St. Margaret's Church, Barking - Annual Report of the Parochial Church Council (PCC) for the Year Ended 31 December 2025

Administrative information

The PCC is a registered charity with the Charity Commission namely Parochial Church Council of the E

Charity No 1134027

St Margaret's Church is located in the Abbey Ward of London Borough of Barking & Dagenham and draws members from the four local authority wards in Barking (Abbey, Eastbury, Gascoigne and Thames).

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PCC members elected and served in 2025 are:

Revd. Mark Adam

Revd. Elwon John

Revd Cecelia Morkeh-Yamson Pelligrin

Yetunde Aguda

Babatunde Akwe

Dorathy Opara

Cynthia Adams

Babajide Aina

Folashade Fagbemi

Carol Brabender

Emmanuel Solola

David Jarvis

Lola Sanwo

Joelraj Soundrapandian

Kanayo Omo

Theophilus Bankole

Hilton Idahosa

Olufunsho Martins

Andrew Weston

Susan Lancaster-Marvin PCC Secretary

Revd. Mark Adams is incumbent vicar and Chairman of the PCC.

Structure, governance and management
The PCC is made up of Clergy, Reader, Church Wardens and elected members from the church. Working under the National Church Representation Rules, all church members are encouraged to register on the Church Electoral Roll and to stand for election to the PCC.

The PCC operates under the chairmanship of the vicar, it's constitution provides representation from the whole membership of the church. The PCC oversees the life and work of the church and is responsible for the financial management and maintenance of the church buildings.

The PCC holds 4 scheduled meetings in a year but can also convene extra special meetings if and when there is need. There are committees that cater for the different facets of the Church's administration, these committees meet as at when required and report back to the PCC.

Objectives and Activities
The parish aims to promote love and worship of God in the community through acts of worship drawn from the Book of Common Prayer and the Church of England's Common Worship. The Gospel of Christ is proclaimed in the parish as recorded in the Holy Scriptures, embodied in the traditions of the Church and day to day living.

The PCC is committed to being an inclusive community where all are welcome regardless of age, race or way of life. Also the parish provides a welcoming place of worship to all Christians irrespective of their point in the journey of faith.

The parish gives pastoral ministry to the London Borough of Barking & Dagenham by holding services with the Mayor and Councillors on both Civic and Remembrance Sundays.

Review of the Year 2025

Church Attendance
In 2025, the church's electoral system was reviewed with the introduction of a church suite which is a digital platform for record of church members. This review brought the electoral roll up to date with a number of 108 registered for the year.

PCC Report
The PCC in the course of the year promoted the mission of the church in the parish through the range of worship services offered in the church and a variety of other spiritually benefitting activities.
There were 4 PCC meetings during the year at which the following were discussed:

. Vestry Elections

. Finance and Church Fabric

. Sub Committee Reports

. Deanery Synod Reports

. School Governing Reports

. Church worship

PCC Report contd.

Our regular church worship continued to draw more people and in particular the choir had a positive impact with the introduction of a vibrant music ministry and Community Hymn Singing Festivals.

The youth ministry flourished under the leadership of the Youth Worker with introduction of new programs and increase in both volunteers and youth attendance.

The church welcomed Bishop Guli to preach at the annual open-air service Pentecost service and also in June a service focussed on Windrush Episode was held with many speakers educating the community about the experience.

The Health & Safety Charter and Safeguarding policies were updated and firmly integrated into the p

The Church Centre, after the redecoration and introduction of new management structure in 2024, continued to operate in hall lettings and refectory services.

Financial Review

In 2025, incoming resources were £79,392 (£68,093 in 2024). Expenses increased by £8,246 (11%) to £84,137(£75,890 in 2024) due to increased Parish Share (10%), Employer Pension contribution and Service expenses

A deficit of £4,744 was recorded for the year 2025 (Deficit of £7,797 in 2024) This deficit left a negative balance in the General Reserve going on from the year 2024 hence the PCC was approached for a concession to write back Mission Giving of £3,000 to keep the aesthetics of the account positive.

Details of receipts, payments, and balances held in all the funds are in the financial statements.

Conclusion

Many thanks to all the volunteers who work so hard to make the parish a welcoming place of worship and fellowship. We appreciate all the people that continue to give offerings and donations to the church but would also like to reach out for more help and support in maintaining the fabric of St, Margaret's - A place of Great History and Heritage.

May God in His infinite grace and mercy continue to grant us the will and devotion to serve Him and

Emmanuel Fagbemi

PCC Charity Officer

August-2026

CHARITY COMMISSION FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Independent examiner's report on the accounts

Section A Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees: THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE ECCLESTICAL PARISH OF BARKING

On accounts for the year ended: 31 December 2025

Charity no (if any): 1134027

Set out on pages: 2 – 4

Responsibilities and basis of report

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

As the charity's trustees, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ("the Act").

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

Independent examiner's statement

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

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; or
- the accounts did not accord with the accounting records; or
- the accounts did not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair' view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Signed: mlomotey **Date**: 19/04/2026

Name: MICHAEL LOMOTEY

Relevant professional qualification(s) or body (if any): FCCA

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Section B Disclosure

Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight material matters of concern (see CC32, Independent examination of charity accounts: directions and guidance for examiners).

Give here brief details of any items that the examiner wishes to disclose.: NOT APPLICABLE

Parish of Barking

Statement of Financial Activities for the period ended 31 December 2025

	St Margaret's - Unrestricted Funds									St Margaret's - Restricted Funds				St Margaret's - Endowment Funds	St Margaret's Centre - Unrestricted Funds	
	General Reserve	48 Sunningdale Avenue Fund	Children & Youth Workers' Fund	Church Repairs - Bell Tower + Others	Music Director Fund	Homeless Breakfast Fund	Housing Fund	Projects Fund	Security Fund	Choir Fund	Church Memorial Fund	Flower Fund	Organ Fund	Lake Bequest Fund	General Reserve	Total
Incoming resources	79,392.24	-	67,000.00	-	10,000.00	2,236.76	12,394.50	-	-	-	-	-	25.00	796.05	30,014.69	201,859.24
Resources expended	84,136.61	-	33,503.89	6,674.40	10,000.00	1,136.25	3,320.00	993.80	-	-	580.00	-	636.00	-	31,876.52	172,857.47
Surplus/(Deficit)	(4,744.37)	-	33,496.11	(6,674.40)	-	1,100.51	9,074.50	(993.80)	-	-	(580.00)	-	(611.00)	796.05	(1,861.83)	29,001.77
Transfers between funds	3,000.00	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3,000.00
Movement for the year	(1,744.37)	-	33,496.11	(6,674.40)	-	1,100.51	9,074.50	(993.80)	-	-	(580.00)	-	(611.00)	796.05	(1,861.83)	32,001.77
Balances b/fwd 01.01.2025	397.18	165,000.00	48,269.63	81,890.74	-	-	34,356.15	1,576.43	489.26	-	4,723.67	282.22	-	16,774.08	45,226.01	398,985.37
Balances c/fwd 31 December 2025	(1,347.19)	165,000.00	81,765.74	75,216.34	-	1,100.51	43,430.65	582.63	489.26	-	4,143.67	282.22	(611.00)	17,570.13	43,364.18	430,987.14

Parish of Barking
2025 Accounts in compliance with Charities Act 2011

	Incoming resources	Resources expended	Surplus/ (Deficit)	Transfers between funds	Movement for the year	Balances b/fwd at 1 January 2025	Balances c/fwd at 31 December 2025
St Margaret's							
General Reserve	79,392.24	84,136.61	(4,744.37)	3,000.00	(1,744.37)	397.18	(1,347.19)
48 Sunningdale Avenue Fund			-		-	165,000.00	165,000.00
Children & Youth Workers' Fund	67,000.00	33,503.89	33,496.11		33,496.11	48,269.63	81,765.74
Church Memorial Fund	-	580.00	(580.00)		(580.00)	4,723.67	4,143.67
Church Repairs - Bell Tower + Others	-	6,674.40	(6,674.40)		(6,674.40)	81,890.74	75,216.34
Music Director Fund	10,000.00	10,000.00	-		-	-	-
Homeless Breakfast Fund	2,236.76	1,136.25	1,100.51		1,100.51	-	1,100.51
Housing Fund	12,394.50	3,320.00	9,074.50	-	9,074.50	34,356.15	43,430.65
Projects Fund	-	993.80	(993.80)	-	(993.80)	1,576.43	582.63
Security Fund		-	-		-	489.26	489.26
Total Unrestricted Funds	171,023.50	140,344.95	30,678.55	3,000.00	33,678.55	336,703.06	370,381.61
Choir Fund	-	-	-		-	-	-
Flower Fund	-	-	-		-	282.22	282.22
Organ Fund	25.00	636.00	(611.00)		(611.00)	-	(611.00)
Total Restricted Funds	25.00	636.00	(611.00)	-	(611.00)	282.22	(328.78)
Lake Bequest Fund	796.05	-	796.05		796.05	16,774.08	17,570.13
Total Endowment Funds	796.05	-	796.05	-	796.05	16,774.08	17,570.13
St Margaret's Total	171,844.55	140,980.95	30,863.60	3,000.00	33,863.60	353,759.36	387,622.96
St Margaret's Centre							
General Reserve	30,014.69	31,876.52	(1,861.83)	-	(1,861.83)	45,226.01	43,364.18
St Margaret's Centre Total	30,014.69	31,876.52	(1,861.83)	-	(1,861.83)	45,226.01	43,364.18
Barking Parish Total	201,859.24	172,857.47	29,001.77	3,000.00	32,001.77	398,985.37	430,987.14

Parish of Barking

Balance Sheet as at 31 December 2025

	St Margaret's Church @ Dec 2025		St Margaret's Church @ Dec 2024		St Margaret's Centre @ Dec 2025		St Margaret's Centre @ Dec 2024		Total @ Dec 2025		Total @ Dec 2024	
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
Non-current Assets												
48 Sunningdale Avenue	165,000.00		165,000.00						165,000.00		165,000.00	
Book Cupboard & Shelves	-				-				-		-	
Office and Kitchen Equipment	-		-		323.98		755.98		323.98		755.98	
		165,000.00		165,000.00		323.98		755.98		165,323.98		165,755.98
Current Assets												
Barclays Bank - Community Account	71,209.30		46,985.58		52,400.10		34,900.45		123,609.40		81,886.03	
CBoF Investment A/c	47,702.15		49,688.60		42,198.92		40,371.87		89,901.07		90,060.47	
CBoF Investment A/c - Lake Bequest	27,503.69		28,649.03						27,503.69		28,649.03	
CBoF Deposit Account	31,706.19		30,333.43						31,706.19		30,333.43	
Debtors - General	52,323.06		31,320.54		(52,323.06)		(31,320.55)		-		(0.01)	
Debtors - Income Tax Recoverable	356.76		6,410.43						356.76		6,410.43	
Petty Cash	50.00				100.00		100.00		150.00		100.00	
Prepayments	4,303.62		2,959.13		1,951.74		1,705.76		6,255.36		4,664.89	
Stocks	-								-		-	
	235,154.77		196,346.74		44,327.70		45,757.53		279,482.47		242,104.27	
Current Liabilities												
Other Creditors	2,632.26		1,192.06		1,287.50		1,287.50		3,919.76		2,479.56	
Christ Church	-		-						-		-	
Diocesan Fees	-		-						-		-	
HMRC	9,105.28		3,170.69						9,105.28		3,170.69	
Mens' Night	100.00		100.00						100.00		100.00	
Ladies Breakfast Bar and Women of Anti	315.38		40.38						315.38		40.38	
Mission Giving	378.89		3,084.25						378.89		3,084.25	
St Patrick's	-		-						-		-	
	12,531.81		7,587.38		1,287.50		1,287.50		13,819.31		8,874.88	
Net Current Assets		222,622.96		188,759.36		43,040.20		44,470.03		265,663.16		233,229.39
TOTAL ASSETS		387,622.96		353,759.36		43,364.18		45,226.01		430,987.14		398,985.37
Financed by:												
48 Sunningdale Avenue Fund		165,000.00		165,000.00						165,000.00		165,000.00
CDBF Fund		-		-						-		-
Children & Youth Worker's Fund		81,765.74		48,269.63						81,765.74		48,269.63
Choir Fund		-		-						-		-
Homeless Breakfast Fund		1,100.51		-						1,100.51		-
Church Memorial Fund		4,143.67		4,723.67						4,143.67		4,723.67
Church Repair Fund - Bell Tower + Others		75,216.34		81,890.74						75,216.34		81,890.74
Diocesan Fees		-		-						-		-
Music Director Fund		-		-						-		-
Flower Fund		282.22		282.22						282.22		282.22
General Reserve Fund		(1,347.19)		397.18		43,364.18		45,226.01		42,016.99		45,623.19
Housing Fund		43,430.65		34,356.15						43,430.65		34,356.15
Improvement Fund										-		-
Mission Oppprtunity Fund										-		-
Lake Bequest Fund		17,570.13		16,774.08						17,570.13		16,774.08
Organ Fund		(611.00)		-						(611.00)		-
Projects Fund		582.63		1,576.43						582.63		1,576.43
Refurbishment fund										-		-
Security Fund		489.26		489.26						489.26		489.26
St Patrick's Fund		-		-						-		-
Youth Club Fund										-		-
		387,622.96		353,759.36		43,364.18		45,226.01		430,987.14		398,985.37

Declarations

Signed by two trustees on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)		
Full name(s)	MARK ADAMS	CYNTHIA ADAMS
Position (e.g. Chair, Trustee, etc.)	VICAR	CHURCHWARDEN
Date	16/4/2026	16/4/2026