The Parish of New Brighton: St James with Emmanuel
Annual Report of the Parochial Church Council for the year ended
31st December 2025

Aim and Purpose

The Parochial Church Council of St James with Emmanuel (the PCC) has the responsibility of cooperating with the Incumbent, the Reverend Heather Atkinson, in promoting in the ecclesiastical parish, the whole mission of the Church, pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical.

Objectives and Activities

The PCC is committed to enabling as many people as possible to worship at our Church, and to become part of our parish family. When planning our activities, the PCC has considered the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit, and in particular the specific guidance on charities for the advancement of the Christian Faith. Our services and worship put faith into practice through prayer and scripture, music and sacrament. We try to enable ordinary people to live out their faith as part of our parish family, through:

- Worship and prayer: learning about the Gospel, and developing their knowledge and trust in Jesus,
- Provision of pastoral care for people living in the parish and
- Mission and outreach work.
- Encouraging Faith in the everyday.

To facilitate this work, it is vital that we maintain the fabric of both our Churches. St James' Church is a grade 2 listed building which we have a legal obligation to maintain. It is also on the Heritage at Risk register.

Achievements and Performance

Worship and Prayer

The PCC is keen to offer a range of services, not only on Sundays, but also during the week, that our community will find both beneficial and spiritually fulfilling. There is a weekly 10am Eucharistic Service each Thursday at Emmanuel and a monthly BCP Eucharistic Service at St James on the first Wednesday of the month at 10am

Week one:	Holy Communion at 9.30 (Emmanuel), All Age Service at 11am (St James) Choral Evensong at 6.30pm (St James)
Week two:	Morning Prayer at 9.30 (Emmanuel), Holy Communion at 11am (St James) Open Table Inclusive Communion at 4pm (Emmanuel)
Week three:	BCP Holy Communion at 8am (St James). Holy Communion at 9.30 (Emmanuel) Morning Prayer at 11am (St James)
Week four	Parade Service at 9.30am (Emmanuel), Holy Communion at 11am (St James)

If there is a fifth week in the month there is a 10am service which alternates between the two churches.

Unless stated, services are based on Common Worship: Open table which uses more inclusive liturgy started in April 2024.

In 2025 there were 115 parishioners on the Electoral Roll, 53 of whom live outside the parish.

Emmanuel: The average Sunday attendance at 9.30am Service at Emmanuel on Sundays averages 34 with a maximum of 46, with between 16 and 25 at the Thursday services. There are now between 9-13 children who attend the monthly Parade Service, with 32-42 adults. It is perhaps that new parents are less interested in church or families are split. The number attending both churches increased significantly at Easter, Harvest and Christmas. Easter Day at Emmanuel was attended by 43 adults and 5 children, the

Nativity Service was attended by 34 adults and 10 children. At Christingle and on Christmas Day 158 attended

Open Table usually has 10-21 attendees though more at the Pride Service.

St James: The range of Sunday attendance at the 11am Service at St James is 38-61. These numbers increased significantly at Easter, Harvest and Christmas. The average attendance at Choral Evensong is 27-37, Wednesday BCP 10-16.
On Easter Day at St James 66 adults and 5 children attended. Good Friday Choral Evensong was attended by 50 with 4 children. The Carol Service was the best attended for many years with 117 adults and 10 children. The Christmas Eve Service at St James was attended by 68 people.

As well as our regular services, we enable our community to celebrate and thank God at the milestones of the journey through life. There have been three adult baptisms at Enmanuel, two infant and one adult baptism at St James, two people were confirmed at St James. There have been 3 weddings at St James. Three funerals were held at St James with two Crematorium funerals. Emmanuel did not hold any weddings. There was I church funeral held at Emmanuel and two crematorium funerals. 3 people from Emmanuel were confirmed.

Those who are no longer able to come to Church are not forgotten. There is a team of pastoral visitors, and in addition, many receive Holy Communion in their own homes, taken by a team of Sarah Maxwell and Liz Cooper Clark, together with Rev Heather. A monthly Holy Communion Service is also held in Lighthouse Lodge Care Home, averaging 15-18 communicants. Staff also take part.

We continue to film most of our Sunday services for those unable to get to church. These are uploaded to our YouTube channel. Numbers fluctuate on a weekly basis and increase at special times of year. Choral Evensong is our most watched service, and subscription has also increased to the channel to 234 subscribers. A morning prayer service we recorded during Covid still keeps being watched and has had 4793 views since it launched on the channel.

Diocesan Strategy

The Diocesan Strategy was still being developed in 2025. This looks at 'blessing 1.5 million lives, one life at a time'.
Suggestions from the 2024 away day included which we keep in mind:
• Look at publicity-social media/leaflet drop. Scrolling banner, Facebook and coastal Committee
• Local community need to see us as 'normal': Still ongoing. Ashing and Prayers on the street helped this. The Lords Prayer initiative which involved the community and groups taking part in the filming of the Lord's Prayer can be found on our YouTube Channel.
• Community wants to use the buildings but doesn't engage with worship: - How do we bridge the gap? Invitations to Welcome Wednesday have helped this.
• The building layout is important
• 'Spaces' are not an end in themselves – we need to refresh our message
• What did the disciples do-look to their example of going to the people
• Open the north porch at St James: Open more in fine weather
• Have large/relevant poster which can be read from cars & buses on Victoria Road side. Achieved now
• Welcome table/spaces after church for refreshments. Achieved
• How do we nurture newcomers? Welcome pack in preparation and invitation to Alpha, Lent Course, quiet days.

Transformative loving service (in practice)
Suggestions

• Repeat events/service which went well-e.g. RNLI/Guide dogs
• Develop worship following Good Friday crafts – happening
• We do offer a variety of different services – happening
• Establish a link person for groups-nurture new believers
• Emphasis should be on : to **proclaim the good news of the kingdom & to teach, baptise and nurture new believers.**

Engaged locally, working together in loving generosity
Suggestions
• We should be outward looking doing more perhaps with the deanery and the diocese
• Join with the community on some annual events-carol singing etc.
• Work with Seabank Road shops at Easter/ Christmas trail/treasure hunt?)
• Be careful not to proliferate services for different groups which may cause fragmentation of church community. Although this was said, we are meant to have a different worshipping community. Open Table facilitates this because not one size fits all.

Build on the links we already have:
- Wallasey Gardening Society, Composting Works, Caring for God's Earth
- School curriculum links, Uniformed organisations, Coastal Committee/ New Brighteners/RNLI-(suicide prevention)
- Bridging the Wallasey gap/Churches Together, Remembrance Sunday Committee
- Wirral Food bank
- Heritage hub, Art exhibition space
- Newly formed Lighthouse Lodge.

Key messages/priorities from discussion
1. To develop our use of social media
2. Explore how can we improve what we already do?
3. Strengthen relationship with shops on Seabank Road – all are visited with hot cross buns and prayers on the street.

The diocese mission strategy has developed four main areas which are being looked at. These are:-
• **Growing our Missional Health** - helping each worshipping community (of which parishes are a main constituent) grow in their personal discipleship to Jesus Christ, and their mission together in their local community
• **Increasing our Missional Reach** - helping each worshipping community to reach those key demographics in their local context who are not currently part of their worshipping community - in particular this is about helping us becoming younger and more diverse
• **Planting new Missional** Communities - helping each worshipping community to be inspired to plant one new worshipping community by 2030, and looking at specific strategic planting / collaborative mission opportunities
• **Developing Missional Leadership** - encouraging and supporting our existing leaders (ordained, licensed, employed, volunteers), and creating the pathways to ensure that we can grow, train and release more people into missional leadership.

Deanery Synod

Sue Chadwick and Lesley Folkard were joined by Allyson Brown in 2025
Deanery synod provides the PCC with a link with the churches around us, and also with the Diocese as a whole. It also receives reports from the General Synod.
Wallasey Synod usually has three meetings every year each beginning with a time of worship.

Meetings in 2025 were held on -

- March 25th at Christchurch Moreton
- 22nd May at St Hilary's
- 23rd October at St Chads Leasowe

At each Synod, Deanery news and prayer is an important item. Items for prayer are shared in groups of 4 or 5 and time is spent in prayer for some of these issues. These prayer needs are compiled into a list after the Synod and distributed by email so that the ongoing needs of all the churches in the Deanery can be prayed. We usually have a speaker at each Synod and a small amount of business takes place. Topics include unconscious bias, Diocesan Vision and strategy, Diversity and Inclusion. The Deanery Ascension Service was held at Moreton.

Church Fabric Reports

St James Church: A Report upon the Fabric, Goods and Ornaments

The purpose of this report is to describe the structural condition of the Church building, and to assess the state of the furnishings and embellishments.

The building is examined on a regular basis by the Churchwardens and occasionally by our architect. As far as can be established from these visual examinations, the main building remains sound, with no serious signs of settlement, there are however a number of deficiencies that have been noted in the recent mandatory quinquennial inspection. These will be addressed as part of the ongoing restoration of the building as funding becomes available.

The furnishings are generally well cared for by a dedicated group of helpers, and thanks are due to these people for all their hard work.

During the past year, careful attention has been given to the ongoing care and maintenance of the church building, with both routine works and targeted interventions undertaken to address areas of concern.

A significant step forward has been a meeting with the Diocesan Advisory Committee (DAC), where the condition of the building and its future care were discussed in detail. The deterioration of certain elements of the fabric was highlighted, and the importance of establishing a planned schedule of regular maintenance was strongly emphasised as a way forward. This will help to protect the building, reduce long-term costs, and ensure its continued safe use.

Practical works completed this year include:

- Rainwater goods: Gutters and drains have been thoroughly cleared, with particular attention given to the very wet west wall, where improved drainage is already having a positive impact.
- Drainage improvements: The drain on the north side of the building has been dug out and replaced, improving water flow and helping to prevent future damp issues.
- Access and safety: A new handrail has been fitted to the vestry porch steps, improving safety for all users. The handrail, of galvanized welded steel, was fabricated by Warbreck Engineering of Liverpool. It was installed by Stonemasonry Wirral (Steve Walling).
  Many thanks to Warbreck, who made no charge for the supply of the item, it would normally have been about £500.

- External facilities: A garden tap has been installed on the north side of the church, significantly improving facilities for those maintaining the grounds.
- Masonry repairs: The north-west corner has been pointed by Stonemasonry Wirral, helping to stabilise and protect the structure.
- Boundary works: The south gatepost has been pinned to secure and strengthen it.
- Internal maintenance: Almek Decorators (Alan Kirby) have undertaken work to remove loose paint from the walls, preparing surfaces for future redecoration.

These works represent an important contribution to the stewardship of our church building. Thanks are extended to all those who have given their time, skills, and effort to support this essential work.

Looking ahead, the PCC will continue to work with the DAC and other advisors to develop a structured maintenance plan, ensuring that St James Church remains a safe, welcoming, and well-cared-for place of worship and community life.

Helen Jones and John Timms, Churchwardens

Emmanuel

The large maintenance jobs undertaken during 2025 were:
- The outside of the porch entrance was regrouted to ensure it remained waterproof,
- Extra electric plug sockets were placed in the coffee area on the church wall, together with a light switch to light the church from the coffee area.

Purchases included a new Vacuum Cleaner to replace the one no longer working;
a Post Box for the postman to be able to deliver letters addressed to the church;
replacement Window Blinds for all the windows in the coffee area;
a new outside Door Lock for the church hall.

The usual Annual Inspections were carried out:
- Electrical System and PAT Testing of all electrical appliances;
- Fire Extinguishers testing and servicing;
- Annual Service of both Gas Boilers (one for the church and one for the Coffee Area);
- Annual Service of the Gas Heater in the hall;
- Regular Pest Control inspections.

A Big 'Thank You' to all who maintain
the garden in front of the church,
the gardens at each side of the church, particularly leading into the hall,
the garden at the back of the hall, particularly our grass cutter.

Finally, a Big 'Thank You' to all the people involved in the church services:
The Choir, the Music Group, the Sidespersons, the Refreshment providers, the people who clean the church, coffee area and hall without being asked and the other jobs that magically happen.

Church Wardens Ron and Sarah

Mission and Evangelism

Helping those in need is a demonstration of our faith.

Our monthly magazine now has a print run of some 200 copies and gives details of what is coming up, and reports on previous activities. We ask for contributions of £6 per year to cover the cost of this 20-page magazine which not only goes to subscribers but it is also left in more public locations.
It is important to go outside of the church as well as invite people into church. Examples of this are:

- Alpha course
- Hot cross bun giveaway with prayers on the street
- We are trying to be better in advertising
- Occasional Office and Special Services. More people attended Light up a Life this year. Guide Dogs for the Blind have been asked to think about what they would like to do. RNLI, Remembrance at the Cenotaph and two remembrance services in Church. There were special services to commemorate VE and VJ Day. Rev Heather is chaplain to RNLI and RBL
- Monthly Home communion started at Lighthouse Lodge in 2024 and continues
- Youth Group continues monthly,
- Tots services at special times of year at Emmanuel
- Crafts at Christmas with Christmas Tree Service and Good Friday now has a small service following it.
- We tried Messy Church at St James but this finished because of low volumes of children attending
- Testimonies encouraged and sharing faith stories.
- Interaction at New Brighton Pride with a service and Open Table services began. This has been a healing journey for some.
- Online community has grown to 234. Choral Evensong being our most popular.

Care AND Fellowship

- Welcome Wednesdays at St James and Saturdays at Emmanuel help with community links and pastoral care.
- We have a Home Communion Team. Rev Heather is part of this but also has to be available for anyone in the wider parish and as Rural Dean for the other clergy and churches in vacancy.
- People in church are in pastoral groups.
- Funeral families are asked if they would like follow up.
- Foodbank and Initially Bridging the Wallasey Gap
- Electoral Roll
- The general pastoral care of everyone and prayers after the service.

Spirituality and Discipleship

It has been said that we have more different kinds of services in the deanery. The only one we don't have is a contemporary/charismatic service. We did the new Alive Course for the first time which was well attended with members from both churches. During Lent we had a successful retreat at Rydal Hall. Bible reading, Everyday faith, testimonies and sharing of books are all encouraged. The Alpha course is an annual event.

Financial Review

Whilst overall our financial position is still healthy, total expenditure exceeded income in 2025, and it was necessary once again to subsidise the General Account from the Legacy Account. The completion of the restoration of the Rose Window, and essential repairs to the North Corner at St James, both involved major expenditure this year but we are fortunate to have been able to fund these from our reserves and past

fundraising. On a more positive note, we continue to be supported by a generous congregation who largely donate by standing order, and there is increasing participation in the tax-efficient Parish Giving Scheme.

Looking at the accounts in more detail:

General Account

It should be noted that a transfer of £20,000 from the Legacy Account was necessary in order to meet essential expenditure on this account and this figure should not be viewed as income. In reality there was a deficit of nearly £13,000, however this is a smaller gap than in 2024.

There has been a welcome increase in some forms of Givings this year with a growing number of visitors using the CollecTin devices and QR codes now available at each church (shown as 'Digital Givings') and also increased weddings and funerals once the scaffolding was removed at St James.

Individual items of expenditure have seen little change this year although it is pleasing to see a decrease in the amount spent on utilities, largely due to solving the thermostat/timer issues at St James. It is hoped that this figure will decline further with cheaper energy contracts commencing this Spring.

Fabric Reserve Account at Emmanuel

Donations to this account have increased in response to an appeal by the new Churchwardens for funds to carry out maintenance work to the outside of the building to prevent deterioration. Expenditure was mostly in line with previous years, new blinds to the coffee area and back of church are a welcome sight and were mostly covered by generous donations. This account remains fairly buoyant with expenditure mostly offset by fundraising and donations, and a small reserve remains invested with the CCLA.

Repairs Account at St James

Expenditure on this account greatly exceeded income and it was necessary to draw a supplement from the Legacy Account of £12,000 in order to cover much of the cost of the essential repairs to the North Corner and the problems with drainage and plumbing. It is pleasing to see that the much-awaited handrail is now in place and the cost of this was met by several donations. Most other costs were routine and some increase in costs is to be expected. However, fundraising, in the form of a raffle and Welcome Wednesday activities, has provided a welcome boost to this account.

St James Restoration Account

The larger items of expenditure on this account, and some additional smaller items such as sheeting the organ and muting the alarm system, relate to the completion of the Rose Window project which was budgeted for in 2024. The only other item of note was the decision to appoint Action Planning Consultancy Limited to assist with securing the funding of future restoration projects, costs for this will be spread over 2025 and 2026.

Whilst income would appear less as no new grants were obtained, it is worth noting the valiant efforts of our hard-working fundraisers who contributed over £10,000 to the account in addition to pledges, donations and tax recovery.

It is of concern that the government has decided to scrap the VAT recovery scheme in 2026 and we await details of the replacement '**Places of Worship Renewal Fund'**. VAT recovery has allowed us to reclaim over £9,000 in total in 2025 alone, and without it any major works would become considerably more expensive.

Churchwarden's Legacy Account

As usual there was little activity here other than the aforementioned transfers to other accounts. Whilst the cash element is now much reduced we have been able to hold on to our shares for another year and these continue to provide a useful income. We continue to value this account as a reserve in case of unexpected outlay or if income continues to dwindle in the General Account.

Vicar's Discretionary Fund for Youth

There has been limited expenditure on this account and as it is underpinned by shares to the value of over £9,000 there is no hesitation in being able to fund future activities for children and young people at either church.

Review of Resources

The parish continues to find itself in the fortunate position of having sufficient funds for all foreseeable events. However the excess in expenditure over income on the General Account remains of some concern and it would be helpful if the congregation would consider increasing their regular contributions by a small amount to assist in balancing income and expenditure on general items. We remain extremely grateful for the continued generosity of parishioners and appreciate that many support fundraising or give to the Restoration Fund or Emmanuel Fabric Reserve Account in addition to regular giving.

Looking at the balance of all of our accounts in total, there is a large excess of expenditure of £46,000 but this is due to the completion of phase 3a and repair works at St James (phase 3b) which hopefully will not need to be repeated for some years. With rising costs, and a relatively static congregation, the PCC will, as always, need to be prudent, and it is aware that there may be difficult times ahead.

Reserves policy

It is the policy of the PCC to keep a considerable sum in the unrestricted account as a cash balance to offset the many and varied needs of the two church buildings. This is usually at least three months unrestricted payments and is held to smooth out fluctuations in cash flow and to meet emergencies. The cash balance of approximately £29,000 in the General Account at the end of 2025 together with nearly £13,000 on deposit with CCLA in the Legacy Account just about conforms to this policy. However it will probably be necessary to liquidate some shares in 2026 if current trends continue.

The two restricted funds: Reserve Account at Emmanuel and Repairs Account at St James, exist to cover the costs of maintaining the physical buildings. Whilst the Reserve Account at Emmanuel holds ample funds for the coming year, the PCC is aware that the Repairs Account for St James now needs to be supplemented from other funds or fundraising. The parish is fortunate to have a legacy, largely invested with the CCLA, which provides investment income for the parish and is also available for larger projects, or to supplement maintenance when necessary.

This is my eighth annual report as Treasurer. I continue to be extremely grateful to Trevor for providing a sounding board for decisions, and my thanks also go to those who help by counting, checking and banking our funds, especially Helen Jones and Alyson Brown at St James, and Viv Lythgoe, Pam and Rob O'Neill at Emmanuel, and also to George Merrill who continues to do a fantastic job as our Gift Aid Secretary.

Sally Giles February 2026

Safeguarding

The PCC has complied with the duty under section 5 of the Safeguarding and Clergy Discipline Measure 2016 (duty to have regard to House of Bishops' guidance on safeguarding children and vulnerable adults). We have taken up the diocesan safeguarding dashboard, created a separate email address for safeguarding and we are in the process of ensuring that all members of the PCC are trained in basic and foundation safeguarding. Awareness of domestic violence has just been added to the portfolio of training required for the PCC. The team has helped with supporting two cases in 2025.

Report on the Electoral Roll of the Parish

The revision of the electoral roll this year is a simpler process than that of 2025, which was the full revision required by ecclesiastical law every 6 years. This year we use the existing roll and amend this in line with any changes which occur during the year and about which we have received notification.

The number on the roll had fallen last year by about 30%, in line with the full revision, but this year the numbers have become more stable. We now have **115** members on the roll, prior to this year's revision compared with **107** last year.

We have a period of revision before the annual meeting, but for various reasons it is not always possible for members to make any changes to their information. I would ask, therefore, if anyone has any queries about their membership, either in continuing being on the roll or whether they qualify for membership, they see myself or the parish secretary and it can be checked.I would remind all church members that, in order to vote at the annual meeting, and at any extraordinary meeting which may be called, it is necessary to be listed on the current electoral roll. Following the annual meeting copies of the electoral roll will be available for consultation at both churches.

I would ask that you take a moment to do this, especially if you are a new member or if your circumstances have changed. I also apologise for any distress caused to family and friends if deceased members are still listed. In all the tasks necessary when a person passes away, it is very easy to overlook the removal of their information from the electoral roll. This is especially true of those who cannot get to church as often as they once did.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all those members who have provided information for the roll and for the help of the parish secretary in helping to keep all this information up to date.

Finally, if you have completed an application during the recent revision period, these will be finalised at the next meeting of the Parochial Church Council.

Stephen Cottam, April 2026

Volunteers

The members of the PCC would like to thank all the volunteers who work so tirelessly to make our Church a lively and vibrant community. Our especial thanks go to our Churchwardens, John Timms, Helen Jones and Colin Jones to May 2025 and Ron Jones and Sarah Merril from May 2025, Verger at St James, Rob Jones, the cleaning teams at both churches, the garden teams at both churches, all those who help prepare and distribute the parish magazine and the Admin Team.

Structure, Governance and Management

The method of appointment of PCC members is set out in the Church Representation Rules. The Council comprises the Incumbent, the Churchwardens, a representative of the Readers who are coopted members, those elected to the Deanery Synod, and other members who are elected at the Annual Parochial Church Meeting, by those on the Electoral Roll. Members of the congregation are always encouraged to join the Electoral Roll, and to consider standing for election to the PCC.

The PCC members are responsible for making decisions on all matters of general concern and importance in the parish, and for all financial matters. The full PCC met six times during the year; the average level of attendance was 70%

Given its wide responsibilities, the PCC has several sub committees, each dealing with a particular aspect of parish life. These include Parish Development, Safeguarding, Eco Church, Buildings (BRICs and Inspire), Finance, and Youth Work. Each subcommittee reports to the full PCC, with the minutes of their meetings.

Administrative Information

St James Church is situated on Albion Street New Brighton CH45 9LF, Emmanuel is situated on Seabank Road, New Brighton and both are part of the Deanery of Wallasey in the Diocese of Chester

The PCC is a body corporate (PCC Powers Measure 1956, and the Church Representation Rules 2022) and a Charity excepted from registration with the Charity Commission.

PCC members who have served from 1st January 2025 until the date this report was approved were:

Rev Heather Atkinson.	Incumbent
Ron Jones	Reader Co-opted
Mike Collins	Reader Co-opted
Elizabeth Cooper Clark	Reader Co-opted
Sue Chadwick	Deanery Synod until 2026
Lesley Folkard	Deanery Synod until 2026
Allyson Brown	Deanery Synod until 2026

St James Church

Helen Jones	Churchwarden
John Timms	Churchwarden
Angela Adams	Until 2026
Lynn Lloyd	Until 2026
Vanessa Martlew	Until 2026
Richard Wilberforce	Until 2027

Emmanuel Church

Colin Jones	Churchwarden to May 2025
Ron Jones	Churchwarden from May 2025
Sarah Merrill	Churchwarden from May 2025
Carol Cliff Wilcock	From May 2025 until 2028

George Merrill	From May 2025 until 2028
Sally Giles	From May 2025 until 2028
Colin Jones	From May 2025 until 2028
Ann Barlow	From May 2023 Until 2026
Chris Fryer	From May 2023 Until 2026
Sarah Merrill	From May 2024 Until 2025

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Income & Expenditure Accounts - Year ended 31 December 2025

2024	Expenditure		2025
£	General Account	£	£
68169	Parish Share	70214	
2734	Vicarage Council Tax & Water Charges	2951	
2022	Clergy Expenses inc Car Allowance	1879	
258	Wine, wafers, candles,	230	
14698	Heating, Lighting & Water	11944	
8736	Insurance Premiums	8647	
3293	Organist's fees	2922	
613	Refreshments /Cleaning Expenses	417	
186	Photocopier rental and use (excl magazine)	289	
1173	Sundries	1030	
686	Magazine Costs	728	
1383	Vestry phone and internet	1509	
918	Music Worship Expenses	869	
100	Contribution to Charities Account	0	
42	Website	0	
396	Alpha Course	263	
665	Contribution Vicars replacement phone	0	
0	CollecTin device	330	
0	Solar Panel deposit	150	
192	Eco Church Silver Award plaques	0	
106,264			104,372

2024	Income		2025
£	General Account	£	£
55,817	Net Gift Aided Givings	54,635	
833	Direct Givings Schemes	983	
4,445	Other Givings	5,941	
760	Digital Givings	3,199	
15,161	Tax Recovery on Givings	16,775	
77,016		81,533	
467	PCC Fees	1,574	
	Lettings:- Emmanuel £ 2691.20		
4,288	Lettings:- St James £ 445	3,136	
95	Interest	13	
801	Magazine sales and advertising	876	
1,559	Refreshment sales	1,962	
10,000	Transfer from legacy account	20,000	
2,400	Energy donations from Wirral Foodbank	2,500	
		0	
96,626			111,594

	Fabric Reserve Account @ Emmanuel		
608	Bailey & Birch Ltd – electrical work & PAT	1219	
50	Claughton Fire Protection - Servicing	51	
0	Replacement vacuum cleaner	230	
150	Elmwood Boiler service and tap repair	268	
360	Architect fees	0	
0	Shaw Joinery locks	275	
6537	Elmwood toilet rebuild	0	
210	Baby change	0	
0	Post Box	110	
0	Matthew Sanderson porch maintenance	1854	
0	HATS Heating service	234	
0	Gemini Blinds Replacement blinds	507	
387	Pesto kill	413	
264	Furber gutters	0	
65	Proper Geeks reset	0	
8,631			5,161
114,895	Expenditure Carried Forward		109,533

	Fabric Reserve Account @ Emmanuel		
300	Donations	1,725	
2,460	Fund Raising	2,782	
700	Interest	646	
1,267	Gift Aid Tax Recovery	90	
229	Eco Fair/Green Day Proceeds	64	
78	Easyfundraising website	149	
5,000	Legacy	0	
10,035			5,456
106,661	Income Carried Forward		117,049

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Income & Expenditure Accounts - Year ended 31 December 2025 (Continued)

2024 £	Expenditure	£	2025 £
114,895	Expenditure Brought Forward		109,533
	St James Restoration Fund		
1203	David Wells sheeting organ	1235	
516	Ecclesiastical Additional Insurance Premium	0	
0	Heritage Fair fee	10	
0	E-Bound alarm muting during restoration	145	
115	Concerts Expenses	0	
141	Cream Tea / VE Day Expenses	210	
21	Temporary License Fee	0	
115644	Mather & Ellis Contractor fees	39408	
14313	BTP Ltd Architects fee	6490	
3780	Hailstones Limited – Masonry Survey	0	
0	Beatles Quiz night expenses	85	
0	Restoration Launch night expenses	245	
208	Temporary Fencing	0	
0	Action Planning Consultancy Limited	6960	
135,941			54,788
	Repairs Account @ St James		
202	General church maintenance	97	
786	Bailey & Birch Ltd – Elec Repairs & Tests	2442	
1308	E Bound - Roof Alarm Servicing and parts	1196	
0	Almeck Ltd paint/plaster removal/gutters	3921	
80	Gardening and tree removal	20	
0	Handrail	300	
408	Organ Tuning	408	
102	PAS Sound Engineering repairs	0	
0	Phase 3B North corner	10067	
132	M Lewis boiler service	210	
109	Claughton Fire Protection - Servicing	98	
330	Reactive Plumbing – toilet issues	1494	
275	DMB Window repair	0	
522	GCS Heating service	756	
660	Replacement garden shed	0	
180	Wirral Drainage toilet issues	0	
408	Furber Roofing	0	
5,502			21,009
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0	Chester DBF Small Grant	1,194	
0	(LPOW) VAT Recovery	1,237	
229	Eco Fair/Green Day Proceeds	65	
5,000	Transfer from legacy Account	12,000	
111	Projector Use	0	
500	Legacy	2,000	
95	Fund Raising	956	
0	Gift Aid Tax Recovery	25	
0	Organ Use	77	
6,379			18,955
219,844	Income carried forward		160,726

PARISH OF NEW BRIGHTON -ST JAMES WITH EMMANUEL

Income and Expenditure Accounts - Year Ended 31 December 2025 (Continued)

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2778	Home Missions	1896	
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4,680			3,715
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5000	Transfer to St James Repairs Account	12000	
50000	Transfer to SJRF	0	
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67,301			32,000
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372	Youth outings and resources	237	
200	Messy Church / Sunday School resources	21	
145	Books for Y6 Leavers /Confirmation	35	
717			293
0	Excess of Income Over Expenditure		0
329,036			221,338

2024	Income		2025
£		£	£
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	Charities Account		
1,019	Collections in Church	879	
100	Transfer from General Account	0	
3,561	Other Charitable Collections	2,836	
4,680			3,715
	Churchwardens Legacy Account		
12,967	Interest	10,202	
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	Vicar's Discretionary Fund for Youth		
417	Interest	396	
123	Christmas/Easter crafts	0	
540			396
91,005	Excess of Expenditure Over Income		46,299
329,036			221,338

PARISH OF NEW BRIGHTON - ST JAMES WITH EMMANUEL

BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31st DECEMBER 2025

Liabilities and Fund Balances

2024		£ INCOME	£ EXPENDITURE	2025
£	**Fund Balances**			£
	Unrestricted:			
10,073	General Account	111,594	104372	17,295
185,224	Churchwardens Legacy Account	10202	32000	163,426
	Restricted:			
10	Charities Account	100	100	10
3,056	Repairs Account	18955	21009	1,002
15,171	Fabric Reserve Account	5456	5161	15,466
4,742	Vicars Discretionary Fund for Youth	396	293	4,845
44,110	St James Restoration Fund	24722	54788	14,044
262,386		171425	217723	216,088
7,417	Monies Held On Account			12,584
269,803				228,672

Assets

2024		£	2025 £
£			
	Church of England Central Board of Finance:		
	Shares at Cost	152,000	
	(Value as at 31/12/25 = £299,673)		
208,192	Deposit Fund	32,739	184,739
100	Petty Cash Imprest		100
	Cash at Bank:		
61,511	Current Accounts	43,333	
0	Debtor	500	43,833
269,803			228,672

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PARISH OF NEW BRIGHTON - ST JAMES WITH EMMANUEL

Notes

2024	Analysis of Monies held on Account	2025
£		£
605	Vicar's Fund	0
1518	Wave Café & Kitchen Project	1395
449	Church Ball	449
1456	Choir Fund	1831
368	Lighting Project	447
1797	Bread & Spread Project	1036
0	LTLRE	3492
1224	SJ Garden Fund	3934
7417		12584

2024		Analysis of Fundraising	2025	
St James	Emmanuel		St James	Emmanuel
£	£		£	£
0	621	Summer Fair	0	1,087
0	1,839	Christmas Fair	0	1,695
260	0	Inspire Blue Tube /Coppers	1,667	0
0	0	Raffles	403	0
1,015	0	Neil Diamond Concert	0	0
79	0	Christmas Card opt out scheme	0	0
0	0	Liz's Camino Walk	4,276	0
0	0	Richard's coastal walk	491	0
1,256	0	Sales of Preserves, Chicks etc.	1,665	0
245	0	Wirral History and Heritage Fair / weekend	276	0
1,128	0	Paragliding sponsorship	82	0
417	0	Cream Tea	0	0
546	0	Pancake and cookie sales	673	0
386	0	Glad rags and Handbags	0	0
150	0	Georgina's Sponsored Walk	0	0
846	0	Old English Night /VE Day	550	0
505	0	Quiz Night	623	0
95	0	Welcome Wednesday	862	0
6,928	2,460		11,568	2,782

PARISH OF NEW BRIGHTON - ST JAMES WITH EMMANUEL
CHARITABLE GIVING

2024 £	Charity Payments	2025 £	2025 £	2024 £		2025 £	2025 £
	Collections in Church				Direct Contributions from General A/C		
321	Children's Society	234		100	Inclusive Church Network	0	
0	Claire House	156					
550	RNLI NB	334		100		0	
148	Christian Aid (Archdeacon's Visit)	0					
0	Wirral Hospice	156					
1,019			879				
	Other Collections						
1792	Wirral Foodbank (includes Bread & Spread)	1627					
140	Leprosy Mission	100					
0	MSF	100					
423	Claire House	264					
640	Christian Aid	331					
0	MSDP	50					
465	Fun, Food and Friendship /BWG	0					
100	A Rocha Eco Church	35					
0	Unicef Sudan Appeal	162					
0	MacMillan Cancer Care	167					
3,561			2,836	4,580			3,715

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PARISH OF NEW BRIGHTON - ST JAMES WITH EMMANUEL

Income & Expenditure Accounts - Year ended 31 December 2025

2024	Expenditure		2025
£	General Account	£	£
68169	Parish Share	70214	
2734	Vicarage Council Tax & Water Charges	2951	
2022	Clergy Expenses inc Car Allowance	1879	
258	Wine, wafers, candles,	230	
14698	Heating, Lighting & Water	11944	
8736	Insurance Premiums	8647	
3293	Organist's fees	2922	
613	Refreshments /Cleaning Expenses	417	
186	Photocopier rental and use (excl magazine)	289	
1173	Sundries	1030	
686	Magazine Costs	728	
1383	Vestry phone and internet	1509	
918	Music Worship Expenses	869	
100	Contribution to Charities Account	0	
42	Website	0	
396	Alpha Course	263	
665	Contribution Vicars replacement phone	0	
0	CollecTin device	330	
0	Solar Panel deposit	150	
192	Eco Church Silver Award plaques	0	
106,264			104,372

2024	Income		2025
£	General Account	£	£
55,817	Net Gift Aided Givings	54,635	
833	Direct Givings Schemes	983	
4,445	Other Givings	5,941	
760	Digital Givings	3,199	
15,161	Tax Recovery on Givings	16,775	
77,016		81,533	
467	PCC Fees	1,574	
	Lettings:- Emmanuel £ 2691.20		
4,288	Lettings:- St James £ 445	3,136	
95	Interest	13	
801	Magazine sales and advertising	876	
1,559	Refreshment sales	1,962	
10,000	Transfer from legacy account	20,000	
2,400	Energy donations from Wirral Foodbank	2,500	
		0	
96,626			111,594

	Fabric Reserve Account @ Emmanuel		
608	Bailey & Birch Ltd – electrical work & PAT	1219	
50	Claughton Fire Protection - Servicing	51	
0	Replacement vacuum cleaner	230	
150	Elmwood Boiler service and tap repair	268	
360	Architect fees	0	
0	Shaw Joinery locks	275	
6537	Elmwood toilet rebuild	0	
210	Baby change	0	
0	Post Box	110	
0	Matthew Sanderson porch maintenance	1854	
0	HATS Heating service	234	
0	Gemini Blinds Replacement blinds	507	
387	Pesto kill	413	
264	Furber gutters	0	
65	Proper Geeks reset	0	
8,631			5,161
114,895	Expenditure Carried Forward		109,533

	Fabric Reserve Account @ Emmanuel		
300	Donations	1,725	
2,460	Fund Raising	2,782	
700	Interest	646	
1,267	Gift Aid Tax Recovery	90	
229	Eco Fair/Green Day Proceeds	64	
78	Easyfundraising website	149	
5,000	Legacy	0	
10,035			5,456
106,661	Income Carried Forward		117,049

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Income & Expenditure Accounts - Year ended 31 December 2025 (Continued)

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114,895	Expenditure Brought Forward		109,533
	St James Restoration Fund		
1203	David Wells sheeting organ	1235	
516	Ecclesiastical Additional Insurance Premium	0	
0	Heritage Fair fee	10	
0	E-Bound alarm muting during restoration	145	
115	Concerts Expenses	0	
141	Cream Tea / VE Day Expenses	210	
21	Temporary License Fee	0	
115644	Mather & Ellis Contractor fees	39408	
14313	BTP Ltd Architects fee	6490	
3780	Hailstones Limited – Masonry Survey	0	
0	Beatles Quiz night expenses	85	
0	Restoration Launch night expenses	245	
208	Temporary Fencing	0	
0	Action Planning Consultancy Limited	6960	
135,941			54,788
	Repairs Account @ St James		
202	General church maintenance	97	
786	Bailey & Birch Ltd – Elec Repairs & Tests	2442	
1308	E Bound - Roof Alarm Servicing and parts	1196	
0	Almeck Ltd paint/plaster removal/gutters	3921	
80	Gardening and tree removal	20	
0	Handrail	300	
408	Organ Tuning	408	
102	PAS Sound Engineering repairs	0	
0	Phase 3B North corner	10067	
132	M Lewis boiler service	210	
109	Claughton Fire Protection - Servicing	98	
330	Reactive Plumbing – toilet issues	1494	
275	DMB Window repair	0	
522	GCS Heating service	756	
660	Replacement garden shed	0	
180	Wirral Drainage toilet issues	0	
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