Parish Church of St Lawrence, Frodingham

Registered Charity Number 1135445

Final Accounts

for the year ended
31 December 2025

PARISH CHURCH OF ST LAWRENCE, FRODINGHAM

Annual report for the year ended 31 December 2025

Background

St Lawrence's remains as part of the Benefice of Frodingham and New Brumby which means we continue to work together with All Saints parish. We remain a part of Churches Together in North Lincolnshire, which is formed by drawing from the denominations in North Lincolnshire. As part of the Diocese of Lincoln's Time to Change Together program (TTCT) we are to be part of the North Manlake Local Mission Partnership.

PCC Membership

The PCC has specific responsibilities for the church buildings and the church hall, and its members are either ex officio or elected at the Annual Parochial Meeting in accordance with the Church Representation Rules. At present the PCC has 6 lay members and 8 ex officio members (14 in total). They are Revd Canon Philip Brent, Chair (ex officio); Judith Barrow, Churchwarden and Deanery Synod (ex officio); Jane Holmes, Churchwarden (ex officio); Revd Bob Frew, Assistant Curate (ex officio); Keith Farmery, Lay Reader (ex officio); Christine Hall, Treasurer and Deanery Synod (ex officio); Jane Patrick, Secretary; Neil Hunter, Deanery Synod (ex officio); Sheena Freeman, Deanery Synod (ex officio); John Veall; Ashley Cook; Steve Swaby; Cathy Barrowcliff and Don Payne.

Committees

The PCC usually meets six times a year. The Standing Committee also meets 6 times a year prior to the PCC meetings and is responsible for setting the agenda for meetings of the Council. The Working Groups responsible to the PCC: Mission and Ministry, Finance and Stewardship, Social and Fundraising, and Fabric. Alongside the Standing Committee they remain responsible for the conduct of all PCC business between meetings.

Review of the Year

It was decided to try to rationalise the service pattern alongside that of our sister parish of All Saints so that we saw 11 first Sundays in the month having a shared 'main service' alternating between the two churches. We still kept an 8am service on both the 1st and 3rd Sundays of each month. This seemed to work relatively well although the communication of where we were on which first Sunday had been a work in progress. We maintained Evening Prayer via Zoom on every Tuesday and Thursday evenings until the summer and then, due to falling numbers of those attending, it was decided to halt doing these. We still hold some Zoom meetings although less so than before I, Philip Brent, have been back working full time after my radical surgery last year, and have been glad to be back and well supported by colleagues and parishioners. In March, Revd Julie Miles, our self-supporting Assistant Curate, was appointed as part-time Curate in the Isle of Axholme and so we said our fond farewells to her at the end of February. She has, however, remained as Chaplain to St Lawrence Academy and has also continued to lead our Youth Emmaus group. Baptisms, funerals and weddings were conducted in Church, although the numbers coming forward for weddings has slipped massively due to the rising costs and the cost-of-living crisis. In December, we hosted the St Lawrence Academy for their Christmas Service again as well as hosting Bushfields Infant School and the Christmas service for St Hughes Special School, as well as the Memorial Service arranged by Kettles Undertakers. It was a joy to host 9 Lessons and Carols in Church, and our Christingle service was a massive success and extremely well attended. We also hosted Midnight Mass which was really well attended and appreciated.

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Review of the Year (continued)

Our finances have continued to struggle again this year as it has been difficult to maintain regular giving apart from those who give directly to the Bank but, as always, we have been well supported and looked after by our Treasurer, Christine Hall and the Planned Giving officer Angela Sturman also remains our Stewardship Officer looking after the Gift Aid claims. We have a planned giving review booked in for next year and as part of that, our PCC agreed to become part of the Parish Giving Scheme which is a very streamlined way of giving and receiving our Gift Aid donations. Our Sum-Up machines – one for the office and one for church – continue to enable people to pay for weddings and hall hire electronically and people to give that way too. These continue to be successful and have seen an increase in giving at the occasional offices and bigger occasions too.

Our AGM and APCM were held in May. Keith Farmery didn't stand again as Churchwarden as he looked to take on that role at All Saints Church and Jane Holmes was elected in his place. Judith Barrow was elected for her final year in this term of office for her. We continue to consider how to deal with the thorny issue of drainage around the Church, which now seems closer to a happy resolution which will then enable us to look at other concerns. We had our Quinquennial done but we still haven't received our report from the Architect, despite several promises! We continue to be grateful to John Veall who has worked hard to do many essential maintenance works in and around the Church and the Hall. The hedges on the perimeter of the hall grounds have been maintained again and the passage at the south of the church has been cleared. The re-instated cleaning team and rota seems to be working well, and the children's area has had a much-needed tidy up too. After a car reversed into and caused the collapse of the wall at the East side of the Parish Hall, we had that repaired this year and have had the Quinquennial done on the Hall too.

Finally, our stipendiary Assistant Curate, Revd Robert (Bob) Frew has continued to grow his ministry and has taken PCC meetings, as part of his training this year. He has continued as chaplain for the local branch of the Royal British Legion and took part in the 80th anniversary of VE Day alongside Philip. Keith Farmery continues in his ministry amongst us which is much appreciated by congregations in Church and at Randolph House Care Home especially. As Vicar I have continued in my role as Chair of the Local Board of Governors at St Lawrence's Academy and have taken on the role of Governor at De Aston School in Market Rasen (my old school!) as part of my role as a Canon of Lincoln Cathedral.

Another busy year!

Seasonal and special services

Our pattern of seasonal and special services has continued: Ash Wednesday, Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, All Saints and our annual Memorial Service which were all shared with our sisters and brothers at All Saints Church.

Links across the Parish

The Men's Breakfast continues and, as with last year, the venue was shared between All Saints and St Lawrence's; it continues to encourage men from both congregations and a few visitors from outside the congregations. The Benefice also continued with it's Knit and Natter group, again sharing the venue between the two churches, which has proved successful and is enjoyed by many from within and without the congregations as well as helping support other charities and organisations with its produce. The Coffee and Chat group on Thursdays continues to be successful. We have been able to host several Afternoon teas, lunches as well as the Harvest Supper and New Year lunch too. For our Summer Fayre we went back to the old style of doing things without major success, so next year the intention is to try a Spring Crafty and Fun Day instead. Winter Fayre saw us being joined, once again, by Santa Claus.

Links with schools and uniformed organisations

I remain Chair of the Local Board of Trustees at St Lawrence's Academy as it moves towards becoming a multi-Academy Trust, and Jane Holmes is Vice Chair of the Local Board too. We continue to offer support and I have recorded several addresses for their reflections which are held in tutor time and hosted their Christmas Services. Revd Julie continues in her Chaplaincy role at the Academy as well as her teaching role. The Academy lost its Head Teacher, Michael McClusky, due to health and other concerns, so Dan Ellerby was asked to step up into an Acting Heads role (Dan was made substantive Head in February 2026). I took the Christmas Service for Christmas at St Hugh's Special School and also Bob and I took Harvest and Christingle services for Bushfield Infants too. We also had visits to and from Frodingham Infants and Scunthorpe C of E School too.

GFS continues its good link and they are now up and running as normal. We have also continued to open up links with our local Brownies and Guides which meet in the Hall and hope we can build on this, which is a massive positive.

Pastoral Care

We have restarted Home Communions and a tranche of Pastoral visiting as well as maintaining our care of the Bereaved and the Housebound. Keith's visits to Randolph House have proved positive and enjoyed by the residents and appreciated by the staff too. We also have restarted visiting those in hospital too but remain indebted to the Chaplaincy for their excellent all-round care. Bob and I have taken communion into several peoples' homes this year as we resume this vital and important ministry. We have, sadly, lost several of our longest standing and dearest members this year and have hosted their funeral services too.

Looking to the future

We continue to rethink and reimagine how we do mission and how we can be more involved and active within our local communities; meetings and training to do this are ongoing. We have had links with new folks and with the wider community that we will build on moving forwards. We became a dog friendly church and are looking at starting a Book Club for the whole community. As our Diocese looks at new ways of being a church, we know that our strong links with our fellow Anglican Churches in Scunthorpe and the Deanery will remain important and are things we need to keep building upon. Our links and work with Churches Together in North Lincolnshire are a means of supporting, helping and working with those in need in our community. We will also look at ways of working ever closer with All Saints and continue to worship together where possible, and share socially and in terms of ministry together. We have seen several new people join our congregation in recent times, some virtually and some in person, so there are some positive signs of new life.

Bob continues to enjoy his training experience with us. He has brought joy, humour and some excellent pastoral sensitivity which have enhanced our ministry, he enjoys working with folk of all ages and is appreciated by those he ministers to. His willingness to learn and to take risks and grow is a boon. He has also taken services around the Deanery, done a placement at Lindsey Lodge Hospice and shared in the celebration of the Eucharist on Sundays and mid-week too. We are aware that he will be leaving us in 2026 to take up his own Parish.

Keith Farmery's ministry is growing and will continue to grow amongst us. His organisation of the lay lead services, alongside Judith Barrow, shows some of the many gifts he can bring to our churches mission and ministry.

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Looking to the future (continued)

Lisa Miller remains the first contact for the Parish in the office and continues to field many enquiries concerning weddings, baptisms and funerals for us. She has had to be a listening ear to wedding couples and baptism families. We are deeply indebted to her for her hard work, her efforts and care.

Whilst the short- and medium-term picture is unclear the future is still bright! The ministry and growth of Bob, Julie and Keith in their roles amongst us has been a shared blessing and joy. It remains my privilege to be your Vicar.

Original Signed

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Reverend Canon Philip Brent – Vicar

29th April **2026**

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST LAWRENCE, FRODINGHAM

I report to the PCC members on my examination of the accounts of the charity for the year ended 31 December 2025 which are set out on pages 6 to 12.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As members of the PCC, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the Charities Act 2011 ('the Act').

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

Independent examiner's statement

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

- accounting records were not kept in respect of the charity as required by section 130 of the Act; or
- the accounts do not accord with those records.

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.

Original Signed

John Heeney BA (Hons) FCA
RNS Chartered Accountants

50-54 Oswald Road
Scunthorpe DN15 7PQ

1st May **2026**

PARISH CHURCH OF ST LAWRENCE, FRODINGHAM

Receipts and Payments on General Account for the year ended 31 December 2025

Notes		2025	2024
	RECEIPTS		
	Voluntary Contributions:		
	Planned Giving	24,970.13	26,213.55
	Tax Recovered from Gift Aid	6,050.13	6,649.56
	Plated Collections	5,626.09	4,019.68
		36,646.35	36,882.79
1	Other Collections	2,627.38	2,554.07
2	Church Fees	3,593.23	5,117.25
3	Gifts, Donations and Bequests	9,876.78	84,887.35
	Church Hall Fees – Insurance Claim	750.00	-
	Parish Hall Fees	6,876.49	6,302.94
4	Special Fund Raising	7,589.61	5,711.61
5	Parish Office Charge	491.80	173.35
6	Church Heating Fee	500.00	400.00
	Clergy Travel Expenses	22.05	77.85
	Current Account Interest	1,591.49	1,809.63
	Deposit Account Interest	3,007.15	3,349.17
	Tea Money	481.06	487.16
	Sundry	-	230.00
		74,053.39	147,983.17
	Opening Balances:		
	Current Account	146,361.85	83,408.15
	200 Club Account	-	375.00
	CCLA Deposit Fund	14,386.34	11,037.17
	CCLA Building Fund	50,000.00	50,000.00
	CCLA Clergy Fund	2,061.73	2,061.73
		212,809.92	146,882.05
		£286,863.31	£294,865.22

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Receipts and Payments on General Account for the year ended 31 December 2025

Notes		2025	2024
	PAYMENTS		
7	Maintenance of Church	14,000.25	17,773.98
8	Church Requisites	1,242.54	1,232.37
9	Church Fees	1,838.45	2,575.50
10	Maintenance of Parish Hall	14,211.48	10,798.86
11	Clergy Expenses	873.96	1,373.17
	Parish Share	35,510.76	35,511.00
12	Special Fund Raising	220.20	277.60
13	Parish Office and Administration Expenses	11,837.36	10,761.81
14	Mission and Charity Payments	3,215.95	1,548.80
15	Miscellaneous	136.96	202.21
		83,087.91	82,055.30
	Closing Balances:		
	Current Account	134,320.18	146,361.85
	CCLA Deposit Fund	17,393.49	14,386.34
	CCLA Building Fund	50,000.00	50,000.00
	CCLA Clergy Fund	2,061.73	2,061.73
		203,775.40	212,809.92
		£286,863.31	£294,865.22

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1 **Other Collections**

Weddings, Baptisms and Funerals	1,639.72
Gift Aided Donations	821.00
Legacies	166.66
	£2,627.38

2 **Church Fees**

Wedding Deposits and Instalments	1,746.48
Vicars Fees	6.75
PCC Fees	1,080.00
Organist Fees	480.00
Verger Fees	280.00
	£3,593.23

3 **Gifts, Donations and Bequests**

General	8,871.48
Specific	1,005.30
	£9,876.78

4 **Special Fund Raising**

Annual Charity	1,312.73
Special Parish Collections	872.56
Special Parish Events	2,544.93
Summer Fair	1,287.50
Winter Fair	1,190.56
Small Fund Raising	381.33
	£7,589.61

5 **Parish Office Charge**

Printing and Stationery Recharge	491.80
	£491.80

6 **Church Heating Fee**

Church Heating Fee	500.00
	£500.00

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7 Maintenance of Church

Music	1,512.00
Gas	4,769.24
Electricity	469.16
Water	532.05
Insurance	5,478.31
Fire Equipment	192.00
General Repairs	717.49
Specific Repairs	240.00
Burglar Alarm	90.00
	£14,000.25

8 **Church Requisites**

Altar Requirements	474.47
Music Copyright Licence	602.52
Lockie Envelopes – FWO Gift Aid	165.55
	£1,242.54

9 **Church Fees**

Fees to Diocese	494.00
Organist	720.00
Verger	360.00
Bells	30.00
Flowers	34.45
Video	25.00
Choir	150.00
All Saints	25.00
	£1,838.45

10 **Maintenance of Parish Hall**

Gas	3,347.10
Electricity	749.06
Water	596.00
Insurance	2,157.00
Fire Equipment	272.40
General Repairs	1,163.00
Specific Repairs	5,653.12
Cleaning Materials	177.80
Burglar Alarm	96.00
	£14,211.48

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11 **Clergy Expenses**

Travel Expenses	365.82
Telephone, Postage and Stationery	384.15
Book and Miscellaneous Items	123.99
	£873.96

12 **Special Fund Raising**

Summer Fair Expenses	86.60
Winter Fair Expenses	113.60
Events Expenses	20.00
	£220.20

13 **Parish Office and Administration Expenses**

Photocopier and Printer	1,684.14
Paper	63.88
Telephone, Postage and Stationery	965.92
Administrator Salary	7,379.84
Parish Clerk Expenses	52.75
Miscellaneous Expenses	1,578.60
Publicity Expenses	112.23
	£11,837.36

14 **Mission and Charity Payments**

Annual Charity	1,312.73
Special Charity Collection	1,351.06
Special Parish Events	552.16
	£3,215.95

15 **Miscellaneous**

Church Repair Scheme	30.00
Tea/Coffee Expenses	27.71
Donations	70.75
Miscellaneous Payments	8.50
	£136.96

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Summary of accounts held with The Royal Bank of Scotland plc

	Balance 01.01.25	Deposits	With-drawals	Balance 31.12.25
General Account	146,361.85	71,046.24	(83,087.91)	134,320.18
	£146,361.85	£71,046.24	£(83,087.91)	£134,320.18

The General Account balance includes funding received towards the salary, pension and expenses of the Youth Worker. £8,515.00 of the monies received up to 31 December 2025 is in respect of expenditure not yet incurred, the Youth Worker having left in 2018, and represents a restricted fund at the year end.

Summary of Church Funds at 31 December 2025

General Fund:	
Restricted	8,515.00
Unrestricted	125,805.18
	134,320.18
CCLA - unrestricted	69,455.22
	£203,775.40

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Statement of Assets at 31 December 2025

Church:

Altar Furniture	£15,000.00
Interior Furnishings and Fittings	£10,000.00
Grand Organ	£10,000.00
Public Address System	£3,000.00
Altar Frontal and Panel	£2,200.00

Church Hall:

Building, Land and Contents	£300,000.00
Grand Piano	£10,000.00
Office Equipment	£1,200.00

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Revd Canon P Brent
Vicar

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Mrs C J Hall
Treasurer

29th April **2026**