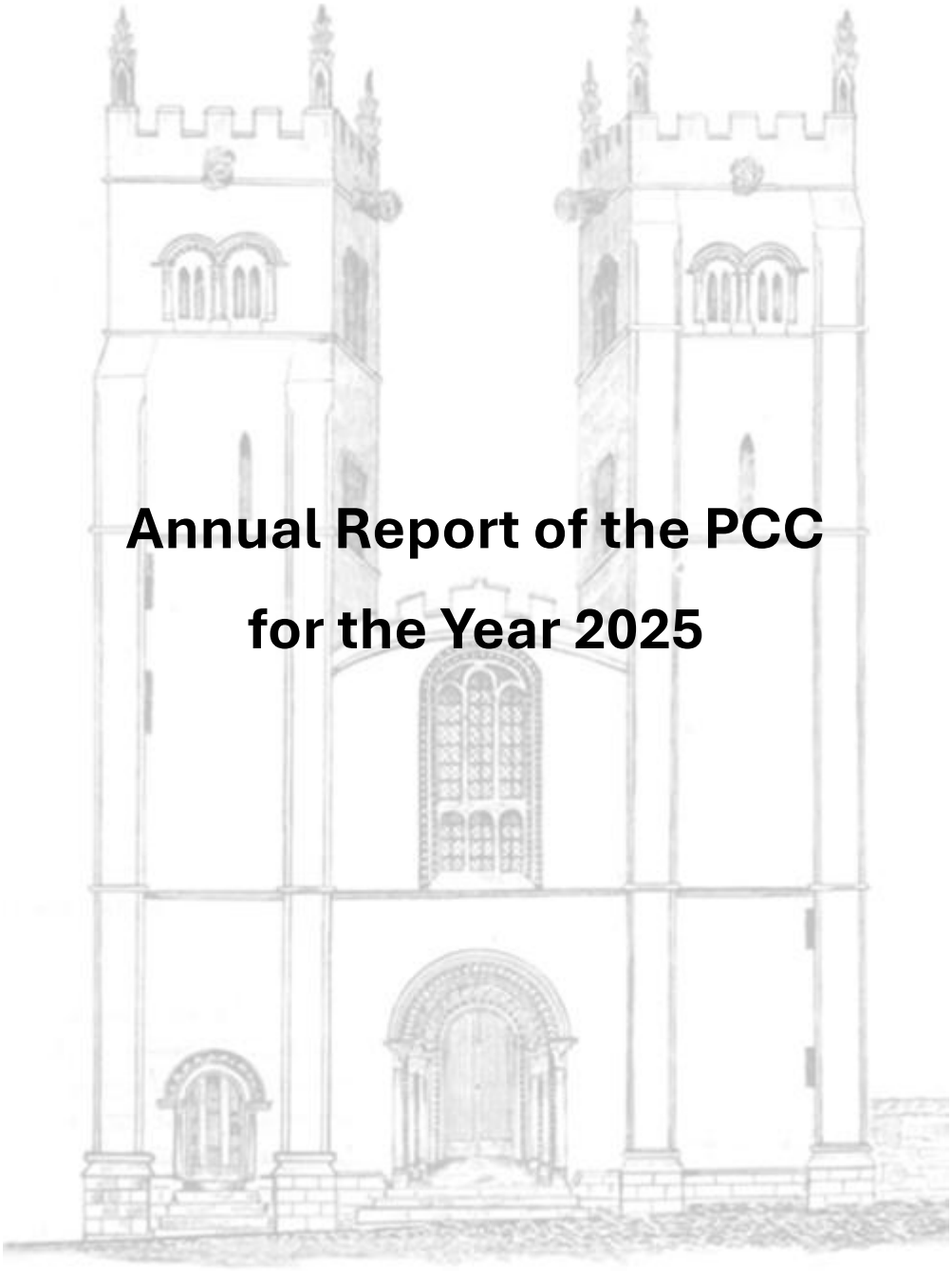
Worksop Priory
of Our Lady & St Cuthbert

With Clumber and Carburton



Annual Report of the PCC for the Year 2025

Organisational Structure

The Parochial Church Council (PCC) is responsible for the overall management of church affairs within the parish. Its duty is to co-operate with the Vicar, Fr Nicolas Spicer, in promoting and encouraging, within the ecclesiastical parish, the whole mission of the Church, pastoral and evangelical, social and ecumenical. It is also responsible for the maintenance of the church building.

Bank: Virgin Money

Independent Examiner: Alistair Livesey

Membership of the PCC

Members of the PCC are either ex-officio (Churchwardens and Deanery Synod Representatives) or they are elected at the Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM) in accordance with the church representation rules.

The 2025 composition of the PCC following the APCM on 2 March 2025 was as follows:

Vicar	Fr Nicolas Spicer Ex Officio (Chair)
Assistant Curate	Fr Robert Garnett Ex Officio
Churchwarden	James Rubie
Deanery Synod Representatives:	Peter Klonowski and James Rubie

Elected members – normally serving for 3 years

Robin Carrington-Wilde (Vice Chair)

Ian Bevell

Wendy Cottingham

Gary Kyriacou

Tina Thistlethwaite

Keith Wake (Treasurer)

John Walus

Standing Committee

This is the only committee required by law. It comprises the ex officio members, Churchwardens, Secretary, and Treasurer. Its duty is to transact the business of the PCC between meetings, subject to any directions given by the council. During 2025 it met 3 times.

Church Attendance

On 31 December 2025 there were 109 members on the Church Electoral Roll.

Safeguarding

The PCC of Worksop Priory with Carburton & Clumber adhere to the Church of England Promoting a Safer Church Policy Statement, House of Bishop's Practice Guidance and supporting diocesan safeguarding protocols.

"Promoting a Safer Church" sets out the Church of England's commitment to making the church a safer place for all. The Policies and Practice Guidance apply to all Church bodies and church officers. All clergy, bishops, archdeacons, licensed readers and lay workers, church wardens and PCCs must have due regard to safeguarding guidance issued by the House of Bishops.

Susan Bekisz is the PCC's nominated Safeguarding Person.

Everyone who is involved with children's work in the parish is required to provide references and 9 people in the Parish have satisfactorily completed this process. Everyone with a DBS for the parish updated their training.

The PCC reviewed and updated its Safeguarding policy in March.

E-Safety

The PCC reviewed and updated its E-safety policy in March.

Health and Safety

Robert Thistlethwaite is Health and Safety Officer.

The PCC reviewed and updated its Health and Safety Policy in March.

Insurance

Priory Church and the Gatehouse are all insured on separate polices with Ecclesiastical Insurance.

Vicar's Report

Once again it is my privilege to write this report and thank everyone who has contributed to it and to our life in 2025. The Report is the PCC's account of their stewardship and as you will see a good number of people are involved. It is always very clear to me, throughout ordinary weeks and on big occasions such as Funeral Masses and Ordinations that life here at Priory is very much a team effort. We should all be very appreciative and thankful for this, I certainly am.

In July it was a blessing to welcome Bishop Stephen to celebrate Mass and to Confirm Joseph Davison and Jason Cottingham. Initial research shows that nationally there has been an increase in people, particularly young men, attending Church for the first time. Here we have seen several such people and one new family which is encouraging; the Lord continues to add to our number.

In September Bishop Stephen was back along with Bishop Andy and the Archdeacon for the Ordination to the diaconate of Fr Robert Garnett. Many of us here use the Additional Curates Prayer- Almighty God give us Priests- regularly and he does. Fr Garnett comes to us with a background in International Development and quickly has settled in and become a valued member of our congregation.



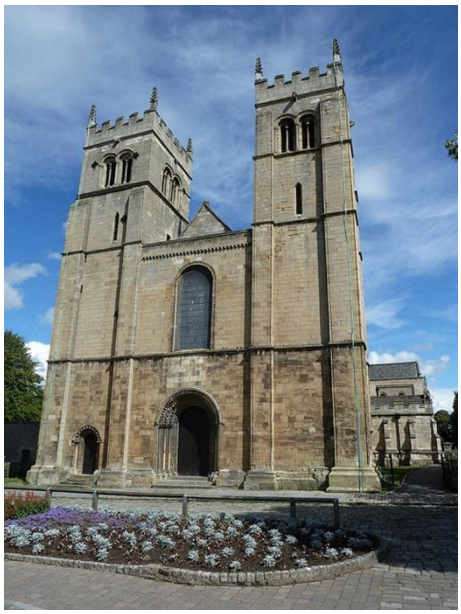
In October I resigned as Priest in Charge of S Paul's after 8 years Manton will always have a place in my heart and indeed many of our congregation live on the estate. One of the reasons for my resignation was that it was beginning to impact negatively on my ministry at Clumber & Priory. My prayer for S Paul's is that a way forward will be found to minister and witness to the community, my prayer for here is that I will be more able to respond to the needs of our 2 congregations.

Sad for yes, but we pray a blessing for them, several of our faithful members died this year, including Becky Freeman, Andrew Higgins, Hazel Humphries, Margaret Pridmore and Jane Rixon, Jeus have mercy; Mary pray.

Please read this Report carefully and prayerfully and respond positively where you are able. Please be encouraging and thankful to those who give their time and talents as stewards here and surround us all with prayer. My we all continue to know of God's presence in our lives and offer Him worthy worship and loyal service. Thank you.

Fr Spicer

Church Warden's Report



Introduction

This report outlines the activities and state of the Priory Church and its building during 2025. It highlights our successes, acknowledges our ongoing challenges, and looks forward to the future with a sense of stability and hope.

Liturgical Worship and Ministry

- **Clergy:** It has been a true pleasure to welcome **Fr Garnett** to our church family this year. We hold great memories of his moving ordination service in September, and I personally look forward to getting to know him better and working alongside him in the years to come.
- **Attendance:** Overall attendance at Mass remains steady. While midweek numbers remain a challenge, we are greatly encouraged by the new regular attendees at Sunday morning Mass, including families with young children—often a direct result of our open days and fundraising. The streaming facility to Facebook remains popular and a valued asset for the increasing number of parishioners unable to attend in person.
- **Music & Bell Ringing:** Our amazing choir, led by **Rosemary**, remains a cornerstone of our worship. Additionally, as in previous years, it has been a pleasure to welcome **volunteer bell ringers** who have visited the church for both services and practice, keeping our traditions alive.

Care of Church Buildings and Grounds

- **Fabric & Security:** While the general state and upkeep of the fabric have remained static, we have significantly enhanced our **security**, including updated perimeter alarms, surveillance equipment, and reinforced door locks.
- **Remedial Investigations:** Looking at the building's long-term health, funding has been requested and successfully granted for **investigations into remedial work** for sections of the church most at risk. This investigative phase will start in 2026. Upon completion, we will move toward further funding requests and consultancy for the actual remediation. Please contact me if you would like more specific details on this project.

- **The Gatehouse Trust:** Under the devoted leadership of **Fran Walker**, the Trust has secured significant grant funding for internal improvements set to commence in 2026.

Personnel and Volunteering

- **Administration: Susan Bekisz, Chris Palin** and **Keith Wake** continue to provide value and improvements to our church finance, banking, and general admin functions.
- **Volunteering:** We have been blessed to welcome several church members to the Rota of church attendants. This provides much-needed resilience, ensuring the church's daily operations no longer rely on just a small handful of people. Please do not hesitate to contact me or Susan if you would like to volunteer or help in any way.
- **Gratitude:** My sincere thanks go to those who help with cleaning, gardening, flower arrangement, refreshments, childcare, ad-hoc attendants and the sidespersons who all ensure our church remains a welcoming and safe space.

Looking Ahead

- **Challenges:** We continue to focus on increasing overall attendance and managing the rising costs of maintaining our historic site.
- **Opportunities:** With the arrival of Fr Garnett, the expansion of our volunteer base, and the secured funding for both the Gatehouse and fabric investigations, 2026 is set to be a year of significant activity and renewal.

Conclusion

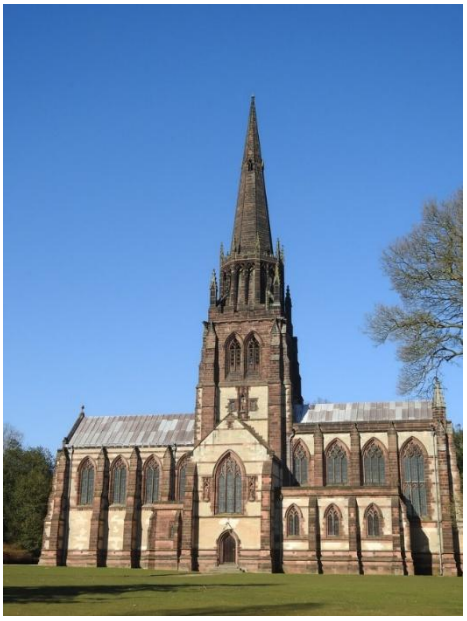
Serving as your Churchwarden remains a privilege. The combination of historical preservation and new congregational growth makes this an exciting time for the Priory. I am grateful for the support of the clergy, PCC and every parishioner who contributes to our parish life.

James Rubie

Report from Clumber

We have been and continue to be greatly blessed by the ministry offered to us by the Priory clergy. No matter what the weather we have a Priest to say Mass on most Sundays and this is something we are greatly blessed by. We continue to minister to the faithful few and this past year we have seen an increase in visitors to the service. When the chapel is open to the public we often have people stay for a short while in the nave and it fills me with hope that for some of these people it will be their first experience of our beautiful liturgy. Quite often

we have people who just want to pray before the service and on more than one occasion I have seen just how much this means to them.
We currently have two couples attending who are preparing for the sacrament of marriage and it is lovely to see their commitment.
We had over 60 people attend the act of remembrance in Hardwick village which will celebrate its 20th anniversary this year. The Carol service was a great success and we raised over £300 for the Bassetlaw hospice.
All the collection monies from the chapel go directly to the Priory allowing us to contribute directly to the maintenance of the parish. The National Trust continues to be very supportive and our relationship with them has never been stronger or mutually supportive. Thank you.



Robin Carrington-Wilde

Worksop Priory and Gatehouse Community Trust Report

To continue from last year's information, I am pleased to report that activities towards the restoration of the Gatehouse have been on-going, with the main aim of bringing the building back into use for the first time in 25 years.

In July we were awarded the Heritage at Risk Capital Fund Grant (HAR), from Historic England towards the Internal Repairs for the Gatehouse and appointed Daniel Christie from Simons Designs as Lead Architect and Contract Administrator in August. Pinnacle Conservation were appointed the Main Contractor later in the year.

A brief summary of the works involved as follows:

- The electrical system will be completely removed and replaced, and the current heating system replaced with the most effective and efficient system throughout the building.
- Existing plumbing fittings will be removed and WCS replaced where possible.
- The Main Hall will be repaired and decorated and a new floor covering provided.



- The kitchen will be decorated and units replaced.
- The small room(s) with access from the side staircase will be completely restored.
- All internal walls and ceilings will be prepared and decorated.

All activities will explore sympathetic, eco-friendly modifications.

The opportunity I referred to last year, came to fruition on 5th August when Dr Charlotte Carrington-Farmer Professor of History at Roger Williams University USA gave her presentation on 'Mary Williams more than Roger's Wife, Mary Williams and the Founding of Providence', at the Bridge Skills Hub in Worksop. The event was very positively received and generated much interest in the Gatehouse. There is a possibility of a Blue Plaque being installed outside the small room, up the side staircase, to remember Mary, born in the early 17th Century in the Gatehouse, a daughter of a former Vicar Richard Barnard.

The Heritage Open Day on September 13th was our most successful to date, and attendees were excited about the developments in the Gatehouse.

The work at the Gatehouse commenced early December and is progressing well.

All activities have encouraged more interest than ever before about the future of the building and promise many opportunities for the next 700 years of the Gatehouse.

My sincere thanks to everyone involved in particular to Hannah Mayhew of Heritage Lincolnshire.

Fran Walker**, **Chairperson

Children and Families Report for Priory

During 2025 myself and Tina have tried our best to keep Sunday school staffed, there are a couple of regular families, sadly sometimes there are none at all. Please let one of us know if you would like to know more about what would be involved in leading Junior Church.

Songs & Stories has been on Wednesdays and continued through the Easter holidays, this included inviting older siblings (sadly there was little take up on this).

We had activities and fireworks for All Saints, and it was nice to see a few families there. After a discussion with one of our parents, we found out that there are several other groups on Wednesday mornings that also offer refreshments. We are now going to re-launch our Songs & Stories on Thursday mornings, adding an extra half hour to the time and also offer refreshments. We are hoping that this has an impact and we can invite more families to join

us. The Nursery children are going to attend every other week and Natalie has agreed to help out every week as well.

Helen Duffy, Children's Work Leader

Altar Servers Report



The team consists of four regular and experienced adults, occasionally joined by others when they are able. It is sometimes necessary to 'combine duties' if we are low on personnel, but the purpose is always to be as reverent as possible while maintaining the essential parts.

We are grateful to Fr. Spicer and other clergy, the choir and the congregation for their help and support in our tasks.

Speaking of being low on personnel, we are always in need of more people as servers, so if there is an urge to try serving, let me or one of the other servers know and we will give you more information.

Peter Klonowski

Music Report

Choir recruitment: no changes in the membership, despite a visit to the Primary school and attending the leavers' service to meet parents of those who expressed interest – most interested children are already committed to other churches. We had the same wider choir for evening services as in 2024 and have maintained Evensong and Holy Day cover adequately, or well, during this time.
The choristers were taken to the Worksop College firework display in November as their annual treat, and there was also a picnic on the grass outside church one day instead of work; the annual choir lunch for adults included our 15-y.o. tenor this year for the first time. Wendy Klonowski continues to chaperone the Sunday duties ensuring that juniors who are brought, go home with the right people. Thursday afternoon rehearsals for the younger choristers continue to happen, fortified by chocolate cake and chaperoned by a rota of six people: Frs Spicer, Garnett and Jarrett; Administrator; Edward Bennett, Robin Towle; Wendy K in reserve.

In response to the finances, there is no spending budget for choir music although purchases may be negotiated if wished. There is a good stack of existing music; copyright-free items can be added, or music borrowed from other libraries. This is not a problem since they need to consolidate anyway, though the shortage of voice-parts present has a bearing on choices. At Candlemas we invited Newark Parish choir to join us for the Procession service, with their Curate, D of M, and Organist. Some inspiring double-choir music was therefore possible. A buffet tea was provided, and Newark (exiled from their church during its repairs) were glad

to sing in the Priory. In Advent we replaced the Procession format with a devotional concert, extending our reach to other churches, and taking up offers of help from Midday Music performers. This produced a small orchestra, Priory choir, 2 solo singers, and instrumental solos/ensembles offering a baroque "Evening Music" event. Advent texts from Wachet Auf to the Magnificat took 55 minutes. About 90 people attended, with good representation from the churches nearby. Performers were all voluntary, some travelling long-distance and others from a mile away. A simple supper was laid on for them at no cost to the church. The loan of a chamber organ and orchestral parts for free also contributed materially. Around £260 cash was collected for church running costs: there may be more in the electronic intake. Several people helped our D of M with the logistics of this venture, generously.

Concerts: Midday Music on Thursdays from Easter - October sustained its 2024 pattern after a slow start in April. There is a nucleus of attendees who enjoy it for social as well as musical reasons, and the range of performers this year was wide. Two non-concerts in the form of talks/demos were included, and the choir performed one programme. Financially, it has stayed in credit and we have a float with which to start the 2026 series. The PRS takes a cut; it is a legal requirement, and the audience understands this and helps with giving. A one-off concert on February 23rd was given by The Petrus Singers, with instrumentalists, in the form of Baroque Vespers. This was at their request, proceeds to the church. About 50 people attended. Buffet tea was provided for all. Takings were over £400.

The organ: further to 2024, a report has been received and put to the PCC. Over the course of the year it has been decided to assess feasibility on the proposed works, together with researching potential alternatives under strict business confidentiality.
Outreach teaching of organ-playing skills continues. Year 6 pupil Joseph Davison was confirmed this year and now attends Mass seated by the bench as an observer, giving occasional notes or playing beginner pieces as a duet. Three siblings, two on the scheme (from other churches) participated in the Advent Music, as string players. Of the adult learners, one has made creditable progress in improvisation; others are static, due partly to pastoral contingencies beyond their control, but also in part due to trying to avoid excursions to a church to practice. One or two were better a year ago, but I have mentioned that, politely. Action is being taken.



Rosemary Field, Director of Music

Eco Church

The Eco Church Award is a national project helping places of worship to live and witness to a more sustainable way of life. Recognising the importance of these buildings and

congregations we are seeking to respond as part of our response to living in this beautiful world that God has created.

Building on the work of Fr Vyse (a previous curate here) who worked hard to get us the Bronze Award, the PCC is now working towards gaining the Silver award. During 2026 we will be encouraging members to think of their own carbon footprint, and how we can improve our Church's. Please respond as you can and if you would like to know more, have some ideas, or being involved on a practical level please speak with Fr Spicer or myself. Thank you.

John Walus

Bassetlaw & Bawtry Deanery Synod Review for 2025

The deanery synod meetings give the deanery the opportunity to gather, support each other and share about the good news and pray for those challenging things that are happening in the deanery churches. Communicating Eco Church tips & quick win ideas, safeguarding updates, and share Diocesan, Deanery and Area Dean Updates. The Deanery, Diocesan and General Synods are part of the communication network. Anyone can attend the Deanery Synod meetings, just let the Deanery Administrator know of any visitors in advance please.
The Bassetlaw and Bawtry Deanery Synod met Three times, March 12th July 2nd November 19th at St Anne's in Worksop. Thank you, St Anne's church, for hosting us each time.
Parish Share: We are thankful for the continued support across the deanery for contributing to the Parish Share costs. In 2025 the deanery contributed £616,239, an increase of just over £29,000 on last year. THANK YOU!

At the March Synod, we invited Craig Hunt to talk about Growing leaders and Enabling commitment. Julie Wragg of Christ Church in Worksop was elected Lay Chair.
July Synod, Stephen Watson, Church Building Support Officer shared with us his role and discussed some funding streams that may be available to churches (Disability Grants, Boiler Hardship Replacement Grants and external funding). Dave Gough shared a piece about the Quiet Revival.

November Synod Katrina Proctor the Finance Director visited and thanked the Deanery for their generosity and giving all they have towards the parish share. She talked about the new posts funded by the National church to be Enablers in the parishes. Julie Wragg shared her review of the Diocesan Conference.

Clergy Chapter: Louise Bearder was licenced to Blyth, Ranskill and Scrooby on September 15th.. Liz Mack was licensed to the Oswaldbeck Benefice on September 29th. Gareth Banton was licensed to St John's in Worksop on the 1st December. Worksop Priory welcomed Robert Garnett as their curate in September. Sadly Peter Stanley died suddenly in November; he is missed very much by the parishes of Shireoaks and Christ Church in Worksop. Peter was

previously the Deanery Treasurer and was on the Diocesan Finance Committee. 'He was a man of faith and shared his faith with those he met'.

Vacancies: The churches of St Saviours Retford and All Saints Harworth continue in vacancy in 2025 . Fr Nicholas Spicer resigned as the Priest in charge of St Paul's Manton in October. The Rivers Retford (part of Cluster 2), and Idle & Sands (part of Cluster 1), these Benefices are still in vacancy and have been re-advertised in January of 2026.
A huge thank you to the Churchwardens, PCCs and the wonderful Retired Clergy and PTOs who faithfully continue to serve the churches, congregations and parishes during the sometimes-long vacancies.

Our thanks go to: The Deanery Synod Members for all their time they give to serve and represent their Churches and Benefices. To the Deanery Standing Committee Members for their time and energy to help lead the Deanery. To the Lay Chair, Deanery Administrator for their work and the Area Dean who helps to hold everything together.
A reminder that 2026 is a new Deanery Synod Triennium and elections for Deanery Standing Committee members will be held in July. Would you consider becoming a member?

Flower Arranger's Report



A very big thank you to everyone who has donated to our funds this year. As always it is a great help and enables us to always have fresh flowers in church during the appropriate seasons. It is a joy to decorate our church for the major festivals of Christmas and Easter especially after having had no flowers in church during Lent.

I would like to extend my thanks to the ladies who help with arranging flowers.

. ***Wendy Caseldine***

Bell Ringers' Report

In the absence of a bell-ringing team at the Priory, or indeed the whole of Worksop, the bells are occasionally rung by volunteers gathered from the local area. In 2025, the bells were rung for:



Confirmation Service: 13 June

Weddings: 14 June, 25 July, 2 August, 23 August, 20 September

Ordination: 7 September

The bells are in good ringable condition, though the very decayed stonework on the interior of the bell chamber is a cause for concern. No doubt the Priory church architect is aware of this.

Edward Bennett, Tower Contact

100 Club Report

The past year has been one of transition for the 100 Club, and it is right that we begin by expressing our sincere thanks to Ivy Underwood, who, having established the fundraiser and kept it running faithfully for many years, has now taken a well-earned step back. Her dedication has enabled the 100 Club to contribute significantly to parish life, funding new carpets, doors, and other important renovations within the church. We are deeply grateful for her commitment and stewardship.

With no volunteer immediately available to take on the role, the PCC Treasurer and Parish Administrator have assumed interim responsibility for the administration of the club. This has been made considerably easier thanks to the generous support of Val Higgins, who ensures that prizes reach the weekly winners. Added to this, Keith's creation of a streamlined spreadsheet has made the ongoing administration more efficient and manageable.

Membership has grown and the club now stands at 90 active subscriptions, leaving just 10 numbers available. This is encouraging progress as the club is an important source of income for maintaining and improving the church building. To ensure its long-term sustainability, we would welcome anyone who might be willing to assist with its administration or who would like to join as a member. Please get in touch if you are interested.

Susan Bekisz, Parish Administrator

Administrator's Report



Over the past year I have continued to support the worship and outreach life of the Priory through the production of mass and service booklets, the weekly newsletter, Sunday readings, Junior Church materials, and the monthly outreach leaflets delivered across the parish. The monthly magazine has also remained a key communication tool, and I am grateful to Ginny Darby for her ongoing help in sourcing articles from parishioners.

In relation to finance, I have administered the monthly payroll, bookkeeping, banking, payment of invoices, and the issuing of bills. I have also completed the quarterly fee returns to the Diocese, managed music licence submissions, and collated Gift Aid information for Kate Walters who, we are very grateful, continues to co-ordinate this vital work for our parish. My thanks also go to Keith Wake, appointed Treasurer at the last APCM, whose IT expertise and understanding of financial systems have significantly strengthened the efficiency, resilience, and future-readiness of our processes.

Alongside these responsibilities, I have supported the PCC in reviewing and updating policies and procedures to ensure that the Priory remains compliant with current legislation and best practice.

This year saw the successful coordination of several fundraising events, most notably the Community Christmas Tree Festival and the Priory Christmas Fair, which was followed by the Christmas Concert in the evening. Although it made for a long day, all events were well attended and warmly received. Feedback from participating organisations, stallholders, and visitors was extremely positive and encouraging as we look ahead to planning for 2026. To continue to host these events we really do need plenty of help, so please do contact me if you are able to volunteer, or if you have any suggestions to promote this need.

If we have yet to meet, I am available in church during the public hour each Friday morning between 10.30am and 11.30am, where I meet a wide range of families who choose to either have their children baptised at Priory or get married here. I am also contactable by telephone or email should you need anything at other times.

Thank you once again for the warmth and kindness you have shown me. Worksop Priory is an extraordinary church community, and it is a pleasure and a privilege to work among you.

Susan Bekisz

Treasurer Report

The “Statement of Financial Activities” and “Balance Sheet” (below) are the Priory’s audited reports and give an overview of our financial position as of the end of 2025 and compare that with the position at the start of that year. These tables show a net profit of £7,204 for 2025 (compared with £14,502 for 2024) and a net asset value of £145,333 at the end of the year (compared with £138,129 at the start of the year). So on paper all looks good. However whilst this snapshot suggests the Priory is financially in pretty good shape it sadly is somewhat misleading.

2024’s accounts include some significant one-off grants in advance of invoices or one-off “windfalls” which will never be repeated. Whilst these bolster the finances they mask underlying trends which we should not ignore. I have therefore included a table of

"Categorised Income & Expenditure" which more clearly demonstrates our financial position. Note, I have attempted to use the same categorisations used in last year's (2024) report so that comparisons can be made. In that table the major exceptional items have been separated to give a more realistic overview.

- During the 2024 we completed the sale of 18 Cheapside, a terraced property originally received as a legacy many years ago and for which we have been unable to maintain a rental income. The property was falling into repair and the sale itself took over a tear to complete. I am pleased to report that the sale proceeds were just over £62,000 of which the PCC approved the retention of 90% (ringfenced for future projects) with the remaining 10% being made available for general expenditure. In addition to the proceeds from the sale we will now no longer have to pay the double council tax on the property as we have been doing for the past year: this should help reduce of expenditure in the coming year.
- Also during the year we were successful in our application for a grant of ~£75,000 from National Heritage (from the National Lottery Heritage Fund) of which the first instalment has already been received. The grant is for investigation works to be carried out to assess the extent of remedial works required to maintain the fabric of the Priory Church (the cost of which will likely run into hundreds of thousands of pounds and will necessitate our seeking further grant funding). The major area of concern is the 1970's east-end extension which is a regular source of rainwater leakage which is itself causing damage to fabric of the building and damage to the organ. The scope of the investigation works includes the preparation of scale drawings of the Priory (the first in its 900-year history).

The Categorised Income and Expenditure sheet shows that, after the aforementioned exceptional items have been "removed", our 2025 income was almost £105,500 (up almost £5,500 form the previous year when a ringfenced legacy is taken out for a more like-for-like comparison) and our expenditure was almost £117,500 (up by almost £7,500). Based on those figures we effectively made a loss almost £12,000 over the year (as opposed to the >£7,000 profit indicated in the audited accounts).

Looking the our income sources our fundraising has increased by over 40%, our receipt of Gift Aid from HMRC is up almost 50% (although this could be due to a timing issue), and statutory fees (baptisms, weddings, funerals, etc.) are up by 53%. However, and most worryingly, our income from "Giving" (i.e. standing order, card machine, cash, etc., our largest and best guaranteed income stream) is down 13% compared with last year. "Giving" is the staple of Priory's income and should be a symbol of our commitment to our church and our faith.

Within our expenditure there have been a number of significant costs as a result of necessary remedial works identified as necessary in the quinquennial report (e.g. upgrading electrics and lightening protection to current required standards). In response to a series of

thefts the intruder alarms within the church 9and on the roof0 have also been upgraded and CCTV has been installed inside and outside the sacristy.

Running a major church such as Worksop Priory will always incur significant expenditure. At Priory we are not a one day-a-week (or month) historical monument but a living, breathing church providing a place of worship for our congregation; daily services; place of homage and pilgrimage to those from near and far; and outreach into the wider community. But, as every householder and shopper knows, inflation and regulation continually increase day-to-day running costs. So here at Priory we are constantly seeking to achieve best value to minimise our costs, for example:

- In the past year we have secured new energy supply contracts which not only reduce the impact of inflation but are actually cheaper than our previous contracts.
- Our new alarm system has lower ongoing monitoring and servicing costs than the one it replaced.

Summary
Our finances are not as healthy as I would like them to be, but we are alive and solvent and we continually strive to remain so.

- We acknowledge the decline in “giving” but are striving to remedy this through appeals and increased profile within the parish.
- We have shed the albatross of 18 Cheapside which has given a boost to our resources and eliminated the ongoing burden of council tax and maintenance on the property.
- We maintain our commitment to our congregation and the wider community of the parish. Our constant aim is to grow.
- We are making strides towards remediation of the Priory building for its continued survival into the future.

During 2025 we continued to support the diocese through the “Parish Share” although, because of our poor balance of expenditure versus income we could only pay £15,600 which was ~40% of our quota.

In closing I would like to thank Susan (our Administrator) who manages our day-to-day procurement, contracts and accounts (in addition to all her other duties!) and without whose constant supply of data I would not be able to fulfil my role.

Keith Wake

Worksop Priory

Statement of Financial Activities

For the year ended 31/12/2025

	2025	2024
Income and Endowments		
Voluntary Income	83,959.25	88,302.63
Activities for generating funds	45,743.88	6,716.34
Income from investments	1,542.30	220.87
Church activities	15,389.32	29,264.29
Total Income	**146,634.75**	**124,504.13**
Expenditure		
Church Activities	138,657.72	109,875.69
Raising Funds	773.00	125.68
Total Expenditure	**139,430.72**	**110,001.37**
Net Income / Expenditure	**7,204.03**	**14,502.76**

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Balance Sheet

For the year ended 31/12/2025

	2025	2024
Fixed Assets		
Tangible	0.00	84,000.00
Investments	28,063.84	27,096.13
	28,063.84	111,096.13
Current Assets		
Cash at bank and in hand	117,269.40	27,033.08
	117,269.40	27,033.08
Liabilities		
Current Liabilities	0.00	0.00
Long term Liabilities	0.00	0.00
	0.00	0.00
Net Assets	**145,333.24**	**138,129.21**
Parish Funds		
Unrestricted	117,269.40	27,033.08
Restricted	28,063.84	111,096.13
	145,333.24	**138,129.21**

I report on the accounts of the Worksop Priory church for the year ended 31 December 2025 which are set out on below.

Respective Responsibilities of Trustees and Examiner

The church's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The church's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- Examine the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 Act);

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- To state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of Independent Examiner's report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the general Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair view' and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

Independent examiner's statement

Since the gross income for the year exceeds the amount provided in section 145(3) of the Act, I confirm that I am qualified to act as Independent Examiner under the provisions of that section of the Act and that my qualification is as shown below.

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

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- to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the 2011 Act; and

- to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the 2011 Act have not been met; or

2. to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Date of Independent Examination – 30/01/2026

Alistair Livesey
Director
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WORKSOP PRIORY

CATEGORISED INCOME & EXPENDITURE (2025)

Categorised Income	2025	2024
Charity Collections	1,207.59	534.72
Donations	69,827.13 *	31,977.93 *
* Includes proceeds from ssale of 18 Cheapside		
* Included ring fenced element for Priory/Clumber		
Fundraising	8,904.08	6,181.62
Gift Aid	10,604.04	7,075.18
Giving	42,873.28	49,249.52
Grant	43,639.00 *	688.00
* Includes 1st installment of grant from Lottery Heritage Fund		
Investment Interest	226.13	220.87
Other Income	3,944.49	13,252.39
Pilgrimages	2,171.75	2,028.00
Total Rental	6575.74	
St. Cuthbert Festival		1,042.90
Statutory Fees	17,389.00	11,363.00
Travel		890.00
Total Income	**207,362.23**	**124,504.13**

Categorised Expenditure	2025	2024
Bank Charges	604.31	555.65
Charity	1,267.49	310.00
Church Supplies	2,943.26	3,063.73
Copyright	709.00	686.00
DBS Checks	26.29	
Diocesan Fees	4,132.58	2,807.00
Expenses	1,068.69	697.15
Fundraising Expenses	773.00	125.68
Hospitality	413.16	
Insurance	11,616.85	11,285.28
Maintenance	11,815.54	19,906.47
Major Churches Network	150.00	
Miscellaneous	474.62	920.81
Music	1,681.70	166.00
Office	2,765.11	3,463.87
Organ and Piano Maintenance		120.00
Other Expenditure	9,767.99	4,341.60
Parish Share	15,600.00	16,000.00
Rental Expenses	4,578.68	2,468.21
Salaries	28,016.91	27,443.38
St. Cuthbert Festival		382.50
Service Payments (retired clergy, attendants, etc.)	5,892.00	
Utilities	8,628.85	11,786.19
Walsingham	4,199.88	2,476.85
Walsingham 2024		530.00
York 2024		465.00
Adjustment to balance (historic error)	288.86	
Total Expenditure	**117,414.77**	**110,001.37**
Grand Total (Income - Expenditure)	**89,947.46**	

Less Exceptional Items:

Grant from Lottery Heritage Fund	-36,420.00	
Proceeds from Sale of 18 Cheapside	-62,272.80	
Legacies (ringfenced for fabric fund)	-3,212.60	
Ringfenced from legacy for Priory/Clumber upkep/improvement		-26,500.00
Total Income (excluding exceptional Items)	**105,456.83**	**98,004.13**
Grand Total (after deduction of Exceptional Items)	**-11,957.94**	

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Statement of Financial Activities

For the year ended 31/12/2025

	2025	2024
Income and Endowments		
Voluntary Income	83,959.25	88,302.63
Activities for generating funds	45,743.88	6,716.34
Income from investments	1,542.30	220.87
Church activities	15,389.32	29,264.29
Total Income	**146,634.75**	**124,504.13**
Expenditure		
Church Activities	138,657.72	109,875.69
Raising Funds	773.00	125.68
Total Expenditure	**139,430.72**	**110,001.37**
Net Income / Expenditure	**7,204.03**	**14,502.76**

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Balance Sheet

For the year ended 31/12/2025

	2025	2024
Fixed Assets		
Tangible	0.00	84,000.00
Investments	28,063.84	27,096.13
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Current Assets		
Cash at bank and in hand	117,269.40	27,033.08
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