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Following Jesus Making Disciples Building the Kingdom



Annual Report 2025

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Vicar's Report

Mike Resch

It is a tremendous privilege to serve here at St. Mark's Church and to witness God at work among us. Over the past year, we've welcomed a steady stream of new people, and our desire remains to live with a spiritual balance rooted in Jesus' summary of the greatest commandment: to love the Lord our God fully and to love our neighbours as ourselves.
This threefold focus—God, neighbour, and ourselves - is expressed through our core values of Up, In, and Out:

- Up - Growing closer to God
- In - Growing closer as a community of believers
- Out - Growing closer to those around us, many of whom have yet to discover the joy and love of God

Each week, we remind ourselves of this calling by declaring:
"Here at St. Mark's, it is our desire to be known as a people who are Following Jesus, Making Disciples, and Building the Kingdom of God."





In 2025, we've seen this vision come to life in many ways, but one example stands out - the lounge area between the nave (our place of worship) and the outside world. We've created a space of welcome and hospitality designed to build relationships within our congregation and with our local community. This warm, inviting space has become a hub for connection, and we've seen an increase in groups using it because of its relaxed ambience.
One such group was Youth Alpha. In November, twenty young people journeyed through the Alpha Course, meeting in the lounge to explore faith together while enjoying delicious meals prepared by our congregation. They loved the space so much that they now gather there every Monday for Bible study.



I want to express my heartfelt thanks to all our volunteers and staff who make ministry possible - whether in worship, in fellowship, or in serving Harrogate. With over 200 volunteers, each of you plays a vital role, and I am deeply grateful for your commitment and love.

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Report of Church Warden

Mike Procter

The role of church warden is wide reaching and I therefore have the privilege of witnessing many of the contributions made by members of our church family which help make us an active and thriving community. Sometimes unseen or unappreciated, our staff and volunteers do much more than might reasonably be expected and I am repeatedly struck by their generosity; the time they give, the skills they bring, the compassion they show, the loving way they work through challenges, and many other expressions of selfless service to the church.

1 John 4:19 states 'We love because He first loved us', and the generosity of heart I see poured out bears testimony to the presence of Jesus among us. Our staff and volunteers help make our church a family which reflects the love of Christ, and I take this opportunity to say a huge thank you to everyone who contributes.



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Children's Report

Liz Resch



In 2025 we prayed that we would continue to see children following Jesus and grow as disciples through coming along to our groups and events, and that the kingdom of God would be extended as we live our lives with Jesus each day.

This last year has held so many highlights.
Our Activate Sunday morning groups continue to thrive, with children enthusiastically joining in all that has been prepared for them by our amazing team. It is so encouraging to see children bringing along friends, and encountering Jesus as they spend time together in their groups. Once a month we have Ignite and pre-school praise: a time when all children come together to worship and find out more about Jesus. These times have begun to develop their own rhythm, and it is wonderful to see children helping each other as they do things together.

Church at 4pm happens through the year during term time. This is now one of our larger services numbers wise, and is a great place to meet children and families. The service gives a real opportunity to talk about matters of faith: we pray that we would continue to see the Holy Spirit at work here as well as in our morning services. Lego church meets on the first Sunday of the month, and gives another great opportunity for invitational faith.

Holiday Club in August was a time of fun, faith and learning together. We saw children returning from previous years, and welcomed new children to each group.

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This year we had the privilege of giving Bibles to children and families. During holiday club, we gave each child a copy of 'Diary of a Disciple. Peter and Paul'. Alongside this, each family at Church at 4pm received a copy of 'Diary of a Disciple. Luke's Gospel'. In the Autumn term, Activate Blue have been using new Bibles, and a number of children have been able to have their own Bible as a result of all that the team have done, and because of the generosity of giving for Bibles from many people at St Marks. I am convinced that giving Bibles away, praying for a move of the Holy Spirit, and seeking to be obedient to God will continue to bear fruit in the coming years.





Other highlights include: praying for healing, children's and youth team breakfasts, the Light Night, prayer meetings, conversations with children, school assemblies and events, the incredible ministry with Toddlers and their families, and Instagram messages to name a few.



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All that happens with our children and families could not be possible without an amazing team of volunteers: a very big thanks goes to the Sunday morning teams lead by Gail, Frances, Becky and Rachel, along with a co-team in every Activate group: also the Church at 4 and Lego church team. Thanks also to Hannah, with whom so much is planned, prayed about and put into reality.

Please do hold our children and families in your prayers. We are praying for our teams to grow as God leads people to join this ministry in Activate, Church at 4pm, Holiday Club and events plus the heavy lifting team. In every aspect of our work we are seeking more to join the team, and praying for more of God's blessing, provision and power in 2026.







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Toddler Report

Gail Vlack

The vision of Toddler Ministry is to develop the lives and potential of young children and their families by creating a fun, safe environment to play, share and grow. We show God's love by building relationships in a nurturing, supportive, welcoming community where every adult and child feels cared for and valued. In all our groups we aim to follow Jesus, make disciples and build the kingdom.

2025 has been a great year for our Toddler Ministry as we have met with over 70 families each week through our two Toddler Praise groups, two Toddler Groups and our Baby Group. Most of these families come from our local community. These valuable early years experiences are so important for the under 5s, and the social contact and support offered to the parents & carers is more important now than ever before. We have been pleased to see families that come to our mid-week groups now starting to attend on Sundays and making wider connections with our church family. And the toddler families are eager to donate items to our church charity collections at Christmas and Harvest. We also love the links that are made with our toddler groups and other church groups such as the knitting group and Monday Mums Community.

We are thankful for our fabulous team of 16 dedicated volunteers who help out each week. This year we have become a stronger team and developed our sense of community with the launch of a team breakfast, regular planning sessions, termly toy cleaning sessions and a summer meal out.

In 2026 we aim to: make the North Room a more welcoming space, see more families attend Toddler Praise, hold a Parenting for Faith course in January, share stories of how God has been at work, and encourage prayer across all our groups.

It has been a quieter year for baptism ministry, with only 15 child baptisms in 2025. We have been encouraged to see baptism families attending Toddler Praise and coming along on Sunday mornings. And the clergy and baptism team have worked together to adopt a new baptism policy and streamline the booking process to encourage more families to connect with the church family before arranging a baptism.

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Youth Report

ST MARK'S YOUTH

Hannah Ferguson

Our youth ministry has experienced a year of adaptation and growth. While our Sunday Night Youth group came to a natural conclusion over the summer, this change created space to discern and step into a new season of activity.

Although groups may have moved days, times and locations and look slightly different our core vision remains the same. Rooted in the party-pray-proclaim pillars, the youth ministry continues to offer young people opportunities to gather, pray, worship, build on their faith, read the Bible together, learn how to be disciples of Jesus and build long lasting friendships. We are also keen to develop more opportunities for leadership, evangelism and mission. Through these rhythms we seek to nurture faith, belonging and confidence in young people as active members of the church community.





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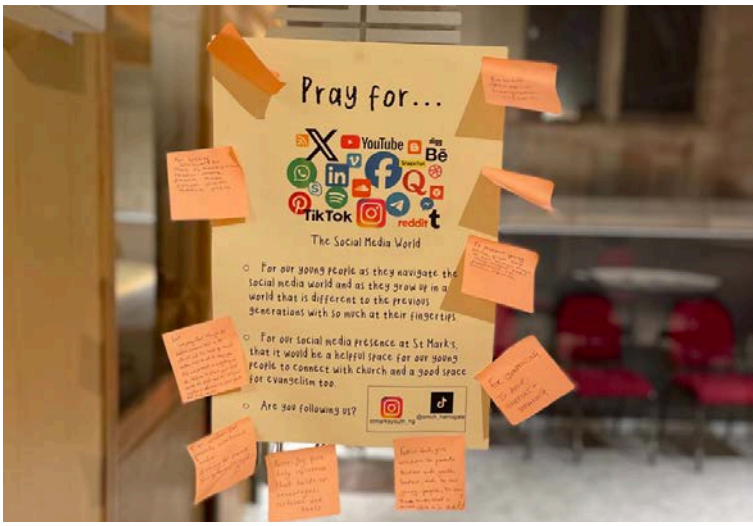
This year's youth calendar has been fun packed and life-giving. We held a prayer evening, a mental health discussion evening for parents, numerous social events, weekly gatherings, two visits to Yorkshire Camps, Youth Alpha and so much more. Moving into the Lounge has been a significant blessing, creating a flexible, inviting and welcoming space that has enhanced the experience for most of our groups.

A particular highlight has been the Youth Alpha, with up to 22 young people attending each week there was such a vibrant atmosphere of questions, faith exploration and fun. This led naturally on to the relaunch of our Bible Study where young people now gather weekly to worship, pray and study the Bible together (alongside the popular ice-cream bar!).





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Another highlight has been the Holiday Club, where once again we saw a large group of young people stepping into leadership roles serving with enthusiasm and maturity. Through our Pizza Preparation Party we included intentional discipleship and training opportunities to enable significant growth for the young people involved. What a joy!



Our two trips to Yorkshire Camps in this calendar year have been fun packed and faith filled. We've seen beautiful new friendships forming there and continuing to grow after our visits. One young person committed their life to Jesus and decided to be baptised. Many others have strengthened their faith, reflected, asked questions and spent time enjoying the amazing facilities.



We've also loved forming a connection with All Saint's Church in Ilkley through shared visits to Yorkshire Camps, a BBQ and Silent Disco together. We plan to nurture this connection in the future.

The Youth Ministry could not function without the dedication and faithfulness of volunteers who make everything possible. We've been generously hosted by a number of families for the Meal Safari and Pizza Evening. Our new Monday Night Bible Study team has formed, Cesca did a sterling job leading Youth Alpha and Mark continues to faithfully head up our Elevate team. Every single member of our teams is precious and we are so grateful for everything you do.



youth BIBLE STUDY
Youth Group YR 9 - Yr 13

AFTER SCHOOL youth
Youth Group YR 7 - Yr 13

FRIDAY NIGHT youth
Youth Group Yr 7 - Yr 13

ELEVATE
Youth Group YR 6 - Yr 10

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Small Groups Report

Simon Walters

Our St Mark's small groups meet throughout the week where members of the church build relationships with one another, go deeper in their faith, and encourage one another to live as followers of Jesus in their everyday lives. Small groups are one of the priority areas identified by the PCC. We believe that they are essential in a large church such as St Mark's for pastoral care of those who are part of the church, and to enable the teaching and worship that takes place on Sundays to be translated into people's ordinary lives in practical terms.

We have 25 groups with over 230 people who are part of a small group at St Mark's, and 37 leaders. I have spent much of this year meeting up 1-1 with small group leaders to check-in on how their groups are going and what their groups need to grow. I have been so encouraged by the good things God is doing in our groups, from the ways those going through difficult times have been loved, to answers to prayer, to encouragement in keeping on going in faith. One highlight this year has been using the 'Practicing the Way' material that we engaged with as a whole church from May onwards. Many groups have fed back that it was so helpful in providing practical steps for becoming more like Jesus, and for some it was also a way into joining a group.

I am so grateful to our small group leaders who enable our groups to function – providing hospitality, preparing material, and praying and supporting the members of their groups. Our thriving groups are down to their sacrificial service week in, week out.

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Pastoral Ministry Report

Esli Lees

The vision for St Mark's pastoral ministry is to embody Christ's love for our church by fostering deep relationships with God and one another through community and discipleship. This year, the pastoral care ministry has been working on the vision of pastoral care being part of our culture and not just what we do. Our Pastoral team has continued to provide emotional, spiritual, and practical support; we have helped people feel connected and integrated even when they have been unable to be with the St Mark's family in person. This ministry reflects the new command Jesus gave to his disciples: to love and be known for how we love—nurturing discipleship through active care and sharing God's love, helping individuals feel valued and supported within the body of Christ.

This year we had two Pastoral days. We met together, we worshipped, prayed, and explored how we continue to encourage growth and a culture shift from visits to being an active presence in different areas of the life of the church.

Our team facilitated meals, continued with hospital visits, administered communion to members and care homes in our parish, and sent cards of encouragement to those bereaved in 2025.

- 4 Newcomer Welcome
- 1 Bereavement course



We also held a bereavement and grief awareness morning for our team. We are passionate about learning together and encouraging the gifts God has given us.

Church Café - Every Tuesday and Thursday from November 2025, we have had someone from the team present in the café. Their remit is simply to provide a welcoming and pastoral presence for the guests. People have said they appreciate it, and it helps them to relax and feel welcomed. No one is left on their own. This is one important way we differ from regular cafés, and it is allowing us to build relationships with parents who come to toddler groups, parishioners, and the local community.

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Prayer Report

Frances Bryant

The whole church family is part of the outworking of Jesus' call to be Kingdom people. Intercessory prayer is at the centre of our church life, deepening our dependence upon God and interceding for others and the world. A dedicated team prepares and leads intercessory prayers at our Sunday services, the whole church is invited to our monthly Prayer & Praise gatherings and, through the prayer diary, encouraged to engage with prayer for the world, the church and our mission partners. Prayer helps to align our hearts with God's heart for justice, peace, reconciliation and love in the world.

- Monthly Prayer & Praise gatherings, led by different people, praying for our long-term mission partners, the wider world and other areas of church ministry and mission such as Holiday Club, Youth and Children.
- A team of over 20 different volunteers including families and young people involved in leading our Sunday intercessory prayers.
- A Pray for Justice event in February, facilitated by International Justice Mission, about the reality of modern slavery, and praying for victims and perpetrators.
- Stronger connections made with Netmakers, with many volunteers and church members engaging with 24-7 prayer rooms in Harrogate.
- Regular prayer for God's Creation as St Mark's works towards 'Net Zero'.

The whole team is made up of volunteers, leading intercessions on Sundays, and connecting with mission partners, and with global and local issues. Thanks to all who help us to pray at St Mark's, demonstrating our dependence on God. I look forward to what God has in store in the coming year, as we host a 24-7 prayer room at St Mark's and as the prayer team continues to grow and develop.

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Prayer Ministry Report

Shirley Jones

Prayer ministry is offered to members of the church after the 9am and 10:30am services and whenever requested at other times. As the song goes we 'speak Jesus'. We believe that there is power and healing in the name of Jesus and by bringing our requests to him in prayer we are following his example thereby setting us free to live the life he has on offer for us. It is worth bearing Paul's words from Colossians 3.17 in mind: 'And whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.'

There are currently twelve members of the prayer ministry team available to pray on a rota basis. They are faithful in their commitment to pray for others and to pursue a life of closeness to God. We have welcomed three new members this year, Conrad, Julie and Sumon, and Anne-Louise has left the team. We met together three or four times over the year, and we also had a retreat day where we focused on listening to God. Meeting together as a team, ministering to each other and praying for St Mark's, has been a blessing and encouragement in addition to witnessing God working in those members of St Mark's we have prayed for.



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Environment Report

Deborah Booth

The vision of this ministry is to help people understand that creation care is an integral part of following Jesus, as expressed in the C of E 5th Mark of Mission. Reducing our carbon emissions, individually and corporately, is part of this. Each PCC member is currently completing the Leeds Diocese' Saving Creation Bronze Course.

We gained the prestigious Gold Award in January - presented in July by Archdeacon James Theodosius. We invited our town councillors and mayor, and our MP, to show them how our environmental action is 'salting and lighting' the world outside the church, but also to build friendship with, and pray for, those in positions of authority, who have the power to bring about change. (1 Tim 2:2).



Our monthly videos have demonstrated church members tackling such subjects as:
energy efficiency, light/air pollution, plant rich diets, growing produce, crafts, and food waste.



In addition we have held:

- three church wide walks;
- two prayer trails in the church garden;
- two plant sales, collecting for Butterfly Conservation and Just Earth;
- an Afghan women's tea party during Refugee Week;
- a free cycle repair session with Dr Bike from Resurrection Bikes;
- a children's flower hunt and an autumn hunt;
- Research has continued this year on how to reduce our building's carbon emissions;
- Infra Red panels have now been installed in the Rose Room as we inch our way carefully towards the best heating solutions;



Each member of the PCC Environment Subgroup plays an important role. Care for creation is embedded in their thinking: Mike Resch, Liz Resch, Frances Bryant, Hannah Ferguson, Janet Green, Jen Dening, Kerry Morrison, Ian Booth, Cesca Ellis, Cathy Meadows, Mike Procter, Tim Yarborough, Deborah Booth. In addition, Geoff Stevens and Gail Vlack contribute greatly to our work.

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Mission Support Report

John Wood

The work of the MSG is rooted and grounded in the Gospel - supporting the weak, poor, needy and vulnerable within society both within this country as well as overseas. At the same time opportunities are taken to spread the teaching of Jesus through the donations made by St Mark's as well as support work done by these charities with children and young people. We also aim to raise the profile of missionary work within the church and show how this is an essential part of Jesus' teaching which can and should be developed in the future.

MSG have overseen the donations made by St Mark's to the charities we support and ensured that they use the monies in an appropriate manner that fits with the PCC philosophy.

- £31,908.96 has been allocated to our main missionary partners as well as to other charities such as Lifeline, IDAS, Myanmar Earthquake appeal and 13 charities nominated by members of the congregation for small grants (£400).
- Harvest collections, both money and goods, were donated to Resurrected Bites, and the Christmas collections to Yorkshire Camps.
- We have also supported the Clothes Bank at Christmas and hope to do so over the course of the year.
- The Thursday Communion lunches have also donated monies to our nominated charities.
- Recommendations have been made to PCC for main mission partners in 2026

Thanks are expressed to all members of the church family who have supported the work of MSG through donations of gifts of money or time and to the PCC who continue to approve 10% of church income to be allocated to mission support. Val Hall, Ruth Candy, Frances Bryant, Jen Dening, Eric Waters and Paul Williams have offered great support over the year as has Josie Rhodes from a supportive distance.





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Mission Support Allocation of Budget 2025

John Wood

Home Mission Partners

£136.24 Children's Society from Christingle 2024
£603.90 Easter Gifts
£4000 Caring for Life
£4000 Wellspring
£4000 In2Out
£1000 Lifeline
£128.97 Christmas Magazines to In2Out
£250 Christmas sweets for In2Out
£89.10 Advent Calendars to IDAS
£400 Lifeline small grant
£400 Christians against Poverty small grant
£400 Hemburys small grant
£400 Netmakers small grant
£400 Parenting for Faith small grant
£400 Leeds Mothers Union small grant
£400 Just Love small grant
£400 CPAS small grant
£400 Horizon Life Training small grant

= **£17,808.21**

Overseas Mission Partners

£500 Myanmar Earthquake appeal via Tearfund
£4000 Latin Link
£4000 Mission Without Borders
£4000 Artizan International
£400 Shevet Achim small grant
£400 Just Earth small grant
£400 Compassion UK small grant
£400 Open Doors small grant

= **£14,100.00**

TOTAL = £31,908.21

This leaves £945.75 in the budget as of January 5th 2026

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Harrogate Clothes Bank Report

Phillipa Dunn

Our aim for 2025 was to improve our outreach alongside helping acute and chronic clients who visit CB at the warehouse. We have continued to support rails with children's clothes at the Gracious Street and New Park Resurrection Bites Food Banks, donated a rail to Springwater school, provided clothes for the Harrogate Homeless Project's own clothes resource, actively supported NYCC Homeless Shelter and supplied Helping Hands UK with outfits for Leeds homeless. In total 9 different organisations, and clients from 13 different countries, have benefitted from our help; 15,725 pre-loved items have been given a second home.

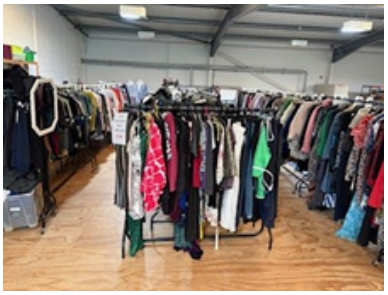
One change for HCB in 2025 was to have a 5-item limit on adult's clothes for returning clients (79% of visits), whilst maintaining our policy of unlimited clothing for all children (79% of families). This might sound counter-intuitive, but it has resulted in positive connection and conversations between clients and volunteers, making both feel valued.

The high number of repeat visits (down 1% on 2024) and increased number of unemployed (up 2%), continues to reflect the economy; most of us cannot imagine the value of being able to access free, good clothing which releases funds for other essentials, whether that is food, heating, rent or just a treat for one's children.

Moving into 2026, HCB feels very connected to St Mark's church. The incredible giving of luxury foods for the HCB gift bags by the congregation at Christmas has been an annual event, but the collection from the Thursday Communion lunch group, and the pop-up clothes donation bin in the church have really reflected an understanding of our aim to promote Christian values and the importance of reducing the environmental impact of the textile trade; pre-loved clothes are taken by clients, we have sent 300 bags of good unseasonal clothes to other UK charities and 1864kg for recycling and repurposing.

2026 is the 10-year anniversary of the inception of HCB and it is our aim to maintain and celebrate this free service to those who need it.





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Safeguarding Report

Mark Siddall



The aim of safeguarding activity has been to keep the entire church family as safe as possible, in line with Jesus' command to love one another. A key element has been to ensure that a large number of people receive safeguarding training (our safeguarding "eyes"), and that we are rigorous in ensuring that all 250 volunteers are recruited in line with safer recruitment processes. These are the main foundations of our safeguarding approach. An ambition for next year is to arrange safeguarding training for those members of the congregation who are not currently volunteers, and thus extend our safeguarding coverage..

Ministry highlights of the year :
Throughout the year the PCC has been assessing the health of the church culture, in order to improve our safeguarding capability. We have also had approaches from other churches who wish to look at our approach to safeguarding.

Details of volunteer contributions:
Our army of 250 volunteers have been absolutely essential to our safeguarding activity; they are our eyes and ears on the ground, and they are a key component in keeping St Mark's as safe and as responsive as possible.

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Digital & Communications Report

Janet Green

At St Mark's, our communication supports our mission to follow Jesus, make disciples, and build His kingdom. Our goal is to connect meaningfully with both our church family and the wider community - sharing stories, inspiring action, and nurturing faith through clear, consistent messaging.
Communication isn't limited to emails, newsletters, or social media. It's also about the experience people have when they walk through our doors -the welcome, the signage, the sense of belonging. Every detail matters because it reflects who we are and what we value.

Over the past decade, the way we communicate has evolved significantly. With St Mark's diverse age demographic, people access information in different ways. As our church continues to grow, so does the rhythm of activity and the volume of information. We are committed to ensuring our communication is aligned with our vision and relevant to our audience.

Key highlights from 2025:

A major milestone was the refurbishment and launch of our kitchen and café, supported by clear communication and a successful fundraising campaign. This new space now serves as a hub for community and connection.

Following the installation of our new sound desk in 2024, the worship and AV team upgraded the speakers to deliver more balanced sound throughout the church, to help everyone engage in worship wherever they sit.

To improve accessibility, we introduced new interior and welcome signage, ensuring a warm and easy-to-navigate experience.
Our porch has been redesigned with new signage and digital screen to share events and opportunities with the wider community.
Our digital presence grew significantly, with more time invested in creating engaging content. Some highlights include 32 child-friendly videos for Practicing the Way, creative Youth Alpha promotions, and a Christmas choir campaign. These efforts paid off with a notable uplift in social media engagement, and more people signing up or joining us in-person.

As we seek to connect with the St Mark's family and the wider community, one of the greatest joys of this role is capturing life at St Mark's and sharing it with others. From holiday club highlights to sermon snippets and candid people pictures, we offer a window into church life - celebrating what God is doing among us and inviting others to be part of it. These moments aren't just updates; they're opportunities for outreach, growth, and genuine connection.

A huge thank you to the Zionworx, AV and worship team for their faithful commitment to serving and thank you to Jen Dening for her support with our community notice board and A Church Near You. A special mention to Jon Dening for his IT support and answering many, many questions. Also, thanks to Justin and Fin for their great work on our kitchen health and safety video.

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207 new people registered with us in 2025

20,594 views on ‘A Church Near You’ in 2025



13,700 views on **one** social media post

YouTube

11,952 views on our YouTube Channel in 2025





NEWS

660 people receive the weekly newsletter

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Operations and Office Manager Report

Cathy Meadows

The vision for the operations and office team is to embody Christ's love by serving the church. Together with many volunteers, we endeavour to maintain the fabric of the building, to carry out the practicalities and administration of church business, to carry out our legal obligations and to welcome and signpost.

Our insurance company requested to visit for the first time since 2017 and inevitably there were several risk improvements required, but overall, it was an encouraging visit. In 2026, St Mark's will have to prepare for the recommendations set out in the new Anti-terrorism Act, Martyn's Law. Furthermore, it is anticipated that an annual audit of all our policies and procedures be conducted and that they be easily accessible to those who need to view them.

The Lounge, porch, Coshh cupboards and office refurb were mostly completed. March 2026 will see the arrival of new furniture for the Lounge Café. The Café had a soft launch from October, and it is hoped that footfall will increase.

Thanks to all volunteers for their hard work in getting the Café up and running and for achieving the top Level 5 hygiene certificate from NYC.

Over the last two years, teams have been researching how to achieve carbon-net zero by 2030. Conflicting ideas from professionals have made it difficult to ascertain what will work for St Mark's.

Any switch from gas boilers will be costly in all its interpretations but as stewards of God's earth, this is our aim. Consequently, autumn 2025 saw the installation of infra-red heating in the Rose Room (at no cost to church). This generosity allows us to experiment with the heat versus financial cost viability of rolling this out further. Carbon net zero officers from Leeds and York Dioceses will be visiting us in early 2026.

The quinquennial inspection was carried out this year and some urgent, mid-term and long-term issues were raised. Essential roof repair work will be carried out in early 2026.

Once again, we are thankful to the volunteers who faithfully maintain, hoover and clean our building and gardens, who advise on safety policies and procedures, and carry out testing of our safety equipment – church operations wouldn't work without you!



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PCC Secretary Report

Zoe Robinson



Members of the PCC met nine times in 2025 including a Vision Day in May. The Vision Day is an annual event and provides an opportunity for members of the PCC to focus on the next stage in the church's journey. This year our time away was spent delving into the values that underpin our vision and how we turn that vision into reality. This was followed up in July when members considered our priorities and how these fitted in with our values.

In the first half of the year members of the PCC oversaw completion of the sale of Halstead Road and the investment of the proceeds of sale in savings accounts pending a decision on how best to utilise the funds on capital projects that best help the church to build God's kingdom.

Managing finances continues to be a major concern. Costs have been reduced where possible but building maintenance costs have continued to rise. Our Parish Share and Mission Giving combined represent around half of our expenditure whilst at the same time planned giving is down. The only way the PCC has been able to manage these pressures has been by reviewing each month the parish share we pay to the Diocese.

Other substantial issues considered by members of the PCC included the Quinquennial Report prepared by Stuart Holland and the potential cost of the repair work identified in the report and achieving carbon net zero by 2030; creating a more flexible space in church to meet the needs of our ministries by replacing the pews with chairs; and establishing The Lounge café to create a hospitable space into which we can invite people from our local community and help build relationships.

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PCC Leadership Report

Zoe Robinson

The Parochial Church Council (PCC) is a corporate body established by the Church of England. The PCC operates under the Parochial Church Council Measure. The appointment of PCC members is governed by and set out in the Church Representation Rules. St Mark's PCC has the responsibility for co-operating with the incumbent in promoting in the ecclesiastical parish the whole mission of the Church, pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical.

It also has maintenance responsibilities for the church building.

It seeks to promote the following stated priorities:

- to worship the living God;
- to grow in faith;
- to serve the people of our parish and community;
- to share Christ's love and truth through our living witness;
- to deepen our links with the world-wide church;
- to work for justice and peace and to care for creation;

The PCC oversees the church's strategic and annual plan, agrees the budget, and monitors progress made against all of these. It oversees the appointment of the members of the leadership team.

Membership 2025:
Incumbent: The Revd. Mike Resch (Chair and Standing Committee); The Revd. Liz Resch (Associate Minister and Children's and Families Ministry Leader); The Revd. James Handley (Associate Minister); The Revd. John Duff (Associate Minister); The Revd. Simon Walters (Associate Minister, Diocesan Intern Leader and Standing Committee);The Revd. Esli Lees (Currate, Pastoral Support Leader and Standing Committee); Church Wardens/Standing Committee: Ms. Mel Scott (until October 2025); Mr. Mike Procter (Tree Officer); Reader Representative: Mrs. Ruth Cundy; Deanery Synod Representatives; Mrs. Deborah Booth (Environment Officer); Mr. Ian Booth.

Elected members: Mrs. Jen Dening (until APCM 2028) (Standing Committee), Mrs. Juliette Leyland (until APCM 2028), Mrs. Lee Milne (until APCM 2028), Mrs. Gail Vlack (until APCM 2026), Francesca Ellis (until APCM 2026), Mrs. Zoe Robinson (until APCM 2026) (PCC Secretary/Standing Committee). Mrs. Rebecca Onslow (until APCM 2027), Mr. Mark Siddall (until APCM 2027) (Parish Safeguarding Officer), Mr. Alex Minnett (until APCM 2027) (Standing Committee), Mrs. Hannah Ferguson (until APCM 2027) (Youth Pastor); Mrs. Phillipa Dunn (until APCM 2027), Mrs. Cathy Meadows (until APCM 2027) (Office Manager, Electoral Roll Officer and Health and Safety Co-Ordinator), Ms. Elizabeth Stansfield (until APCM 2028), Mrs. Anne Carter (until APCM 2028)

Ceased during 2025: Mr Wayne Brown and Mr Neil Tunnicliffe

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Not on PCC but in a designated role and will attend as required: Janet Green (Digital & Communications Lead); Frances Bryant (Prayer Coordinator); Shirley Jones (Prayer Ministry Co-Ordinator); Charlotte Jenkinson (Safeguarding and Pastoral Administrator); Nikki Reynolds (Admin and Events Assistant); Catherine Marsh (Accounts Manager); and Richard Hall (Disability Officer).

Other PCC committees/groups:
The Standing Committee – is chaired by Mike Resch. Other members: Simon Walters, Eslie Lees, Mike Procter, Jen Dening, Alex Minnett and Zoe Robinson.

The Standing Committee is the only committee required by law. It has the power to transact the business of the PCC between its meetings, subject to any directions given by the Council, and oversees the week-by-week operations and the finances of the church.

The PCC has two other main sub-committees:

The Estates Management Committee – chaired by Cathy Meadows, it meets regularly to review and advise on the maintenance of the church infrastructure and estate and the day-to-day management of the building.

The Environment Committee – chaired by Deborah Booth, it meets to consider and report to the PCC on how St. Mark's can respond positively to the climate crisis.

Other committees include the Mission Support Group, which aims to engender understanding, involvement and commitment to worldwide mission within St Mark's, and is chaired by John Wood.

The pattern of meetings has, at its heart, the need: to agree and adopt an annual strategic/mission plan and a supporting budget at the start of each calendar year; to review and approve the annual report and consider proposals which are required for the consideration of the Annual Parochial Church Meeting in April; to review progress against the strategic/mission plan as the year progresses; from the autumn onwards, to consider and approve the next year's plan – and so on, in a repeating annual cycle. PCC members are encouraged to join the teams/groups that deliver the plan, though not at a level that would create conflicts of interest. New PCC members are given information pertinent to their role as members of the PCC and are eligible to attend Diocesan training courses as appropriate. Those attending courses are asked to report back to PCC.

Risk Management: The PCC acknowledges its responsibility to identify, assess and manage the major risks to which it is exposed. It is developing a register of major risks and continues to enhance plans to ensure that systems and processes are in place to mitigate exposure to these risks. Major risks arise from a variety of aspects of the church's internal operations and external environment including security, health and safety and finance and individual policies and procedures have been developed to address many of these areas. Regular financial reports are submitted to PCC and budgets agreed before the start of each year. The PCC is further developing procedures to meet its responsibilities in this area and monitoring implementation of the necessary mitigating actions.

Conflicts Policy: The PCC has adopted a policy to identify any conflicts of interests that any member may have that may exist which could potentially affect the proper operation of the Council. Potential conflicts can arise where a PCC member has a personal interest or involvement in an organisation which the PCC intends to support financially or from which the PCC proposes to purchase goods or services. A standard agenda item at the start of every meeting gives an opportunity for PCC members to declare potential conflicts that may arise during the meeting and members are also required to declare any conflicts that arise during the course of discussion that had not been identified at the start of the meeting. Conflicts so declared are recorded in the minutes of the meeting along with any action taken to deal with the conflict. Conflicted members will abstain from voting on the relevant issue and may be asked to leave the meeting during discussion if felt necessary. A Declaration of Interests form is completed by all PCC members following the APCM each year.

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Attendance

In- person attendance at October services 2025 including adults and children

	SUNDAY				THURSDAY
	9AM	10.30AM	4PM	6.30PM	11AM
5TH OCT	109	154 (54)	108 (60)	63 (3)	2ND OCT: 31
12TH OCT	70	202 (62)	118 (64)	25	9TH OCT: 43
19TH OCT	100 (2)	187 (63)	99 (50)	25	16TH OCT: 38
26TH OCT	102 (2)	106 (25)	- Half Term	31 (2)	23RD OCT: 35

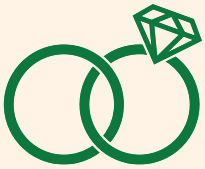
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Occasional Offices in 2025



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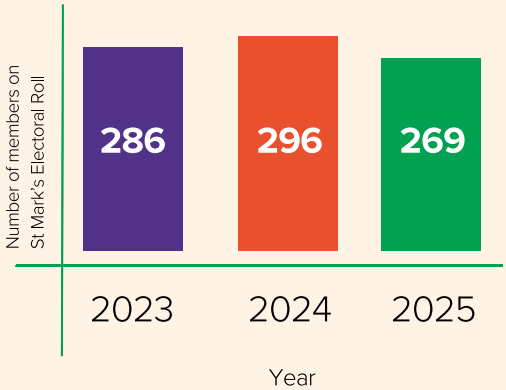
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Electoral Roll



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PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF ST MARK'S HARROGATE

PCC REPORT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2025

The Parochial Church Council ("the PCC") has pleasure in presenting its PCC Report together with the Financial Statements for the year ended 31 December 2025.

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out in the notes to the financial statements and comply with the PCC's governing document, the Charities Act 2011, the relevant version of the 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) and UK Generally Accepted Accounting Practice.

The financial statements have been prepared to give a 'true and fair' view and have departed from the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 only to the extent required to provide a 'true and fair view'. This departure has involved following the relevant version of the 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) rather than the Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice effective from 1 April 2005 which has since been withdrawn.

The PCC is a Public Benefit Entity. The members have given due consideration to the Charity Commission's published guidance on the Public Benefit requirements under the Charities Act 2011.

The following information for the Charity is included in the annual report pages 1 to 25: -

- Aims and objectives
- Achievements and performance
- Structure, governance and management
- Risk management

The Charity's governing document is the Parochial Church Council Powers Measure (1956) as amended and Church Representation Rules. The charitable objects are promoting in the ecclesiastical parish the whole mission of the Church.

Charity Name:	The Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish of St Mark's Harrogate
Charity Members:	See Annual Report (page 20)
Charity Registered Number:	1134657
Address:	St Mark's Church, Leeds Road, Harrogate, HG2 8AY
Bankers	CAF Bank Ltd & CCLA
Independent Examiner:	S B Wearing FCA, DChA HPH, Chartered Accountants Conyngham Hall Business Centre Bond End Knaresborough North Yorkshire HG5 9AY

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PCC REPORT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2025

Financial Review

Total income for the year was reported as £417,603 (2024: £475,746) with most of the decrease reflecting a significant Gift Day in 2024 with income of £64,657 including associated Gift Aid recovered from HMRC. Total Planned Giving for 2025 saw a £19k increase to the 2024 level. We have seen a decrease in donations and legacies as 2024 saw a legacy of £12,886. We have been restricted in the amounts that we have been able to contribute to the Diocese as a consequence of our reserves policy set out below resulting in a contribution for 2025 of £188,252 (2024: £185,076).

Taken together, these factors have contributed to a reported deficit for the year of £(72,368) (2024: surplus of £83,272) albeit a large portion of the deficit comes from that held in Restricted Funds set aside for the refurbishment of the kitchen and community room for which donations were received in 2024.

Included in these results, we have continued to support Mission & Ministry in our Parish, Diocese and Overseas in the amount of £32,136 (2024: £31,975).

We end the year with Cash at Bank in Hand of £514,834 (2024: £226,355), increase due to sale of investment property. The investment property sold for £347,722. These funds have been set aside as restricted reserves to be used for capital spend.

Reserves

Our General Reserves at the year-end amount to £123,238 (2024: £136,628) which represents approximately 3 months of our total expenditure in 2025 and almost 3 months of forecast expenditure for 2026.

In 2020, the PCC reviewed its policy on the minimum level of unrestricted reserves that should be maintained. Whilst recognising that a faith organisation such as a Church should perhaps operate on a nil reserves basis, this policy has been arrived at in light of the statutory responsibilities to the staff employed by the PCC, should income reductions require a reassessment of the number of paid positions, as well as the time required to seek additional financial support to fund the Church's vision for mission. The potential for the one-off substantial repair liabilities that can arise from the quinquennial inspection has also been considered. Reserves represented by tangible fixed assets will be excluded as they are by nature not immediately realisable. The PCC also took note of the minimum reserves policy adopted by the Diocese of Leeds. It has therefore been decided that St Mark's will adopt a policy of holding at least 3 months of forecast expenditure in General Reserves.

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PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF ST MARK'S HARROGATE

PCC REPORT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2025

Statement of responsibilities of the PCC

Law applicable to charities in England and Wales and guidance issued by the Central Board of Finance of the Church of England require the PCC to prepare financial statements which give a true and fair view of the PCC's financial activities during the year.

In preparing financial statements giving a true and fair view, the PCC should follow best practice and:

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

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

Approved by the PCC on 29 April 2026
and signed on its behalf by:

Stuart McKee (Treasurer)

Mike Resch

Revd. Mike Resch (PCC Chairman)

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PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF ST MARK'S HARROGATE (CHARITY REG 1134657)

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF THE PCC OF ST MARK'S CHURCH HARROGATE

ON ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2025

I report to the members on my examination of the accounts of the Parochial Church Council of St Mark's Harrogate ("the PCC") for the year ended 31 December 2025.

This report is made solely to the PCC's members, as a body, in accordance with section 154 of the Charities Act 2011. My independent examiner's work has been undertaken so that I might state to the PCC's members those matters I am required to state to them in an independent examiner's report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, I do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the PCC, and the PCC's members as a body for my independent examiner's work, for this report, or for the opinions I have formed.

Responsibilities and basis of report
As the charity 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') and the Church Accounting Regulations 2006 ('the regulations').

I report in respect of my examination of the PCC'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. My examination was also carried out in accordance with the terms found in the current Church guidance issued by the Finance Division of the Archbishops' Council.

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

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

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the Trust 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.

Sarah Wearing

S B Wearing FCA, DChA

HPH, Chartered Accountants
Conyngham Hall Business Centre, Bond End, Knaresborough, North Yorkshire, HG5 9AY

29 April 2026

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PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF ST MARK'S HARROGATE

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2025

	Note	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2025 £	Total Funds 2024 £
INCOMING RESOURCES					
Incoming Resources from Donors	2a	351,801	14,169	365,970	424,968
Income from Charitable and Ancillary Trading	2b	28,185	-	28,185	23,080
Other Ordinary Incoming Resources	2c	3,629	10,674	14,303	22,349
Income from Cash Deposits	2d	4,561	4,584	9,145	5,349
TOTAL INCOMING RESOURCES		388,176	29,427	417,603	475,746
RESOURCES USED					
Mission & Charitable Giving	3a	32,136	-	32,136	31,975
Activities directly relating to the Work of the Church	3b	346,243	92,129	438,372	368,810
Church Management & Admin	3c	12,267	406	12,673	12,118
TOTAL RESOURCES USED		390,646	92,535	483,181	412,903
NET INCOMING (OUTGOING) RESOURCES	2,3	(2,470)	(63,108)	(65,578)	63,843
Investment Property	5	(1,512)	-	(1,512)	(2,571)
Fair Value Gain on Investment Property	5	-	(5,278)	(5,278)	23,000
Transfer Between Funds		(10,733)	10,733	-	-
NET MOVEMENT IN FUNDS		(14,715)	(57,653)	(72,368)	83,272
Balances Brought Forward at 1 January 2025 (2024)	11	157,163	435,122	592,285	509,013
BALANCES CARRIED FORWARD AT 31 DECEMBER 2025 (2024)	11	142,448	377,469	519,917	592,285

The notes on pages 33 to 40 form part of these financial statements.

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PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF ST MARK'S HARROGATE

BALANCE SHEET

AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2025

		Note	2025 £	2024 £
FIXED ASSETS				
Investment Property		5	-	353,000
Tangible Fixed Assets		6	18,960	20,535
CURRENT ASSETS				
Debtors & Prepayments		7	13,273	21,583
Cash at Bank and in Hand		8	514,834	226,355
			528,107	247,938
LIABILITIES - Amounts Falling Due Within One Year		9	(27,150)	(29,188)
NET CURRENT ASSETS			500,957	218,750
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES			519,917	592,285
NET ASSETS		10	519,917	592,285
FUNDS				
Unrestricted	- Undesignated	11	123,238	136,628
	- Designated	11	19,210	20,535
Restricted		11	377,469	435,122
			519,917	592,285

Approved by the Parochial Church Council on 29 April 2026 and signed on its behalf by: -

Mr S McKee (Treasurer)

Revd. Mike Resch (Vicar)

The notes on pages 33 to 40 form part of these financial statements.

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PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF ST MARK'S HARROGATE

STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2025

	Note	2025 £	2024 £
Reconciliation of operating income to net cash inflow (outflow) from operating activities			
Net incoming/(outgoing) resources for the year		(65,578)	63,843
Adjustments for:			
Depreciation		2,774	1,934
(Increase)/ decrease in Debtors		8,311	14,872
Increase/ (decrease) in Creditors		(2,039)	174
Interest Receivable		(9,145)	(5,350)
Net cash inflow/(outflow) from operating activities		(65,677)	75,473
STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS			
Net cash inflow/(outflow) from operating activities		(65,677)	75,473
Returns on investments			
Interest Received		9,145	5,350
Income from investment property	**5**	(1,512)	(2,571)
Investing activities			
Purchase of tangible fixed assets	**6**	(1,199)	(9,350)
Disposal of Investment Property		347,722	-
Net cash inflow		288,479	68,902
Cash at bank and on hand at beginning of year		226,355	157,453
Cash at bank and on hand at end of year	**8**	514,834	226,355

The notes on pages 33 to 40 form part of these financial statements.

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PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF ST MARK'S HARROGATE

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2025

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The PCC is a public benefit entity within the meaning of FRS102. The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting & Reporting by Charities preparing their accounts in accordance with Financial Reporting Standards applicable in the United Kingdom & Republic of Ireland (FRS102) issued on 16 July 2014 and the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the United Kingdom & Republic of Ireland (FRS102), Church Accounting Regulations 2006 and the Charities Act 2011.

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention except for the valuation of investment assets, which are shown at market value.

Funds

General funds represent the funds of the PCC that are not subject to any restrictions regarding their use and are available for application on the general purposes of the PCC. Funds designated for a particular purpose by the PCC are also unrestricted. Most transfers between funds relate to restricted funds being used to purchase fixed assets.

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 owe their main affiliation to another body nor those that are informal gatherings of Church members.

Incoming Resources

Voluntary Income & Capital Sources

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

Planned giving receivable under covenant and gift aid is recognised only when received.

Income tax recoverable on gift aid donations is recognised in the period that the underlying donation is received.

Grants and legacies to the PCC are accounted for on receipt of the amount due.

Funds raised by the bookstall and all church events are accounted for gross.

Other Ordinary Income

Rental income from the letting of church premises is recognised when the rental is due.

Income from Investments

Dividends and interest are accounted for when receivable.

Gains and Losses on Investments

Realised gains or losses are recognised when investments are sold. Unrealised gains or losses are accounted for on revaluation of investments at 31 December.

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1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

Resources Used

Grants

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

Activities Directly Relating to the Work of the Church

The diocesan quota or parish share is accounted for when payable. Any quota unpaid at 31 December is provided for in these Accounts as an operational (though not a legal) liability if there is a realistic expectation that the arrears will be paid within the following year and is shown as a creditor in the Balance Sheet.

Fixed Assets

Consecrated Land and Buildings and Movable Church Furnishings

Consecrated and beneficed property is excluded from the Accounts by s.10(2) of the Charities Act 2011.

No value is placed on movable church furnishings held by the churchwardens on special trust for the PCC and which require a faculty for disposal since the PCC considers this to be inalienable property. All expenditure incurred during the year on consecrated or benefice buildings and movable church furnishings, whether maintenance or improvements, is written off as expenditure in the Statement of Financial Activities and separately disclosed.

Other Property

Freehold property owned by the church is held at fair value within the accounts.

Fixtures, Fittings and Office Equipment

Equipment used within the church premises is depreciated on a straight line basis over their useful life from the date they are brought into use. Individual items of equipment with a purchase price of £1,000 or less are written off when the asset is acquired.

Investments

Investments are valued at market value at 31 December. The fair value is based on a professional valuation.

Current Assets

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

Stock

Stock is valued at the lower of cost and net realisable value.

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2. INCOMING RESOURCES

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2025 £	Total Funds 2024 £
2a) Incoming Resources from Donors				
Planned Giving – via Bank	253,407	-	253,407	234,320
Income Tax Recovered/Recoverable	56,588	1,840	58,428	57,054
Planned Giving – via Envelopes	5,880	-	5,880	5,823
Gift Day		7,145	7,145	64,657
Collections	13,379	-	13,379	14,260
Sundry Donations & Legacies	22,547	5,184	27,731	48,854
	351,801	14,169	365,970	424,968
2b) Income from Charitable Ancillary Trading				
Church Lettings	22,242	-	22,242	15,630
Children & Youth Events	2,395	-	2,395	2,352
Wedding & Funeral Fees	2,110	-	2,110	4,860
Events	43	-	43	238
Café	1,395	-	1,395	-
	28,185	-	28,185	23,080
2c) Other Ordinary Incoming Resources				
Clothes Bank	-	10,674	10,674	12,504
Solar Panel Feed-In Tariff	3,629	-	3,629	2,994
Grants	-	-	-	6,851
	3,629	10,674	14,303	22,349
2d) Income From Cash Deposits				
Interest	4,561	4,584	9,145	5,349

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3. RESOURCES USED

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2025 £	2024 £
3a) **Mission & Charitable Giving**				
Home Mission Partners	18,036	-	18,036	17,375
Overseas Missions Partners	14,100	-	14,100	14,600
	32,136	-	32,136	31,975
3b) **Activities Directly Relating to Work of the Church**				
Ministry – Diocesan Parish Share	188,252	-	188,252	185,076
Other Ministry Costs	1,283	-	1,283	1,405
Building Running Costs	42,954	9,021	51,975	52,979
Major Repairs/Projects	3,650	78,284	81,934	20,401
Upkeep of Services	11,543	811	12,354	10,410
Adult Ministry	209	-	209	331
Youth & Children's Ministry	5,697	4,013	9,710	7,806
Kitchen, Hospitality & Catering	2,111	-	2,111	1,999
Staff Cost [note 4]	88,425	-	88,425	86,869
Café Costs	1,054	-	1,054	-
Training	650	-	650	1,231
Gifts	415	-	415	303
	346,243	92,129	438,372	368,810
3c) **Church Management & Administration**				
Telephone, Postage & Office Supplies	2,692	406	3,098	3,042
General Administration Costs	2,809	-	2,809	3,129
Computer & Software	1,979	-	1,979	2,023
Legal Fees	913	-	913	990
Independent Examiner's Fee	1,100	-	1,100	1,000
Depreciation	2,774	-	2,774	1,934
	12,267	406	12,673	12,118

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4. STAFF COSTS

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2025 £	2024 £
Salary Costs	85,621	-	85,621	84,361
Social Security Costs	-	-	-	-
Pension Costs	2,804	-	2,804	2,508
	88,425	-	88,425	86,869
Ministry Staff	34,041	-	34,041	33,971
Administration & Communications Staff	54,384	-	54,384	52,898
	88,425	-	88,425	86,869

The PCC operates a defined contribution pension scheme. Contributions are charged in the period to which they relate.

The average number of staff employed during the year was 7 (2024:7). Most staff are employed on a part-time basis. No employee earned more than £60,000 in the year.

5. INVESTMENT PROPERTY

	Freehold Land & Buildings £
Cost / Fair Value	
At 1 January 2025	353,000
Disposal	(347,722)
Investment Asset Loss	(5,278)
At 31 December 2025	-

Investment Property – 30 Halstead Road, Harrogate.

The property was professionally valued as at 23rd May 2024 at £360,000. Subsequently, an offer was accepted for its sale on 12th September 2024 for £353,000, so the property is valued as such. No depreciation is charged on the investment property, so the above Fair Value also represents the Net Book Value. The original cost was £113,303. The property was sold for £347,722 during the year.

Income	2025 £	2024 £
Rent Received	-	2,850
Property Expenses	(1,512)	(5,421)
Net income	(1,512)	(2,571)

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6. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

	Office Equipment £	AV Equipment £	Fixtures & Fittings £	Kitchen Equipment £	Total £
Cost					
At 1 January 2025	4,047	30,284	4,012	6,014	44,357
Additions in the year	1,199	-	-	-	1,199
At 31 December 2025	5,246	30,284	4,012	6,014	45,566
Depreciation					
At 1 January 2025	4,047	18,415	425	935	23,822
Charge in the year	214	1,430	424	706	2,774
At 31 December 2025	4,261	19,845	849	1,641	26,596
Net Book Value					
At 31 December 2025	985	10,439	3,163	4,373	18,960
At 31 December 2024	-	11,869	3,587	5,079	20,535

7. DEBTORS

	2025 £	2024 £
Debtors	2,667	1,414
Prepaid Expenses	6,013	5,933
Accrued Income – including Gift Aid	4,593	14,236
	13,273	21,583

8. CASH AT BANK & IN HAND

CBF Church of England Deposit Account	68,403	65,441
Bank Current Accounts – CAF Bank Ltd	445,369	159,958
Cash in Hand & Floats	1,062	956
	514,834	226,355

9. LIABILITIES - AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

Creditors	23,803	28,297
Accrued Expenses	2,844	90
Other Liabilities	503	801
	27,150	29,188

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10. ANALYSIS OF NET ASSETS BY FUND

	Un-restricted £	Restricted £	Total £
Investment Property	-	-	-
Tangible Fixed Assets	18,960	-	18,960
Current Assets	150,638	377,469	528,107
Current Liabilities	(27,150)	-	(27,150)
Fund Balance at 31 December 2025	142,448	377,469	519,917

11. SUMMARY OF FUND MOVEMENTS

	Balance as at 01/01/25 £	Income £	Expense £	Transfer/ gains £	Balance as at 31/12/25 £
Restricted Funds					
Kitchen & Catering	6,293	-	-	(6,293)	-
Flowers	525	1,153	(811)	(52)	815
Other Restricted Grants	2,959	-	-	(2,459)	500
Harrogate Clothes Bank	12,852	10,674	(9,427)	-	14,099
Kitchen Refurb Fund	44,643	7,722	(67,090)	19,537	4,812
Rose Room Fund	13,273	-	(11,194)	-	2,079
Youth Restricted Fund	1,577	3,000	(2,169)	-	2,408
Children's bible fund	-	2,294	(1,844)	-	450
Restricted for Capital Spend	-	4,584	-	347,722	352,306
	82,122	29,427	(92,535)	358,455	377,469
Fixed Assets - Investment Property	353,000	-	-	(353,000)	-
	435,122	29,427	(92,535)	5,455	377,469
Unrestricted Funds					
Designated					
Tangible Fixed Assets	20,535	-	(2,774)	1,199	18,960
Music & Choir	-	-	-	250	250
	20,535	-	(2,774)	1,449	19,210
Undesignated					
General Reserve	136,628	388,176	(387,872)	(13,694)	123,238
	157,163	388,176	(390,646)	(12,245)	142,448
Total Funds	592,285	417,603	(483,181)	(6,790)	519,917

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12. GIFT DAY

The Gift Day in March 2024 raised funds for the Refurbishment of the Kitchen and Community Room. Total funds raised and included, including associated Gift Aid, Interest, Legacy allocated to the project and VAT reclaim were £92,304 of which we have spent £ (87,492) in the years to December 2025. This leaves a Restricted balance of £4,812 which will be utilised in the year to December 2026.

13. VOLUNTEERS

The current work of the Church could not be sustained without the contribution made by many volunteers in all aspects of its ministry. Over 100 members of the congregation assist in various ways. Many activities rely almost entirely on volunteers, either behind the scenes in the running of the church or more visibly during Sunday services. Teams include those helping with: worship, cleaning, flowers, pastoral visiting, hospitality, prayer ministry, toddler groups, youth & children's ministry, sound and visuals, and building management & maintenance. In addition, volunteers are involved in governance through the PCC and Standing Committee. More information is given in the Annual Report.

14. LEASING

The Church has lease agreements in respect of hygiene equipment and office supplies. Cathedral Hygiene provides sanitary bins at a cost of £33 per month over five years concluding October 2025. It's Clean provides nappy bins at a cost of £671 per year.

15. RELATED PARTIES

In the year to 31 December 2025, members of the PCC had expenses reimbursed as follows:

	2025	2024
Total expenses paid to PCC members	£5,926	£5,541
The number of PCC members who received payments for expenses incurred	13	9

The nature of the expenses paid were normal clergy expenses such as phone, travel and other reimbursements and payments in respect of other costs properly incurred by PCC members in the performance of their duties.

Elizabeth Resch, Cathy Meadows and Hannah Ferguson are appointed to the PCC and received remuneration from the PCC in the year totalling £53,662.

There are no other related party transactions that require disclosure.

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