ST MATTHEW'S CHURCH, FULHAM
ANNUAL REPORT AND OF THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2025

Administrative information

St. Matthews Church is situated in Wandsworth Bridge Road, Fulham. It is part of the Diocese of London within the Church of England. The correspondence address is St Matthew's Church, Wandsworth Bridge Road, London SW6 2TX. The PCC is registered charity 1165338.

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

Incumbent :	Rev'd William Rogers (Chairman)	
	Sue Pierson (Deaconess)	
Wardens :	Steve Howard	
	Tim May	
Representative on the Deanery Synod:		
	Julie Reynolds	
Elected members:		
	Chas Avella	
	Sharon Lemon (to 18 May 2025)	
	Jan Samuel	
	David Strange	
	Daniel Wheeler (from 18 May 2025)	
Minutes secretary:		
	Tim May	

Structure, governance and management

The method of appointment of PCC members is set out in the Church Representation Rules. All Church attendees are encouraged to register on the Electoral Roll and stand for election to the PCC.

Objectives and Activities

St Matthew's PCC has the responsibility of co-operating with the incumbent, the Rev'd William Rogers, in promoting in the ecclesiastical parish the whole mission of the Church, pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical. It also has maintenance responsibilities for the Church building in Wandsworth Bridge Road and the Vicarage Room and internal upkeep of the Vicarage and 2a Clancarty Road, Fulham.

Achievements and Performance

The full PCC met ten times during the year in person with an average level of attendance of 88%.

Allie Brent worked part-time throughout the year but reduced her hours part-way through the year. She continued to head up our youth work alongside providing some modest administrative support to the vicar. Our youth work continued to receive grant income from Fulham YMCA whose support has been so valuable. We are also very grateful to the volunteer members of our congregation are on our rota for teaching our children and youth groups. We are blessed to have had new volunteers join the rota this year.

We are grateful to our ministry team and all the other volunteers who do so much to enable St Matthew's to function as a welcoming place of worship and to serve the local community.

St Matthew's services are all live-streamed and we also run some study groups online as this option appeals to many of the congregation, particularly during the winter. House groups continue to thrive and all members of our congregation are encouraged to be involved in one at least. Annual events such as the Seniors' Christmas lunch and the carol service were very successful. We are blessed to have a flourishing group of younger children and the Matts Playtime group run by volunteers from our congregation continues to be a service to the community and a source of new friends.

Outreach to local people in care homes for the elderly and in primary and secondary schools for the young remained a high priority as St Matthew's aims to be there for the local community and to attend to its

needs. The church's commitment to hosting the Hammersmith & Fulham Foodbank continues and is a blessing to us. Foodbank's offices are in St Matthew's and food collection sessions and advice surgeries are run twice a week in the church. As well as that we retain connections with other "mission partners" whom we support financially and we allow local addiction charities use our space for their evening counselling sessions..

Financial Review

In 2025 our unrestricted income was approximately £28,000 higher than it was in 2024. The primary reasons for this were a one-off donation of £15,000, gift aid recovered on that and an earlier donation from the same donor plus £7,600 more rental income because the "Vicarage Room" was let for the full year (only 5 months in 2024 from July to December).

Overall our unrestricted and designated funds increased by £14,360 in the year. We froze our common fund contribution at £67,500 in 2025 but have committed to increase it by 3.7% in 2026 and are still some way from being able to cover the common fund standard cost. We continue to give a comparatively higher proportion of our income in common fund than other parishes in our Deanery. We prioritised that instead of discretionary expenditure we would have liked to make to our improve or replace our inadequate and aging sound system. For that reason we chose to appeal to our members and other local charities for support for a project to renew our sound system. £11,870 was raised including £4,000 from other charities and the project was completed in Q1 2026.

Fulham YMCA continued to support our youth work with monthly grants for which we are extremely grateful. They agreed to extend this support into 2026 and beyond. Our church building is let to groups such as Narcotics Anonymous and is used as a polling station. However our available calendar is restricted owing to Hammersmith & Fulham Foodbank, the main user of our church building from whom we do not collect rent, a deliberate decision of the PCC. Despite ongoing cost of living increases our regular givers, largely members of the congregation have continued to support as best they can. We are still too reliant upon a few regular givers who give a high proportion of the total and we continue to encourage wider participation in regular giving.

There was no legacy income in the current or preceding year.

Expenditure included £67,500 (2024 - £67,500) contribution to the diocesan Common Fund, which provides the stipends and housing for the clergy as well as contributing to the central services, training for future clergy etc which will support all parishes now and in the future.

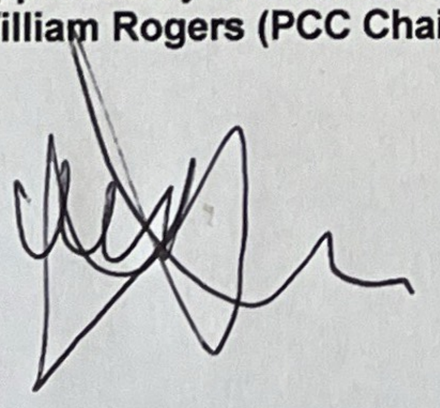
The PCC maintains the commitment to distribute 10% of receipts from church members to our mission partners. After this reallocation and the transfer of £3,000 to the building fund the net result was a surplus of £14,835 meaning that the general fund closed 2025 at £63,390.

Reserves policy

It is PCC policy to maintain an adequate balance on unrestricted funds, which would enable the Church to cover any emergency situations that may arise unexpectedly. The balance on unrestricted funds at the year-end was £679,608 (£75,486 excluding assets held for church purposes – 2024 £62,124) and we are thankful to God for his goodness.

It is our policy to invest our funds balances with the CBF Church of England Deposit Fund.

Approved by the Parochial Church Council on 26 April 2026 and signed on their behalf by Rev'd William Rogers (PCC Chairman)



Parochial Church Council of St Matthew's, Fulham

Statement of Financial Activities
For the year ended 31 December 2025

Registered Charity number 1165338

Parochial Church Council of St Matthew's , Fulham

Statement of Financial Activities
For the year ended 31 December 2025

	Notes	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	**TOTAL FUNDS 2025**	TOTAL FUNDS 2024
Incoming Resources					
Voluntary Income	2a	115,163	12,366	**127,529**	92,425
Activities for generating funds	2b	18,361	0	**18,361**	12,161
Income from Investments	2c	397	0	**397**	184
Church Activities	2d	1,002	0	**1,002**	1,636
Total		134,923	12,366	**147,289**	106,406
Resources expended					
Church Activities	3a	120,528	746	**121,274**	133,445
Costs of generating voluntary income	3b	35	0	**35**	34
Total		120,563	746	**121,309**	**133,479**
Net income/(expenditure)		14,360	11,620	**25,980**	-27,073
Transfer to/(from) funds		0	0	**0**	0
Other recognised gains/(losses):					
Gains and losses on revaluation of fixed assets for the charity's own use		0	0	**0**	0
Net movement in funds		14,360	11,620	**25,980**	-27,073
Reconciliation of funds:					
Total funds brought forward		665,248	250	**665,498**	692,571
Total funds carried forward		679,608	11,870	**691,478**	665,498

Parochial Church Council of St Matthew's , Fulham

BALANCE SHEET AT 31 December 2025

	Notes	2025 £	2024 £
Fixed assets			
Tangible assets	10	**650,000**	650,000
Current assets			
Debtors and Prepayments	8	**8,034**	4,118
Cash at bank and in hand		**37,147**	14,586
		45,181	18,704
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	9	**-3,703**	-3,206
Net Current Assets		**41,478**	15,498
Total assets		**691,478**	665,498
Funds of the charity			
Restricted funds		**11,870**	250
Unrestricted funds		**679,608**	665,248
	11	**691,478**	665,498

Approved by the Parochial Church Council on 26 April 2026 and signed on its behalf

Rev'd William Rogers
Chairman

The notes on pages 4 to 8 form a part of these financial statements.

Parochial Church Council of St Matthew's , Fulham

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 December 2025

1. Accounting policies

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 PCC, and with the Regulations' "true and fair view" provisions. The accounts have been prepared under FRS102 (2016) as the applicable accounting standards and the 2016 version of the Statement of Recommended Practice, Accounting and Reporting by Charities (SORP(FRS102)).

ASSETS

Fixed Assets

Consecrated and benefice property is not included in the accounts in accordance with section 10(2) (a) and (c) of the Charities Act 2011.

Fixed assets retained for church use is the freehold property "The Vicarage Room" per note 10.

Short term deposits

These are the cash held on deposit either with the CCLA or at the bank.

Current Assets

Amounts owing to the PCC at 31 December in respect of fees, rents or other income are shown as debtors less provisions for amounts that may prove uncollectible.

Short-term deposits include cash held on deposit either with the CBF Church of England Funds, or at the bank.

FUNDS

Unrestricted Funds

These represent the remaining income funds of the PCC that are available for spending on the general purposes of the PCC, including amounts designated by the PCC for its own use or for spending on a future project and which are therefore not included in its "free reserves" as disclosed in the trustees' report.

Restricted Funds

These are income funds that must be must be spent on restricted purposes and details of the funds held and restrictions provided are shown in the notes to the accounts.

Incoming resources

Planned giving, collections and similar donations are recognised when received. Tax refunds are recognised when the incoming resource to which they relate is received. Grants and legacies are accounted for when the PCC is entitled to the use of the resources, their ultimate receipt is considered reasonably certain and the amounts due are readily quantifiable. Interest is accounted for as and when accrued by the payer. All incoming resources are accounted for gross.

Resources expended

The diocesan parish share expected to be paid over is accounted for when you all other expenditure is generally recognised when it is incurred and is accounted for gross.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (continued)
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 December 2025

2. Incoming Resources

	Notes	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	**TOTAL FUNDS 2025**	TOTAL FUNDS 2024
a Voluntary income					
Planned giving		58,845	0	**58,845**	60,674
Collections at all Services		2,504	0	**2,504**	1,593
Sundry donations and appeals		24,798	11,596	**36,394**	8,540
Grants	6	8,004	0	**8,004**	8,004
Income tax recoverable		21,012	770	**21,782**	13,614
		115,163	12,366	**127,529**	92,425
b Activities for generating funds					
Lettings of church buildings		3,261	0	**3,261**	4,661
Rental of Vicarage Room		15,100	0	**15,100**	7,500
		18,361	0	**18,361**	12,161
c Income from Investments					
Interest on Deposit Account		397	0	**397**	184
		397	0	**397**	184
d Church Activities					
Fees from weddings etc		1,002	0	**1,002**	1,636
		1,002	0	**1,002**	1,636
Total incoming resources		134,923	12,366	**147,289**	106,406

3. Resources expended

	Notes	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	**TOTAL FUNDS 2025**	TOTAL FUNDS 2024
a Church Activities					
Ministry costs - Diocesan parish contribution		67,500	0	**67,500**	67,500
Ministry costs - Other clergy costs		12,826	0	**12,826**	13,771
Ministry costs : Pastoral assistant salaries	4	9,494	0	**9,494**	15,600
Ministry costs - Vicarage expenses		173	0	**173**	359
Church running expenses		15,416	0	**15,416**	16,654
Church decoration expenses		2,192	0	**2,192**	530
Church maintenance		2,960	0	**2,960**	1,918
Vicarage room running expenses		70	0	**70**	2,297
Service and teaching expenses		2,101	0	**2,101**	2,907
Missionary and charitable giving		7,725	746	**8,471**	11,002
Other expenses		71	0	**71**	907
		120,528	746	**121,274**	133,445
b Raising funds					
Stewardship costs		35	0	**35**	34
		35	0	**35**	34
Total expenditure		120,563	746	**121,309**	133,479

4. Staff costs

	2025	2024
	£	£
a Wages and salaries	**9,494**	15,600

One employee, a part-time youth bible teacher and administration assistant to the vicar, was employed in the year. The employee's hours were reduced in the latter part of the year. This part-time employee cost £9,494 in the year. The employee also works some hours for St Peter's, Fulham which are reimbursed each month. There were no employee benefits to key management personnel in the previous or current years.

5. Related Parties

A small and immaterial portion of the expenses paid to the incumbent may have related to his services as Chairman of the PCC.

No other payments or expenses were paid to any other PCC member, persons closely connected to them or related parties except as disclosed in note 4.

6. Grants

	2025 £	2024 £
Fulham YMCA, re St Matthew's Mission	**8,004**	8,004
	8,004	8,004

7. Analysis of Net assets by fund

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	**TOTAL FUNDS 2025**	TOTAL FUNDS 2024
Fixed assets	650,000	0	**650,000**	650,000
Current assets	33,311	11,870	**45,181**	18,704
Current liabilities	-3,703	0	**-3,703**	-3,206
	679,608	11,870	**691,478**	665,498

8. Debtors

	2025 £	2024 £
Gift aid tax recoverable	**4,089**	3,156
Other debtors	**1,944**	0
Accrued income	**2,001**	962
	8,034	4,118

9. Creditors : amounts falling due within one year

	2025 £	2024 £
Accruals for service and administration fees	**3,315**	913
Receipts for gifts	**90**	0
Funds received on behalf of Mission Partners	**0**	434
Income tax and national insurance	**298**	306
Deferred income	**0**	1,553
	3,703	3,206

10. Tangible Fixed Assets

	Freehold land & buildings	**Total** £
At the beginning of the year	650,000	**650,000**
Additions	0	**0**
Revaluations	0	**0**
At the end of the year	650,000	**650,000**

"The Vicarage Room", 2b Clancarty Road, on the site of St Matthew's vicarage, was converted from a church hall into a dwelling during 2018 and is now used to provide some rental income.

The last market valuation of the property was obtained in December 2018.

11. Statement of funds

	Bal b/fwd 1 Jan 2025	Income	Expenditure	Transfers, other gains and losses	**Bal c/fwd 31 Dec 2025**
Unrestricted Fund					
General fund	48,555	134,923	-108,473	-11,615	**63,390**
Designated - Vicarage Room revaluation	589,411	0	0	0	**589,411**
Designated - CMS	6,097	0	-3,049	4,307	**7,355**
Designated - Tear Fund	3,048	0	-1,524	2,154	**3,678**
Designated - Care for the Family	1,520	0	-1,520	0	**0**
Designated - Hammersmith & Fulham Foodbank	13,569	0	-4,473	3,000	**12,096**
Designated - Building	0	0	0	0	**0**
Designated - STMF Mission	665,248	134,923	-120,563	0	**679,608**
Restricted Fund					
Restricted - CPAS	70	0	-70	0	**0**
Restricted - Hammersmith & Fulham Foodbank	0	390	-390	0	**0**
Restricted - CMS	0	0	0	0	**0**
Restricted - Tear Fund	180	106	-286	0	**0**
Restricted - SOUND	0	11,870	0	0	**11,870**
Restricted - Other	0	0	0	0	**0**
	250	12,366	-746	0	**11,870**
Total funds	665,498	147,289	-121,309	0	**691,478**

The restricted funds represent funds raised by church members and others connected with the church to be donated to mission partners to further their christian objectives.

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of St Matthew's PCC, Fulham

I report on the accounts of the Trust for the year ended 31 December 2025, which are set out on pages 2 to 8.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The PCC's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 Act;
- to follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act; and
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent examiner's report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the general Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in 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 matter has come to my attention:

(1) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements:

- to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the 2011 Act; and
- to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the 2011 Act

have not been met

(2) to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

N Warrender

Neil Warrender
Saffron Walden
17 April 206