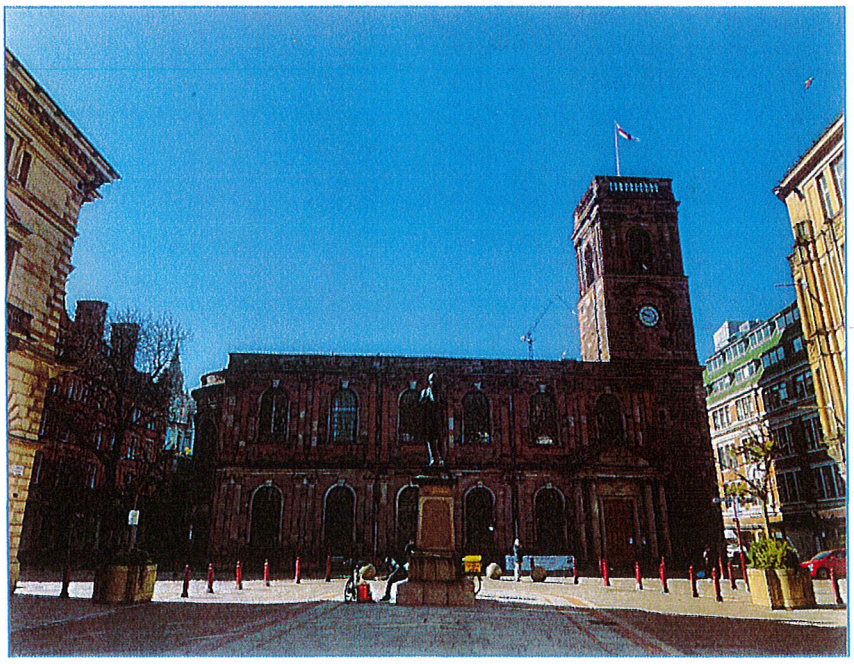
St Ann's Church
Manchester

Annual Report

2025



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Rectors Report

As I reflect on the past year, I give thanks to God for His continued and abundant blessings upon us here at St Ann's. 2025 was a year of real encouragement, marked by steady growth, deepening fellowship, and a strengthening sense of our calling to serve God through our witness and presence in the heart of this great city.

One of the most heartening developments has been the continued growth in attendance at our Sunday services. Across all three—our 9am Book of Common Prayer Holy Communion, 10.45am Sung Eucharist, and 5pm Choral Evensong—we have seen increasing numbers, alongside a growing sense of commitment and belonging among those who worship with us week by week. It is a great joy to welcome new people into the life of the church, and to see our community continuing to flourish.

Advent was a particularly remarkable season. We welcomed over 3,000 people to services of all kinds—carol services, concerts, and acts of worship—many of whom were visiting St Ann's for the first time. These moments of encounter, especially with those who may not regularly attend church, remain a vital part of our mission: to share, with warmth and confidence, the hope and joy of the coming of Christ.

This year has also been one of significant new beginnings in our ministry team. In the summer, we were delighted to welcome Revd Andrew Isaac as our Curate. Revd Andrew has already begun to contribute richly to the life of the church through his ministry, and I know many have appreciated his presence among us. We were also very pleased to welcome Robin Shakespeare as our new Director of Music. Robin has brought both energy and excellence to our musical life, building on St Ann's strong choral tradition and helping to lead our worship with great skill and sensitivity.

As ever, none of this would be possible without the extraordinary commitment of so many people. I would like, as ever, to express my sincere thanks to all who serve so faithfully in the life of St Ann's: our staff team, churchwardens, PCC members, and all who hold formal responsibilities. My particular thanks, as always, to our Verger Paul Campion BEM and our Church Manager William Jeavons for their dedication and support in the daily life and smooth running of the church.

Above all, I want to thank the many volunteers who give so generously of their time and gifts—servers, readers, intercessors, sidespeople, members of the Welcome Team, flower arrangers, cleaners, our Treasurer John Lacy, and all who help in ways seen and unseen. Your faithful service is at the very heart of St Ann's life and witness.

As we look ahead to 2026, we do so with gratitude for all that God has done among us, and with confidence in His continued guidance. We remain committed to growing as a welcoming

community, deepening our discipleship, and serving the city centre of Manchester with faith, hope, and love.

Yours in Christ,
Revd Adam Robertson, Rector

Churchwardens' Report

Services

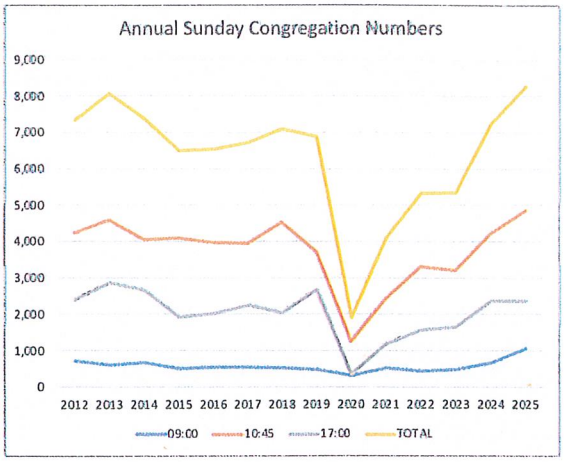
Sunday and midweek worship at St Ann's continues to flourish across all our regular services. The 9am Book of Common Prayer Holy Communion has returned to using the Prayer Book itself rather than printed sheets, restoring a more traditional and authentic pattern of worship and enabling St Ann's to join the Prayer Book Society. This service has seen encouraging growth, including a notable number of regular worshippers in their 20s. The 10.45am Sung Eucharist has experienced significant growth in both attendance and diversity, particularly among younger adults in their 20s and 30s, supported by the introduction of new service booklets designed to help those newer to church feel welcomed and confident in participating. The 5pm Choral Evensong has also grown in numbers, with a younger age profile emerging, helped in no small part by the arrival of our new Director of Music Robin Shakespeare and the continued development of the choir under her leadership.

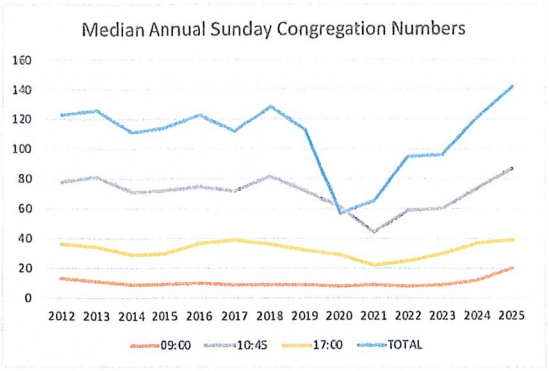
The Midweek Holy Communion Service at 12.15pm, held on Tuesdays and Thursdays, has also seen an increase in numbers, and has attracted a regular group of younger congregation members taking time in their lunch breaks to join us in worship.

Our Compline service at 8pm every Wednesday evening is a quiet, reflective and traditional sung service, attracting a small but faithful regular congregation.

Our early evening service of Taizé at 5.30pm on the last Friday of every month, led by our brilliant musicians, is meditative, combining songs, scripture readings, spoken prayers and long periods of silence with the aim of moving prayer from the head to the heart.

Attendance Numbers & Statistics





The charts and the underlying congregational figures show a continuation of the upward trend seen since 2022 - following the restart of full worship after Covid.

The total Sunday congregations have risen 14% over those in 2024. This is particularly marked for the 9:00 Communion service - 60% and the 10:45 service - 15%, while Choral Evensong maintained its level of attendance following a large increase in 2024.

What is not shown on the charts is the large increase in attendance at worship services during midweek. These have always included the midweek communions and special services over Easter and Christmas. The 2025 figures show additional numbers consistently attending these services, but also the impact of holding regular Compline and Taizé services. This shows a rise in numbers worshipping outside Sundays rising by 38% to over 4350 in total over the year.

St Ann's Church Policies

Policies are clear, simple statements of how an organisation intends to conduct its services, actions or business. St Ann's Church is a Charity, and we are required by the Charity Commission to have certain policies in place such as Safeguarding and Financial controls. Some have been developed as they are useful or necessary for other activities of the church such as safe use of candles in services. The PCC made the decision that all the church's policies would be reviewed annually at the 2nd PCC meeting following the APCM.

To reflect the importance of thankfulness and generosity in Christian ministry the PCC has developed a Charitable Giving Policy which is displayed on the notice board in the Tower room. In this we have committed to gifting to one local charity and one national charity each year. The charities chosen by the PCC are WaterAid and Embassy Homeless Village.

The PCC recognises that gifting may be in the form of giving time or expertise as well as financial support and the aspiration is to build a relationship with one or two "Mission Partners" that we can work with at a deeper level.

"Giving is an act of kindness and generosity that brings life to others. It is one of the most important virtues that we, as Christians can possess as it reflects the love and compassion of God towards his people. It is also an act of worship – when we give, we are expressing our gratitude to God for all of his blessings." Rev Dr Augustine Tanner-Ihm "

Prayer, Study & Lent Groups

During 2025 we began a new pattern of monthly prayer meetings, held on the first Wednesday evening of each month. A faithful and dedicated group has gathered regularly to pray for the mission and ministry of St Ann's, for the life of the city of Manchester, and for the needs of the wider world. These evenings have offered a quiet and prayerful space to seek God's guidance, give thanks, and hold before him the challenges and opportunities facing both church and community. The prayer meetings will continue throughout 2026, and everyone is warmly invited to come along and join in praying with us.

During Lent 2025 St Ann's held a study and discussion group using the book "Embracing Justice" by Isabel Hamley, which had been the Archbishop of Canterbury's Lent book in 2022. It consisted of six sessions, each of which began with - or incorporated early - a video presentation by different Christian leaders on their experience of working out the practicalities of the subject of the particular session in their own church or working lives.

A number of congregation members expressed great interest in reflecting on what justice means to God and exploring how this affects life and attitudes in what seems to be an increasingly broken and divided world. The sessions could be difficult in approaching such open-ended ideas, but groups of 10-15 members attended the weekly discussions and contributed honest, thoughtful and thought-provoking responses to each of the subjects.

Overall, there was a positive response to this series, which was different to previous meetings which had looked at a specific biblical book or scriptural subject.

Deanery & Diocesan Activity

Our Lay Representatives to Deanery Synod were Stacy Fox-Manning, Martin Gregson and Andrew Kyle. As is customary, Manchester Diocesan Synod met in March, June, and October to consider key matters affecting the life and mission of the diocese. Meetings included updates on the ongoing diocesan strategy, reflecting on how churches are being supported in growth, discipleship, and engagement with their local communities. Synod

also explored the development of missional leaders across the diocese, considered work relating to racial justice, and received progress reports on a significant funding application to the National Church to support future mission and ministry initiatives. At the July and October meetings there was also a presentation and discussion about Safeguarding.

Confirmation Classes

In autumn 2025, St Ann's held a series of Confirmation classes which brought together 15 adults and one teenager to explore the Christian faith in a welcoming and supportive environment. Over several weeks, participants reflected on themes including faith, God, Jesus, the Holy Spirit, prayer, and the life of the Church, sharing questions and insights as they journeyed together. In November, Bishop Mark presided at a joyful Confirmation service which also included adult baptisms. The church was filled with family and friends, creating a warm and celebratory atmosphere as candidates publicly affirmed their faith and marked this important step in their spiritual journey.

Martin Gregson, Andrew Kyle, Helen Lacy Churchwardens

Music

2025 was a successful year for the music department, seeing a flourishing of music at regular Sunday worship, as well as an expansion of the church's music offering in the city centre in the evenings, thanks to the hard work and skill of our singers and instrumentalists.

The music department's central focus, St Ann's Choir, continued successfully with James Hume as Acting Director of Music throughout spring and summer 2025. James's acting directorship culminated in a summer tour to Beverley Minster where the choir sang a weekend of choral music, with the organ played by the Pilling Trust Organ scholar, Theo Maher-Williams, and by Elin Rees. Thanks to Theo and Saul for supporting the work during this period.

In Autumn Robin Shakespeare was appointed Director of Music. The choir undertook new projects including our first ventures into Baroque chamber performance using the amazing talents of instrumentalists in the choir, and learning new repertoire by Imogen Holst and Amy Beach, and brand-new compositions by Theo Maher-Williams and by choir member Connor Huss. The choir recorded two broadcasts for BBC Radio 4 Extra, to be broadcast on the Feast of the Epiphany and on Easter Monday in 2026. The choir successfully recruited five new singers and three auditioned deps.

The choir worked with professional vocal coach William Kyle who has shaped and improved the choir's sound, and we continue to be supported by our fantastic library team, Helen and John Lacy. Thanks to our generous grant from the Pilling Trust, Theo Maher-Williams has

extended his scholarship by one year into 2025-2026 as he looks to take his next steps into a professional organ career.

Choir members have started their own volunteer initiatives to provide music for compline on an occasional basis, led by Saul Knights, and for Taizé worship on the first Friday of every month, led by Connor Huss.

Free organ recitals were expanded to visiting recitalists in early 2025 and invited guest performers like Elin Rees, Simon Passmore and Gary Hulme, alongside monthly recitals given by Robin in Autumn. In winter 2025, groundwork was laid for a series of professional evening chamber concerts in 2026, an initiative led by Andrew Kyle, with support from the church manager and Director of Music. A visiting ensemble, the Diocese of Manchester choral scholars, sang five Wednesday evening services in Autumn 2025.

Robin Shakespeare, Director of Music

Health & Safety

The PCC has overall responsibility for health and safety and must ensure, as far as is reasonably practicable, that all activities at St Ann's are carried out safely, in accordance with good practice and any relevant statutory provisions where they apply. Our Health and Safety Officer is Anne Bithell. Annual maintenance of security, fire and electrical systems continue to be carried out to meet our insurance policy obligations. During 2025 a Health and Safety Audit of St Ann's was undertaken using a Risk Assessment proforma provided by our insurance company. As a result, some changes were made to previous practice including strict restrictions for access to the church tower and no one allowed to go on the roof at all. Only contractors with the appropriate insurance will be able to access the roof. Also any use of step ladders, for example when changing light bulbs, must be undertaken with a second person present. Only staff and congregation members who have received training may operate the coffee making machines.

Anne Bithell, Health & Safety Officer

St Ann's Fabric Team

At St Ann's Church we are privileged to be stewards of a Grade 1 listed building of special architectural and historic significance which forms part of our national heritage. At the same time our church is a living building which exists for a purpose, the worship of God and to fulfil the mission and vision of the church.

The church is inspected every 5 years and in February 2025 St Ann's received its Quinquennial Inspection Report which identified several areas of structural work that need to be addressed. Additionally, the PCC wish to improve and extend the welcome and outreach of the church,

both key elements of St Ann's strategy and mission, which require improvement of the public access to the building and facilities for hosting concerts and events.

In September 2025 the PCC created a Fabric Group tasked with developing ideas, consulting with the church congregations, making recommendations to the PCC and leading on faculty applications and fund raising. I am very grateful to those members who have volunteered their time and expertise to support this group, Rosie and Stephen Bull, Saul Knights, David Lacy, Ben Vincent, Andrew Kyle as well as our Rector, Curate, Church Treasurer and Church Manager.

Helen Lacy, Fabric Team Chair

Safeguarding

St Ann's continues to subscribe to and seek to follow the Church of England's policy entitled Promoting a Safer Church (2017). In accordance with that Policy we are committed to promoting a safe environment and culture, responding promptly to every safeguarding concern or allegation, caring pastorally for victims and survivors of abuse and other affected persons, responding to those that may pose a risk, and safely recruiting staff or volunteers with any responsibility related to children, young people and vulnerable adults.

Andrew Kyle, Safeguarding Officer

External Events

External events refers to any use of the church premises by third parties from which St Ann's receives a benefit, from a fee and/or refreshment sales. We continue to be popular because of our geographical position and the glorious interior that makes St Ann's an attractive venue – regular events include concerts, book launches, carol services and filming.

The church is used, subject to availability and negotiation, by any external organisation whose objectives are not at odds with our own. There were more than 40 events, including 20 in the fourth quarter running up to Advent and Christmas.

A number of organisations used the church building, several more than once. These included Manchester Jazz Festival, Manchester Baroque, The Institute Cervantes, Hungarian Consulate, Girls Schools Association (GSA) and many more. We are particularly pleased to have continued to host monthly recitals by students of the Royal Northern College of Music.

A big thank you to all who helped in making these events successful, in whatever capacity.

William Jeavons, Church Manager

Volunteering

We have a strong tradition of volunteering which has continued and grown in 2025. It is an essential part of our welcome, worship, mission and community engagement. Some of the areas that are supported include:

- Flower displays and brass cleaning
- Saturday community café
- Fair stall holders
- Event stewarding
- Service reading and intercessions
- Sides Persons at services
- Church welcome
- Servers and Eucharist Assistants
- Choir and musicians
- PCC & committee members

We could not operate the church without them. More offers are always considered.

Financial Review & Accounts Summary

2025			2024		
RECEIPTS/INCOME	**UNRESTRICTED £**	**RESTRICTED £**	**RECEIPTS/INCOME**	**UNRESTRICTED £**	**RESTRICTED £**
Voluntary giving			**Voluntary giving**		
Regular giving	£ 46,866	£ 100	Regular giving	£ 36,120	£ -
Collections at services	£ 11,388	£ 325	Collections at services	£ 6,988	£ 230
All other giving and voluntary receipts, inc special appeals	£ 35,014	£ 230	All other giving and voluntary receipts, inc special appeals	£ 29,073	£ 180
Gift Aid recovered (regular giving and one-off donations)	£ 20,111	£ -	Gift Aid recovered (regular giving and one-off donations)	£ 20,420	£ -
Legacies received (capital value)	£ -		Legacies received (capital value)	£ 3,000	£ -
Grants (include recurring and one-off)	£ 9,116	£ 9,437	Grants (include recurring and one-off)	£ 454	£ 14,932
Total voluntary giving	£ 122,494	£ 10,092	Total voluntary giving	£ 96,054	£ 15,342
Activities for generating funds			**Activities for generating funds**		
Fundraising activities (gross proceeds)	£ 4,820	£ 1,298	Fundraising activities (gross proceeds)	£ 6,936	£ 5,376
Income from investments			**Income from investments**		
Dividends, interest, income from property etc.	£ 28,577	£ 331	Dividends, interest, income from property etc.	£ 46,854	£ 2,333
Church activities			**Church activities**		
Fees retained by PCC (weddings, funerals etc.)	£ 15,227	£ 800	Fees retained by PCC (weddings, funerals etc.)	£ 8,275	£ -
Trading activities (gross proceeds), NOT fundraising	£ 31,817		Trading activities (gross proceeds), NOT fundraising	£ 39,724	
Other incoming resources			**Other incoming resources**		
Other receipts/income not already listed	£ -		Other receipts/income not already listed	£ -	£ -
Totals	**Unrestricted**	**Restricted**	**Totals**	**Unrestricted**	**Restricted**
RECEIPTS/INCOME	£ 202,936	£ 12,521	RECEIPTS/INCOME	£ 197,842	£ 23,051
COMBINED TOTAL INCOME	£	215,457	**COMBINED TOTAL INCOME**	£	220,893

PAYMENTS/EXPENDITURE	UNRESTRICTED £	RESTRICTED £	PAYMENTS/EXPENDITURE	UNRESTRICTED £	RESTRICTED £
Costs of generating funds			**Costs of generating funds**		
Costs of fundraising activities	£ 4,504	£ -	Costs of fundraising activities	£ 1,071	£ -
Church activities			**Church activities**		
Mission giving and donations	£ -	£ -	Mission giving and donations	£ -	£ -
Diocesan parish share contribution	£ 68,729	£ -	Diocesan parish share contribution	£ 65,610	£ -
Salaries, wages and honoraria	£ 58,255	£ 5,513	Salaries, wages and honoraria	£ 66,414	£ 2,807
Clergy and staff expenses	£ 429	£ -	Clergy and staff expenses	£ -	£ -
Church expenses			**Church expenses**		
Mission and evangelism costs	£ 218	£ -	Mission and evangelism costs	£ 25	£ -
Church running expenses (including governance)	£ 33,675	£ 12,116	Church running expenses (including governance)	£ 22,396	£ 13,231
Church utility bills	£ 12,864	£ -	Church utility bills	£ 10,684	£ -
Costs of trading	£ 4,682	£ -	Costs of trading	£ 5,576	£ -
Major capital expenditure			**Major capital expenditure**		
Major repairs to the church building	£ 26,649	£ 11,475	Major repairs to the church building	£ -	£ -
Major repairs to church hall/other PCC property including redecoration	£ -		Major repairs to church hall/other PCC property including redecoration	£ -	
New building work to church, church, clergy housing or PCC property.	£ -		New building work to church, church, clergy housing or PCC property.	£ -	
Other expenditure			**Other expenditure**		
Other payments/expenditure not already listed	£ -		Other payments/expenditure not already listed	£ -	
Totals	**Unrestricted**	**Restricted**	**Totals**	**Unrestricted**	**Restricted**
PAYMENTS/EXPENDITURE	£ 210,004	£ 29,104	PAYMENTS/EXPENDITURE	£ 171,775	£ 16,039
COMBINED TOTAL EXPENDITURE	£	239,108	**COMBINED TOTAL EXPENDITURE**	£	187,814
Surplus / (Deficit)		**£ (23,652)**	**Surplus / (Deficit)**		**£ 33,079**

Income for 2025 was £215,457 and expenditure was £239,108 – a deficit of £23,651(2024: Surplus of £33,079). The principal reason for the deficit was the purchase of a new boiler in January 2025 at the cost of £38,124; without the cost of the boiler, we made a surplus of £14,473, which reflects the growth of the congregation and the hard work put in by all to keep church open to welcome visitors, run a very popular café and some generous one-off donations from members of the congregation. We are truly grateful for the time, generosity and talent so feely offered to our church.

The heating fund restricted for use on the heating system and containing £11,475 was used towards the costs of the new boiler; this fund is now empty. The balance of the cost of the boiler (£26,649) was taken from the General Fund. The Decorating Fund, containing £1,373 was emptied to contribute towards the cost of £1649 for updating the "Rectors of St Ann's" plaque which is in the tower room with the balance of £276 coming out of the General Fund.
Staff costs this year were down compared to the previous year due to the inter-regnum between Directors of Music (January to August 2025). During this time, some additional money went to James Hume our Associate Director of Music, to cover the extra time he put in to run the choir. Many thanks are due to James for his hard work, culminating in a very successful choir tour to Beverley Minster in August 2024. As the Associate Director of Music's salary is part funded by the Music fund, together with costs (£1,740) for the provision of a vocal coach (part grant-funded) there was a fall in value for this fund of £4953. Overall staff costs were £63,768 (2024: £69,221).

Next year the Choir's vocal coach will be provided gratis thanks to the hard work put in by Helen Lacy and Alex Rebetge and later Robin Shakespeare to liaise with the RNCM and make vocal coaching at St Ann's a pedagogy placement for post-graduates.

We reclaimed VAT of £8,265 from the Listed Places of Worship Scheme – alas the scheme is now closed so this will be the last time we reclaim VAT from this hugely helpful fund.
Our investments fell in value this year (following two years of a rise in value). The value of our investment at 31st Dec 2025 was £355,785 (at 31st Dec 2025 the value was £376,856) - a reduction in value of £16,071. This has no effect on our cash flow; it just marks a temporary reduction in value of our investments.

As a PCC we are liable for the costs of water bills and council tax for St Ann's rectory in Ancoats. The bill last year was £93.11, being the balance on Council Tax paid for that year by the diocese. The bill this year will be the full council tax expected to cost in the region of £3,500. The Rector has been encouraged to reclaim expenses incurred and expenses of £336.01 were claimed in 2025.

The Choir Tour, at Beverley minster this year, cost £1,566 in accommodation which was paid for by a choir member who was later reimbursed. The cost of this was partly funded by choir members; some were offered subsidised places. The Choir tour in 2026 will be in Dublin.

We have seen a pleasing increase in regular giving - £132,586 in 2025; £111,396 in 2024 – a 19% rise. However, trading figures (Café and Candlestands) fell from £39,724 to £31,817 mainly due to a drop in Candlestand takings from £18,450 (2024) to £11,415 (2025). Income from property (St Andrew's Churchyard) also fell from £32,293 in 2024 to £15,000 in 2025 – this was expected as the 2024 receipts included a backlog of unpaid rent. The income will remain at £15,000 pa until the next review of rent (due in two years' time).

St Ann's is a growing church with many new faces appearing in our congregation. It is my enormous privilege to see the financial harvest from this growth. THANK YOU for your generous gifts of money, time and talents – please continue to offer them and regularly review your giving. If you are new here and have time to offer, please come forward and make yourselves known to the Rector, churchwardens or church manager – we need your time to help us to keep our church running. Our city centre population is approximately 150,000 people, forecasted to be 250,000 in ten years' time. Our goal is to keep the doors open 7 days a week and warmly welcome in these new people.

John Lacy, PCC Treasurer

Membership of the Parochial Church Council

The following members served during the year:

Clergy: Reverend Adam Robertson

Churchwardens. Martin Gregson, Helen Lacy, Andrew Kyle
Three Churchwardens are elected for each 12-month term

Deanery Synod Members Term of office 2023 – 2026
Stacey Fox-Manning, Martin Gregson, Andrew Kyle

Elected Members Serving until the APCM of 2026
Caroline Blake, James Hume, John Lacy

Elected Members Serving until the APCM of 2027
Anne Bithell, Martin Whitehouse, Michael Johnson

Elected Members Serving until the APCM of 2028
Linda Norris, Saul Knights, Sebastian Moore

Administration Details

Address: St Ann's Church, St Ann Street, Manchester, M2 7LF. Telephone: 0161 834 0239

Rector: Reverend Adam Robertson

Church Manager: William Jeavons, manager@stannsmanchester.com

Bankers: CAF Bank Limited, 25 Kings Hill Avenue, Kings Hill, West Malling, Kent, ME19 4JQ

Independent Examiner: Langer & Co,8-10 Gatley Road, Cheadle, SK8 1PY

Insurers
Ecclesiastical Insurance Group PLC, Beaufort House, Brunswick Road, Gloucester, GL1 1JZ

Architect: Buttress Architects, 41 Bengal Street, Manchester, M4 6AF

Solicitor:
Donna Myers, Diocesan Registrar, St John's House, 155-163 The Rock, Bury, BL9 0ND

Safeguarding Co-Ordinator
Andrew Kyle, safeguarding.stannsmanchester@gmail.com

Charity Registration
St Ann's PCC is Registered Charity Number 1136159

Appointments

Chairman	Reverend Adam Robertson
Curate	Reverend Andrew Issaac (from June 2025)
Reader	Martin Whitehouse
PCC Secretary	Andrew Kyle
PCC Treasurer	John Lacy
Electoral Roll Officer	William Jeavons
Health & Safety Officer	Anne Bithell
Safeguarding Officer	Andrew Kyle
Church Manager	William Jeavons
Bookkeeper	William Jeavons
Verger	Paul Campion
Director of Music	Robin Shakespeare (from August 2025)
Assistant Director of Music	James Hume
Pilling Trust Organ Scholar	Theo Maher-Williams

Appendix- Full Accounts

Parochial Church of St Ann's Manchester Statement of financial activities for year ended 31st December 2025

	Note	2025 Unrestricted £	2025 Restricted £	2025 Endowment £	2025 TOTAL £	*2024 Unrestricted £*	*2024 Restricted £*	*2024 Endowment £*	*2024 TOTAL £*
INCOME FROM	2								
I Donors at Church		124,795	655		125,450	*111,546*	*410*		*111,956*
II Outside Donors		9,115	9,437		18,552	*3,454*	*14,932*		*18,386*
III Fundraising Activities		33,052	2,098		35,150	*34,865*	*5,376*		*40,241*
IV Charitable Acivities		22,397	0		22,397	*33,411*	*0*		*33,411*
V Investment Income		13,577	0	331	13,908	*14,561*	*916*	*1,417*	*16,894*
TOTAL INCOME		**202,936**	**12,190**	**331**	**215,457**	*197,837*	*21,634*	*1,417*	*220,888*
EXPENDITURE ON	3								
VI Grants and Mission Giving		218	3,300		3,518	*25*	*3,100*		*3,125*
VII Charitable Activities		166,843	14,329		181,172	*160,193*	*12,939*		*173,132*
VIII Fundraising Costs		9,256			9,256	*6,696*			*6,696*
IX Church Administration		33,687	11,475		45,162	*4,860*			*4,860*
TOTAL EXPENDITURE		**210,004**	**29,104**	**0**	**239,108**	*171,774*	*16,039*	*0*	*187,813*
NET INCOME / (EXPENDITURE) BEFORE INVESTMENT GAINS / (LOSSES)		**(7,067)**	**(16,915)**	**331**	**(23,651)**	*26,063*	*5,595*	*1,417*	*33,075*
GAINS / (LOSSES) ON INVESTMENTS	5			(16,071)	(16,071)			*9,244*	*9,244*
NET INCOME / (EXPENDITURE)		**(7,067)**	**(16,915)**	**(15,740)**	**(39,722)**	*26,063*	*5,595*	*10,661*	*42,319*
TRANSFERS BETWEEN FUNDS									
NET MOVEMENT IN FUNDS		**(7,067)**	**(16,915)**	**(15,740)**	**(39,722)**	*26,063*	*5,595*	*10,662*	*42,320*
BALANCES BROUGHT FORWARD	9	**109,828**	**64,174**	**373,273**	**547,275**	*83,765*	*58,579*	*362,611*	*504,955*
BALANCES CARRIED FORWARD		**102,761**	**47,259**	**357,533**	**507,553**	*109,828*	*64,174*	*373,273*	*547,275*

Approved by the Parochial Church Council on 25th March 2026		
	Adam Robertson - Rector	Andrew Kyle – PCC Secretary

The notes on pages 178to 28 form part of these accounts.

Parochial Church of St Ann's Manchester BALANCE SHEET for year ended 31st December 2025

	Note	2025 Unrestricted	2025 Restricted	2025 Endowment	2025 TOTAL	*2024 Unrestricted*	*2024 Restricted*	*2024 Endowment*	*2024 TOTAL*
FIXED ASSETS	5								
Investments		**13,500**	**0**	**355,785**	**369,285**	*13,500*		*371,856*	*385,356*
Total		**13,500**	**0**	**355,785**	**369,285**	*13,500*	*0*	*371,856*	*385,356*
CURRENT ASSETS	6								
Stock		**70**	**0**	**0**	**70**	*70*			*70*
Debtors		**6,294**	**0**	**1,469**	**7,763**	*9,320*	*0*	*1,417*	*10,737*
Cash at Bank		**84,250**	**47,499**	**278**	**132,027**	*90,590*	*64,584*		*155,174*
Total		**90,613**	**47,499**	**1,748**	**139,860**	*99,980*	*64,584*	*1,417*	*165,981*
CREDITORS - due within One Year	7	**1,350**	**240**	**0**	**1,590**	*3,652*	*405*		*4,057*
Accruals and other creditors		**1,350**	**240**	**0**	**1,590**	*3,652*	*404*		*4,056*
NET CURRENT ASSETS		**89,264**	**47,259**	**1,748**	**138,271**	*96,328*	*64,174*	*1,417*	*161,919*
NET ASSETS		**102,764**	**47,259**	**357,532**	**507,555**	*109,828*	*64,175*	*373,273*	*547,276*
FUNDS									
Unrestricted	9a	**102,764**			**102,764**	*109,828*			*109,828*
Restricted	9b		**47,259**		**47,259**		*64,174*		*64,174*
Endowment	9c			**357,532**	**357,532**			*373,273*	*373,273*
Total	8	**102,764**	**47,259**	**357,532**	**507,555**	*109,828*	*64,174*	*373,273*	*547,275*

Parochial Church of St Ann's Manchester Year ended 31st December 2025 – Note 2 Income

	2025 Unrestricted £	2025 Restricted £	2025 Endowment £	2025 Total £	*2024 Unrestricted £*	*2024 Restricted £*	*2024 Endowment £*	*2024 Total £*
I Donors at Church								
Planned Giving - gift aided	**34,872**			**34,872**	*35,621*			*35,621*
Planned Giving - non-Gift Aided	**11,995**	**100**		**12,095**	*498*			*498*
Other giving - Gift Aided	**13,434**			**13,434**	*14,077*			*14,077*
Other giving	**11,621**	**230**		**11,851**	*12,612*	*180*		*12,792*
Tax Recoverable	**12,111**			**12,111**	*12,420*			*12,420*
Collections at Services	**12,975**	**325**		**13,300**	*6,983*	*230*		*7,213*
Church Boxes and Candlestands	**27,787**			**27,787**	*29,335*			*29,335*
I Donors at Church Total	**124,795**	**655**	**0**	**125,450**	*111,546*	*410*	*0*	*111,956*
II Outside Donors								
Church of England Energy Grant				**0**	*0*			*0*
Pilling Trust	**850**	**9,437**		**10,287**	*0*	*14,800*		*14,800*
Lpw VAT Scheme*	**8,265**			**8,265**	*454*	*132*		*586*
Legacies				**0**	*3,000*			*3,000*
II Outside Donors Total	**9,115**	**9,437**	**0**	**18,552**	*3,454*	*14,932*	*0*	*18,386*
III Income from fundraising activities								
Recitals and Events	**9,507**	**2,098**		**11,604**	*8,765*	*5,376*		*14,141*
Café Refreshments Retail	**20,402**			**20,402**	*20,773*			*20,773*
Church Fairs	**3,144**			**3,144**	*5,327*			*5,327*
III Income from fundraising activities Total	**33,052**	**2,098**	**0**	**35,150**	*34,865*	*5,376*	*0*	*40,241*

Parochial Church of St Ann's Manchester Year ended 31st December 2025 – Note 2 Income (Continued)

	2025 Unrestricted £	2025 Restricted £	2025 Endowment £	2025 Total £	*2024 Unrestricted £*	*2024 Restricted £*	*2024 Endowment £*	*2024 Total £*
IV Income from Charitable Activities								
Facilities Fees	**22,397**			**22,397**	*33,357*			*33,357*
Statutory Fees - weddings and funerals				**0**	*54*			*54*
IV Income from Charitable Activities Total	**22,397**	**0**	**0**	**22,397**	*33,411*	*0*	*0*	*33,411*
V Investment Income								
Dividends - Ecclesiastical investments	**13,577**		**331**	**13,908**	*14,561*	*916*	*1,417*	*16,894*
V Investment Income Total	**13,577**	**0**	**331**	**13,908**	*14,561*	*916*	*1,417*	*16,894*
TOTAL INCOME	**202,936**	**12,190**	**331**	**215,457**	*197,837*	*21,634*	*1,417*	*220,888*

Parochial Church of St Ann's Manchester Year ended 31st December 2025 – Note 3 Expenditure

	2025 Unrestricted £	2025 Restricted £	2025 Endowment £	2025 Total £	*2024 Unrestricted £*	*2024 Restricted £*	*2024 Endowment £*	*2024 Total £*
VI Grants and Mission Giving								
Pilling Scholars / music grants		3,300		3,300		*3,100*		*3,100*
Church organisations and charities	218			218	*25*			*25*
VI Grants and Mission Giving Total	218	3,300	0	3,518	*25*	*3,100*	*0*	*3,125*
VII Charitable Activities								
Ministry - Parish Share	68,729			68,729	*65,610*			*65,610*
Clergy - Expenses	429			429				*0*
Rectory Council Tax and expenses				0				*0*
Church Electricity/Gas/Water	12,295			12,295	*10,062*			*10,062*
Cleaning / hygiene	292			292	*275*			*275*
Minor Repairs / Servicing	8,681	1,373		10,054	*1,970*			*1,970*
Organ Maintenance	2,903	0		2,903		*1,608*		*1,608*
Choir / Music	571	1,866		2,437	*61*	*5,747*		*5,808*
Parish Training and Mission				0				*0*
Insurance	9,476			9,476	*9,140*			*9,140*
Security	1,812			1,812	*1,243*			*1,243*
Church Services	3,400	5,577		8,978	*5,419*	*2,776*		*8,195*
Legal Fees				0				*0*
Staff Costs Wages and Salaries	56,711			56,711	*64,901*			*64,901*
Director of Music and assistant fees	1,543	5,513		7,056	*1,512*	*2,808*		*4,320*
VII Charitable Activities Total	166,843	14,329	0	181,172	*160,193*	*12,939*	*0*	*173,132*

Parochial Church of St Ann's Manchester Year ended 31st December 2025 – Note 3 Expenditure (continued)

	2025 Unrestricted £	2025 Restricted £	2025 Endowment £	2025 Total £	*2024 Unrestricted £*	*2024 Restricted £*	*2024 Endowment £*	*2024 Total £*
VIII Fundraising Costs								
Café Refeshments and Retail	4,682			4,682	*5,576*			*5,576*
Flower Stall				0				*0*
Contactess Giving / Envelope Scheme	382			382	*759*			*759*
Cost of Events inc Performing Rights]	4,192			4,192	*361*			*361*
VIII Fundraising Costs Total	9,256	0	0	9,256	*6,696*	*0*	*0*	*6,696*
XI Church Administration								
Printing Stationery Postage Telephone	4,321			4,321	*3,358*			*3,358*
Computer Software Licences	994			994	*564*			*564*
Sundries				0				*0*
Bank Charges	523			523	*492*			*492*
Accountancy / Independent Examination	1,200			1,200	*446*			*446*
Church Major Repairs	26,649	11,475		38,124				
XI Church Administration Total	33,687	11,475	0	45,162	*4,860*	*0*	*0*	*4,860*
TOTAL EXPENDITURE	210,004	29,104	0	239,108	*171,774*	*16,039*	*0*	*187,813*

Parochial Church of St Ann's Manchester Year ended 31st December 2025 – Note 4 Staff Costs

	2025	*2024*
Wages and Salaries	52,351	*60,057*
Pension	4,360	*4,844*
National Insurance		
Director of Music and Assistants Fees	7,057	*4,320*
Total	63,768	*69,221*

The PCC employs a Verger, Church manager and Director of Music. A PAYE scheme is operated for these staff. Members of the PCC (the Trustees) receive no remuneration for acting as such. One Trustee received a fee for the position of Assistant Director of Music and other music services they provide 2025: £7,056 (2024: £4,320). Another Trustee received a fee as acting Deputy Director of Music in 2025: £1.200 (2024: £0) There were no Clergy expenses in 2024. In 2024, £6,307 (2024: £6,901) was reimbursed to 4 trustees to pay for materials and items for church activities. Following the resignation of the Director of Music in December 2024, the post was vacant until the appointment of a new Director of Music, Robin Shakespeare, in August 2025. During the period January to July 2025, the Director of Music's duties were undertaken by the Associate Director of Music, James Hume, whose honorarium was temporarily increased to reward him for the extra hours worked during this period.

Parochial Church of St Ann's Manchester - Year ended 31st December 2025 – Note 5 Fixed Assets Investments

	2025 Unrestricted £	2025 Endowment £	2025 Total £	*2024 Unrestricted £*	*2024 Endowment £*	*2024 Total £*
Market Value 1st January 2025	**13,500**	**371,856**	**385,356**	*13,500*	*362,612*	*376,112*
Acquisitions						
Net Gains / (Losses) on revaluation		**(16,071)**	**(16,071)**		*9,244*	*9,244*
Market Value 31st December 2025	**13,500**	**355,785**	**369,285**	*13,500*	*371,856*	*385,356*

Investments are held as follows:			2025 Unrestricted	2025 Endowment	2025 Total	*2024 Unrestricted*	*2024 Endowment*	*2024 Total*
As at 31/12/25	Units Held at year end	Value Per Unit	£	£	£	*£*	*£*	*£*
National Savings Income Bonds	13500	1.0000	**13,500**		**13,500**	*13,500*		***13,500***
CCLA Church of England Funds:								
CBF Investment Fund Income Shares	7970	22.1983		**176,920**	**176,920**		*184,288*	***184,288***
COIF Investment Fund Income Shares	8425.58	19.3219		**162,798**	**162,798**		*170,983*	***170,983***
Income Fund Accumulation Shares	2623.78	6.1232		**16,066**	**16,066**		*16,585*	***16,585***
			13,500	**355,784**	**369,284**	*13,500*	*371,856*	***385,356***

The PCC has charitable endowments derived from two closed registered charities, The Manchester St Ann's Educational Foundation (also known as St John's Educational Trust) and The Charity of Eleanora Atherton. Income from the investments related to the Educational Foundation former charity are used for educational purposes within the parish and income from the investments related to the Atherton Charity are available for the general purposes of the PCC. The PCC is also the beneficial trustee of an endowment charity deriving from two schools of former city centre parishes. This is the St Ann Ecclesiastical Charity. The Diocesan Board of Finance has the role of Custodian Trustee. Further details regarding the endowment funds are given in note 9c on page 28.

Parochial Church of St Ann's Manchester -Year ended 31st December 2025 – Note 6 Current Assets

	2025 Unrestricted £	2025 Restricted £	2025 Endowment £	2025 Total £	*2024 Unrestricted £*	*2024 Restricted £*	*2024 Endowment £*	*2024 Total £*
Stocks								
Gifts/Card Supplies	70			70	*70*			*70*
Debtors	6,293			6,293				
Income Tax recoverable				0	*0*	*0*		*0*
Other Income receivable			1,470	1,470	*9,320*	*0*	*1,417*	*10,737*
Total Debtors	6,293	0	1,470	7,763	*9,320*	*0*	*1,417*	*10,737*
Bank	84,250	47,499	278	132,027	*90,590*	*64,579*		*155,169*
TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS	90,613	47,499	1,748	139,860	*99,980*	*64,579*	*1,417*	*165,976*

Parochial Church of St Ann's Manchester - Year ended 31st December 2025 – Note 7 Liabilities due within one year

	2025 Unrestricted £	2025 Restricted £	2025 Endowment £	2025 Total £	*2024 Unrestricted £*	*2024 Restricted £*	*2024 Endowment £*	*2024 Total £*
LIABILITIES - due within one year								
Accruals and Defered Income	126	240		366	*2,474*	*405*		*2,879*
Pension Fund	1,224			1,224	*1,179*			*1,179*
TOTAL CURRENT LIABILITIES	1,350	240	0	1,590	*3,653*	*405*		*4,058*

Parochial Church of St Ann's Manchester - Year ended 31st December 2025 – Note 8 Analysis of Net Assets by Fund

	2025 Unrestricted £	2025 Restricted £	2025 Endowment £	2025 Total £	*2024 Unrestricted £*	*2024 Restricted £*	*2024 Endowment £*	*2024 Total £*
Fixed Assets	13,500		355,784	369,284	*13,500*		*371,856*	*385,356*
Current Assets	90,613	47,499	1,748	139,860	*99,980*	*64,579*		*164,559*
Current Liabilities	1,350	240	0	1,590	*3,653*	*405*		*4,058*
Total Assets less liabilities	102,763	47,259	357,532	507,555	*109,827*	*64,174*	*371,856*	*545,857*

Parochial Church of St Ann's Manchester - Year ended 31st December 2025 - Note 9a Unrestricted Funds

I Donors at Church	124,794
II Outside Donors	9,115
III Income from Fundraising Activities	33,052
IV Income from Charitable Activities	22,397
V Investment Income	13,577
TOTAL INCOME	202,935
EXPENDITURE	
VI Grants & Mission Giving	218
VII Charitable Activities	166,843
VIII Fundraising Costs	9,256
IX Church Administration	33,687
TOTAL EXPENDITURE	210,004
NET INCOME / EXPENDITURE	(7,068)
TRANSFERS IN/OUT	0
NET MOVEMENT IN FUNDS	(7,068)
BALANCES BROUGHT FORWARD	109,832
BALANCES CARRIED FORWARD	102,764

Parochial Church of St Ann's Manchester Notes - Year ended 31st December 2025 – Note 9b Restricted Funds

	Organ	Music	Choir Support	Homeless	Education & Training	Flowers	Heating	Land & property	Exterior Fabric	Decorating	Total
INCOME											
I Donors at Church	145		80	380			50				655
II Outside Donors		9,437									9,437
III Income from Fundraising Activities			2,098								2,098
IV Income from Charitable Activities											0
V Investment Income											0
TOTAL INCOME	145	9,437	2,178	380	0	0	50	0	0	0	12,190
EXPENDITURE											
VI Grants & Mission Giving		3,300									3,300
VII Charitable Activities		11,090	1,866							1,373	14,329
VIII Fundraising Costs											0
IX Church Administration							11,475				11,475
TOTAL EXPENDITURE	0	14,390	1,866	0	0	0	11,475	0	0	1,373	29,104
NET INCOME / EXPENDITURE	145	(4,953)	312	380	0	0	(11,425)	0	0	(1,373)	(16,915)
TRANSFERS IN/OUT	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
NET MOVEMENT IN FUNDS	145	(4,953)	312	380	0	0	(11,425)	0	0	(1,373)	(16,915)
BALANCES BROUGHT FORWARD	2,211	25,480	10,772	1,276	7,766	0	11,425	2,306	1,566	1,373	64,174
BALANCES CARRIED FORWARD	2,356	20,527	11,083	1,656	7,766	0	0	2,306	1,566	0	47,259

Parochial Church of St Ann's Manchester - Year ended 31st December 2025 – Note 9c Endowment Funds

The PCC is Beneficial Trustee of an endowment charity deriving from two former city centre parishes, St Peter's and St Matthew's, which was created by a Charity Commission Scheme in the 1990s. The object of the fund is "furthering the religious and other charitable work in the Parish". During 2021, the Charity Commission gave its permission for a portion of this endowment to be released to be used by the PCC for restricted purposes in relation to land and property.

During 2020 the PCC became the beneficial owner of the assets and took over the charitable purposes relating to two former charities, The Manchester St Ann's Educational Foundation (also known as St John's Educational Trust) and The Charity of Eleanora Atherton. The PCC undertook to preserve the value of the charities and preserve the names within its accounts. These are endowment funds, where the capital is invested to generate income. Income from the Educational Foundation is restricted to educational purposes within the parish and income from the Eleanora Atherton Charity is available for the general purposes of the PCC, i.e. is unrestricted.

	St Ann's Ecclesiastical Charity	St John's Educational Trust	Eleanora Atherton Trust	Total
	£	£	£	£
Balance at 1st January 2025	167,123	33,749	170,983	371,855
Gain (Losses) on investments	(6,537)	(1,349)	(8,185)	(16,071)
Balance at 31st December 2025	160,586	32,400	162,798	355,784

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