The Parochial Church Council of Christ Church Walmsley and St Andrew's Bromley Cross.
Annual Report for the year ending 31st December 2025.

Aim and Purpose.

Christ Church Walmsley and St Andrew's Bromley Cross have the responsibility of promoting the Parish, the Mission of the Church pastorally, ecumenically, socially and evangelically. As well as both Churches, the PCC also has the responsibility for the maintenance of the Parish Hall and the The Hideaway (currently let to the uniformed organisations.)

In February 2025, The Rev'd. Ian Hepburn was appointed the new Team Rector of the Turton Moorland Team Ministry at a combined service at Christ Church Walmsley, lead by the Bishop of Bolton.

Objectives and Activities

The PCC is committed to enabling as many people as possible to worship in our Churches and to become part of our Parish Family.

When planning our activities, the PCC has considered the Charity Commissioners' guidance on public benefit, and in particular the specific guidance on Charities advancement of religion. Our services put faith into practice through prayer and scripture, music and sacrament. We endeavour to enable people to live their faith as part of Parish Family through: -

- Worship and Prayer
- Provision of pastoral care for people living in the Parish
- Mission and outreach work

To facilitate this work, it is vital that we maintain the fabric of both Churches and the Parish Hall.

Achievements and Performance

Worship and Prayer

The PCC is committed to offer a range of services. Our Prayer and Worship subcommittee meet to plan the range of services. There is a monthly early morning said service of Holy Communion, in the 1662 format. The weekly Wednesday service of said Holy Communion alternates with a service of the Word which is led by our Ordinand. A regular Bible study group has taken place in the home of a Parishioner. The Sunday Schools at both Churches are active and an extension is planned for St Andrew's in order to accommodate the significantly increasing number of children attending.

There are currently 117 Parishioners listed on the Electoral Roll.

There have been: - 16 Baptisms, 4 Children admitted to Communion, 2 Confirmed, 1 Wedding, 8 Funerals, 4 Burial of Ashes.

Those who are no longer able to attend Church are not forgotten. They are visited and supported by our Authorised Lay Assistants. Many receive Holy Communion in their own homes, taken by Lay Eucharistic Assistants.

We regularly publish e-news of events and achievements in the Parish. For those who do not have the internet, a limited number of the news sheets are printed and distributed.

Deanery Synod

Several members of the PCC sit on the Deanery Synod. This provides a link with the Churches in the Mission Community

Church Fabric

Christ Church underwent very significant urgent repairs to the parapets, gutters and gullies to the roof, including replacement of some down water goods at a cost of £110,248.41. Further work became necessary to remove asbestos from the boiler room and reconstruction of the boiler room roof. This was funded with the benefit of a grant from the Diocese and drawing down some long term investments. Since then the Architect has advised that further extensive repairs to the main high roof must be undertaken in the coming years. The problems arise from the age of the building and natural decay of the original materials.

St Andrew's have been given approval from the Diocese and planning permission has been granted to build an extension to the existing building. The work on this started in early May 2026.

Mission and Evangelism.

The Parish continues to support those in need, both close to home and further afield. We continue to support Urban Outreach, the British Legion, Children's Society, and Christian Aid. The Parish Hall continues to be used extensively by outside organisations for the benefit of the local Community, supporting in particular activities for young people, amateur dramatics and weekly, being a resource used by the Parish to reach out to a variety of local people.

Financial Review.

Financially, 2025 was a very challenging year for the Parish. Christ Church Walmsley faced expensive emergency repairs and St Andrew's were planning an extension to their existing building. (The Extension was started in May 2026 with an expected cost of £171,250.00 including VAT, which will show in the 2026 accounts). A decision was made to draw down from endowments and long term investments. These decisions were approved and supported by the Team Rector and the PCC. Endowments for the maintenance of the Churchyard were cashed to cover the significant costs of felling an old diseased tree and maintenance of the Church yard. An investment with CCLA was drawn down and the sum of £198,829.64 was received. From this money, a decision by the PCC gave St Andrew's £49,707.41 towards their building fund plus a redirected donation of sum of £700. The balance (of the drawdown) has been used to pay for the emergency repairs to Christ Church, the removal of asbestos from the boiler room and the cost of repair of a very serious leak, also in the boiler room. Any balance will be used towards the cost of a new central heating boiler.

The Parish relies upon the generosity of our regular Parishioners in their contributions in the form of collections at Services and those who prefer to contribute by bank standing orders. Gift Aid is collected by the Diocese and is defrayed against the Parish Share, usually about £10,000. The cost of building repairs has been the biggest drain on Parish Finances. The Diocese made a £20,000 major building grant towards the roof repairs and a 'Go Fund Me' appeal gathered much needed funds toward the replacement boiler costs. Additionally, a variety of funding raising events took place, including concerts and performances by Musicians, Bands and Choirs. The support from the Diocesan has been invaluable and the PCC acknowledge that this is essential to the smooth running of the Parish.

Reserves Policy

The PCC endeavours to retain sufficient sums within the accounts to provide financially for those unexpected levels of expenditure, which occur, particularly in maintaining the buildings.

Volunteers

The PCC would like to thank all those Volunteers who work tirelessly to make our Churches, the Parish Hall and the Hideaway such a vibrant community. The Church Wardens, Lay

Assistants, Choir, PCC Members, Sunday School Teachers, Readers, cleaners, Tea makers, Sacristan and assistants, Intercessors, Bell ringers, Organist and Musicians, gardeners, and congregation all work hard to make Christ Church with St Andrew's an active, sharing and caring Community.

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 Church Wardens, those elected to Deanery Synod and other members at the Annual Parish Council Meeting, by those on the Electoral Roll. The PCC are responsible for making decisions on all matters of general concern and importance in the Parish and in respect of all financial matters. The PCC meets 6 times each year. A Standing Committee comprising the Incumbent, Chair of the PCC together with the Church Wardens, and Deputy Wardens at St Andrew's have permission to make decisions subject to the approval of the PCC.

Administrative Information

Christ Church Walmsley is situated in Blackburn Road Egerton Bolton. It is Grade 2 listed.

St Andrew's is situated in Bromley Cross. The Parish is registered with the Charity Commissioners, registered number:- 1165756

The PCC Members are as follows: -

The Incumbent	Rev'd. Ian Hepburn
Church Wardens	Mrs Hilary Dunn
	Mrs Kath Pearson
Elected Members	Mrs Lucy Walsh (Chair)
	Mr Keith Lewis
	Mrs Jane Dent
	Mr Gary Charnock
	Mr Michael Rawlinson
	Mr Derek Bailey (Deanery Synod Rep)
	Mrs Irene Bailey (Deanery Synod Rep)
	Mrs Sheila Bolton
	Mr Ed Crosland
	Mrs Sandra Morris (Chair of Hall Committee)
	Mrs Susan O'Hara
	Mr Gavin Tracey
	Mr Allan Hopkins (Chair of Team Council)
	Mrs Angie Foster (Ordinand)

Approved by the PCC on the day of 2026 and signed on its behalf by

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Team Rector

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Chair of PCC

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Hilary Dunn (Church Warden)

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Kath Pearson (Church Warden)

Receipts and Payments Accounts for the year ending 31st December 2025

Receipts		Un-restricted	Designated	Restricted	Endowment	2025 Total	2024 Total	Note
Voluntary receipts	Regular giving	41,957.17				41,957.17	37,681.00	
	Cash	27,851.97				27,851.97	24,177.00	
	Gift Aid	9,708.01				9,708.01	12,817.00	
	Grants	35,350.00				35,350.00	8,350.00	
	Legacies	2,562.02				2,562.02	19,574.00	
	Other donations	7,519.49				7,519.49	6468.00	
	Total	**124,948.66**				**124,948.66**	**109,067.0**	
Fundraising	Events	2,358.07				2,358.07	21,492.00	
	Hall Income	63,728.10				63,728.10	59,660.00	
	Total	**66,086.17**				**66,086.17**	**81,152.00**	
Charitable Activities	Rent/ other income	15,356.90				15,356.90	8,470.00	
	PCC fees	1,598.00				1,598.00	12,400.00	
	Total	**16,954.90**				**16,954.90**	**20,870.00**	
Investment income	Bank Interest	1,390.02				1390.02	_	
	Other interest	2,551.99				2,551.99	5,399.00	
	Total	**3,942.01**				**3,942.01**	**5,399.00**	
Total Income		**211,931.74**				**211,931.74**	**216,488.00**	

Payments			2025	2024
Fundraising costs	1,488.97		1,488.97	-
Church activities	224,858.26		224,858.26	190,691.00
Major repair costs	110,787.77		110,787.77	28,909.00
Total Payments	**337,135.00**		**337,135.00**	**219,600.00**
Payments over Receipts	**(125,203.26)**		**(125,203.26**	**(3,112.00)**
Investment realised	**209,862.00**		**209,862.00**	**45,981.00**
Opening Balance 1st January 2025		**436,838.00**	**436,838.00**	**393,969.00**
Closing balance 31st December 2025		**521,496.74**	**521,496.74**	**436,838.00**

Notes to the Payments for the year ending 31st December 2025

Church Activities

		2025	2024
Parish Share	63,213.00	63213.00	57,000.00
Costs of Clergy	5,423.00	5,423.00	4,889.00
Utilities/insurance	24,587.25	24,587.25	42,753.00
Upkeep services	1,321.00	1,321.00	1,079.00
Churchyard maintenance	26,901.27	26,901.27	14,146.00
Organist	4,147.50	4,147.50	3,617.00
Organ Repair	897.00	897.00	0.00
Church Maintenance	669.26	669.26	11,703.00
Treasurer's fees	3,078.00	3,078.00	0.00
Admin costs	3,133.08	3,133.08	4,285.00
Sound system	1,961.60	1,961.60	0.00
Envelopes	162.72	162.72	00
Parish Hall costs	87,076.76	87,076.76	46,516.00
Boiler report	516.00	516.00	0.00
School Fee	1771.00	1771.00	0.00
Magazine/Bookstall			1,402.00
Mission Costs			400.00
Other donations			873.00
Accountancy fees			2,028.00
Total	**224,858.44**	**224,858.44**	**190691.00**

Statement of Assets as at 31st December 2025

Bank Accounts

Christ Church Walmsley	**2025**	**2024**
Current account	£20,598.24	24,210.00
Deposit Account RBS	29,031.97	176.00
Total	**49,630.21**	**24,386.00**

St Andrew's

General Fund	£172,148.81	125,578.00
Building Fund current account	22182.00	209,335.00
Deposit account (restricted)	£255,943.26	62,434.00
Total	**£450,274.07**	**397,347.00**

Parish Hall

Current account	**£21,592.46**	**15,105.00**
Bank Account Total	**£521,496.74**	**436,838.00**
Investments	**£80,963.23**	**300,417.00**
Total Assets	**£602,459.97**	**737,255.00**

Analysis of Designated Funds for the year ending 31st December 2025

	Church maintenance	Decorating	Hymn Book	Girdlers	Digital	
Funds brought forward	173	1,360	551	1,350	1,093	4,527
Funds carried forward	173	1,360	551	1,350	1,093	4,527

Analysis of Restricted funds year ended 31st December 2025

	Legacy	St Andrew's Building Fund	Christ Church Maintenance Fund	Piano Fund	Graveyard Fund	Parish Hall Toilet Fund	St Andrew's Sound/Piano	Flower Fund	Total
Funds brought Forward	145,902	241,788	5,737	2,341	1,050	10,939	93,992	406	502,155
Funds carried forward	145,902	241,788	5,737	2,341	1,050	10,939	93,992	406	502,155

Analysis of Endowment Funds year ended 31st December 2025

Funds brought forward	78,924.00
Investment gains	2039.00
Funds carried forward	**80,963.00**

CHARITY COMMISSION FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Independent examiner's report on the accounts

Section A Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/ members of	The Parish of Christ Church, Walmsley with St Andrews, Bromley Cross		
On accounts for the year ended	31 December 2025	**Charity no (if any)**	1165756
Set out on pages	4 to 7 of the Annual Report		

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31 December 2025.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity trustees of the Trust, 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 Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination, I have followed 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 material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Act or
- the accounts do not accord with the accounting records

I have no concerns and 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 to be reached.

Signed:	Mark J. Pearson	**Date:**	26 October 2026
Name:	Mark J Pearson		
Relevant professional qualification(s) or body (if any):	FCA		
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