THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH OF

LICKEY & BLACKWELL

Annual Report & Financial Accounts
For the Year End 31st December 2025

PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF HOLY TRINITY, LICKEY WITH ST CATHERINE'S CHURCH, BLACKWELL
Year ended 31 December 2025

Annual Report for 2025
Background

The trustees of the Parochial Church Council (PCC) of Holy Trinity, Lickey with St Catherine, Blackwell are pleased to present their report together with the financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2025.
The financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011, Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with Financial Reporting Standard FRS102 and Church Accounting Regulations.

Objectives and Activities

The PCC is committed to enabling as many people as possible to worship and become part of our parish community of Holy Trinity with St Catherine's. The PCC maintains an overview of worship throughout the parish and makes suggestions on how our services can involve the many groups that live within our parish. Our services and worship put faith into practice through prayer and scripture, music and sacrament.

When planning our activities for the year, we have considered the Commission's guidance on public benefit and, in particular, the supplementary guidance on charities for the advancement of religion. In particular, we try to enable ordinary people to live out their faith as part of our parish community through:

• Worship and prayer; learning about the Gospel; developing knowledge and trust in Jesus.

• Provision of pastoral care for people living in the parish.

• Missionary and outreach work. In order to facilitate this work it is important that we maintain the fabric of the Churches of Holy Trinity and St Catherine and the Trinity Centre Complex.

Achievements and Performance
Worship and Prayer:

The PCC is keen to offer a range of services during the week and over the course of the year that our community find both beneficial and spiritually fulfilling. Regularly supporting our Vicar are Curate Rev Louise Beasley Rev Angela Bevan and Lay Readers Maggie Forknell, Roger Jones, Tara and Ian Morrey. Our Vicar accepted a Diocesan Role as Warden of Readers in February 2024 and we are grateful to Rev Colin Corke who leads all of our services on Wednesday whilst our Vicar is fulfilling this wider role.

During 2025 our Sunday service pattern changed both to gather and strengthen our existing morning congregation and to reach out to new people.
We meet at 10am each Sunday alternating between the two churches in our parish. At 4pm on the first Sunday of each month we offer Informal Evening Worship and on all other Sundays a 4pm Intergenerational Service. A midweek Communion service is held each week on a Wednesday at 10am at Holy Trinity, prayer ministry is offered following our Sunday morning services.

Our Cycle Church Service met monthly from April – October based at St Catherine. We hold a monthly Communion Service in Burcot Grange, Cofton Park Manor and Redwood House Residential Settings for Seniors. We hold a monthly Timeless: Dementia Service based at St Catherine from April – October and in Burcot Lodge Residential Setting from November - March. We also hold a weekly service for Under 5's and their carers – Tiny Church.

Our Vicar took a scheduled Sabbatical from November 2025 – January 2026, our Curate ably led during this time.

Occasional Services:

We provide opportunity for our community to celebrate and thank God at the milestones of their journey through life. Through baptism we thank God for the gift of life, in marriage public vows are exchanged with God's blessing and through funeral services friends and family express their grief and give thanks for the life which is now complete in this world and to commend the person into God's keeping. We have celebrated 7 baptisms, 3 of whom adults and 2 weddings and 2 wedding blessings and held 16 funerals and 8 burial of ashes in our churches last year.

Deanery Synod:

Two members of the PCC sit on the deanery synod. This provides the PCC with an important link between the parish and the wider structures of the church.

Church Maintenance:

Our Care of Churches group has worked tirelessly this year to address wear and tear on our buildings. We are very grateful to Anne O Loughlin, Keith Parsons, Oliver James and Grant Wilson for their work in this area. John Armstrong has also made himself available to advise on insurance related issues.

At Holy Trinity, Grounds maintenance, including pruning and pollarding has continued in the usual way. A tree was brought down during a storm and had to be removed from the path on the north side of the church, fortunately no damage occurred to the building or surrounding graves. Inside, ongoing work was carried out on the controls for the heating system. The roof will need some attention in 2026.

At St Catherine's, Blackwell scaffolding work on the boiler chimney and tower resulted in some broken tiles above the North aisle resulting in a leak, this has been rectified. The interior walls in the north east corner of the building were repainted following the repositioning of the organ the previous year. Walls in The Wheel were also repainted to repair some minor damage.

Throughout the year OES have been invaluable in diagnosing problems, resolving them where appropriate and project managing other external contractors where that has been necessary. With OES's help, we have continued a programme of work to tidy and improve our Churchyard extension at Lickey and the Coffin Walk which runs between the extension and the church. This has also provided an opportunity for parishioners to enjoy working together in the open air. OES have also helped us to address issues about safety and (importantly) energy efficiency in all of our buildings.

Extensive work was carried out in the Cemetery Extension to fill in ground which had subsided and a number of grave stones which were learning or insecure were made safe. This work was part of ongoing care for the area and in readiness for closing the Cemetery Extension, which is in 'good order'.

Grant Wilson has led on ongoing consideration of more cost effective heating solutions at both churches. It is likely that Holy Trinity would, over time, benefit from adoption of a more fuel efficient system. At St Catherine, the system is in some respects newer and more efficient so that the payback from investment in a new system would be more marginal. Again in the early months of 2025, we decided to temporarily revert to joint services at alternating churches to save on heating costs. This has now continued as a regular service pattern.

The churchwardens would like to express their thanks to all those who participated in maintaining and improving our church buildings and grounds.

The Trinity Centre Complex
Church Office/Parish Office:

The Church office is in The Trinity Centre and each week is occupied on two mornings by the Parish Office Manager, one day by the Finance Officer and one day by the Executive Officer of the Local Parish Council.

The Hall:

Income for the Trinity Centre continues to come in due to regular hirers but we do have times in the week for more hirers. The committee where possible have continued to maintain the Trinity Centre, thus keeping costs down as much as possible. A new floor for the Trinity Centre was laid in 2025 and repairs to the car park were also successfully undertaken. The roof will need some attention in the upcoming years.

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Functioning of the church:

Pastoral Care:

Our Home Communion Team of 6 visit monthly by request, church members in their home/residential care who are unable to come to church due to vulnerability, frailty or illness. Our CPT (Commissioned Pastoral Care Team) are active visiting by request members of the community / church family who need a little extra support.

Mission and Evangelism:

We seek to be a people who make known the Good News of the Kingdom, teaching, baptizing and nurturing new believers. Our life together as church is underpinned by individual and corporate prayer. We reach out to others in the local community and by loving service aim to draw them in to God's Kingdom. Specific mission outreach includes:

- Through our World Link Action Team we support a variety of Mission Partners both Overseas and in the UK. We try to receive a guest speaker from both an Overseas and a UK Mission Partner every year. In 2025 we sent out one of our own church members as a missionary to Kenya.
- We are part of the God's Heart for Longbridge group of churches. This ecumenical group provides chaplaincy and outreach activities at Festival Events. Several church members are actively involved here
- Our work with local schools has been important this year. Termly assemblies and support with RE lessons have taken place in Lickey Hills Primary School. In November Year 1 visited Holy Trinity for the afternoon as part of their RE curriculum. In December we were able to host in Holy Trinity two Christmas Concerts for Key Stage 2 children. In addition Rev Louise Beasley is a Governor at Lickey Hills Primary School. Termly assemblies and support with RE lessons have taken place in Blackwell First School

- The Community Garden at St Catherine is a place for the local community to grow food and enjoy the outdoors together.
- Coffee Cake and Chat in both Holy Trinity Lickey and St Catherine Blackwell and Buffet Lunches at The Vicarage.

Relationships with other local churches:

We are part of The Hillside Oversight Area with the parishes of Rednal, Rubery, Frankley, Cofton Hackett and Barnt Green. We are beginning to work more closely together with worship each term planned for us to be altogether. In addition, small working groups have focused on our work with children, young people and family and ministry to seniors, particularly those in residential homes.
We are part of B45 Churches Together, this group made up of the geographical Oversight Area now including all of the denominations. Our Curate is the current Chair.

Finance and Accounts:

In 2025, the church continued to engage a contractor, OES, for small maintenance jobs. OES is run by Ollie James, who was a PCC member until April 2025. This has been declared on the PCC Register of Interest. In 2025, Nick Forknell, Maggie Forknell and Keith Parsons received payments for verger and organist services. This is also declared on the PCC register of Interest.

The Total Funds at the end of 2025 stand at £244,709 representing a decrease of £18,075 over the year. Voluntary Income received in 2025 was £9,786 less than 2024. This includes a decrease of £5,600 in planned giving. No legacy donations were received during 2025. Several successful fundraising events were held, raising £2,102. The PCC continued to receive a Curates House Allowance which rose from £648 to £738 per month in July.

The Fixed Term Investments with CCLA saw a loss in value of £3,005 during 2025, compared with increases of £1351 in 2024 and £7,032 in 2023. The Short Term Deposits generated an income of £4,673 in 2025, slightly less than the income of £5,289 in 2024.

Total expenditure during 2025 was £171,308; this is around £27,000 higher than 2024, but slightly under the predicted budget for 2025. The main areas of increased expenditure were; £14,005 investment in the Trinity Centre (hall floor replacement and car park tarmacking), £5000 increase in Common Fund contribution, an increase in staff costs and completion of several maintenance tasks carried over from 2024.

There was movement within funds in 2025; £15,114 was transferred from the General Fund to correct shortfalls within the Curate Fund, transfers were made from the Murdoch fund to the General Fund to pay for maintenance at Holy Trinity and also from the Church and grounds fund to cover relevant expenditure. A £500 donation from Blackwell Community Hall was transferred from a designated fund to the General fund to be used towards heating costs at St Catherine's Church. During the year the WLAT advised that the Diocese are currently unable to send containers to Malawi, and proposed that the money within the Malawi container restricted fund should be used for other similar causes. The PCC discussed this and agreed that this money could legally be transferred to a WLAT designated fund; future donations from refreshments at the Holy Trinity Sunday morning service will also be added to this fund. The WLAT will make proposals for the use of this fund for PCC agreement.

Trinity Centre rental income for 2025 was £25,897 and outgoings were £32,504 including the £14,005 major expenditure discussed above. Replacement of the Trinity Centre roof remains an at risk expenditure.

Total Debtors in 2025 is £11,124 with total Creditors £4,999.
Marie Tiffany and Nick Forknell
Co-Treasurers

Vision Statement

The Vision for our parish is:
+ To add people to our local church family
+ To grow in our faith
+ To reflect the love of Christ, caring for all
+ To go out into our communities

We will seek to do this by:

- Offering services of praise and worship that reflect our identity.
- Ensuring that we are relevant for today.
- Being a welcoming and inclusive church family.
- Offering great hospitality at the heart of all that we do
- Being a parish where everyone's gifts are identified, encouraged and developed.
- Being a parish that looks to the needs of those outside of our buildings
- Offering good Pastoral Care in all seasons of life.
- Offering opportunities to develop relationships through social activities with our communities.
- Offering opportunities to grow the depth of our discipleship.
- Increasing, stabilising, strengthening and growing our physical resources
- Offering our physical resources to other groups and parishes, both in our local area and wider afield, including internationally.
  Strap/Tag line: Welcoming, Growing, Loving, Serving

Volunteers

We would like to thank all the volunteers who work so hard to ensure our activities and services can happen.

Reference and administrative details

The PCC is a registered charity, Number 1159273 governed by the PCC (Powers) Measure 1956 and the Church representation Rules.
Lickey Parochial Church Council (PCC) has the responsibility of cooperating with the incumbent in promoting in the ecclesiastical parish of Holy Trinity Church, Lickey with St Catherine's Church, Blackwell, the whole mission of the Church, pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical. The PCC is also specifically responsible for the maintenance of the Trinity Centre (Parish Hall) complex in Lickey.

Structure, governance and management:

The method of appointment of PCC members is set out in the Church Representation Rules. All PCC members all newly elected PCC members are required to sign a declaration confirming their eligibility to hold office as a charity trustee eligibility (i.e. non-disqualification under charity law) and sign a Fit and Proper Person declaration.
At Holy Trinity, Lickey with St. Catherine, Blackwell, the membership of the PCC normally consists of the incumbent (our vicar), our Curate, churchwardens, and members elected by those members of the congregation who are on the electoral roll of the church. All those who attend our services / members of the congregation are encouraged to register on the Electoral Roll and stand for election to the PCC.

The PCC members are responsible for making decisions on all matters of general concern and importance to the parish including deciding on how the funds of the PCC are to be spent.

Reserve Policy

The PCC reserve policy is to retain three months' worth of parish running costs at any given time.

Administrative information

Holy Trinity Church, Lickey, with St Catherine's, Blackwell is situated in North Worcestershire, immediately adjacent to the boundary of the City of Birmingham. It is part of the Deanery of Kings Norton, Moseley and Shirley in the Diocese of Birmingham. The correspondence address is Church Office, Trinity Centre, 411 Old Birmingham Road, Lickey, B45 8ES.
The PCC is a body corporate (PCC Powers Measure 1956, Church Representation Rules 2006) and a charity currently registered with the Charities Commission. Charity Number 1159273

Given its wide responsibilities the PCC has a number of committees each dealing with a particular aspect of parish life.

Current PCC Membership 2024/2025 (**denotes Standing Committee)

Ex Officio Membership:	Sheri Gidney Vicar ** Louise Beasley Curate** Nick Forknell Churchwarden (2026) and Deanery Synod (2026) Joint Treasurer from April 2025** Alison Rushton Churchwarden (2026)** Judy Waller Deanery Synod (2026)
PCC Membership:	**We have one Vacancy for PCC** Keith Parsons (2027) Judith Cooke (2027)** Anne O Loughlin (2028) Louise Tellam (2028) Ollie James (2025) (now resigned) Grant Wilson (2028)** Marie Tiffany (2026) Joint Treasurer** from April 2025 Maggie Forknell (2026)

PCC Meetings

Since the last APCM on Sunday 13th April 2025, the PCC met on 22nd May 2025, 26th June 2025, 24th July 2025, 25th September 2025, 23rd October 2025 13th November 2025, 11th December 2025, 22nd January 2026, 26th February 2026, 26th March 2026.
Meetings were held in the Trinity Centre, Lickey, The Wheel, Blackwell and on one occasion in The Crypt at Holy Trinity, Lickey.

Standing Committee

During this year the PCC did not action the Standing Committee to meet as PCC meetings were held monthly.

Denise Phelps
PCC Secretary

Safeguarding Children and Vulnerable Adults

The PCC reviewed safeguarding matters at every meeting and the PCC is satisfied that it has complied with its duty under Section 5 of the Safeguarding and Clergy Discipline Measure of 2016 to have due regard to the House of Bishops guidance on safeguarding children and vulnerable adults.

The safeguarding team have paid due diligence to all matters of safeguarding throughout the year, the PCC regularly look at the Birmingham Diocese safeguarding dashboard to ensure everyone has the correct level of training and DBS for their role. Safeguarding Sunday has been observed within the parish, and safeguarding remains at the heart of the culture of our faith.

Future Plans of the PCC for 2026 and Beyond

To continue to meet the Vision and Aims as set out above, with particular focus in 2026 on

- The Closure of Lickey Cemetery Extension
- A service pattern that is sustainable and meets the needs of all in our community
- The sustainability of two churches and two halls in one parish
- The risk of boiler replacement in both churches
- Ongoing discipleship
- Developing a schools team to maintain strong relationships with the 2 schools and 2 nursery settings within our Parish.

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

	Notes	General funds	Designated funds	Restricted funds	Total funds	2024 total funds
Receipts						
Voluntary Income	(2a)	92,987	585	4,633	98,205	107,991
Activities for generating funds	(2b)	5,237	25,897	0	31,135	33,690
Church Activities	(2c)	18,807	0	0	18,807	14,588
Investment Income	(2d)	7,423	668	0	8,091	8,318
Total income		**124,455**	**27,150**	**4,633**	**156,238**	**164,586**
Payments						
Church Activities	(3a)	120,994	32,504	15,934	169,433	142,962
Raising Funds	(3b)	593	0	0	593	825
Other Expenditure	(3c)	1,258	24	0	1,283	273
Total expenditure		**122,845**	**32,529**	**15,934**	**171,308**	**144,060**
Net income / (expenditure) resources before transfer		**1,610**	**(5,379)**	**(11,301)**	**(15,070)**	**20,526**
Transfers						
Gross transfers between funds - in		6,219	1,144	15,114	22,477	48,600
Gross transfers between funds - out		(15,334)	(508)	(6,636)	(22,477)	(48,600)
Other recognised gains / losses						
Gains/losses on investment assets		(3,005)	0	0	(3,005)	1,351
Gains on revaluation, fixed assets, charity's own use		0	0	0	0	0
Net movement in funds		**(10,510)**	**(4,743)**	**(2,823)**	**(18,075)**	**21,877**
Reconciliation of funds						
Total funds brought forward		**136,439**	**94,852**	**31,494**	**262,784**	**240,907**
Total funds carried forward		**125,929**	**90,109**	**28,671**	**244,709**	**262,784**

BALANCE SHEET

	Notes	General	Designated	Restricted	At 31/12/2025 £	At 31/12/2024 £
Fixed assets						
Investments	(8)	74,425	0	5,366	79,791	82,796
		74,425	**0**	**5,366**	**79,791**	**82,796**
Current assets						
Debtors	(11)	4,564	6,111	449	11,124	9,929
Cash At Bank And In Hand	(9) (10)	49,081	84,184	25,528	158,793	181,344
		53,645	**90,296**	**25,977**	**169,917**	**191,274**
Liabilities						
Creditors: Amounts Falling Due In One Year	(12)	1,640	187	3,172	4,999	11,286
		1,640	**187**	**3,172**	**4,999**	**11,286**
Net current assets less current liabilities		**52,004**	**90,109**	**22,805**	**164,918**	**179,988**
Total assets less current liabilities		126,429	90,109	28,171	244,709	262,784
Total net assets less liabilities		**126,429***	**90,109**	**28,171***	**244,709**	**262,784**

*NB £500 discrepancy in General and restricted fund balances between Balance sheet and SOFA – due to internal error within MFA software – waiting for Data Developments to resolve. Totals are correct

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NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS

1. Summary of Accounting Policies

General Information and basis of preparation

The PCC is a public benefit entity within the meaning of FRS102. The Financial Statements have been prepared under the Charities Act 2011 and in accordance with the Church Accounting Regulations 2006 governing the individual accounts of PCCs, and with the Regulations "true and fair view" provisions. They have also been prepared under FRS102 (2016) as the applicable accounting standards and the 2016 version of the Statement of Recommended Practice, Accounting and Report by Charities (SORP(FRS102)).

Assets:

Consecrated and benefice property

Consecrated and benefice property is excluded and not capitalised in the financial statements in accordance with Charities Act 2011.

Fixed Assets

Depreciation has been provided on church equipment on a straight-line method based on the estimated economic life of the asset, which 4 Years in the case of Fixtures, Fittings & Equipment.

Investments

Investments are recognised at their quoted market price. Unrealised gains or losses are calculated as the difference between the fair value at the year end and their carrying value.

Funds:

The financial statements have been prepared using fund accounting, whereby income, expenditure, assets & liabilities are classified by fund. The 2 types of fund classification present in these accounts are:

1. **Unrestricted Funds** (General & Designated):

a. General Funds are available for use at the discretion of the PCC in delivering the aims and objectives of the charity.
b. Designated Funds are general funds that have been set aside by the PCC for a particular purpose from the general fund.

2. **Restricted Funds** represent grants, donations and legacies received which are allocated by the donor for a specific purpose.

The purpose of funds held by the charity are set out in notes to the financial statements.

2. Incoming Resources

				Total	
	General	**Designated**	**Restricted**	**2025**	**2024**
2a) Voluntary Income					
Planned Giving	66,672	0	240	66,912	72,512
Collections at services	5,925	0	0	5,925	5,821
Donations and Appeals	3,608	585	4,393	8,586	11,857
Gift aid	16,784	0	0	16,784	17,802
Voluntary Income Totals	**92,987**	**585**	**4,633**	**98,205**	**107,991**
2b) Activities for generating funds					
Trinity Centre Hire	0	25,897	0	25,897	27,200
The Wheel Hire	2,877	0	0	2,877	3,444
Parochial Fees	209	0	0	209	54
Events Fundraising	2,102	0	0	2,102	2,743
Other Fundraising	50	0	0	50	250
Activities for generating funds Totals	**5,237**	**25,897**	**0**	**31,135**	**33,690**
2c) Church Activities					
Parochial Fees	7,060	0	0	7,060	6,289
Curate House Allowance	8,317	0	0	8,317	7,779
Other Income	3,430	0	0	3,430	520
Church Activities Totals	**18,807**	**0**	**0**	**18,807**	**14,588**
2d) Investment Income					
Bank and Deposit Account Interest	4,893	668	0	5,561	5,809
Dividends	814	0	0	814	793
Wayleave Income	1,716	0	0	1,716	1,716
Investment Income Totals	**7,423**	**668**	**0**	**8,091**	**8,318**
Receipts Grand totals	**124,455**	**27,150**	**4,633**	**156,238**	**164,586**

3 Expended Resources

				Total	
	General	**Designated**	**Restricted**	**2025**	**2024**
3a) Church Activities					
Common Fund	61,074	0	0	61,074	53,708
Charitable Giving	6,980	0	0	6,980	6,552
Ministry Expenses and costs	2,151	0	0	2,151	2,520
Minister Costs	2,148	0	1,154	3,302	4,233
Curate's house costs	0	0	14,200	14,200	14,076
Staff costs (administrator and finance)	14,126	0	0	14,126	11,920
Office and Admin costs	3,607	0	0	3,607	3,658
Insurance	7,968	0	0	7,968	6,153
Church Utilities	10,929	0	0	10,929	13,423
Cleaning	1,353	0	0	1,353	1,412
Maintenance and Improvements	10,657	0	580	11,237	9,200
Church Activities sub total	**120,994**	**0**	**15,934**	**136,926**	**126,855**
Trinity Centre – Staffing	0	2,100	0	2,100	2,100
Trinity Centre – maintenance and Improvements	0	18,315	0	18,315	2,304
Trinity Centre – Cleaning and Hygiene	0	2,027	0	2,027	2,147
Trinity Centre – Insurance	0	1,503	0	1,503	1,240
Trinity Centre – Utilities	0	8,559	0	8,559	8,316
Church Activities sub total	**0**	**32,504**	**0**	**32,504**	**16,107**
Church Activities Total	**120,994**	**32,504**	**15,934**	**169,433**	**142,962**
3b) Raising Funds					
Giving Costs	268	0	0	268	252
Other Fundraising Costs	325	0	0	325	573
Raising Funds Totals	**593**	**0**	**0**	**593**	**825**
3c) Other Expenditure					
Other Expenditure	1,258	24	0	1283	273
Other Expenditure Totals	**1,258**	**24**	**0**	**1283**	**273**
Payments Grand totals	**122,845**	**32,529**	**15,934**	**171,308**	**144,060**

4) Unrestricted Fund movements

Fund	Opening	Incoming	Outgoing	Transfers	Gains/ Losses	Closing
Unrestricted						
General	136,439	124,455	122,845	(9,114)	(3,005)	125,929
Sub-totals	**136,439**	**124,455**	**122,845**	**(9,114)**	**(3,005)**	**125,929**
Designated						
Trinity Centre	80,383	26,573	32,529	(8)	0	74,420
St Catherines - Maintenance	10,000	0	0	0	0	10,000
St Catherines – Altar/Vest	4,469	0	0	0	0	4,469
Blackwell Community Hall - Donation	0	500	0	(500)	0	0
WLAT	0	77	0	1,144	0	1,221
Sub-totals	**94,852**	**27,150**	**32,529**	**636**	**0**	**90,109**

Unrestricted Fund Purposes:

General Fund:

- Available for use at the discretion of the PCC in delivering its aims and objectives.

Designated Funds

- **Trinity Centre** – A designated fund for the Trinity Centre's operation. Income & expenditure associated with the centre is recorded against this fund.
- **St Catherines - Maintenance** – A bequest received in 2017 from a member of the congregation whose non-binding wish was for it to be used for the maintenance of the fabric of St Catherines Church.
- **St Catherines – Altar / Vestments** – A bequest received in 2018 from a member of the congregation whose non-binding wish was for it to be used in procuring a set of good quality altar cloths and vestments for use in St Catherines.
- **Blackwell Community Hall donation** – a donation from Blackwell Community Hall to be used for heating costs at St Catherines church
- **WLAT** – World Link Action Team - designated fund for unused WLAT funds from previous years and refreshment money from Holy Trinity Sunday morning services. PCC to approve WLAT suggestions for use.

5 Restricted Fund Movements

Fund	Opening	Incoming	Outgoing	Transfers	Gains/ Losses	Closing
Curates Fund	0	240	15,354	15,114	0	0
Church and Grounds Fund	1,250	4,191	0	(2,021)	0	3,420
Community Garden	115	0	0	0	0	115
Malawi Container	722	202	0	(924)	0	0
Murdoch	12,235	0	0	(3,690)	0	8,545
Nursery Deposit	2,475	0	0	0	0	2,475
Rosehill Flowers	977	0	0	0	0	977
Special Collections	27	0	0	0	0	27
St Catherines – Maintenance	465	0	0	0	0	465
St Catherines – Paint	6,861	0	0	0	0	6,861
TV Notice Screens	1,000	0	0	0	0	1,000
War Graves	5,366	0	580	0	0	4,786
Sub-totals	**31,493**	**4,633**	**15,934**	**8,479**	**0**	**28,671**
All Fund Totals	**262,784**	**156,238**	**171,308**	**0**	**(3005)**	**244,709**

Restricted Fund Purposes:

- **Curate Fund** – A Fund set up for donations towards the Curate
- **Community Garden** – a grant from BDC towards a Community Garden
- **Malawi Container** – Donations towards the costs of sending a shipping container to Malawi
- **John Murdoch** – A Fund set up to use for the maintenance of Holy Trinity
- **Nursery Deposit** – the deposit the nursery paid to the Church
- **Rosehill Flowers** – for use for flowers at Holy Trinity
- **St Catherines Maintenance** – a fund for use in maintaining St Catherines
- **St Catherines Paint** – a fund to repaint exterior of St Catherines
- **TV Notice Screens** – a fund for screens at St Catherines
- **War Graves** – A Fund for use on the war graves and the environment surrounding the cemetery extension

6 Transfers Between Funds

	Note	**General**	**Designated**	**Restricted**	Total
Curates Fund	1	(15,114)	0	15,114	0
Church and grounds Fund	2	2,021	0	(2,021)	0
Murdoch Fund	3	3,690	0	(3,690)	0
Trinity Centre	4	8	(8)	0	0
Blackwell Community Hall Donation	5	500	(500)	0	0
WLAT	6 &7	(220)	1,144	(924)	0
		(-9,115)	636	8,479	0

1. £15,114 transferred from General Fund to cover deficit in Curates Fund
2. £2,021 transferred from Church and Grounds fund to General Fund to include church ground maintenance (e.g. grass and hedge cutting)
3. £3,690 transferred from Murdoch Fund to General Fund to cover maintenance materials and minor repairs at Holy Trinity.
4. £8 donation from Trinity Centre Hirer transferred to General Fund for church use
5. £500 transferred from Designated BCH donation fund to General fund to fund StC heating bills.
6. £924 transferred from Malawi Container Fund to new WLAT designated fund as agreed by PCC – Malawi Container restricted fund now closed
7. £220 transferred from General to WLAT Fund – remaining unspent WLAT budget from 2025.

7 Staff costs

Parish Administrator

	2025 Total	**2024 Total**
Total - wages and salaries	13,167	11,494
Average number of employees	1	1

During the year, no employee earned £60,000 per annum or more

There are no other disclosable transactions in respect of PCC members, persons closely connected with them or other related parties

8. Fixed Investments

Class and nominal code	Total	2024	Revaluation Gain/(loss)
CCLA Investment - 2086S Fabric and graveyard	5,994	6,243	(249)
CCLA Investment - 2242S Parish Savings Scheme	51,977	54,141	(2,164)
CCLA Investment - 88625002T Fabric and Maintenance	21,821	22,412	(591)
Total	**79,791**	**82,796**	**(3005)**

9 Cash At Bank and In Hand

Class and nominal code	Total	2024
Current Account	15,053	22,908
Deposit Account (Instant Saver)	22,304	35,080
Trinity Centre Account	21,455	33,545
32 Day Notice Deposit Account (Trinity Centre)	25,596	20,100
Total	**84,408**	**111,633**

10 Short Term Deposits

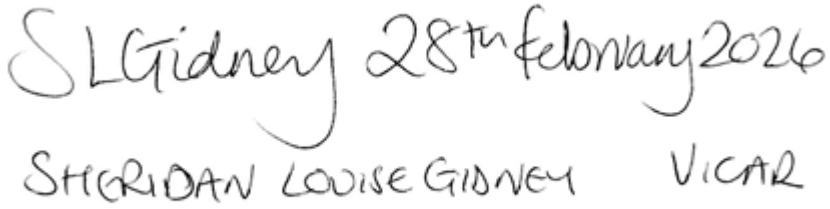
Class and nominal code	Total	2024
CCLA 2201D (PS Interest)	15,493	13,370
CCLA 2133D (Hall)	26,326	25,186
CCLA 2255D (Murdoch Capital)	25,833	25,833
CCLA 2256D (Murdoch Interest)	6,732	5,322
Total	**74,384**	**69,711**

11 Debtors

	31/12/2025	31/12/2024
Prepayments	0	1,866
Other Debtors	3	3
Accounts Receivable	11,121	8,061
Total	**11,124**	**9,929**

12 Liabilities - Creditors

	31/12/2025	31/12/2024
Account Fees	400	400
Charitable Giving	68	68
Utility Creditors	1,197	720
Vicar's Expenses	-	1,317
Other Creditors	423	423
Deferred Income	100	100
Accounts Payable	(361)	364
Agency Collections	**3,172**	**7,893**
Total	**4,999**	**11,286**
Net total assets	**244,709**	**262,784**



Independent Examiner's unqualified report to the members of the P.C.C. of the Parish of Lickey and Blackwell in respect of the Financial Statements of the P.C.C. for the year ending 31st. December 2025 as set out on pages 9 to 18 in this Report.

C. of E. P.C.C.'s 2018.

Charity no 1159273.

Respective responsibilities of the P.C.C. and the examiner.

The P.C.C. members acting as the charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for the year under section 144 of the Charities Act 2011(the Charities Act) and that an independent examination is needed. It is my responsibility to:

examine the accounts under section 145 of the Charities Act
to follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission (under section 145(5)(b) of the Charities Act, and
to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of the Independent Examiner's statement.

My examination was carried out in accordance with the general Directions given by the Charity Commission and the guidance published in PCC Accountability (The Charities Act 2011 and the P.C.C.), 5th edition). An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with these records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from the trustees concerning such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required for an audit, and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair' view and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

Independent examiner's statement.

In connection with my examination, no material matter has come to my attention which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act, or
the accounts do not accord to the accounting records.

I have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts is reached.

Signed. Alan A Clement. Date7th. March 2026

Name Revd. A. A. Clements

Relevant professional qualification Fellow Association of Charity Independent Examiners.

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