THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH OF HIGH BEACH

Church Council Information

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Incumbent
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THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY INNOCENTS
High Beach

Annual Report of the Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish of High Beach

for the Year Ended 31 December 2025

Aims and purposes
Holy Innocents High Beach Parochial Church Council (PCC) has the responsibility of cooperating with the incumbent, The Reverend Jane Yeadon, in promoting in the ecclesiastical parish, the whole mission of the church, pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical.

The PCC is also specifically responsible for the maintenance of the Church of the Holy Innocents High Beach, Church Lane, High Beach, Essex IG10 4BF, which is a Grade II listed building, set in the heart of Epping Forest – a Site of Special Scientific Interest. The church works closely with the local C of E Primary School and reaches out to members of our Parish and a wider community of people who live, work and use the Forest.

Objectives and activities
The PCC is committed to enabling as many people as possible to worship at our church and to become part of our parish community at Holy Innocents High Beach. 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 the teaching of scripture, music and sacrament.

When planning our activities for the year, we have considered the Charity 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
- Biblical study and discussion groups
- Provision of pastoral care for people living in the parish
- Support of our local church school
- The provision of occasional offices such as baptisms, weddings and funerals
- Mission and outreach work in our local community
- Activities for our children and young people
- Ministry for the poor, sick and needy

To facilitate this work, it is important that we maintain the fabric of the Church of Holy Innocents High Beach and the churchyard.

Achievements and performance

Worship and prayer

The PCC supports the clergy team to provide a range of services to meet the needs of the community.
We hold two services each Sunday; a traditional BCP service with organ and robed choir at 9.00 am and a more informal Family service at 10.30 am which incorporates Holy Communion on the 1st and 3rd Sundays of each month.
On Thursdays, there is a BCP Communion service at 1.00 pm.

Additionally, we hold special service throughout the year. These include outdoor services for Horseman's Sunday, All Hallows Eve, a blessing of motor bikes services, as well as Christingles at Christmas and carol singing at one of the pubs in our parish. We held a Lammas Service at Avey Lane Farm at the beginning of August and returned to the Farm for a Living Nativity Service in December.

In 2025, we maintained this regular programme of worship at the Church as well as taking Communion to the homes of those who could not attend in person.

We have a high proportion of families and young people at the Church. We have a successful Sunday school which meets during the 10.30 service. On the 2nd Sunday the children stay in for the service which is followed by Messy Church based on the theme for the day.

Mission and outreach
In 2025 this consisted of various initiatives

The clergy, together with volunteers from the congregation, visit 3 local care homes and a rehabilitation unit on a weekly basis. Short services are offered for all who wish to attend, and communion is available on an individual basis. Services for special occasions such as Remembrance Sunday and Christmas are also offered and are well attended by staff and families as well as residents. In addition, they offer friendship and activities such as singsongs, bingo and quizzes.

We held several major concerts in Church organised by The Fellowes family and by Kath Savage who leads the Woodford Singers.

We held a bat evening in August which was well attended and four different species of bat recognised.

We had a successful tea season through the summer from April till September, with the weather being greatly in our favour. We were blessed by concerts given during some of the Sunday afternoons by David Boardman and his musical groups and by Asaph who gave us 4 walk-in concerts. George Davies organised a very successful walk in concert on the 31st August. We also had a Ceilidh organised by Ellan Lincoln-Hyde. Pam and June ran several very successful bric-a-brac stalls on several Sunday afternoons during the tea season. It is wonderful to see the sense of community that develops between the regulars and the occasional visitors.

In May we led the Horseman's service with the Epping Forest Riders Association which is an annual outdoor service for those who ride in the parish and greater forest. This was followed by a Tack and Turnout competition for the horses and their riders and a "Fun" dog show judged by a church member. In August we held our second "Blessing of the Motor Bikes" service for local riders and this led to Revd Jane Yeadon blessing bikes and other vehicles in the East End of London.

We supported the '3food4you' charity in Waltham Abbey and the Harlow Food Bank with goods and financial donations as well as our harvest produce collection.

In October we supplied refreshments to those cyclists taking part in the hill ride up Mott Street.

At Christmas we held two very well attended Christingle services in church with donations to The Children's Society and we organised our regular collection of shoeboxes which this year were sent to Blythswood Care, a charity which distributes boxes to disadvantaged children in Europe. Many boxes were filled with items for different aged children.

Each month we distribute free of charge a community magazine to every house in our parish, to the other three churches in our Benefice, to regular worshippers and also post to over 140 people who are interested in the life of our church. We have a range of individuals and businesses who advertise in the magazine and help to finance its production.

Schools work

Our Church School, High Beech Church of England Primary School, is an important part of our community. The clergy took it in turns to visit the school on a weekly basis and to hold a Collective Worship service. The vicar and a member of the congregation are on the board of governors. The Church also gave an "It's your move" booklet and a copy of the Lord's Prayer to all those pupils leaving for Secondary School.

The Church
All are welcome to attend our regular services. In 2025, there were 75 adults on the Church Electoral Roll, Attendance at the Sunday services during the year averaged at 87 of which 26 were under the age of 16.
In addition to our Sunday morning services, it is a great privilege and blessing for which we thank God that we are able to share in the milestones of people's lives. In 2025, we welcomed through baptism 7 children into the Church of England family. 8 couples exchanged their marriage vows before family and friends and asked for God's blessing on their union and we held 6 funeral services in Church at which family and friends could say their farewell to a loved one and commit them to God's loving care.
The Church has been actively engaging in Eco Church and received the Silver Award from A Rocha UK. As part of this engagement a Butler sink was placed in the churchyard to make a small pond.

Deanery Synod

The clergy and one lay member 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 Fabric

Regular maintenance has continued throughout the year ensuring that the building and services are in good working order. The churchyard has been maintained by volunteers.

A Quinquennial Report was received from the Architect.

Reserves policy
It is PCC policy to try and maintain a balance of unrestricted funds which equates to at least three months of ongoing expenditure.

Designated funds are held for organ maintenance in the memory of Frank Manning, our longstanding organist who died in 2016 and for future repairs and maintenance of the church.

The Colin Mackenzie Grave Trust and the Warlow Everett Grave Fund are held as restricted funds for the upkeep of the graveyard.

Volunteers
The church relies on volunteers, and we are fortunate to have a wide range of supportive volunteers who support the activities of the church. These include the people who assist with services, count and bank money, sit on the PCC, support the fundraising activities, concerts and teas, deliver the magazine, and all of the volunteers who work so hard to make our church the lively and vibrant community it is.

Structure, Governance and Management
The method of appointment of PCC members is set out in the Church Representation Rules. At Holy Innocents High Beach, the membership of the PCC consists of the incumbent, the associate minister the churchwardens and members elected by those on the electoral roll of the church. All regular members of the congregation are encouraged to register on the electoral roll and to 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. New members receive initial training into the workings of the PCC.

The full PCC met six times during the year with an average level of attendance of approximately 65%. A Standing Committee meets before each PCC meeting to review matters in detail and prepare the agenda.

The Reverend Jane Yeadon, supported by the Waltham Abbey Team, lead the church and the PCC. Revd Jane Begley retired as Associate Priest in September but was granted PTO (Permission to Officiate) at the end of October.

Administrative Information
The Church of the Holy Innocents High Beach is in Church Lane, High Beach. The PCC is a body corporate (PCC Powers Measure 1956 and Church Representation Rules 2006) and a charity registered with the Charity Commission.

PCC members who have served at any time in 2025 are:

Ex Officio members
Incumbent: The Reverend Jane Yeadon (Chair)
Reverend Jane Begley with PTO

Churchwardens:
Martin Rumbelow
Margaret Wackett

Treasurer:
Oliver Goodrich

Elected Members:
Kevin Horton
Gregor Davis
Sandra Potter
Shaun Harrison
Dasrika Wijesuriya
Laura Stavrou
Stella Murphy
Marsha Ann Robertson

Approved by the PCC on 22 April 2026 and signed on its behalf by The Reverend Jane Yeadon (PCC Chair)

Signed: J. Yeadon
Reverend J. Yeadon - Chairman PCC

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FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2025

BALANCE SHEET SUMMARY AS AT 31ST DECEMBER 2025

ALL FUNDS

	2025 £	2024 £
Fixed Assets		
Investments	4,360.41	4,541.99
Current Assets		
Cash at bank and in hand	251,326.80	219,362.47
Net fees to be received	1,588.42	722.92
Net Current Assets	252,915.22	220,085.39
Current Liabilities		
Prepaid fees received in advance	17,219.16	17,219.16
Net Current Assets less Current Liabilities	235,696.06	202,866.23
Total Net Assets less Liabilities	240,056.47	207,408.22
Represented by:		
Unrestricted		
General Fund	181,587.38	169,369.69
Designated		
Repairs and Improvements Fund	32,642.67	31,642.67
Organ Fund	779.72	779.72
Restricted and Endowment		
Organ Repair Fund	19,450.00	-
Colin A Mackenzie - Grave Trust	1,236.29	1,074.15
Warlow & Everett - Graves Fund	4,360.41	4,541.99
Funds of the Church	240,056.47	207,408.22

NOTES

for 1 The financial statements of the PCC have been prepared in accordance with the Church Accounting Regulations 2006 using the receipts and payments basis, with the exception of allowing for any fees received in advance of specific expenditure.

Approved by the PCC on April 22ND **2026 and signed on their behalf by:**

Signed: .....
Reverend J. Yeadon - Chairman PCC

Signed: .....
O.Goodrich - Treasurer PCC

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STATEMENTS OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES AS AT 31ST DECEMBER 2025

UNRESTRICTED FUNDS

		2025 £	2024 £
Cash Funds			
Bank Current Account		10,958.27	186,165.51
CBF Deposit Fund		239,029.24	32,122.81
Cash in hand		103.00	-
Total Bank Current and Deposit Accounts		250,090.51	218,288.32
Less:	Repairs and Improvements Fund and Organ Fund - Designated Funds - held on bank current account	33,422.39	32,422.39
	Organ Repair Fund - Restricted - held on bank current account	19,450.00	-
Net Cash Funds - relating to unrestricted funds		197,218.12	185,865.93
Other Assets			
Net fees to be received		1,588.42	722.92
Net Current Assets		198,806.54	186,588.85
Liabilities			
Prepaid fees received in advance		17,219.16	17,219.16
		17,219.16	17,219.16
Net Assets	**- Relating to Unrestricted Funds**	181,587.38	169,369.69

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1 The financial statements of the PCC have been prepared in accordance with the Church Accounting Regulations 2006 using the receipts and payments basis, with the exception of allowing for any fees received in advance of specific expenditure.

2 The above represents the assets and liabilities only relating to the Unrestricted Funds. The balances held on Restricted and Designated Funds as at the balance sheet date amounted to £58,469.09 (2024 - £38,038.53), and are as shown on Page 7 of these Financial Statements

Approved by the PCC on April 22nd **2026 and signed on their behalf by:**

Signed: .....
Reverend J. Yeadon - Chairman PCC

Signed: .....
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FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2025

STATEMENT ON FINANCIAL ACTIVITES - ALL FUNDS

	Unrestricted Funds	Designated Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowmem Funds	Total Funds	Prior Year Total Funds
Receipts						
Planned giving	26,219.31	1,000.00	41,750.00		68,969.31	37,438.16
Collections and other giving	6,812.58		5,000.00		11,812.58	12,740.01
Other voluntary receipts	38,423.21				38,423.21	654.85
Gift Aid recovered	11,778.35				11,778.35	-
Activities for generating funds	16,390.11				16,390.11	18,925.85
Investment income	5,906.43			162.14	6,068.57	1,771.33
Receipts from church activities	8,094.00				8,094.00	155,277.80
Total Receipts	113,623.99	1,000.00	46,750.00	162.14	161,536.13	226,808.00
Payments						
Costs of generating funds	2,543.69				2,543.69	-
Missionary and charitable giving	125.00		3,000.00		3,125.00	3,917.40
Parish share	28,895.60				28,895.60	24,160.92
Clergy and staffing costs	8,559.83				8,559.83	10,183.74
Church running expenses	36,689.38		24,300.00		60,989.38	26,567.64
Church repairs and maintenance	24,052.80				24,052.80	35,790.00
Governance costs	540.00				540.00	-
Total Payments	101,406.30	-	27,300.00	-	128,706.30	100,619.70
Net incoming / outgoing resources before transfers	**12,217.69**	**1,000.00**	**19,450.00**	**162.14**	**32,829.83**	**126,188.30**
Transfers						
Gross transfers between funds - in						-
Gross transfers between funds - out						-
Net incoming / outgoing before other gains and losses	**12,217.69**	**1,000.00**	**19,450.00**	**162.14**	**32,829.83**	**126,188.30**
Other recognised gains and losses						
Gains / losses on investment assets				(181.58)	(181.58)	101.63
Gains / losses on revaluation - fixed assets, charity's own use					-	-
Net movement in funds	**12,217.69**	**1,000.00**	**19,450.00**	**(19.44)**	**32,648.25**	**126,289.93**
Reconciliation of Funds						
Total Funds brought forward	**169,369.69**	**32,422.39**	-	**5,616.14**	**207,408.22**	**81,118.29**
Total Funds carried forward	**181,587.38**	**33,422.39**	**19,450.00**	**5,596.70**	**240,056.47**	**207,408.22**

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FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2025

GENERAL FUND (UNRESTRICTED) RECEIPTS AND PAYMENT ACCOUNT

	2025		2024	
	£	£	£	£
RECEIPTS				
Voluntary Receipts				
Regular Giving				
Planned giving	26,219.31		34,438.16	
Collections and other giving	6,812.58		12,740.01	
Gift Aid income tax recovered	11,778.35		-	
		44,810.24		47,178.17
Other Voluntary Receipts				
Donations	38,423.21		654.85	
		38,423.21		654.85
Receipts from Activities for Generating Funds				
Parish magazine - sales and adverts	1,680.00		2,660.00	
Activity days and events	2,596.82		5,162.99	
Sales of diaries, tea and cakes, books etc	12,113.29		11,102.86	
		16,390.11		18,925.85
Receipts from Church Activities				
Wedding, funeral and other fees	7,994.00		5,930.30	
Use of church property	100.00		149,347.50	
		8,094.00		155,277.80
Receipts from Investments				
Bank and CBF Deposit account interest	5,906.43		1,711.65	
Dividends on CBF Church of England	-		59.68	
		5,906.43		1,771.33
		113,623.99		223,808.00
PAYMENTS				
Church Activities				
Costs of generating funds	2,543.69		-	
Missionary and charitable giving	125.00		917.40	
Parish share	28,895.60		24,160.92	
Clergy and staffing costs	8,559.83		10,183.74	
Church running expenses	36,689.38		26,395.64	
Church repairs and maintenance	24,052.80		35,790.00	
Governance costs	540.00		-	
		101,406.30		97,447.70
EXCESS OF RECEIPTS OVER PAYMENTS		12,217.69		126,360.30
Transfer to designated / restricted fund				
- Repairs Fund - Designated Fund	-		-	
- Organ Fund - Designated Fund	-		1,000.00	
- Michael Roberts Trust - Restricted Fund	-		-	
- Leverton Education Foundation - Restricted Fund	-		-	
		-		1,000.00
		12,217.69		125,360.30
Net Bank Current and deposit accounts at 1st January 2025				
Bank Current and deposit accounts at 1st January 2025	169,369.69		44,009.39	
Less: Liabilities as at 1st January 2025	-		-	
		169,369.69		44,009.39
Net Bank Current and Deposit Accounts at 31st December 2025		181,587.38		169,369.69

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Independent Examiner's Report to the PCC of The Church of the Holy Innocents, High Beach

This report on the financial statements of the PCC for the year ended 31st December 2025, which are set out on pages 7 to 12, is in respect of an examination carried out in accordance with the Church Accounting Regulations 2006 ("the Regulations") and s.145 of the Charities Act 2011 ("the Act").

Respective responsibilities of the PCC and the Examiner

As members of the PCC you are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements; you consider that the audit requirements of the Regulations and s.144(2) of the Act does not apply. It is my responsibility to issue this report on those financial statements in accordance with the terms of the Regulations.

Basis of the report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commission under s.145 of the act and also to be found in the Church Guidance, 2011 edition. That examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the PCC And a comparison of the accounts with these records. It also includes considering any unusual items or disclosures in the financial statements and seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently I do not express an audit opinion on the view given by the accounts.

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 to requirements
- to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the Act; and
- to prepare financial statements, which accord with the accounting records and comply with the requirements of the Act and the regulations have not been met; or

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



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