I ask that if you do need prayer or a chat, then you'll let us know. Reach out, young and old, let us get through these strange times, together and in prayer.

Again many thanks

Hazel Little



J9 Initiative

St Paul's has completed another year as a recognised J9 centre. J9 is named in memory of Janine Mundy, a mother of two, killed by her estranged husband in June 2003 whilst on police bail. The initiative is designed to raise awareness and provide the skills to recognise abuse and the confidence to respond to disclosures, opening the door to safety and support. The pink signs within and outside the church and café show that we are a safe place where anyone who is a victim of domestic abuse can self-identify and be guided to organisations which can help them in complete confidence.

The following are members of our trained team of volunteers: Ann S., Sally, Hazel, Margaret, Helen and Layla, If you would like to know more, come and speak to one of us.

Margaret





Hiring the space

Over the last 12 months the hall hire model at St Paul's has seen some additions, but we have also said goodbye to some of our more regular community groups.

As St Paul's has seen an increase in use in general throughout the week, a priority for the management of the hall hire is protecting the site and making measured decisions about what is right for the existing hall users. We also have a need to create time so that the building can have regular opportunities for cleaning, maintenance and space for chance moments of prayer.

That said, it is also important to acknowledge that our hall hire is an important income stream to support the longevity of St Paul's in its entirety. It is a tricky balance!

Over the course of the last year St Paul's has seen:

- **Westgate market join us on a weekly basis and more recently move into the unused labyrinth space to give our lawn a rest**
- **An increase in concert bands using St Paul's for rehearsals and concerts, averaging 9 out of the 12 months**
- **Drama tots join us for a 6-month basis**
- **Karate and yoga move on to other venues**
- **Rushcliffe GP surgeries host a wellbeing afternoon in our halls**
- **Nottingham University host a Dementia information afternoon across the halls and church**
- **The pulmonary fibrosis group join us for a 6-month period whilst West Park Community Hall was being renovated**
- **And finally, ballet give notice on their long-standing hire with us on a Saturday (effective as of March 2026)**

In addition:

- **The Community Hub and Café continue to be open 7 days per week for various hours**
- **Willow pre-school continues to thrive and uses one hall exclusively, daytime Monday to Friday during term time**
- **Ballet, Scottish dancing, salsa, Rainbows, Guides, Women's Institute and South Notts Men's Choir continue to host their community groups with us throughout the week**



Christians Against Poverty (CAP)

Christians Against Poverty (CAP) operates nationwide and in late 2017, West Bridgford and South Nottingham Debt Centre came into being.

St Paul's has been a partner church since then. Debbie Caine writes – "St Paul's has continued to support the Christians Against Poverty (CAP) West Bridgford & South Nottingham Debt Centre both financially, and with a trustee board member (myself) who was appointed Chair during 2024.

St Paul's was one of the 9 partner churches when the centre was formed in 2017, recognising in particular the need to give debt counselling and appropriate sign-posting to those facing issues with debt in the local area, as an outworking of Christian compassion. Since then St Paul's has given financial and practical support to the charity.

During 2025, following an interview process we have recruited 2 new part time debt coaches who completed their initial training in March, and then began the 'on the job' training required for them to be fully signed off as debt coaches, which usually takes approximately one year. We continued to face challenges with regard to funding, recruiting new board members and other volunteers, and so sought assistance with the central CAP team, and they picked up the process of creating a new Nottingham wide Debt Centre, to encompass the work of the existing Debt Centre together with similar work hopefully beginning in other areas of Nottingham City, suburbs and beyond. Unfortunately the process of setting up a new Debt Centre is taking the central CAP team longer than we had anticipated, and so the trustees had to take the difficult decision to close the West Bridgford and South Nottingham Debt Centre due to the ongoing financial and administrative challenges. One of the debt coaches we recruited has continue to train with a different debt centre and the other has decided to pursue alternative work.

St Paul's support for CAP has been one of the key threads of our charitable giving for many years, and is an important aspect of our identity as an inclusive church, in seeking to promote dignity and agency for those facing financial challenges. During 2026 the Giving Committee will consider alternative charities for financial support, and may be asked to consider supporting a new Nottingham Debt Centre if one becomes active in future years.

Debbie Caine



St Paul's Community Wellbeing Hub

Year 2 has brought a need to consolidate and learn from the challenges we faced in year 1 whilst continually looking forward and investing to ensure we meet our overarching objectives.

Our aims

- **To improve the cohesion of the community,** by involving them in a common effort to enhance social interaction. We aim to provide experiences in the interest of social welfare, recreation and leisure occupations, with the objective of improving the quality of life of those in the local area.
- **To reduce social isolation and loneliness** for people of all ages in the community by providing access to cultural, educational, physical, social and artistic activities that foster the development of actual and transferable skills.
- **To support mental health and wellbeing** by working with services across the local community and enhancing the offering from Dementia support groups, GP surgeries, Mental Health teams and other local wellbeing organisations.
- **To address the impact of the cost of living** by offering social eating opportunities, regular community meals, a warm space for people to gather and socialise and speakers throughout the year. There is a focus on educating our community on aspects of finance and a social supermarket that is donation-led.



Café on the Corner

Our community café, Café on the Corner, continues to be the most significant part of our project that draws people into, and keeps them returning to, our hub. The café welcomes and feeds those who need or want it and gives us an insight on how we can move towards more sustainable pathways that are not solely reliant on grant funding.



As with most developing projects we have faced some growing pains, and at times in 2025 those challenges came in the form of changes to the staff team, which meant that established routines and strategies were at times unsettled. For much of the year there were no more than 4 part time members of the team. However, Helen and the team navigated these periods of change admirably and with the 30 members of the volunteer team at hand for support, the café revenue by the end of December 2025 (based Jan-Dec) was the highest it has been since inception.

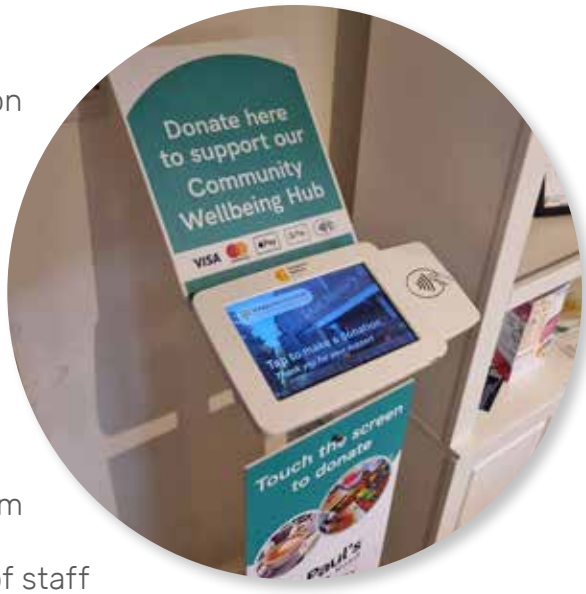
With approximately 12 community projects hosted either in the café or in the neighbouring hall, and approximately 200 visitors walking through the doors of the café each week, the café staff and volunteers have worked tirelessly to continue providing a space for people to 'take a moment'. For that, I personally want to thank them for bringing our vision alive and pouring a significant amount of energy, passion and time into a part of the Hub that we are very proud of.



Going into 2026 we are in a very strong position: Helen and her team of staff and volunteers are an asset to the project, and the focus continues to be around providing a quality service within a community setting, whilst having a clear link to our original aims.



Donations and sustainability



Though last year's report aimed to see 2025 focus on membership, donations and sustainability, people management took a priority for much of the year.

That said, we have been fortunate enough to make some small inroads into tracking donations and looking at how our community hub is supported by those who financially can. Over the course of a 12-month period we are delighted to share that approximately £6000 has been donated to the hub from community support. This has been tracked by our own till system and since December with the installation of our hub donation station. This again is a credit to the team of staff and volunteers who effectively and sensitively inform our community visitors on the importance of our ongoing financial sustainability. Without these donations we would not be able to think ahead to what might come next for our project.

As we move into 2026, work behind the scenes is happening to develop our giving model, with a possibility for membership in a 'Friends of the Hub' group on the horizon. It is exciting to think what we might be able to achieve with more structure and organisation behind our donation model, which, so far, has been largely running itself with very little strategic input.







Community projects

If we were to analyse the projects individually it would take some time but a few highlights that are important to acknowledge are:

- **Our Memory & Movement group** sees approximately 40 visitors every week. Hosted by approximately 6 volunteers who have been with us for several years now.
- **Our Social Supermarket** runs approximately 80% of the year and redistributes 80kg per week back into the community.
- **Our Supper Club** (that was launched last year) has fed 25-28 people each sitting on a bimonthly basis since May 2025.
- **We have provided an average of 25 community meals** on a weekly basis for over a year.
- **Our chair-based exercise programme** hosts a minimum of 22 people each week. Providing yoga and effective fall prevention exercises focusing on balance, strengthening legs and core stability.

Though I am keen to keep information concise, it would be a disservice to not further highlight the success of our Memory and Movement group. The team that has created this project are phenomenal and bring St Paul's church and hall space alive most Friday mornings. Over the last year we have scrutinized the material and service we provide. This has led to further refinements to an already good model. Our challenge is sometimes capacity but for now we celebrate the joy that it brings each week. Thank you to everyone involved in this project.











Minibus

We are in a wonderful position with our bus as I reflect on the year. Highlights include:

- **Providing a bus service each Friday** for approximately 7 passengers who enjoy our Memory and Movement group
- **A weekly bus service to the Lenton Centre.** Our volunteer driver picks up visitors across Radford, St Anns and the Lenton area and delivers them to a community afternoon every Thursday.
- **The Friary** use our bus once per month to take their service users out on day trips.
- **Our own Memory group** utilise the bus every couple of months to a variety of venues.

In addition to several other groups who are starting to have one off visits booked in throughout the year.

Award

In December last year we were fortunate enough to see our work validated and recognised in the Rushcliffe Awards 2025. To be shortlisted in 2024 and then to win the award in 2025 ratifies our hard work and assures me that we are doing a great job. With over 120 volunteers involved in one way or another, across the entire project, I am sincerely grateful for the commitment, patience and faith everyone brings.

Hebrews 10:24-25: "And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds, not giving up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but encouraging one another—and all the more as you see the Day approaching."

These verses serve as a reminder of the importance of unity, support, and love within the community of believers, whatever our faith may be. They encourage us as individuals to actively participate in community, fostering a spirit of togetherness and mutual support. And long may this continue.

Layla Anderson


St Paul's Boundary
Café Open
Café on the Corner

Community Connector

Bringing Communities Together

At the start of the year, we continued running the weekly RRR (Refresh, Relax and Restore) Club within the Church—a space where parents, carers, and children found refuge and sanctuary. The activities themselves were simply a vehicle: what truly mattered was giving children room to relax, be refreshed, and follow their own interests and thoughts. Each session began with Rainbow Breathing and ended with a time of reflection, creating a gentle rhythm that supported trust and connection. Over time, the regularity of the club helped deepen relationships with parents and carers.

From the RRR Club, the idea of a holiday craft club naturally emerged—a free space for families to spend time together. The first sessions took place at Easter, offering a range of paper-based crafts. Some sessions were held in the café and others in the hall. Reflecting afterwards, it became clear that future sessions would work best in the hall, and that activities needed to expand beyond paper crafts.

The Summer craft sessions began quietly but soon grew, with families returning regularly and new connections forming. A highlight was welcoming a volunteer from the Community Well-being Hub who wanted to give back after receiving support herself. Following the summer, we made two key changes: adjusting the session times to run for an hour and a half on Mondays and Tuesdays and planning a full year of craft sessions so families could plan ahead.

It has also been a joy to collaborate with Sue as we work together across the craft sessions and youth space.

Further craft sessions took place during October half-term and again at Christmas. These gatherings brought together a rich mix of families—returners from the summer, members of the Church community, the Well-being Hub community, and Willow families. The sessions became truly intergenerational spaces where people connected naturally and even joined in with the tidy-up. The positive comments have been plentiful, and the sense of community continues to grow. We even have expansion plans ready, should they be needed.

Throughout the year, I continued offering monthly volunteer thank-you gatherings, combining guided meditation with a delicious breakfast at the Café on the







"Many thanks to Wendy & friends for putting on a lovely peaceful afternoon with a beautiful end product. Good for me to meet up with old friends & to meet new people. Tea was lovely too."

Corner. These moments of appreciation created meaningful points of connection with volunteers from both the Church and the Well-being Hub, strengthening relationships across our communities.

In the run-up to Christmas, I wanted to create a new point of connection between Church and community. Inspired by my neighbours' tradition of making Christmas puddings together on Stir-Up Sunday, the Christmas Pudding Club was born. A wonderful team of volunteers from both Church and community helped deliver a magical evening where people gathered to make Christmas puddings, enjoy delicious food, listen to a Christmas reflection, and be serenaded by two talented cellists. The room was filled with joy, new friendships, and a sense of shared celebration.

My work with the Memory and Movement Café and the Women's Fellowship—particularly through guided meditation—has continued to strengthen the bonds between our various communities. Guided meditations have become a quiet thread running through everything we do: a gentle, grounding space where people can pause, breathe, and simply be.

I trialled working at the Social Prescribing Café at the Hub in West Bridgford, monthly. This has become a permanent fixture and connections are being made. My reflection it takes time to plough and sow the seeds.

It remains a joy and a privilege to serve as part of the Community Well-being Hub and to witness its continued growth and flourishing.

Wendy Cranefield





Grief Café

Grief is one of the most difficult journeys that we have all, or will all face.

At the Grief Café we have seen people of all ages who have benefitted both from talking together and sharing both sorrow and joy as they recount memories of their loved ones or by having one to one support. We have had referrals from GPs and Social Subscribers as well as those who have seen our posters. Sadly we know that there are many people who need support that we have been unable to reach.

Some of our members now attend Church and others volunteer in the café which has also become an important social hub for many of them. We have passed people onto Our Place, armchair yoga, community meals etc. all of which have helped to alleviate the loneliness that a lot of bereaved people experience.

Thank you to everyone who has supported the group.

Glenys



Friendship Group

We would love to welcome you to join us on alternate Wednesday afternoons at 2:00 pm in the café. Generally, we play boardgames or a variety of card games, but if crafting is more your thing, just bring along your handiwork. During the afternoon we enjoy a hot drink and, sometimes, a tasty treat from the café! Our members come from both St Paul's and the community.



Our Place

During 2025 'Our Place' has grown from strength to strength, our numbers often rising into the twenties. We marked our 7 years anniversary in November with a lively party and we never forget to celebrate anyone's birthday with a cake, candles and a sing-song.

As our numbers have increased so has our need for more volunteers and we are very fortunate in welcoming Judith (who attends regularly with her husband) and Allison to our list of wonderful helpers.

On a sad note, one of our founder members, with us from the our very first meeting in 2018, passed away in December. She was a positive, inspiring presence in the group and will be greatly missed.

It was also sad to learn that in November Transforming Notts Together was to come to a permanent end. This was the organisation that encouraged, inspired and equipped churches and other community venues to establish Places of Welcome in the first place. Their leadership, training and development of endless ideas, has been invaluable and their legacy is a network of hundreds of Places of Welcome nationwide. Places that provide: a warm safe space, a friendly face, a cup of tea and conversation and a chance to connect and contribute.

Angela Harriss

"Everyone is so friendly and helpful; it's a great way to start the week!"

"It's a lifeline, especially after losing my husband."

"I don't let anything get in the way of coming to Our Place on a Monday morning."

"We all get along very well. I love chatting to people who have become my friends."

"It's so good to talk to others. I've lived on my road for thirty years and still don't know my neighbours."

"I am a widower and I came to Our Place to meet people. Everyone was so friendly so I joined the Grief Café and then I joined a Yoga class too. There are lots of things happening that you can join in."

Financial Review

The PCC met 10 times during the year and as part of those meetings processed and agreed the financial business of the church. The annual accounts follow this review and below is a summary of the main points of interest.

General Fund

Committed giving and regular donations increased by 11% as compared with 2024. Lettings have reduced by 13% as compared to the previous year.

The overall church running costs have increased by around 6% as compared with 2024, mainly due to increases in parish share, maintenance and employee costs before the reallocation of some costs to the Well Being Hub.

The overall result was a deficit for the year of £940 (2024 Deficit £11,155) leaving a balance to carry forward of £15,232.

Designated Funds

Leader of Children, Youth and Families Ministry (LoCYFM) Fund – during the previous year a large anonymous donation was received, and the PCC took the decision to allocate this, together with the gift aid tax reclaimable to the LoCYFM Fund, in order to improve the ongoing funding position. The fund balance stood at £6,572 at the year end (2024 £6,270).

Charity Fund – Designated – the closing balance was £0 (2024 £0), after accounting for all amounts collected for and then paid out, or earmarked to be paid out in the near future to charities. A small sub-committee has been formed, and the congregation invited to suggest appropriate charities that should benefit. In addition to the amounts shown in the accounts further amounts were received from collection boxes and other sources and paid directly, the main beneficiary charities being the Children's Society, Emmanuel House and the Friary

Restricted Funds

There are a number of restricted funds, which arise from amounts given to the church for specific purposes, as follows:

Memorial Fund - income mainly from donations associated with the book of remembrance and the sale of cards. Currently the fund requires the incumbent to give instructions for its use. The fund has been utilised to purchase two new projectors in 2021 and 2022. In accordance with existing policy the new equipment is being written off over 3 years. The year end balance was £2,026 (2024 £2,026) which included £0 (2024 £0) in respect of the written down value of the projectors purchased in previous years.

Barnabas Fund – established in 1994 to assist in the spiritual direction of individuals. This was originally an endowment fund, with the capital and tax recovery total sum of £1,400 being preserved and therefore any expenditure being made out of interest. However, due to the recent low rates of interest the donor has since removed the endowment condition, to allow the capital to be expended in line with the fund purposes. The year end balance was £1,661 (2024 £1,585).

The Flower Fund – is maintained by donations received specifically for the provision of flowers in the church, often in memory of loved ones as noted in the main report, with any shortfall being covered by the General Fund. The year end balance of the fund was £0 (2024 £0).

Charity Fund – Restricted - specific collections and payments received for charities and charitable events are allocated to this fund. The individual charities supported are listed at the end of the accounts. The year end balance was £77(2024 £357), which represents the balance from refreshments.

Community Well Being Hub (formerly Social Eating & Café Fund) – grants were received totalling £97,744 in respect of running costs for the year. The majority of those were from the National Lottery received in advance (in March and September) towards the following six months overheads. A summary of the income and costs in included on Page 8 of the accounts. The balance at the year end stood at £64,316 (2024 £32,996), after adjusting for the proportion of the grant received in September 2025 in respect of January and February 2026 costs, and capital expenditure of which £1,402 (2024 £0) relates to the written down value of equipment, being written off over 3 years.

Maundy Fund – is administered by the incumbent. Income arises from Maundy Thursday collections and the fund may be used to relieve hardship or to enable members of the congregation (especially younger ones) to take up specific opportunities to engage in mission or grow in their faith. The balance at the year end was £1,190 (2024 £1,177).

Tech Fund – during 2022 a legacy of £2,000 was received for the purposes of sound and vision equipment, and in 2023 a grant of £2,000 was received from the Diocese towards new media equipment, the majority of which was expended. A restricted donation of £3,000 was received in 2023. The costs of the various purchases of equipment is being depreciated over 3 years. Therefore the balance of £1,658 (2024 £2,604) includes £946 (2024 £1,892) of expenditure already incurred.

Children, Youth and Families Ministry (CYFM) Fund – following the receipt of grant funding, regular and one-off donations and other income in the previous year, the opening balance of the fund was £33,501. Further monies were received from the same source during this year and utilised to pay salary and employment related costs. The closing balance was £15,869 some of which is to cover future years' costs.

Holiday Fund – during the year a church weekend away took place, some of the cost of which was met by the General Fund, and therefore the year end balance stood at £0. A deposit has been paid for a church weekend in 2026, which has been allocated as prepayment.

Minibus Fund – during the previous year funding was received from Rushcliffe Borough Council to purchase a second hand mini-bus for the use of the church and Well Being Hub. In addition various fund raising events were held to cover ongoing running costs. At the year end the balance stood at £18,666 (2024 £20,970), of which £16,150 (2024 £18,169) is in respect of the written down value of the vehicle, with a balance of £2,516 (2024 £2,801) available to cover future running costs.

Refurbishment Fund – following the very successful fund raising in the past couple of years, and a partial designation of a legacy received during the year, the fund was utilised in 2022 to purchase and install a new front door for the church premises, as well as carpeting and new foyer signage. During 2024 a significant contribution was received from the Toddler Group and together with an allocation of surplus funds from the Well Being Hub, this was used to purchase replacement chairs for the halls. The costs of these and the door (but not the carpet and signage) are being written off over 10 years and therefore the balance at the end of 2025 stood at £9,954 (2024 £11,467).

Reserves policy

The PCC's policy is to invest fund balances with the CBF Church of England Deposit Fund which bears interest. At the year-end £102,646 (2024 £49,318) was held in this fund, though it should be noted that the majority of this relates to restricted and designated funds rather than the General Fund.

Independent examiner's report to the members of the Parochial Church Council of St Paul's Church, Wilford Hill

I report to the members on my examination of the accounts of the Parochial Church Council of St Paul's Church, Wilford Hill for the year ended 31 December 2025.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the members of the PCC 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 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 2011 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 giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

(1) accounting records were not kept 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 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.



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1 March 2026

PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF ST PAUL'S, WILFORD HILL

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2025

	Note	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2025 £	Total Funds 2024 £
Income and Endowments from					
Donations and legacies	2 (a)	97,866	12,080	**109,946**	108,617
Other voluntary incoming resources	2 (b)	4,670	99,555	**104,225**	125,777
Charitable activities	2 (c)	38,444	-	**38,444**	34,438
Other income	2 (d)	190	62,527	**62,717**	36,516
Investments	2 (e)	1,055	3,497	**4,552**	2,595
Total Income		**142,225**	**177,659**	**319,884**	**307,943**
Expenditure on					
Giving and Donations	3 (a)	6,000	3,295	**9,295**	8,569
Charitable activities	3 (b)	142,989	159,509	**302,498**	249,048
Raising funds	3 (c)	-	-	-	-
Total Expenditure		**148,989**	**162,804**	**311,793**	**257,617**
Net Income/expenditure		(6,764)	14,855	**8,091**	50,326
Transfers between Funds		6,126	(6,126)	-	-
Net movement in funds		(638)	8,729	**8,091**	50,326
Balances brought forward at 1 January 2025		22,442	106,688	**129,130**	78,804
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Balances carried forward at 31 December 2025		**£21,804**	**£115,417**	**£137,221**	**£129,130**

PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF ST PAUL'S, WILFORD HILL

BALANCE SHEET AT 31 DECEMBER 2025

	Note	2025 £	2024 £
Fixed Assets			
Tangible fixed assets	5 (a)	29,203	31,976
Current Assets			
Debtors	6	15,320	14,435
Stocks		1,236	937
Short term deposits	5 (b)	102,646	49,318
Cash in hand		21	21
Cash at bank		20,762	56,695
		139,985	121,406
Liabilities : Amounts falling due within one year	7	31,967	24,252
Net Current Assets		**108,018**	**97,154**
Liabilities : Amounts falling due after one year		-	-
Net Assets	8	**137,221**	**129,130**
Funds	9		
Unrestricted		21,804	22,442
Restricted		115,417	106,688
		137,221	**129,130**

Approved by the Parochial Church Council on the 16 March 2026 and signed on its behalf by :



Revd. Tim Fox
Vicar



Debbie Caine
Treasurer

Parochial Church Council of St Paul's Church, Wilford Hill
Notes to the Financial Statements
for the Year Ended 31 December 2025

1 ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of preparing the financial statements

The financial statements have been prepared under the Church Accounting Regulations 2006 in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102) '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 2015)', Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland' and the Charities Act 2011. The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention.

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. Funds designated for a particular purpose by the PCC are also unrestricted.

The accounts include all transactions, assets and liabilities for which the PCC is responsible by law. They do not include the accounts of church groups that owe their affiliation to another body nor those that are informal gatherings of church members.

Incoming Resources

Collections, planned giving, grants and legacies are recognised when received by or on behalf of the PCC. Income tax recoverable on gift aid donations is recognised on income received in the year ending 31 December 2025.
Rental income and income from investments are recognised on receipt.

Resources Used

Grants and donations are accounted for when paid over or awarded if the award created a binding obligation on the PCC.
The parish share is accounted for when payable, with any amount unpaid at the year end being provided for as an operational liability and shown as a creditor in the balance sheet.
Giving to charity is calculated on Total Incoming Resources from Donors (Unrestricted Funds). The PPC make the majority of specific beneficiary decisions relating to this amount shortly after the year end, and therefore this amount is included as part of the Restricted Funds at the year end and payments to the beneficiaries are included in creditors.

Fixed Assets

Consecrated and beneficial property is excluded from the accounts by s10 (2)(a) of the Charities Act 2011.
No value is placed on moveable church furnishings held by the church wardens on special trust for the PCC and which require a faculty for disposal since the PCC considers this to be inalienable property. All expenditure incurred during the year on consecrated of benefice buildings and movable church furnishings, whether maintenance or improvement, is written off as expenditure in the SOFA and separately disclosed.

Equipment used within the church premises is depreciated on a straight-line basis over 3 years. Motot vehicles are depreciated at a rate of 20% per annum on a reducing balance basis. Individual items of equipment with a purchase price of £300 or less are written off when the asset is acquired.

Current Assets

Amounts owing to the PCC at the year end in respect of fees or other income, which are expected to be collected are shown as debtors in the balance sheet.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2025

2	Income & Endowments	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	TOTAL FUNDS 2025 £	2024 £
2 (a)	*Donations & legacies*				
	Planned Giving:				
	Gift Aid donations	76,318	5,745	82,063	74,190
	Income tax recoverable on gift aid donations	17,481	2,084	19,565	17,366
	Collections (open plate)	1,857	-	1,857	1,492
	Sundry donations (including charity)	1,660	4,251	5,911	15,569
	Legacies	550	-	550	-
		97,866	12,080	109,946	108,617
2 (b)	*Other voluntary incoming resources*				
	Events for charity	-	-	-	-
	Grants	4,670	99,555	104,225	125,777
		4,670	99,555	104,225	125,777
2 (c)	*Charitable Activities*				
	Lettings	38,631	-	38,631	34,230
	Parochial fees	(187)	-	(187)	208
		38,444	-	38,444	34,438
2 (d)	*Other income*				
	Other	190	7,478	7,668	1,992
	Café/Social Eating income	-	55,049	55,049	34,524
		190	62,527	62,717	36,516
2 (e)	*Investments*				
	Interest from short term deposits	1,055	3,497	4,552	2,595
	Total Income	£142,225	£177,659	£319,884	£307,943

3	Expenditure	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	TOTAL FUNDS 2025 £	2024 £
3 (a)	*Giving and Donations*				
	Collections or events, and PCC decisions, during the year	5,838	3,295	9,133	7,459
	Giving decisions by PCC post year end	162		162	1,110
		6,000	3,295	9,295	8,569
3 (b)	*Charitable activities*				
	Ministry : Parish share	87,040	-	87,040	81,000
	Ministry expenses	1,485	-	1,485	1,434
	Upkeep of services	2,837	-	2,837	3,120
	Insurance	2,062	-	2,062	2,013
	Sundries	142	-	142	828
	Heat, light and power	11,510	-	11,510	12,432
	Rates and water	850	-	850	514
	Maintenance	7,928	2,170	10,098	10,547
	Cleaning	4,442	756	5,198	4,384
	Grounds upkeep	1,237	-	1,237	422
	Events	371	8,820	9,191	3,077
	Christian education	206	111	317	1,402
	Gifts	117	84	201	434
	Flowers	-	790	790	915
	Mission	1,930	-	1,930	-
	Employee salary NI & pension (Note 4)	13,209	116,710	129,919	89,936
	Employee expenses	-	2,639	2,639	1,566
	Stationery, office, telephone	4,257	946	5,203	4,074
	Café/social eating costs	-	17,649	17,649	17,582
	Honorarium	1,500	-	1,500	2,000
	Bank charges	306	22	328	334
	Mini Bus running costs	-	2,107	2,107	1,588
	Advertising an promotional	141	271	412	-
	HR Support	925	1,874	2,799	-
	Depreciation/Loss on sale	494	4,560	5,054	9,446
		142,989	159,509	302,498	249,048
3 (c)	*Raising funds*				
	Grant applications	-	-	-	-
		-	-	-	-
	Total Expenditure	£148,989	£162,804	£311,793	£257,617

4 Staff costs, including Pension

	2025	2024
	£	£
Employee salary NI & pension	129,919	89,936

During the year the PPC employed, 2 CYFM workers, a Café & Social Eating project manager, 2 café managers, several baristas, a community connector, a communications officer and a cleaner. None earned more than £50,000 per annum and there were no disclosable transactions in respect of PCC members or related parties.

St Paul's, Wilford Hill participates in the Pension Builder Scheme section of CWPF for lay staff. CWPF is administered by the Church of England Pensions Board, which holds the CWPF assets separately from those of St Paul's, and other participating employers. CWPF has two sections, the Defined Benefit Scheme and the Pension Builder Scheme, the later having two subsections - Pension Builder Classic, which is a deferred annuity scheme, and Pension Builder 2014. The Pension Builder 2014 is a cash balance scheme, which provides a lump sum that members use to provide benefits at retirement. Pension contributions are recorded in an account for each member and discretionary bonuses may be added before retirement, depending on investment returns and other factors. The whole account is payable, unreduced, from age 65.
There is no sub-division of assets between employers in each section of the Pension Builder Scheme. The scheme is considered to be a multi-employer scheme as described in Section 28 of FRS 102. This is because it is not possible to attribute the Pension Builder Scheme's assets and liabilities to specific employers and means that contributions are accounted for as if the Scheme were a defined contribution scheme. The pensions costs charged to the SoFA in the year are the contributions payable to the Pension Builder 2014 scheme were £8,944 (2024 £4,892).
A valuation of the Pension Builder Scheme is carried out once every three years. The most recent valuation was carried out as at 31 December 2022. For the Pension Builder 2014 section, the valuation revealed a surplus of £8.5m on the ongoing assumptions used. There is no requirement for deficit payments at the current time.
The legal structure of the scheme is such that if another employer fails, St Paul's could become responsible for paying a share of the failed employer's pension liabilities.

5 Fixed Assets for use by the PCC

5 (a Tangible fixed assets

	Equipment
	£
Cost	
At 1 January 2025	78,516
Additions	2,281
Disposals	-
At 31 December 2025	80,797
Depreciation	
At 1 January 2025	46,540
Charge for the year	5,054
Disposals	-
At 31 December 2025	51,594
Net Book Value at 31 December 2025	£29,203

5 (b) Investment Assets

The PCC holds no investment assets. All surplus funds, outside of normal day to day requirements, are held in a Central Board of Finance (CBF) Deposit Fund.

Fund Details

Summary of transactions in Restricted Funds

	Memorial £	Barnabas £	Flower £	Charity* £	Community Well Being Hub** £	Maundy £	Tech Fund £	CYFM £	Holiday £	Minibus £	Refurb £	Total £
Opening Balance												
at 1 January 2025	**2,026**	**1,585**	5	357	**32,996**	**1,177**	**2,604**	**33,501**	-	20,970	**11,467**	**106,688**
Income :												
Interest	-	76	-	-	2,259	-	-	1,162	-	-	-	**3,497**
Other	-	-	462	3,015	153,627	13	-	10,840	4,469	1,736		**174,162**
Funds Transfer	-	-	323	12	-	-	-	66	136	86		**623**
Total Income	**-**	**76**	**785**	**3,027**	**155,886**	**13**	**-**	**12,068**	**4,605**	**1,822**	**-**	**178,282**
Expenditure		-	790	3,307	117,817	-	946	29,700	4,605	4,126	1,513	**162,804**
Funds Transfer	-	-	-	-	6,749	-	-	-	-	-	-	**6,749**
Closing Balance												
at 31 December 2025	**2,026**	**1,661**	**-**	**77**	**64,316**	**1,190**	**1,658**	**15,869**	**-**	**18,666**	**9,954**	**115,417**
Movement in year	*0*	*76*	*0*	*77*	*31,320*	*13*	*(946)*	*(17,632)*	*0*	*18,666*	*(1,513)*	*8,729*

Summary of transactions in Unrestricted Funds

	General £	LoCYFM £	Charity £	Total £
at 1 January 2025	**16,172**	**6,270**	-	**22,442**
Income				
Interest	753	302	-	**1,055**
Fund Transfer	126	-	6,000	**6,126**
Other	141,170		-	**141,170**
Total Income	**142,049**	**302**	**6,000**	**148,351**
Expenditure				
Fund Transfer		-	-	**-**
Other	142,989	-	6,000	**148,989**
at 31 December 2025	**15,232**	**6,572**	**-**	**21,804**
Movement in year	*(940)*	*302*	-	(638)

Community Well Being Hub (formerly Social Eating/Café Fund)		
at 1 January 2025		**32,966**
Sales	49,654	
Cost of sales	15,188	
		34,466
Interest	2,259	
Other income	6,144	
Grants	97,744	106,147
		140,613
Staff Costs	93,308	
Other costs	15,873	
Depreciation	82	
		109,263
at 31 December 2025		**64,316**

CHARITABLE GIVING YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2025

Collections or Events during the year

	2025 £	2024 £
Children's Society	830	730
Friary Drop-in	504	639
Night Shelters (Emmanuel House)	790	822
The Big Brew	-	210
Night Stop	948	-
Toy Appeal	223	168
Sub Total	£3,295	£2,569

Giving decisions by PCC

Christians Against Poverty (West Bridgford & South Notts)	1,040	880
Church Mission Society	720	650
Friary Drop-In	960	960
Cecily's Fund	500	-
Night Stop	-	1000
Safe families (part)	618	-
Refugee Roots	2,000	1,400
Sub Total	£5,838	£4,890
Amounts still to be allocated	£162	£1,110
Total Giving per accounts	**£9,295**	**£8,569**

Subsequent paymets

Balance of Refreshments Fund and small restricted balance	-	272
Total to distribute	162	1,382
Street Aid	-	500
Open Homes	-	500
Safe Families (part)	-	382
	0	1,382
Balance to distribute at 31 December 2025	£162	£0