# St James's Church, New Barnet

# Trustees' Report and Financial Statements

## for the year ending 31st December 2025

## Trustees Report

### Objectives and Activities

In accordance with St James's Church's charity registration and our position as part of the Church of England, our key activities are providing regular public worship open to all and providing services to the community.

Our main goals from our Mission Action Plan were:

- To improve our welcome and help newcomers belong
- To continue to be good stewards of finance and resources
- To increase our involvement in the community and seek new mission opportunities
- To invest in equipping leaders
- To continue to invest in our work with children, young people, and their families
- To draw more into the presence of God through all we are doing
- To be a place where prayer is a priority

In each area of ministry we think about how our actions help our relationships in three directions – up (how does this help us to grow in faith); in (how do we support each other) and out (how do we reach out to the community).

We will continue to develop our relationships with other local churches, especially our sister church Holy Trinity, Lyonsdown.

### Achievements and Performance

Our vicar Revd Canon Laura Hewitt left in February. During 2025 we undertook the recruitment process for our next vicar, and appointed Rev Sharon Ejinkonye in early 2026. So we were in a Vacancy for most of 2025, and are grateful to all those members of our congregation who took on extra jobs to allow us to continue as much as possible of our ministries and activities.

Our weekly services are Sunday morning and Wednesday morning (short midweek reflection).

We employed a Family and Youth Worker until August 2025 (since 2012). We will reassess this role in 2026. As well as Kidschurch during our Sunday morning service, we also run some weekday groups: Toddler Group, Our Place (toddler group for children with additional needs) and Zone (school years 2-6). Zone was temporarily paused in summer 2025.

We continue to be part of the Together in Barnet Night Shelter scheme, and hosted guests overnight in church once a week for two months during the winter.

Jim's Café, our Community Advice Centre, continued to grow. It is a place where anyone is welcome, offering friendship as well as a range of advice services, including help with filling in forms. We have conversation English classes for those with English as a second language, and are part of the national warm spaces initiative. This is all free.

We have a donation point for Chipping Barnet Foodbank (and had a special collection at Harvest) and local charity Sebby's Corner (for families experiencing hardship). In December we held our annual Toy Sunday, when people brought new toys for social services to pass on to children who would not get Christmas presents.

Due to the sale of the vicarage, we began the process of transferring the community garden to land at East Barnet Valley Bowls Club in Victoria Recreation Ground. Produce from the garden was again distributed to people at Jim's Cafe and the Foodbank.

On Remembrance Sunday we took part in the service at New Barnet War Memorial, before our own morning service which included an act of remembrance.

We held a free Community Fun Day in December, with a bouncy castle, games, stalls and hot dogs. We had a range of special services at Christmas and at Easter. For many years we have taken part in carol singing at a retirement home at Christmas, and in 2025 we were invited back to a local pub, after a popular first visit in 2024.

We continue to run our small group Bible studies (Life Groups), and these have been places to support one another, and grow as disciples.

We have prayer ministry available after services. We always join in with the local ecumenical World Day of Prayer service.

Social events have included lawn bowls, women's events and a charity fair.

We have two regular craft groups, and a community music group. Knit & Natter's projects have included making knitted items for charities.

We have a Silver Eco Church Award from A Rocha UK (a Christian charity which works to equip Christians and churches to care for the environment), and continue to work to improve our environmental impact within the church building. During Lent we offered the congregation the chance to take part in our carbon fast, and in the autumn Kidschurch used a series of Eco Church sessions.

## Financial Review

### Income

Our income in 2025 was £157,921. This was less than in 2024, which was largely due to applying for less grant funding.

### Expenditure

Our expenditure in 2025 was £150,888. The main areas of expenditure were parish share, staff salaries and fabric costs. Two staff salaries are paid for almost entirely by grants, for which we are very grateful. Parish share is our contribution to the Diocese of St Albans, which in turn pays our vicar's stipend and supports the church in many other ways. We always feel it is important to pay our parish share in full.

Our expenditure was less than in 2024, which was mainly due to paying less Parish Share while we were in a Vacancy, reduced salaries because of our youth worker leaving during the year and fewer maintenance costs.

### Cash

As always, we aim to maintain a healthy cash balance throughout the year to make sure we are able to deal with any unexpected dips in income. We were able to do this in 2025.

### Reserves Policy

The free reserves are the total funds available to the PCC, excluding funds tied up in our rental property in Victoria Road and funds designated to be used on specific items.

It is the PCC's policy to:

- keep three months' running costs (approximately £35,000) in free reserves to cover essential expenditure in the event of loss of income
- save up funds in a 'salaries reserve' and a 'fabric reserve' to cover unexpected fabric repairs and other large projects and to ensure salaries can be paid during a low patch, or if we were unable to continue to secure grant funding

We have designated £10,000 to the salaries reserve and £10,000 to the fabric reserve, as well as £7,435 to the charitable giving reserve and £2,000 to a music and PA reserve, on top of the free reserves.

Our free reserves are currently £53,275. This is higher than our target amount as we anticipate extra fabric and upkeep costs during 2026.

## Structure, Governance and Management

St James's Parochial Church Council (PCC) is a corporate body established by the Church of England and operating under the Parochial Church Council Powers Measure.

It is registered as a charity in England as "The parochial church council of the ecclesiastical parish of St James New Barnet", also known as "St James PCC, New Barnet". Its registered charity number is 1150299.

Individuals become members of the PCC (in accordance with the Church Representation Rules):

- by virtue of their office within the church (vicar and churchwardens)
- by membership of certain other ecclesiastical bodies (e.g. Barnet Deanery Synod)
- by direct election by members of the church (those on the Church Electoral Roll)

On appointment or election to the PCC, all members automatically become trustees of the charity.

As well as constituting the charity trustees, the PCC is the overall management committee of the church. It has the

following sub-committees:

- Standing Committee – empowered to take urgent decisions between normal PCC meetings
- Fabric Team – deals with practical matters, including maintenance of the church building and other church-owned premises
- Finance Team – aims to establish and maintain best practice in all aspects of financial management

The following served as trustees (and as members of the PCC) in 2025:

Revd Canon Laura Hewitt, Chairperson (to February 2025 PCC meeting)
Revd Jenny Robinson, Curate (to May 2025 PCC meeting)
Carol Connah, Churchwarden
Rosalind Thompson
Alun Matthews
Luke Cowles; Churchwarden (Chairperson from March 2025)
Zoë Jones, Treasurer
Bryony Johnson
Areghan Obawaeki
Liz Smith
Sue Walsh
Simon Vincent, Secretary

The PCC appointed Jeremy & Helen Alford as Safeguarding Officers in 2022. They are not Trustees.

**Reference and Administrative Details**

**Registered Office**: St. James's Church, 71 East Barnet Road, New Barnet, EN4 8RN

**Bankers**: Barclays Bank PLC, 1250 High Road, Whetstone, London, N20 OPB

**Independent Examiner**: Mr D Watson ACIB, 24 Ventnor Drive, Totteridge, London, N20 8BP

on.....14 April 2026.....and signed on their behalf by:

Luke Cowles
*Church Warden & PCC Chair*

Carol Connah
*Church Warden*

## STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

| | note | 2025 Restricted £ | 2025 Unrestricted £ | 2025 Total £ | 2024 £ |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **INCOME** | | | | | |
| Donations and grants | | 14,716 | 83,413 | 98,129 | 162,841 |
| Charitable Activities | | - | 3,080 | 3,080 | 4,358 |
| Trading Activities | | - | 54,044 | 54,044 | 47,000 |
| Other Income | | - | 2,668 | 2,668 | 3,162 |
| **Total INCOME** | | 14,716 | 143,205 | 157,921 | 217,361 |
| **EXPENDITURE** | | | | | |
| Charitable Giving | | 2,069 | 1,000 | 3,069 | 2,945 |
| Service Costs | | 142 | 3,513 | 3,655 | 4,332 |
| Church Ministry | | 1,670 | 72,704 | 74,374 | 80,294 |
| Employee Costs | 2,7 | 24,349 | 18,910 | 43,259 | 49,437 |
| Fabric | | 3,502 | 15,739 | 19,241 | 43,532 |
| Administration | | 250 | 7,787 | 8,037 | 7,772 |
| Fundraising Costs | | - | (747) | (747) | 15,723 |
| **Total EXPENDITURE** | | 31,982 | 118,906 | 150,888 | 204,035 |
| **NET RESOURCES** | | (17,266) | 24,299 | 7,033 | 13,326 |
| **TRANSFERS BETWEEN FUNDS** | | - | - | - | - |
| **NET MOVEMENT IN FUNDS** | | (17,266) | 24,299 | 7,033 | 13,326 |
| **BALANCES BROUGHT FORWARD** | | 41,308 | 218,414 | 259,722 | 246,396 |
| **BALANCES CARRIED FORWARD** | | 24,042 | 242,713 | 266,755 | 259,722 |

## BALANCE SHEET

| **ASSETS** | note | 2025 £ | | 2024 £ |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Fixed Assets | | | | |
| Buildings - 159 Victoria Road | 3 | 160,000 | | 160,000 |
| ***Totals*** | | | 160,000 | 160,000 |
| Current Assets | | | | |
| Cash at bank | | 90,729 | | 79,656 |
| Cash in hand | | 1,181 | | 1,903 |
| Stock | | 1,359 | | 1,952 |
| Debtors - trade | | 4,349 | | 3,335 |
| Debtors - other | | 3,779 | | 6,719 |
| Debtors - Gift Aid tax claim | | 11,392 | | 13,863 |
| ***Totals*** | | | 112,789 | 107,428 |
| Less Creditors | | | | |
| Trade creditors | | (1,642) | | (518) |
| Other creditors | | (1,788) | | (4,188) |
| PAYE and National Insurance | | 396 | | - |
| Deferred income | | (3,000) | | (3,000) |
| ***Totals*** | | | (6,034) | (7,706) |
| **NET CURRENT ASSETS** | | | 106,755 | 99,722 |
| **NET ASSETS** | | | 266,755 | 259,722 |

| **FUNDS** | note | 2025 £ | | 2024 £ |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Restricted Funds | 4 | | | |
| Hardship fund | | 5,786 | | 6,227 |
| Jims fund | | 2,237 | | 2,253 |
| Youth work fund | | 5,002 | | 23,827 |
| Community projects fund | | 1,573 | | 1,926 |
| Other restricted funds | | 9,444 | | 7,075 |
| ***Totals*** | | | 24,042 | 41,308 |
| Designated Funds | 5 | | | |
| Charitable giving | | 7,435 | | 6,435 |
| Music & PA reserve | | 2,000 | | 2,000 |
| Buildings reserve | | 160,000 | | 160,000 |
| Fabric reserve | | 10,000 | | 10,000 |
| Salaries reserve | | 10,000 | | 5,000 |
| ***Totals*** | | | 189,435 | 183,435 |
| Other Funds | 5 | | | |
| Free reserves | | 53,278 | | 34,979 |
| ***Totals*** | | | 53,278 | 34,979 |
| **FUNDS TOTALS** | | | 266,755 | 259,722 |

| **INCOME** | note | 2025 £ | | 2024 £ |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Donations and grants | | | | |
| General giving | | 59,200 | | 59,126 |
| Tax recovered on general giving | | 12,167 | | 13,137 |
| Gift Day income | | 9,108 | | 13,305 |
| Tax recovered on Gift Day | | 2,105 | | 2,880 |
| Grants | | 11,766 | | 63,902 |
| Other donations | | 1,840 | | 7,682 |
| Tax recovered on restricted donations | | 25 | | 978 |
| Collections for other charities | | 1,320 | | 1,175 |
| Church event donations | | 598 | | 656 |
| ***Totals*** | | | 98,129 | 162,841 |
| Charitable Activities | | | | |
| Youth & children event subs | | 1,813 | | 2,138 |
| Wedding & funeral fees | | 516 | | 670 |
| Church shop income | | 721 | | 809 |
| Other event income | | - | | 235 |
| Miscellaneous other income | | 30 | | 506 |
| ***Totals*** | | | 3,080 | 4,358 |
| Trading Activities | | | | |
| Nursery rental | | 36,000 | | 29,000 |
| 159 Victoria Road rent | | 18,000 | | 18,000 |
| Other sales income | | 44 | | - |
| ***Totals*** | | | 54,044 | 47,000 |
| Other Income | | | | |
| Interest etc received | | 753 | | 986 |
| Insurance payout | | 532 | | 850 |
| Other income | | 1,383 | | 1,326 |
| ***Totals*** | | | 2,668 | 3,162 |
| **INCOME TOTALS** | | | 157,921 | 217,361 |

| **EXPENDITURE** | note | 2025 £ | | 2024 £ |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Charitable Giving | | | | |
| Church charitable giving | | 1,175 | | 1,000 |
| Other charities collections | | 926 | | 924 |
| Hardship fund payments | | 968 | | 1,021 |
| ***Totals*** | | | 3,069 | 2,945 |
| Service Costs | | | | |
| Service costs | | 727 | | 1,447 |
| Refreshments | | 1,108 | | 1,241 |
| PA & music | | 1,820 | | 1,644 |
| ***Totals*** | | | 3,655 | 4,332 |
| Church Ministry | | | | |
| Parish Share | | 69,656 | | 74,205 |
| Discipleship events and groups | | 11 | | 361 |
| Youth groups and events | | 304 | | 526 |
| Community projects including Jim's | | 732 | | 644 |
| Outreach events | | 173 | | 1,158 |
| Hospitality | | 121 | | 436 |
| Vicar's expenses & interregnum costs | | 1,258 | | 1,698 |
| Conferences & training | | 192 | | 349 |
| Publicity | | 15 | | 38 |
| Gifts to church members | | 941 | | 519 |
| Cost of shop goods | | 971 | | 360 |
| ***Totals*** | | | 74,374 | 80,294 |
| Employee Costs | 2,7 | | | |
| Salaries | | 42,182 | | 48,140 |
| Pensions and National Insurance | | 1,077 | | 1,297 |
| ***Totals*** | | | 43,259 | 49,437 |
| Fabric | | | | |
| Repairs & maintenance | | 5,011 | | 24,226 |
| Health & safety & security | | 1,558 | | 2,794 |
| Church cleaning materials | | 19 | | 84 |
| Church insurance | | 3,181 | | 2,951 |
| Energy and water | | 9,472 | | 13,477 |
| ***Totals*** | | | 19,241 | 43,532 |
| Administration | | | | |
| Photocopier expenses | | 1,211 | | 984 |
| IT & software | | 768 | | 777 |
| Other office costs | | 1,453 | | 1,243 |
| Bank fees etc | | 515 | | 547 |
| Bookkeeping and other expenses | | 4,090 | | 4,221 |
| ***Totals*** | | | 8,037 | 7,772 |
| Fundraising Costs | | | | |
| 159 Victoria Road insurance & maintenance | | 3,753 | | 2,423 |
| Bad debt expense | | (4,500) | | 13,300 |
| ***Totals*** | | | (747) | 15,723 |
| **EXPENDITURE TOTALS** | | | 150,888 | 204,035 |
| **SURPLUS / (DEFICIT)** | | | 7,033 | 13,326 |

## Notes to the Accounts

### 1. Accounting Policies

a) Basis of Accounting
The accounts have been prepared under the historical cost convention, and in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) issued on 16 July 2014; the Financial reporting Standard applicable in the United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland (FRS102); the Charities Act 2011; and UK Generally Accepted Practice as it applies from 1 January 2015.

The charity constitutes a public benefit entity as defined by FRS102.

b) Recognition of income
Income is included in the Statement of Financial Activities when the charity becomes entitled to the resources, it is more likely than not that the charity will receive the resources and the monetary value can be measured with sufficient reliability.

c) Incoming resources
Donations and grants are included in the accounts when the general income criteria are met. When donors specify they are to be used for a future accounting period they are treated as deferred income. Contributions, fees and tax recoverable from the Inland Revenue under the Gift Aid scheme are recognised on an accruals basis when there is a valid declaration from the donor.

d) Resources Expended
Expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis, inclusive of VAT, which cannot be recovered.

e) Capitalisation and Depreciation
All fixed assets are initially recorded at cost.
Tangible fixed assets costing more than £2,500 are capitalised in the accounts.
Depreciation is calculated so as to write off the cost of an asset, less its estimated residual value, over the useful economic life of that asset as follows:
Office Equipment – computers 50% straight line, other equipment 25% straight line.
Property – the property is not depreciated as the PCC believes the current market value of the property is significantly higher than the valuation in the accounts.

f) Stocks
Stocks held for resale are measured at the lower of cost or net realisable value.

g) Pensions
St. James's PCC contributes to a defined contribution pension scheme on behalf of employees, the cost of which is disclosed in the detailed income and expenditure account.

h) Funds accounting
Funds held by the charity are:

- Unrestricted general funds – these are funds which can be used in accordance with the charitable objects at the discretion of the trustees.
- Unrestricted designated funds – these are funds which the PCC has designated for specific purposes, as set out in note 5.
- Restricted funds – these are funds which can only be used for particular purposes within the objects of the charity. Restrictions arise when specified by the donor or when funds are raised for particular restricted purposes. The nature and purpose of each fund is explained further in the notes to the accounts.

### 2. Staff Costs

a) Employment costs are as specified in the detailed income and expenditure.

b) 4 people were employed by the charity during the year of which 3 were part-time and the other was full-time (2024: 5 people of which 4 were part-time and the other was full time).

c) No employee earned more than £60,000 during the year (2023: nil).

### 3. Fixed Assets

The only fixed asset is an investment property in Victoria Road. No depreciation has been applied to this property because the PCC believes the current market value of the property is significantly higher than the current valuation. This valuation was made several years ago.

## 4. Restricted Funds

| | 1 Jan 2025 | Income | Expenditure | Transfers between funds | 31 Dec 2025 |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | £ | £ | £ | £ | £ |
| Youth & Children's work fund | 23,827 | - | 18,825 | - | 5,002 |
| Special collections | 335 | 1,302 | 1,655 | - | - |
| Jim's café fund | 2,253 | 6,052 | 6,068 | - | 2,237 |
| Hardship fund | 6,227 | 527 | 968 | - | 5,786 |
| Community projects | 1,926 | 3,548 | 3,901 | - | 1,573 |
| Other | 6,740 | 3,269 | 565 | - | 9,444 |
| | **41,308** | **14,716** | **31,982** | **-** | **24,042** |

The youth and children's work fund consists of grants and donations given to pay for the youth and children's work at St James's. This fund contains some donations to be used for any costs relating to youth and children's work and some for specific elements of youth and children's work.

The special collections fund consists of special collections the church ran for other charities or mission activities. These funds can only be spent on the purpose each collection was advertised as being for.

The Jim's café fund consists of donations for the costs of the social action café run by St James's called Jim's café.

The hardship fund consists of donations to be given to members of the congregation, Jim's clients, or others known to the church, who are in particular financial hardship or have a particular financial crisis.

The community projects fund consists of donations to community projects such as the St James's Community Garden and Night Shelter.

The other restricted fund is for other donations given for specific reasons such as utility costs, equipment for church, etc.

## 5. Unrestricted Funds

| | 1 Jan 2025 | Income | Expenditure | Transfers between funds | 31 Dec 2025 |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | £ | £ | £ | £ | £ |
| Free reserves | 34,979 | 143,205 | 117,906 | (7,000) | 53,278 |
| Designated charitable fund | 6,435 | - | 1,000 | 2,000 | 7,435 |
| Designated fabric fund | 10,000 | - | - | - | 10,000 |
| Designated music & PA fund | 2,000 | - | - | - | 2,000 |
| Designated salaries fund | 5,000 | - | - | 5,000 | 10,000 |
| Designated building reserve | 160,000 | - | - | - | 160,000 |
| | **218,414** | **143,205** | **118,906** | **-** | **242,713** |

The designated charitable fund is reserves which the PCC has decided to donate to other charities as charitable giving.

The designated fabric fund is reserves designated by the PCC to support larger maintenance projects, particularly as a result of the Quinquennial.

The designated music & PA fund is to support enhancements to the sound system, music and AV systems.

The designated salaries fund is to support salaries to enable key areas of mission to continue during a period of growth in Jim's and anticipated financial hardship in the country.

The designated buildings reserve is the total of the charity's reserves which are tied up in the church's property in Victoria Road. Therefore, these reserves can't be spent unless the property is sold.

## 6. Analysis of Net Assets (between restricted and unrestricted funds)

| | Tangible fixed assets | Other net assets | Total |
|---|---|---|---|
| | £ | £ | £ |
| Restricted | - | 24,042 | 24,042 |
| Unrestricted: | | | |
| Free reserves | - | 53,278 | 53,278 |
| Designated fund – buildings reserve | 160,000 | - | 160,000 |
| Designated fund – charitable giving reserve | - | 7,435 | 7,435 |
| Designated fund – music & PA fund | - | 2,000 | 2,000 |
| Designated fund – fabric reserve | | 10,000 | 10,000 |
| Designated fund – salaries reserve | - | 10,000 | 10,000 |
| | **160,000** | **106,755** | **266,755** |

## 7. Transactions with Trustees and Related parties

**Trustees' Remuneration & Benefits:** None of the trustees have been paid any remuneration or received any other benefits from being employed as a trustee with the charity or a related entity. One trustees until the APCM in May 2024, Paul Robinson, received a salary from St James's in 2024 for their job as Family & Youth Worker for St James's. In 2024 this salary was £24,847 with employer pension contributions of £930 Paul Robinson was also employed by St James's as Family & Youth Worker in 2025 until August 2025 but he was not a trustee in 2025. Paul Robinson received no remuneration for being a trustee. Paul Robinson also excused himself from any discussions or votes relating to salaries or employment policies at PCC meetings while he was employed by St James's.

**Trustees' Expenses:** The Rev Canon Laura Hewitt was paid expenses of £200 (2024 - £1,698), made up of training (£nil; 2024: £101) and travel and accommodation (£200; 2024: £1,597). These expenses were all wholly related to her duties as Vicar of St James's Church.

**Transactions with Related Parties:**

St James's shared the Vicar, Rev Canon Laura Hewitt in 2024 and until February 2025, and the Curate, Rev Jenny Robinson in 2024 and until August 2025, with the Church of Holy Trinity, Lyonsdown. Therefore, some costs were incurred by St James's for Holy Trinity and vice versa. Any costs incurred by one church for the other church are reimbursed in a lump sum once a year. At 31 December 2025 the total owed to St James's by Holy Trinity was £253 (2024: £3,239).

In 2024 St James's received a grant from New Barnet Parochial Schools Trust (NBPST) for £26,861. Rev Canon Laura Hewitt was a trustee of St James's and of NBPST in 2024 and until February 2025. However, she did not vote on any grant application made by St James's.

The PCC is not aware of any other related party transactions in 2024 or 2023.

## 8. Income and expenditure

### Grants received

Below is a summary of the grants received.

| Grant restriction | Restricted fund | 2025 Total | 2024 Total |
|---|---|---|---|
| | | £ | £ |
| Community Garden | Community projects | 500 | - |
| Winter Festivals | Community projects | - | 600 |
| Warm Hub | Community projects | 3,048 | 2,250 |
| Jim's Manager | Jim's | 6,052 | 5,733 |
| Jim's Cafe – other | Jim's | - | 100 |
| Hardship fund | Hardship fund | - | 3,000 |
| Family and Youth worker | Youth work | - | 26,861 |
| Redecoration of downstairs rooms | Other | - | 14,168 |
| New contactless card machine | Other | 250 | - |
| Toilet refurbishments | Other | 1,916 | 750 |
| Roof skylight repair | Other | - | 10,440 |

| | |
|---|---|
| **11,766** | **63,902** |

Grant funders included City Church Fund, Hadley Trust, New Barnet Parochial Schools Trust and The Benefact Trust. We are very grateful to these and all other grant funders.

**Other donations**

Other donations in 2024 contained £1,604 (2024: £7,617) of restricted donations including £502 for the hardship fund (2024: £1,090) and £1,000 for various pieces of church equipment such as a new sound system (2024: £5,410).

**9. Fees for Examination of the Accounts**

The fee for the Independent Examiner has not yet been finalised for the examination of the 2025 accounts but an accrual of £250 has been set up for this fee (2024: £250).

on 19 April 2026 and signed on their behalf by:

Luke Cowles
*Church Warden & PCC Chair*

Zoë Jones
*Treasurer*

# Independent Examiner's Report

**Report to the Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish of St James New Barnet. Charity Number 1150299**

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the PCC") for the year ended 31 December 2025, set out on pages 4 to 11.

**Responsibilities and Basis of Report**
As the charity's trustees, you, are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ("the Act").

I report in respect of my examination of the PCC's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination, I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

**Independent examiner's statement**
I have completed my examination.

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

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the Trust as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

I confirm that I 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.

David Watson
6 May 2026

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