The Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish of
St John's, Ben Rhydding

ANNUAL REPORT and FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
for the year ended 31 December 2025

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St John’s Parish Church, Ben Rhydding

ANNUAL REPORT FOR 2025

The members of the Parochial Church Council (the PCC) present their report and financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2025. The PCC is a registered charity and a public benefit entity within the meaning of FRS102. The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out in the notes to the accounts, the Charities Act 2011 and 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) (SORP FRS102) effective 1 January 2026. The PCC is eligible for, and has chosen to, apply the disclosure exemption permitted by FRS 102, Section 7.1B, and has not therefore presented a statement of cash flows in these financial statements.

Objects and activities

The PCC has the responsibility, with the Vicar, Rev Peter Willox, in promoting, in the ecclesiastical parish, the whole mission of the church: pastoral, evangelistic, social, and ecumenical. The PCC is also responsible for the maintenance of the church building and hall of St John's Ben Rhydding and for making decisions on all matters of general concern and importance to the parish including deciding on how the funds of the PCC are to be spent.

The PCC is committed to enabling as many people as possible to worship at St John’s and become part of the church family. The PCC aspires to see the faith of the congregation being put into practice in the communities where members live and work, and so has a commitment to ensure that the teaching and worship are both challenging and relevant to today's society. The PCC is also committed to finding ways of helping others in the community find direction and challenge for their lives, as well as fellowship and comfort through their relationship with God and His Church.

The Vicar and the PCC have been working with the whole church of St John's to continue to develop our vision for the future. This can be summarised as:

“To be a welcoming and inclusive church, reaching out to our community with the love of God”.

Our mission is to create a caring and compassionate safe space for all who come in to our church community and working together with others where we can: Fulfil our calling to proclaim the Good News of the Kingdom; teach, baptise and nurture new believers; respond to human need through loving service; seek to transform unjust structures of society; challenge violence of every kind, and pursue peace and reconciliation; strive to safeguard the integrity of creation and sustain and renew the life of the Earth.

The PCC met 6 times during 2025, and the ‘Wardens and Standing Committee’, a subcommittee of the PCC, met 6 times. In planning and carrying out activities at St John’s for the year, the PCC have considered the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit.

Review of performance and achievements

Church electoral roll and attendance

There are 102 people (2024:144) on the church electoral roll. This is made up of 66 women and 36 men, 68 are resident in the Parish and 34 non-resident. Forty-two people have left since the previous year representing a 29% drop

Worship

In 2025 we continued to maintain our pattern of Sunday worship at church, as well as livestreaming on Zoom, providing a variety of services to suit the needs of the congregation and its visitors:

- Every Sunday at 8.30am there was a said service of communion.
- The main service on Sunday was at 10am, Common Worship communion being celebrated on the first and third Sundays in the month. We continued to use a liturgy for the 3rd Sunday communion which allowed more space for reflection and the sharing our faith stories.
- On the second Sunday in the month we continued our 'Explore Together' Service which often has opportunity to discuss questions around the theme of the day.
- Our fourth Sunday celebration service was a relatively informal service of praise.We experimented with this service from June onwards in an endeavour to make it more intergenerational in order to broaden the appeal to families. This was preceded by a breakfast to bridge the gap between the 8.30am and 10am services.
- A quieter and reflective service with communion happened at 10am on the fifth Sunday of the month with a "Celtic" style liturgy. In November we changed the format to a non-communion Songs of Praise, still with a celtic feel.

A service sheet was sent out every week via email, so that those not able to come into church could still participate in worship either online or quietly at home. This was accompanied by a copy of the talk, the prayers for the day and a news sheet. Paper versions of this pack were delivered to those who are not online.

Our team of musicians have continued to show great commitment in providing inspiring worship to our 10am services. Special thanks go to Dave and Elaine Atkinson, the Stidworthy family, Caroline Watson, and Jan and Andy Copsey, for taking responsibility for their respective Sundays**.**

The preaching and leading team consists of Rev Peter Willox, Rev Jan Copsey, Sylvia Walker (Licensed Lay Minister (LLM)) and Dawn Jenkins (LLM), who meet regularly to look at themes for services and for mutual support. Elizabeth Hall, Methodist Lay Preacher, also preaches occasionally. In the autumn, Jan Copsey officially retired from her post as Associate Priest. We thank her for her ministry amongst us, which has been much appreciated over the years.

Worship (continued)

The Ark service, a fresh expression of worship, where people of all ages with or without learning difficulties, are encouraged to join us in worship and fellowship in a very informal setting through crafts, dance, music, and drama, continued to meet once a month in church, with online presence as well. Attendance is generally around 35-40 adults. Many of our members have connections to other churches but a significant number are now owning The Ark as their church. To stay in contact with everyone, regular mailings are sent out by email and relevant information updated on the website.

Messy Church services are held on Sunday afternoons once a month. These are aimed at enabling families of all ages to come and share some fun time and worship in a safe Christian environment. Whilst some families come and go, there is a core group of 10 families attending more regularly. As some of the children have grown we started a new venture for them. At a local climbing Centre, Clip and Climb, children aged 9 – 13 meet once a month to climb and for a short Christian thought for the week. We have over 20 children on the list.

School services. No Easter services were held in church this year for our schools. However, we did host Ben Rhydding Primary's harvest service in October and, just before Christmas, we were able to host Christmas services for Ashlands Primary School, Moorfield School, and Ben Rhydding Primary**.**

In 2025 our clergy conducted 1 baptism (2024:1), 1 wedding (2024:3) and 16 funerals (2024:11).

Fellowship and pastoral care

There continues to be several committed members of St John's, who visit people who are sick, housebound, or elderly on behalf of the Church, and far more who keep an eye on neighbours and those who are vulnerable, simply as a matter of Christian love. Sylvia Walker (LLM) co-ordinates this important work together with Caroline Elston.

This year we have had 4 house groups and 2 smaller Spiritual Growth Groups, meeting in people's homes for study and support, involving up to 50 people.

Children and young people

The work with, and amongst, children and young people continues to be an important part of our ministry at St John's. Numbers of families with children coming to our 10am service remain low, families instead preferring to come to our Messy Church.

Nick Heywood and our Vicar, Peter, continued to run the CYFA (14-18) group on Sunday evenings in the early part of the year but the group finally wound down to a natural end. Building up from the Clip and Climb group, our hope is to restart this CYFA or similar when the older children from Messy Church become old enough.

The two mid-week morning toddler groups on Wednesday and Friday, have continued to offer a much needed space for carers of young children. Jan Copsey continued to coordinate the groups until her retirement. David and Elaine Atkinson took over that coordination until the end of the year.

Children and young people (continued)

All those who work with children and young people at St John's are checked in accordance with our Vulnerable Adults and Child Protection Policy and are subject to its procedures which are in line with Diocesan guidelines. Our Safeguarding Officer, Dawn Jenkins, who has received training and guidance from the diocesan safeguarding team, helps us ensure we are keeping up to date with our responsibilities, and that the PCC undertake all the regulatory safeguarding training provided by the Diocesan Safeguarding team.

Local community

Welcome Café/Warm Space. This weekly 'drop in', staffed by volunteers from St John's, continued to run throughout the year. The 'warm space' concept is a national initiative to offer a warm and welcoming environment to anybody in the local community during the energy crisis. St John's received Warm Spaces grants from Bradford Metropolitan District Council (BMDC) to help fund this initiative. This was mostly attended by church members but also drew others from our local community.

Open The Book in Schools. Our team, which takes dramatic versions of Bible stories into our local schools' assemblies, continues on a once per month basis with the helpful addition of some new members. The children of the local primary schools were once again able to enjoy participating in "What's the Story" of Christmas, a storytelling event held in church.

Other Community events run by our church

- The Fairtrade stall run by Hilary Davies and others, continues to be a regular feature at church services but also at some of our other events.
- We ran a refugee day where refugees and asylum seekers based in Bradford came out to Ilkley for a social occasion, food and games.
- We ran our annual memorial service for those in our community who wanted to mark the passing of a loved one.
- A Community Earth weekend was again held in April as a response to Earth Day. As well as themed worship on the Sunday, the weekend included an opportunity for local environmental groups to display information and talk with local people about their work, and how we can all get involved. The local school was able to display work around the theme in the church, and local artists displayed environmentally based works. There was also a themed singing workshop and concert run by the vocal group "Oaken"
- The Purple Room, a monthly evening of music and spoken word, has drawn many people not usually attached to church into our building.

Local community (continued)

Community event runs for the purpose of fundraising for the North Aisle Roof consisted of:

Burns Night ceilidh and quiz
A concert by The Wharfe Quartet
Photographic competition and afternoon tea
Beetle Drive afternoon
A rock evening with local band Route 65
Harvest Supper with music from Zambia from Ali Boulvant and Godrey Pambalipe
Craft fair and cafe

The church building and hall

Our building continues to be a great resource for our local community groups, including the Wright Theatre Arts dance school, Ben Rhydding Community Choir and related groups, the U3A, and a Singing for Lung Health group financed by the NHS. We have been able to keep the church open during daylight hours every day of the week over the year, for visitors and people who want to pray or be quiet. The Church space continues to benefit from the new chairs, and several concerts have been held there by Cantores Olicanae and Ben Rhydding Community Choir. A notable event was to host the first-ever ThriddingsFest over the Yorkshire Day weekend, celebrating music, drama, literature, and dialect from our diverse Yorkshire communities.

Special thanks go to Miss Lisa King for practically overseeing the administration of the hiring of the church premises during 2025.

Links with other Christian organisations

St John's continues to have an active role in the deanery of South Craven and Wharfedale. The Vicar is on the standing committee of the Deanery Synod. He has also has the role of Retired Clergy Officer for the Bradford Episcopal Area.

We continue to support and greatly benefit from the Otley Christian Resources Hub (OCRH) which started out as a deanery project and is now a charitable incorporated organisation. Due to problems with the premises, OCRH had to move from its Otley base and has relocated to its new base here at St John’s. Our Vicar is Chair and a trustee of OCRH.

The Church also maintains links with others in the Ilkley area through Churches Together in Ilkley (CTI) – our Vicar is currently Moderator. These ecumenical links continue to be strong as the church plays its part in CTI, notably helping to support the locally organised Food Bank.

Two of our congregation are trustees of CTI 2000, along with our Vicar, who acts as Chair for the committee. CTI 2000 is a registered charity, originally set up by Churches Together in Ilkley (CTI), whose aim is to provide accommodation and opportunities for socialising for those in our community with learning difficulties.

Links with other Christian organisations (continued)

It continues to be a privilege to be able to host the CTI 2000 gardening project, for adults with learning difficulties, on our church allotment, and a few more people are now helping from the church. This connection also helps to strengthen ties between that project and the Ark. The Ark team have joined a national network called WAVE (Where Everyone is Valued Equally) with the hope that CTI 2000 will join us in that partnership.

St John's Church has many links to the world church, and through money, gifts and prayers, supports many good works and people, in places often quite different to ours. The congregation have also benefited from these links, being challenged to look at how they can be active Christians in our community.

Several of our church members, including Rev Peter Willox, are on the board of trustees of Give a Child a Hope, which supports disadvantaged children at a school at the Revival Centre in Matugga, Uganda.

We support Miss Azaria Spencer who works amongst street children in Guatemala with the Church Mission Society. Azaria got married to David De Pocasangre, who has also become a CMS mission partner. We also support Pam and Simon Wanderlii, working with Mission Aviation Fellowship.

The Mission Support Group is chaired by John Sheen. The group continues to maintain contact with our mission partners and has also reviewed the list of mission partners and organisations we support. The group regularly provide information to update the congregation of the prayer and practical needs of our mission partners. The group also makes recommendations on mission giving to the PCC and managing the distribution of funds. In 2025, £7,403 was given to mission (2024: £7,410).

Environmental responsibilities

Care of the environment is a core part of St John's mission and climate emergency declaration, and continued to be included in worship and communications in 2025.

St John's is working to achieve the goal, set out by the Church of England, for all its churches to achieve carbon net zero by 2030. The PCC continues to monitor our carbon footprint, supported by our environment and carbon net zero committees. St John's uses the energy footprint tool provided by the Church of England (CofE). The Net CO_2 footprint reflects reductions in the gross carbon footprint through the use of green energy tariffs. The CofE revised its list of acceptable 'green' tariffs in 2025. The three year green gas and electricity contracts entered into by St John's in 2024 are no longer part of the list, hence the large increase in net carbon footprint since last year. St John's PCC will, of course, consider the CofE tariff recommendations when its energy contracts come up for renewal in 2027.

Year	Gross CO_2 Footprint	Net CO_2 Footprint
2025	20.5	20.5
2024	22.4	2.1

Environmental responsibilities (continued)

St John's continued to improve its energy efficiency in 2025 with the insulation of the north-aisle roof as part of its repair, a new LED lighting scheme in the Church Hall, PIR sensors in all the toilets, the replacement of gas ovens with electric ones and the installation of an infra-red heater installed in the vestry.

Governance and structure

Rev Peter Willox was licensed as Vicar on 16th September 2012. He was assisted during the year by the Rev Jan Copsey, who is licensed as a non-stipendiary Associate Priest, until her retirement in September 2025.

Committees
To enable the church to fulfil its Vision, we have several committees and teams. These meet when required between full meetings of the PCC, and bring items to it for discussion and decision.

Standing committee: This is the only committee required by law. It has the power to transact the business of the PCC between meetings, subject to any direction given by the Council. At St John's, this is named the **Wardens and Standing Committee.** It meets every two months and consists of the vicar, the wardens and assistant wardens, treasurer and secretary. It meets to progress items of general maintenance and other issues delegated to it by the PCC, and ensures that the duties of the wardens are being covered.

Finance committee: This oversees the general financial activities of St John's (including mission giving) by monitoring income and expenditure, budgeting and maintaining appropriate financial controls.

Mission support group: This group attends to matters relating to St John's support of mission and relief agencies. The Mission Support Group works with our mission partners to assess needs.

Environment Committee: This committee, with the assistance of the Carbon Net Zero Group, is concerned with St John's 'Care of Creation' mission; to "strive to safeguard the integrity of creation, and sustain and renew the life of the earth". The committee is chaired by the Parish Environment Officer, Lynn Haygarth.

Clergy and Readers team: The Vicar met regularly with the Associate Priest, Rev Jan Copsey, and our two Licensed Lay Ministers, Sylvia Walker and Dawn Jenkins, to discuss worship and general and particular pastoral issues.

Many members of the church give much of their time on a voluntary basis to help the church function and grow, and the PCC would like to formally record its thanks to them. Where external professional advice is necessary the Diocesan Advisory Committee and church architect have proved most helpful.

Governance and structure (continued)

PCC membership

The method of appointment of PCC members is set out in the church representation rules. At St John's, membership of the PCC consists of the Vicar, churchwardens, Associate Priest, Licensed Lay Ministers, Deanery Synod representatives and members elected by those members of the congregation who are on the electoral roll of the church. The PCC also has power to co-opt members who have a specific role in the church. All members of the congregation are encouraged to join the electoral roll and play an active part in our church life.

Elected members serve for a period of three years. During the year the following served as members of the PCC:

Vicar

Rev'd Peter Willox	Chair	

Wardens

Debbie Walker		
Caroline Watson	Acting Treasurer	

Assistant wardens

Caroline Elston		
Mark Gurney		

Representatives on Deanery Synod

Lynn Haygarth		

Elected members

Karen Oxtoby	Secretary	
Mary Booluck		Appointed 12 May 2025
Miranda Armitage		
Sharon Crosby		
Peter Debney		
Elspeth Holmes		Resigned 12 May 2025
Nikki Gibson		Resigned 12 May 2025
Janet Munro		
Andy Rayment		
Nichola Stewart		Appointed 12 May 2025
James Wright		

Non-elected Members

Rev Jan Copsey	Associate Priest	Resigned September 2025
Sylvia Walker	LLM	
Dawn Jenkins	LLM & Safeguarding Officer	

Financial summary

An overall deficit of £(28,381) was recognised in 2025 (2024: surplus £59,749). On our general (unrestricted) fund there was a surplus of £1,292 (2024: £12,822) and on restricted funds a deficit of £(29,673) (2024: surplus £46,927). The deficit resulted from the completion of the North Aisle Roof Project, where the income was mainly received the prior year.

The Church paid £80k in parish share in 2025 compared to the share request of £118k, in line with the 2025 budget approved by the PCC. The PCC has budgeted a target of £85k for parish share in 2026. The difficulty in meeting the share continues to be impacted by inflationary pressure on expenditure, although utility costs remained approximately the same due to new heating controls providing better ability to manage energy useage. In addition the lights in the church hall have all been replaced with contemporary LED light fittings.

The share provides support to other parishes and mission initiatives as well as clergy stipends, homes and pensions. The PCC recognises the importance of meeting its full share request and will continue to work towards this goal, despite the ongoing difficult circumstances.

Although the church was unable to pay its requested 2025 parish share in full, no liability for this is being carried forward in these accounts based on the advice of the Diocese.

In 2025, there was a slight increase in unrestricted regular giving of 1.9%. Hall hire continued to be a significant source of income at £32k, an increase of 4.9% over 2024. The majority of the increase relates to rental income from Otley Christian Resources Hub, which relocated to St John's from its former home at Otley Parish Church offices. Excluding parish share, general costs have increased by 21.9% due principally to increases in repairs and maintenance and salary costs. The PCC reviews income and expenditure on a regular basis and continues to closely manage its costs, as well as look at ways to increase income.

In addition to regular giving from the congregation, St John's also benefited in the year from generous donations and fundraising efforts towards the refurbishment of the Church Hall. The PCC is very grateful to all its church members for their time, effort and donations which enable St John's to continue as a thriving church for the benefit of its local community and the wider world.

Pensions

St John's participates in NEST, a workplace pension scheme which is run by the NEST Corporation, a non-departmental public body which is accountable to Parliament through the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions.

The pension scheme is a defined contribution scheme. The pensions costs charged to the Statement of Financial Activities in the year were £1,112 (2024: £434).

Reserves policy

It is the PCC's policy to hold unrestricted funds which equates to two and a half to three months’ expenditure. These reserves are held to meet the day-to-day running costs of the church and to help finance significant projects as and when required.

The available reserves of £47.4k consist of the unrestricted reserves of £86.9k, less fixed assets of £3.2k, and reserves designated by the PCC under the above policy of £36.2k.

The allocation of the available reserves was carefully considered at the year end by the PCC. It was felt prudent to retain additional reserves until the hall refurbishment project is completed and the potential for additional maintenance work arising from the CofE environment audit and quinquennial inspection.

The budget is prepared on an annual basis, approved by the PCC, and by members, at the annual parochial church meeting. In 2025, the PCC continued its policy of budgeting for major repairs and renewals expected in the year.

Risk management

The major risks to which the PCC is exposed have been reviewed, and systems or procedures designed to manage those risks have been established.

Rev’d P Willox
Chair
18 May 2026

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
for the year ending 31 December 2025

	Notes	Unrestricted Funds 2025 £	Restricted Funds 2025 £	Total 2025 £	Total Restated 2024 £
Income and endowments:					
Voluntary income – direct giving		110,814	20,632	131,446	158,319
Gross income from events and other activities		33,838	2,780	36,618	41,134
Bank interest		1,677	-	1,677	1,253
Total income and endowments	2	**146,329**	**23,412**	**169,741**	**200,706**
Expenditure:					
Grants and mission giving	8	7,403	-	7,403	7,410
Support costs		503	40	543	388
Directly relating to the work of the Church		114,301	52,881	167,182	112,789
Church management and administration		22,761	40	22,801	20,214
Fundraising costs		69	124	193	156
Total expenditure	3	**145,037**	**53,085**	**198,122**	**140,957**
Net (expenditure)/ income		1,292	(29,673)	(28,381)	59,749
Transfers between funds		-	-	-	-
Net movement in funds		**1,292**	**(29,673)**	**(28,381)**	**59,749**
Reconciliation of funds:					
Balance brought forward		85,706	48,814	134,520	74,771
Balance carried forward		**86,998**	**19,141**	**106,139**	**134,520**

The accompanying notes on pages 14 to 21 are an integral part of this statement.

The above analysis of 2024 Expenditure has been restated to correct a misallocation of £60 between mission and church management costs.

St John's Parish Church, Ben Rhydding

BALANCE SHEET as at 31 December 2025

	Notes	2025 £	2024 £
Fixed assets			
Tangible assets	4	3,193	4,356
Current assets:			
Debtors and prepayments	5	38,231	32,157
Short term deposits		49,342	90,146
Cash at bank and in hand		19,416	16,263
		106,989	**138,566**
Liabilities falling due within one year	6	4,043	8,402
Net current assets		**102,946**	**130,164**
Total net assets		**106,139**	**134,520**
Represented by:			
Unrestricted funds	7	86,998	85,706
Restricted funds	7	19,141	48,814
Total funds		**106,139**	**134,520**

The Accounts were approved by the Parochial Church Council on 18 May 2026.

---------- Vicar (Chair)

---------- Warden

The accompanying notes on pages 14 to 21 are an integral part of this statement.

St John's Parish Church, Ben Rhydding

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS - 31 December 2025

1. Accounting policies

The financial statements have been prepared under the Charities Act 2011 and in accordance with the Church Accounting Regulations 2006, the applicable accounting standard FRS102 and SORP FRS102.

The financial statements have been prepared using the accruals basis and the historic cost convention. The financial statements include all transactions, assets and liabilities for which the PCC is responsible in law. They do not include the accounts of church groups that owe their main affiliation to another body, nor those that are informal gatherings of church members.

a. Funds

Unrestricted funds represent the funds of the PCC that are not subject to any restrictions regarding their use and are available for application for the general purposes of the PCC. Restricted funds are allocated for a specific purpose by either the donor or the PCC. The accounts include all transactions, assets and liabilities for which the PCC is responsible in law. They do not include the accounts of church groups that are affiliated to another body nor those which are informal gatherings of church members.

b. Incoming resources

Voluntary income:

- Collections and donations are recognised when received.
- Income tax recoverable on Gift Aid income is recognised when claimable.
- Grants and legacies to the PCC are accounted for as soon as the PCC is notified of its entitlement and the likely amount due.
- Funds raised from special events and activities are accounted for gross of expenditure.

Other income:

- Rental income from letting church premises and allotments is accounted for when incurred.
- Parochial fees for weddings, funerals etc are accounted for when they arise.

c. Resources used

Expenses are recognised when incurred. Grants, mission giving, and Diocesan Share are accounted for when payable.

d. Balance sheet

Fixed assets:

- Consecrated land and buildings are excluded from the accounts by Section 10(2) of the Charities Act 2011 as they are removed from the definition of charity for the purposes of the Act. Costs associated with the maintenance or improvement of such assets are written off in the year incurred.
- Moveable church furnishings held by the churchwardens on special trust for the PCC and which require a faculty for disposal are considered to be inalienable property. There is insufficient cost information available to capitalise historic purchases of these assets. From 2014, purchases of such assets are capitalised where the cost is greater than £4,000 and depreciated over their useful lives.
- All other fixtures, fittings and office equipment are capitalised where the cost is greater than £4,000 and are depreciated over their useful lives.

Current assets:

- Amounts owing to the PCC at the year-end are shown as debtors.
- Short term deposits include cash held at the bank or in the money market.

e. Reserves policy

The PCC has considered the amount of reserves that should be held and has decided that two and a half to three months of operating costs is appropriate.

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS - 31 December 2025 (continued)

2. Income and endowments

	Unrestricted Funds 2025 £	Restricted Funds 2025 £	Total 2025 £	Total 2024 £
Voluntary Income (direct giving)				
Regular giving	86,833	-	86,833	85,222
Other collections at services	2,323	-	2,323	4,035
Grants	1,925	7,500	9,425	7,951
Legacies	-	-	-	11,488
Sundry donations	630	10,340	10,970	24,843
Income tax recoverable	19,103	2,792	21,895	24,780
	110,814	**20,632**	**131,446**	**158,319**
Gross income from events and activities:				
Church hall, vestry and allotment fees	31,707	-	31,707	30,226
Fees	2,125	-	2,125	1,614
Fundraising activities	-	2,780	2,780	8,868
Sundry receipts	6	-	6	426
	33,838	**2,780**	**36,618**	**41,134**
Bank interest	1,677	-	1,677	1,253
Total income and endowments	**146,329**	**23,412**	**169,741**	**200,706**

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS - 31 December 2025 (continued)

3. Expenditure

	Notes	Unrestricted Funds 2025 £	Restricted Funds 2025 £	Total 2025 £	Total 2024 £
Grants and mission giving:					
Mission partners	8	4,410	-	4,410	4,360
Other mission agencies	8	2,890	-	2,890	2,890
Other charities and agencies	8	103	-	103	160
		7,403	**-**	**7,403**	**7,410**
Support costs:					
Teaching and worship		503	40	543	388
Directly relating to the work of the Church:					
Parish share to Diocese		80,004	-	80,004	85,500
Service expenses		1,734	10	1,744	2,029
Clergy expenses		520	-	520	449
Pastoral care		118	-	118	100
Hospitality		447	-	447	805
Insurance		2,563	-	2,563	2,495
Repairs and maintenance	9	15,666	52,871	68,537	8,390
Telephone and broadband		1,822	-	1,822	1,576
Utilities		10,264	-	10,264	10,282
Depreciation		1,163	-	1,163	1,163
		114,301	**52,881**	**167,182**	**112,789**
Church management and administration					
Staff costs	10	20,036	-	20,036	17,165
Printing and stationery		2,489	-	2,489	2,134
IT		149	-	149	772
Sundry expenses		87	40	127	143
		22,761	**40**	**22,801**	**20,214**
Fundraising costs		69	124	193	156
Total expenditure		**145,037**	**53,085**	**198,122**	**140,957**

4. Tangible fixed assets

	Church fixtures, fittings and equipment £
Cost	
At 1 January 2025	5,808
Additions	-
Disposals	-
At 31 December 2025	**5,808**
Depreciation	
At 1 January 2025	1,452
Charge for the year	1,163
At 31 December 2025	**2,615**
Net book value	
At 31 December 2025	**3,193**
At 31 December 2024	4,356

5. Debtors and prepayments

	2025 £	2024 £
Income tax recoverable	26,821	16,233
Other debtors	9,974	11,397
Prepayments and accrued income	1,436	4,527
	38,231	**32,157**

6. Liabilities falling due within one year

	2025 £	2024 £
Sundry creditors	1,646	2,394
Sundry accruals	2,397	6,008
	4,043	**8,402**

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS - 31 December 2025 (continued)

7. Funds

Movement in funds are as follows:

	1 Jan 2025 £	Incoming Resources (note 2) £	Resources Expended (note 3) £	Transfers Between funds £	31 Dec 2025 £
Environmental Improvements	40	2,500	(2,540)	-	-
Hall Fund	-	10,329	(2,807)	2,920	10,442
Roof Fund	47,376	10,389	(47,648)	(2,920)	7,197
The Ark	1,398	194	(90)	-	1,502
Restricted funds	**48,814**	**23,412**	**(53,085)**	**-**	**19,141**
Gifts	12,500	-	-	-	12,500
Legacies	12,418	-	-	-	12,418
Messy Church	2,350	-	(158)	-	2,192
Youth Work	510	-	-	-	510
Cozy Corner	-	394	-	-	394
Designated funds	**27,778**	**394**	**(158)**	**-**	**28,014**
General reserves	57,928	145,935	(144,879)	-	58,984
Total funds	**134,520**	**169,741**	**(198,122)**	**-**	**106,139**

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS – 31 December 2025 (continued)

8. Mission giving

	2025 £	2024 £
Mission partners:		
Give a Child a Hope	1,285	1,285
MAF	1,025	1,025
Open Doors	1,025	1,025
CMS	1,075	1,025
	4,410	**4,360**
Other mission agencies:		
Sudan Link	1,025	1,025
Otley Christian Resources Hub	565	565
Inn Churches	515	515
CAP	475	475
CPAS Falcon Camps	310	310
Operation Mobilisation	-	-
	2,890	**2,890**
Total mission giving	**7,300**	**7,250**
Other charities and agencies:		
Sudan Link lunch	50	-
Climate Stewards	53	60
Total other charities and agencies	**103**	**60**
Other	-	100
Total grants and mission giving	**7,403**	**7,410**

9. Repairs and maintenance

	2025 £	2024 £
North aisle roof repair	47,648	-
Organ remedial work	3,312	-
Hall refurbishment	2,807	-
Kitchen ovens	1,917	-
Church heating improvements	2,252	-
Quinquennial	1,500	-
Heating/boiler repairs	1,182	1342
Lighting and electrical installation and repairs	412	478
Tables	-	500
Tree surgery	-	600
Catering equipment	-	151
Vacuum cleaner	-	146
Sound and vision repairs	1,656	349
Piano and organ tuning and repairs	235	150
Cleaning services	2,831	2,847
Sundries including full appliance servicing	2,785	1,827
Total repairs and maintenance	**68,537**	**8,390**

10.Staff costs

The Church had three part-time employees during 2025 (2024:3) whose wages during the year were:

	2025 £	2024 £
Total staff costs	**20,036**	**17,165**

The highest paid employee received total remuneration of £9,491 (2024: £8,986). The 2024 salaries were reduced as the Church was carrying vacancies for part of the year.

PCC members were not paid and did not receive any other benefits from employment with the Church in the year other than clergy expenses of £548 (2024: £549). These expenses covered pastoral aid costs and sundry travel fees for 2 clergy (2024: 2). No PCC member received payment for professional or other services from the Church in the year (2024: Nil). There were no related party transactions during the year which require disclosure (2024: Nil).

St John's Parish Church, Ben Rhydding

STATEMENT OF RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL

The Charities Act 2011 requires the Parochial Church Council (PCC) to prepare financial statements for each financial year, which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the PCC and of its financial activities for that year. In preparing these financial statements, the PCC is required to:

1. Select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently,
2. Make judgments and estimates that are reasonable and prudent
3. Prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the PCC will continue in operation.

The PCC is responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy, at any time, the financial position of the PCC and enable it to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011 and the Church Accounting Regulations 2006. The PCC is also responsible for safeguarding the assets and hence for taking steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

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

Rev'd Peter Willox
PCC Chair
18 May 2026

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT
to the Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish of St John's Ben Rhydding

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31 December 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.

..... 18 May 2026

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