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Annual Report and Financial Statements of the Parochial Church Council of St Michael and All Angels Church Pelsall

Charity registration no. 1170860

For the year ended 31st December 2025

Trustees' Annual Report 2025 St. Michael and All Angels Church Pelsall

1. Reference and Administrative Details

Charity Name:
The Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish of Pelsall.
Registered Charity number (in England and Wales) 1170860

Administrative Address:
From March 2022: 32 Chestnut Road, Leamore, Walsall WS3 1BD

P.C.C. Members:

BETHELL	Doreen (Mrs)	From April 2024 Until July 2025 (deceased)
BRIGGS	Timothy (Mr)	from April 2018 (Lay Chair) Until September 2025 (deceased)
CHANTLER	Andy (Mr)	Church Warden
CUMPSTON	Gillian Denise (Mrs)	Officer of the PCC (Secretary)
FOXALL	Sally (Mrs)	from April 2023
HORTON	Anetta	from April 2022, re-elected April 2025 Resigned in November 2025
LEGG	Rebecca (Mrs)	from April 2024
LLOYD	Susan Carol (Mrs)	from April 2023
MAYE	John (Mr)	Deanery Synod Rep re-elected April 2024
McCALLUM	Stephen	from April 2023
MORRIS	Alison (Rev)	Vicar
MORRIS	Sarah (Mrs)	Church Warden
MYATT	Alison (Mrs)	Reader from September 2017 Deanery Synod Rep from May 2024
NEWPORT	Anne (Mrs)	Officer of the PCC (Treasurer)
READ	Michael (Mr)	from April 2024
WELCH	Susan (Mrs)	from April 2022, re-elected April 2025
MALEY	Alison (Mrs)	Minuting Clerk

Bankers:
Santander UK plc, Bridle Road, Bootle, Merseyside, L30 4GB.
CCLA Investment Management Ltd. The CBF Church of England Funds, One Angel Lane, London, EC4R 3AB.

The Independent Examiner is Lichfield Diocese Board of Finance.

Incumbent: Rev. Alison M. Morris was licensed, collated and inducted on 23rd March 2025 to be the Incumbent of Pelsall Parish & Assistant Rural Dean of Walsall

CONTEXTUAL BACKGROUND

Pelsall Parish Church building was erected in 1844 on the edge of Pelsall Common. For over 180 years this church building has been at the centre of the spiritual and religious heart of the village community. It has maintained a Christian presence in our community. Its aim has always been to reach out to the Pelsall community and the surrounding area enabling all ages to develop a closer relationship with God. It has been and continues to be a sanctuary for prayer and worship for all. So, there were many reasons to celebrate our history:

- ✧ Firstly, the many congregations who have remained steadfast and faithful to the Lord. It has served its people and shared the faith for over 180 years.
- ✧ Secondly, the congregation has been united in their endeavour to maintain the mission of the church and to support each other and the people of Pelsall in joy and in sorrow.
- ✧ Lastly, it still remains stable and strong from which discipleship has grown, mission has been encouraged, evangelism spread and community engagement has rapidly increased.

The congregation of St. Michael's has remained **steadfast** and **faithful** to the Lord. Their **resilience and patience** in the face of adversity have been exceptional. The congregation has been united in their endeavor to maintain the mission of the church and to support each other as disciples on their journey together in a rapidly changing environment. This church has been consolidating a period of **stability** and **strength** which was celebrated in the 180th anniversary year with our motto of **'Come, Cherish and Celebrate.'** This also report reflects the changing contextual conditions in which St. Michael's ministry has blossomed and flourished. It also recognises that the church has been on a journey of **courageous advocacy** as it works out what it is to be a church in an ever-changing landscape within the Church of England and Lichfield diocese.

The national church is rapidly responding to both external and internal factors that have impacted upon the life of the nation, our individual parish and this church community. In the last few years figures within the Church of England have indicated a downward trend in attendance and lack of interest in faith, belief and tradition. Secularisation has been an emerging trend within our country. Generally, this has impacted adversely upon the state of our national church. However, there is a **'Quiet Revival'** within parishes including Pelsall where people are beginning to search and explore the Christian faith. As a result, our statistics show that St. Michael's church is 'bucking' the national trends with an upward trend in attendance, greater interest in faith and belief, exciting community engagement and increased financial stability. This church has confidently responded to this emerging revival to gain the momentum. Throughout this time this church has been a safe and secure environment where two key emphases have been prevalent during 2025.

Key emphasis for 2025 continued to be the embedding of both **prayer** and **vocation** to hear what is God's will for this parish; to see and understand God's work in the parish and to discern what He may be calling us to do in His name for the kingdom of God in the future.

Key emphasis for 2025 was to finalise the **permanent appointment** of Rev. Alison M. Morris to be Incumbent of Pelsall. This appointment and length of time provides a strong base on which to love people into the Kingdom of God and to ultimately grow God's Kingdom in this parish of Pelsall.

It is against this contextual background that this report is written.....

2. Aim and Purposes

The Parochial Church Council is a corporate body established by the Church of England. The PCC operates under the "Parochial Church Council Powers Measure." The PCC has the responsibility of co-operating with the incumbent in promoting the ecclesiastical parish, the whole mission of the church, pastoral, missional, evangelistic, social and ecumenical. It also has the responsibility for the maintenance of the Church, Churchyard and Church Hall.

Public Benefit

The trustees of the Charity are aware of the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit in The Advancement of Religion for the Public Benefit and have had regard to it in their administration of the Charity. The trustees believe that, by promoting the work of the Church of England in the Ecclesiastical Parish of St Michael and All Angels, Pelsall, it helps to promote the whole mission of the Church (pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical) more effectively, within the Ecclesiastical Parish, and that in doing so it provides a benefit to the public by:

- Providing facilities for public worship, pastoral care and spiritual, moral and intellectual development, both for its members and for anyone who wishes to benefit from what the Church offers; and

- Promoting Christian values and service by members of the Church in and to their communities, to the benefit of individuals and society as a whole.

3. Objectives and Activities

The Parish Church of St Michael and All Angels is situated on the edge of Pelsall Common. For nearly 180 years it has been at the spiritual, religious and social heart of the village community. The aim of the church is to reach out to the community of Pelsall and the surrounding area enabling all ages to develop a closer relationship with God. It has been and continues to be a sanctuary for prayer and worship for all.

St. Michael's Church is maintaining a Christian presence in our community, serving its people, sharing the faith and offering a sanctuary for prayer and worship.

MISSION ACTION PLAN

Fundamental and vital to the future of St. Michael's Church is the need to purposefully make growth a key feature in our vision which is relative to the 'missional' context and the vision of Lichfield Diocese. The MAP continues to act as a tool to help the church to grow: to grow spiritually, numerically and to grow its presence and witness in the community. It was also to help to prayerfully journey forward and be effective in ***Living God's Love. Our aim is to love people into the kingdom of God.***

This Mission Action Plan (MAP) which was originally presented in 2023 has the blueprint for what we believe God wants St. Michael's to become. The MAP continues to use 6 big sweeping themes: -

- A Worshipping & Praying Community
- A Welcoming Community
- A Discipleship & Vocational Community
- A Caring Community
- A Located Community
- An interactive & Communicative Community

These 6 big statements were interwoven with the themes of ***prayer, discipleship and vocation***, to develop a vision for this parish. Working together as the church family on certain priorities, with God's help and provision, it was the intention to encourage the church congregation to pray and continue to see God's kingdom grow in and through St Michael's in future years. In particular, the congregation was asked to be on that journey as **disciples of God** and to be on that process of discernment. Periodically, the PCC reviews this document to see the incremental progress being made. There has been substantial progress achieved with further development in other areas during 2025. A new MAP is intended to be discussed and produced in 2026.

As the church moves forward, it remains committed to building on lessons learnt, relationships made and networks formed, seeking new ways to engage with and serve our community and to share God's love in authentic and relevant ways. In a world of change, the Church must change too. What people want from their church is shifting - and, at St. Michael's we want to engage with the local community - and the wider world - in a way that is useful for them. The church wishes to be a spiritual resource for people as they find their way on the Journey of Life.

St. Michael's church is an ***inclusive church*** that welcomes everyone regardless of age, race, disability, colour, creed or sexuality. It is registered as a ***Fair Trade church*** and is recognised as a ***Sight Loss Friendly Church***. During this year we have been recognised as a ***Breast Feeding Church*** with baby changing facilities. The church also strives to safeguard the integrity of creation and sustain and renew the life of the earth. Following the church registration with AROCHA UK the church achieved the '***Eco Church Bronze Award'*** and the '***Eco Church Silver Award***.' Throughout the year we continued to maintain the ***Church of England Digital Charter*** for social media which recognizes that we will comply with standards as set by the Church of England when using social media platforms.

The church continues to be a signed member of the pledge for the ***Walsall for All*** initiative. Their vision is to create integrated, empowered and inclusive communities where people from all backgrounds come together to celebrate what they have in common. It aims to provide a place where our residents are safe and valued and everyone has fair opportunities to fulfil their potential and contribute to the growth of Walsall. This is an ongoing commitment by the church and with Walsall for All initiative. Working close with Walsall Council the church also became a partner in the campaign of ***Walsall for One.***

In 2024 the church aligned with the ***Walsall Borough** 2040 strategic plan - 'We are Walsall 2040'* - a shared vision for a thriving, inclusive and sustainable borough by 2040. The church will be able to compliment the vision and assist delivery of specific themes within this plan.

As such the PCC are committed to the following:
The PCC is **committed** in promoting the Church's mission through the diocesan direction of travel- '***Follow Christ in the Footsteps of St. Chad's***.' It also aims to implement the Lichfield diocesan priorities of ***developing discipleship, encouraging vocation and inspiring evangelism.*** The priorities are a way of focusing together on what it means to grow into 'Christlikeness', to invite others to join us on that journey and to help one another flourish in the abundant life God gives us.

The PCC is also **committed** to the diocesan '***Shaping for Mission'*** paper from which the Strategic Framework emerged. This sets out context and has 9 goals for the period between 2024 -2030. The framework is also intended to be understood and embraced by the diocesan schools, chaplaincies, parishes, cathedral and other expressions. It is also intended to contribute to the well- being of all aspects of the church.

The PCC is **committed** to offer a range of services during the week. Over the course of the year, we offer services that our community find both beneficial and spiritually fulfilling. The church attempts to cater to all people, enabling people to become part of our parish community at St. Michael's.

The PCC is also **committed** to the provision of pastoral care for people living in the parish, offering support to individuals, care homes and other institutions in the parish, the church also continues to support community activities including the Thursday morning group. Pastoral care is given a high priority in the church's ministry and proves fruitful in providing a link with the sick and housebound.

4. Structure, Governance and Management

How Trustees are appointed:

All members of the PCC are Trustees. PCC members, and therefore Trustees, are either appointed at the Annual Parochial Church Meeting by nomination, (and vote if necessary) in accordance with the Church Representation Rules or they are ex-officio or co-opted. Elected members can serve for a three- year period, after which if the PCC allow, they may stand for a further term of office. To assist with the church administration alongside the official PCC secretary a Minuting Clerk was agreed and appointed. DBS was successfully completed.

How we induct and train new Trustees:

New members of the PCC (Trustees) are formally welcomed at the first PCC meeting after the A.P.C.M. They are made welcome and continue to be supported by the other PCC members. Some training or induction can be provided. Training is encouraged throughout the year and is a regular agenda item on the PCC. Trustees are encouraged to attend both deanery and diocesan training.

For example, the Incumbent and Treasurer attended **'Cornerstone'**. This is designed to help churches develop the most detailed picture of their financial situation – whether that's a source of joy or concern. Using Parish Returns data, Cornerstone identifies different types of giving and shares comparisons with other churches, both in the same diocese and nationwide. Equipped with detailed information, churches can then pursue two different ways of changing or enhancing the picture – **Pathways** and **Grants.**

The Safeguarding officer provides opportunity for the PCC to complete safeguarding modules such as Safer Recruitment as stipulated by the diocese. Training opportunities are on-going.

Sub-committees: (used when and if appropriate)
Standing Committee – Transacts the business of the PCC between its meetings, subject to any directions given by the PCC
Pastoral Committee – Attends to pastoral care, mainly of the sick and the bereaved.
Finance Committee – Attends to financial decisions when required.
Social & Fundraising Group- Set up to discuss/organize social and fund- raising activities.
Cemetery Working Party - Attends to maintenance and upkeep of the cemetery including the financial income and budget review of its planning.
Health and Safety Group - Attends to health and safety issues and completes site walks if and when appropriate.
Maintenance Group: Attends to general maintenance in church, church hall and churchyard.
Risk management: This has been completed for the Church and Church Hall, and no major risks to the Charity have been identified. It will be reviewed annually.

Policies and Procedures:
St. Michael's has a set of policies which enables the PCC as a corporate body to fulfil their responsibility to cooperate with the Incumbent so that aims and objectives are achieved for this ecclesiastical parish. It also forms the legal foundation upon which the PCC operates. All policies and procedures across the life of the church continue to be reviewed on an annual basis if and when appropriate. In specific areas new policies and structures continue to be implemented for the first time. This means the church is **legally compliant** in several areas of the work of the Charity Commission. All policies are available for inspection and can be found in a folder at the back of the church. An additional folder is also kept securely in the Parish Office.

The PCC regularly reviews the policies and procedures to changing legislation from the national perspective of both the Lichfield Diocese and the Church of England. When necessary new policies are put in place when new Safeguarding recommendations are advised. The Safeguarding Policy continues to be reviewed annually. Introduction of the Parish Dashboard for Safeguarding has been used by the PCC for discussion and action planning. It is an excellent tool to monitor and evaluate the progress of our Safeguarding provision. The AP provides pointers for key action and discussion at each PCC. For example, the PCC discussed 'Promoting a Healthy and Safety Culture' which was one of the recommendations. By the end of 2025 the Church was operating at Level 3 - with 95% completion. As such this was to ensure compliance of Safeguarding within differing pastoral contexts

Policy guidelines for Pelsall cemetery and churchyard are continually reviewed in line with the diocesan instructions. A new procedure introduced means that all applications to intern ashes or to bury bodies will include additional paperwork. Families are now asked and instructed to read the documentation, sign, accept and support the guidelines as laid down in both the diocesan policy and the Pelsall churchyard policy. This has been very beneficial for all parties concerned. Pelsall Cemetery still remains a huge challenge in many ways to Pelsall church.

5. **Achievements and Performance Worship and Prayer**

The PCC is still keen to offer a range of services during the week which our community may find both beneficial, age appropriate, spiritually fulfilling, and meets the needs of our growing congregation. In ideal contexts the church attempts to cater to all age groups and their preferred worship styles. Worship has remained flexible to accommodate the changing nature of the needs of the congregation. For example, the increased numbers of families and children attending worship has greatly influenced worship provision. Use of thematic services or special services have helped to cater for a wider group of worshippers. Involvement of the Lay Reader when appropriate has been effective. Use of a welcome team-rota with young and old has been beneficial to the welcome and hospitality offered to all who enter church for worship. At the end of the service refreshments are provided by people on the hospitality rota. This post service fellowship has a big impact upon people sharing time together and getting to know each other. A 'Welcome Card' has been also introduced successfully to new comers as we meet, greet and seat people.

Our usual pattern of worship during 2025 was:

Monthly Worship Pattern

Sunday 10am Holy Communion;
4pm Baptisms monthly (or as if and when required)
Service Special as appropriate on Sunday evenings (see later explanation)
The Sunday Holy Communion service has become the pivotal service in the cycle of worship. There has been an attempt to explore and implement a lighter tone and child friendly service booklet for Holy Communion once a month. This has worked well and will be used more frequently in the future.

Midweek services (Holy Communion) have continued every Wednesdays at 10am. Numbers have increased at this contemplative and quiet service. Weekly figures vary from 8 -25.

Taking into consideration people's sensitivities the PCC still offers to the congregation several options for receiving Holy Communion. They can still receive the host and chalice; intinction (the action of dipping the bread in the wine at a Eucharist so that a communicant receives both together) or a blessing. Chalice administrators operate weekly and this year the Head Server has become a Chalice administrator.

A new head server has been appointed with dedicated servers who continue to perform a range of specific duties. Washing of linen is done by another committed lay person. Prayers of intercessions and readings are led by both clergy with an increased number of laity involvement. This is an upward trend.

Music performed by a dedicated organist and pianist has been maintained. At times CDs and playing of musical instruments such as the recorder have been used to offer a wider range of music provision. Congregation continue to sing the musical setting using a wider choice of hymns. Children contribute to music with their songs at appropriate times within the service. This has proven both successful and beneficial in many ways. At specific times the singing group have sung during some Holy Communion services and other special services such as, The Service of Nine Lessons and Carols, Deanery Confirmation, Candles of Remembrance & Lament, Harvest and Candlemas. Worship has been enhanced by their direction and musical input.

Special services have been very successful in terms of outreach, mission and attendance. Throughout the year when and where possible, these additional services have been held, including the following: The Nine Lessons and Carols, Harvest Festival, Candles of Remembrance and Lament, Christingle, Toy Service, St. Francis Pet Service, Teddy Bears' Picnic, Blessings of the Back Pack and Christmas Crib Service and Remembrance Sunday. In March the Deanery Lady Day service was held at St. Michaels with the Canon Chancellor from Lichfiled Cathedral being the preacher. In November the Pelsall Mining Disaster service was revived. This was a short service of work and symbolism where members of the local history centre attended followed with light refreshments provided in the church.

This year has seen St. Michael's act as host for several Deanery events, In November the **Deanery Synod** was held in Pelsall. In December a **Deanery Confirmation Service** took place. The church has also been the venue for **Deanery Standing Committees.**

Use of **Church of England Liturgical Theme**s have been interwoven woven into the church calendar for Sunday worship. For example, **Creationtide Season** followed from 1st September to 4th October, which was dedicated to God as Creator and Sustainer of all life. The actual theme for the Season of Creation in 2025 was *'Peace with Creation'*. It is a time to celebrate the gift of creation and renew our commitment to care for God's planet, through taking practical action for the climate and nature.

This year saw the opportunity to **worship Saint's day** on Sundays. This provided opportunity to learn about the life, teaching and spirituality of the various saints. For example, Festival of the Holy Cross, St. Mark, St. Matthew, St. Bartholomew and St. Peters were all celebrated.

Harvest Festival provided time and space to give thanks for all God's gifts to us and bringing our own gifts. North Walsall Food Bank and Water Aid were our supported charities.

Other thematic examples were **Rogation-tide t**heme during May, **Remembrance tide** during November. **Vocation Sunday** and **Safeguarding Sunday** were the focused themes at the end of November.

Attendance Patterns have changed greatly. The increase in attendance has been sustained and consolidated during 2025. Figures show that in the last year average weekly adult attendance has grown from 75 to 81 on average while young people attendance now stands at 15. This is due to the increase attendance by families and children. Upward trend is also reflected in the worshipping community figures which stands at 209 with increases in specific age ranges. The

numbers within 18-69 now stands at 105 which is an increase of 9 while age range above 70+ has decreased to 69 due to the death of 5 people. This is a very significant trend as compared with previous years. Figures indicate that higher numbers are usually in the 70+ age range. This has been the dominant age group for many years. This change is very significant in the emerging 'Quiet Revival'.

On a weekly basis the church has explorers and new comers to our church. Many new people are attracted to our services and events to explore faith for the first time or an alternative church to suit their needs. Many have stayed. Clergy and laity are working with them to develop their sense of belonging, identity and their faith. This has impacted upon our attendance figures in terms of vision and ministry of this church. Ultimately, this has led to several adult Confirmation candidates. Our vision now purposefully seeks to cater for the needs of newcomers, of all ages and for families with young children.

Specific provision for family & children's services and events are planned to allow families to access worship. The Ark is open for children; the Diddy Boxes are in place and a small table and chairs are at the back of the church for use with smaller children. Regularly published information on children's service and events is shared to encourage families and children to engage with the church community. Children's ministry has its own magazine page dedicated to the 'Diddy Disciples'. These actions had led to continued higher attendance as they drawn into our church family and begin to see their role within discipleship.

Services such as Teddy Bears' Picnic Service, Blessings of the Back Packs, St. Francis Pet Service, Toy Service, Bonfire Party, and the Crib Service all enhance the provision for families to be involved. A new event introduced was the Easter Extravaganza, it was extremely popular and well attended. At Christmas a party was held for our church families which was really appreciated and bonded the families together. The church also organised a fun competition called **'The Sheep have Flown'**. Children were invited to find the knitted sheep which were hidden in the village shops. All sheep had to be found before the Christmas Crib Service.,

These imaginative and creative events have led to a consolidation of numbers. Families and children have a greater sense of belonging, identity and believing. Events create fun and safe environments to explore the Christian faith. Further new initiatives in 2026 will aim to embed further our missional shaped church. This is an exciting development.

Bell Ministry is led by a dedicated Captain of the Bell Tower with a loyal team of bell ringers. On National Bell Sunday in May, the team participated in the peal and other significant times throughout the church year. A campaign to attract more bell ringers was highly successful so that bell practice now takes place over 2 evenings a week. St. Michael's also attracts other bell teams from around the country. The impact of the bell's ministry upon our identity and presence within the village is highly significant. This ministry is appreciated.

Prayer life remains an integral part of our worshipping community. There have been some exciting and creative initiatives. The aim was to introduce prayer to new comers and to start having conversations on the topic of prayer which would broaden people's understanding.

The **Prayer Board** has continued to encourage more prayer requests. Both new-style prayer cards and a contemporary board attracts newcomers whilst reminding others on how to use the board. Significant numbers now use the prayer board. Prayers on the board are always generally referred to in our intercessions during worship.

Explore Spring Prayer cards with display box encourages people to take away prayer cards for themselves and others. These prayer cards, with their thought provoking images, offer simple but profound words to help all to express their feelings or needs and to find comfort, strength and hope. For example, themes such as Looking for God; Being Thankful and Feeling Sad or Anxious are just some of the prayer topics available. This has proved extremely popular and has impacted upon prayer life within the congregation. Two new sets of prayer cards have been introduced. One set is specifically designed for young people and the other is titled 'Faith in the North. The teaching, spirituality and evangelism which emerged from the Northern Saints is relevant, powerful and inspirational. It is encouraging a new wave of prayer, sharing stories of faith and belief. All prayers cards are very effective in teaching on prayer.

The **Sunday prayer intercession gro**up continues to pray for our church, vision and mission and the parish with their prayer cycle. Group members continue to pray the prayer requests at home throughout the week. This complied with GDPR regulations. This has continued to be received well. It is interesting to note that the number of prayer requests from church members and community has dramatically increased. Prayer has become the bedrock of our church community as people begin to see the purpose, importance and understanding of prayer in their lives.

The **Week of Prayer for Christian Unity** 18th - 25th January 2025 took place as usual. The theme was *'Do you believe this?'* This resource was prepared by the ecumenical community at Bose in Northern Italy. As the church celebrated 1,700 years since the Council of Nicaea, the worship service has at its heart, the Nicene Creed. Reflecting this, the scripture readings for this year focus on **belief**. People were invited to reflect on the story of Martha's confession of faith in Jesus as narrated in John 11:17-27. Each is called to sit with Jesus' provocative question to Martha: "Do you believe this?" Over the week congregations from St. Michael's & Pelsall Methodist Chapel were encouraged to use the resources. Both congregations in May came together at St. Michael's Church for an ecumenical service.

The Women's World Day of Prayer on 7th March took place at Shelfield Methodist. This is an annual ecumenical event. Resources were prepared by the women of the Cook Islands with the theme "I made you wonderful," based on Psalm 139:14. This focussed on being fearfully and wonderfully made by God. This global ecumenical movement focuses on celebrating women's roles, addressing oppression, and fostering community through prayer. Service was well attended by women from several local places of worship.

On Sunday 9th March St. Michael's held the Covid- 19 Memorial Service for the Walsall Borough. It was the fifth anniversary of the Covid Pandemic and the day for the **UK-wide Day of Reflection.** It was an opportunity to come together, to remember and reflect, whether that be as individuals, or as a community. Individually, or collectively, the service was to show support for the people who are still affected by the losses they experienced during that time and continue to heal together. St. Michael's held the usual 10am Holy Communion Service where there was greater

emphasis upon reflection. On the afternoon the church held the special Covid- 19 Memorial Service for the Walsall Borough. This is an Inter-Faith service where representatives have been invited from across the wider borough to encourage community togetherness. It is an opportunity to:

- REMEMBER those who lost their lives to COVID-19.
- REFLECT on the personal and collective experiences during the pandemic
- GIVE THANKS to the healthcare staff, key workers, volunteers and community members who worked tirelessly to care for patients and support the wider community.

The service explored these themes through music, word and symbolism. Bells at St. Michael's church rang following a minute silence in conjunction with the nationwide peal of bells.

In May between Ascension Day and Pentecost the church followed **Thy Kingdom Come in Prayer** is a worldwide prayer movement that happens every year between Ascension Day and Pentecost Sunday. The resources encourage people to set these days apart to pray, individually and together, for a fresh outpouring of the Holy Spirit. They also invited to choose five people and pray for them each day. The Prayer Journal; explores a variety of ways to pray from across different denominations and traditions. Face book, digital resources and a series of reflections were used to promote this to both young and old. Use of Cheeky Pandas was to encourage youngsters to learn about the bible which well received.

Church Cluster arrangements are consolidating. Relationships, communication and mutual support are good for both clergy and laity. Openness, transparency and honesty permeate all communication and correspondence. Meetings with Parish Wardens have taken place. Clergy within the cluster have supported each other in their ministry. A series of cluster services across the year foster a sense of collegiality, shared spirituality, worship and fellowship. For example, in January St. Michael's held the cluster Candlemas service where the Rural Dean of Walsall preached. In May St. John's Church, Walsall Wood held the Ascension Day service while St. Michael's Archangel, Rushall celebrated the Feast of the Assumption. Preaching and celebrant is often shared between the clergy and clergy will cover each other if required.

Pastoral Offices – weddings, baptisms, funerals

As well as our regular services we enable our community to celebrate and thank God at the milestones of the journey through life. The church has enhanced their engagement with the many people who bring children to **baptism t**hrough improved hospitality and administration, baptism preparation, goody bags and anniversary cards. Through baptism we thank God for the gift of life and in marriage public vows are exchanged with God's blessings. The reviewed baptism policy and pack with a more user- friendly baptism preparation continued to be very effective in preparing families for the baptism. A database of baptisms with contact information has been productive to enable easier contact with families for promotion and publicity of services and events. Once again this has impacted upon the growth in attendance of families belonging to church and attending too. A designated and dedicated member of the congregation acts as administrator, 'welcomer' and point of reference for all enquiries with baptism families.
This works exceptionally well and has a lasting impact.

Baptism service has continued to take place on Sunday at 4pm. Feedback from baptism families has been very positive. Generally, families felt valued and welcomed within a quieter, personal and more dignified service. Relationships between the church and baptism families have vastly improved thereby creating a much better understanding of the meaning and purpose of baptism as a Holy Sacrament. Baptism preparation and practical rehearsal with face-to-face contact has continued on Monday evenings during the summer months and Saturday mornings during the winter. There is a dedicated team of laity that assists with the baptism on a Sunday afternoon.

There have been **25 baptisms** - 1 adults and 24 children (6 Infants under 1; 8 children between 1-4 years; 10 children between 5-10; 0 young people 11-17 years.) This is a slight decrease in baptisms which reflects the drop in the local birth rate. Enquiries for baptisms suggest that there will be an upward trend into 2026.

Generally, the impact of baptismal provision has led to increased attendance by baptism families and a desire to be more involved in church life. Thereby, this has led to increased number of Confirmations and also increased members of the Electoral Roll during the complete revision.

Wedding ministry has continued. There have been **2 weddings** across the year as the church competes with secular venues. One wedding required application for Common Licence and use of a Surrogate which was a learning curve for the parish. The church continues to use high-quality materials called *'Just Ask'* with wedding couples. Beautiful wedding folders produced by the Church of England are presented to any couple asking about marriage.

Wedding preparation has used face to face. Both formats have provided opportunity to meet the wedding couple and to establish a good relationship with their local church and clergy. Once again there has been a number of divorcees wishing to be married at St. Michael's. Using the document' Marriage in church after divorce' specific protocols have been followed. The clergy has applied to the Rural Dean for permission of divorcees to marry.
Figures already suggest numbers for 2026. A database of wedding couples with contact information has been produced according to GDPR regulations. Its sole purpose is to maintain contact and to publicise events, church activities and services. A designated member of the congregation acts as administrator, 'welcomer' and point of reference for all enquiries with wedding couples. This works incredibly well in a positive way.

Funeral ministry continues to be very strong within the church ministry. Figures remain high. This year there is a reversal trend. There is an increase in the number of church funerals with a slight decrease in crematorium funerals. Analysis of figures show this is significant as the church has worked hard to counteract the strong trend of celebrants within the locality.
From 1st January until 31st December 2025
24 funerals in church
31 burials of ashes
17 funerals in the crematorium
Total number of funerals 41

Face to face meetings takes place in church with home visiting, with zoom, phone calls and email where appropriate. This hybrid approach has proved successful in reaching funeral families. After

the funeral service has taken place pastoral care continued where appropriate. Contact with families is maintained, they are contacted by phone before and after the service, and 6 weeks, six months and twelve months thereafter if requested to. These contacts are carried out by clergy and the Pastoral Group. On the first anniversary of the death, the family receive a prayer card from the church. Services of Candles of Remembrance and Lament were held in November to accommodate the bereaved families. Services were very well attended.

One of our key aims is the purposeful act of reaching out pastorally and spiritually to families who only had internment of ashes in the cemetery without a funeral being conducted by clergy. Many families have chosen a celebrant to lead the funeral service or used a more contemporary idea such as direct cremation. Paradoxically families still felt the need to have a priest or lay minister to intern ashes. An invitation was again sent to attend the Candles of Remembrance and Lament service in November. This was again highly successful in offering pastoral support within a Christian setting. Feedback from those who attended was very positive and affirming towards the church who had provided the solace and comfort which had been missed at such funerals.

The church out sources a local grave digger who works across the diocese. To assist in preparation for weddings and funerals there now is a team of vergers who operate a rota system. Both changes have proved extremely effective.

Mission, Evangelism, Discipleship and Vocation

The aim of the church must not be self-serving but to seek to share God's love and to work for the kingdom. Helping those in need is a demonstration of our faith. The Church supports **several charities** including **Water Aid at Harvest time, Children's Society and Christian Aid** throughout the year. Again, this year a Christian Aid Breakfast and Sponsored Walk was organised by Ladiesdotcom in May. This creative ecumenical approach was very successful with many people attending either for breakfast or mid-morning coffee. Both events raised a great deal of money and encouraged fellowship.

Locally the church family supports the **Walsall North Food Bank.** The Church donates 10% of its direct giving to overseas and local mission. Clergy introduced the principle that at least one chosen charity must be chosen from human(H), animal(A) and environmental (E) charities. Suggestions were submitted for the Mission group to make the decision to be ratified by the PCC. Those organisations supported in 2025 included:

Mission Giving 2025
10% of General Fund Giving Suggestion is £400 each with residual of £307 to Cats Protection League

OVERSEAS MISSION
Embrace Child Sponsorship (H)

HOME MISSION
Schools Leavers Gifts (H)
VE 80TH Anniversary Books (H)

Tree Aid/ Great Green Goal Appeal (H & E)

St. Mungo's Trust (H & A)
CRISIS (H)
Trachoma/Sightsavers (H)
RSPB (E & A)
Pelsall Carnival (H, A & E)
Cats Protection League (A & E)

Donations of £220 were made to **The Children's Society** which is in respect of the Christingle service held late November 2025 and to **USPG** an amount of £63 this is in respect of the Post Box appeal.

At specific times during the church year there have been retiring collections such as, **MacMillan** Cancer Support during September and **Make a Mother's Day (Mother's Union)** in March.

Mission and discipleship continue to be a priority within the congregation. Two areas for development did continue to be embedded, namely, **prayer and vocation.**

Vocation was explored further during an observational placement. Over 10 weeks a student from Queens Theological College explored the tradition of our churchman-ship. It was an opportunity to see and understand the traditions and practises of this time in the church calendar. All of this generated awareness of vocation, raised questions and provided an atmosphere for discovery, teaching and understanding.

Discipleship is essential to the life of the church. Throughout the year this theme has been explored through teaching, sermons and practical examples through testimony. Part of the approach was to align with the National Volunteer Week -3rd June - 10th June - the church utilised this campaign with the congregation to encourage them to volunteer with the running of the church.

Firstly, it was an opportunity to **thank the volunteers** who keep the church going. Such people give freely of their time, gifts and talents which enables this church to blossom and flourish for the kingdom of God.

Secondly, the aim was to **increase the volunteer base** at St. Michael's but with the emphais upon people seeing this as **discipleship.**

Lastly, it allowed an opportunity to discuss **'vocation'** and **'discipleship'** as a calling. Forms were distributed to the congregation with several headings and also requesting people with specific skills to come forward. It was a very good response.

Please tick the relevant box if you can help

Cleaning		Maintenance Group		Singing Group	
Welcome Team		Pastoral Care Team		Coffee Rota	
Bell Ringing		Social Committee		Sunday Reader	
Intercessor		History Group		Baptism Preparation	
Confirmation Training		Server		Children's Work	
Open the Book		General Administration		Gardening	

Our church was visited by Helen Emery, Diocesan Enabler who wished to discuss discipleship and to acknowledge good practise within the diocese.

Our **parish magazine** continues to be a very successful and substantial part of the overall **evangelistic** strategy. Feedback from the community still remains positive. People without access to social media appreciate the publication. For seven years the format and high-quality graphic design make it an attractive publication. Local businesses are still eager to advertise in the magazine. Quality items covering both church and community issues are informative, inspiring and keeps the parishioners up to date. Specific articles aim to develop knowledge of Christianity and the mission of the church. Magazines are published four times per year and are available at several outlets in the village. A review of the advertising costs took place in early 2025 to encourage advertisers to subscribe payment for the year.

Invitation to promote church services and events are also included in '*The Grapevine and The Pioneer*'. Use of The Grapevine is no cost to the church. Productive and purposeful relationships now exist between the church and other publishing companies which is beneficial to all parties.

Social media platforms have continued to develop to encourage mission and evangelism. Both the church Face book page and website engage and connect with people. Communication continues to improve within the parish and the wider community but this is under continual review. St. Michael's Church Face book is very effective for promotion and reporting upon church services and events. Through creative imagery, graphics and symbolism it is highly successful reaching a broader base of people through differing engagements. The further development of the church website continues to be a top priority in 2026.

Publication of the '*What's On*' poster periodically throughout the year provides up to date information on church services and events. Responses from the general public indicate appreciation by the local people and businesses.

Services and visits to the **local nursing home** have been limited this year due to several factors. It is important to note that our link with Pelsall Hall has been affected by their staffing and illness. However, a pattern of Home Communions has been resumed by the experienced Lay Reader. This was appreciated by our Home Communion church family.

Housebound provision was strengthened in many ways during 2025. Home Communions were provided and Pastoral Care visiting took place on a regular basis. Christmas cards were produced and distributed by the church to the house bound. At Easter the housebound received an Easter bag of goodies (Easter cards from church and church school, prayer diaries, Palm Cross, Prayer Retreat for Holy Week with Easter reflection materials). They were received well. Home Communion has taken place if and when appropriate to the housebound by both clergy and Lay Reader. Several members of the housebound group have sadly passed away which has reduced the overall number.

Links and positive relationships with the **three village schools** continue to be embedded, namely, St. Michael's CE Primary, Pelsall Village and Ryders Hayes School. Clergy have pastorally supported each school community in different ways to meet their needs. Clergy have consistently visited schools to attend services and events when appropriate to do so. Together the church and schools have worked hard to foster and encourage partnership between the school and church communities. Clergy regularly lead worship in school, particularly St. Michaels and occasionally in Pelsall Village School.

Engagement with parents at St. Michael's Church School has consolidated and been beneficial. The **Holy Communion service** in school and church for Key Stage 1 & Key Stage 2 have been purposeful and received well by pupils, staff and parents. Parents were given the opportunity to attend the service both in school and church. Once again, the traditional **'Clipping Service'** encouraged the reception class and their parents to attend the church. Parental numbers increased from the previous year. Feedback indicates that parents are beginning to feel more confident in attending church due to an embracing welcome. This was reflected in the attendance at the **Mothering Service** held in church for Key Stage 1 and EYFS. Link with the school includes meeting new parents at the new Reception Parents and Reception Graduation.

Pupils from St. Michael's Church school in Reception, Key Stage 1 and Key Stage 2 had their own Christmas service with age specific content. Clergy visited the nursery for their age- appropriate service.

Visits to the church by schools have taken place for different reasons. there have been further and creative opportunities to engage with the church. Pupils from Pelsall Village, St. Michael's School and Ryders Hayes visited during the year to explore the **history of the church.** Pupil booklets were produced by a congregation member to assist the learning process. This was highly successful and was very well received by pupils of all ages who found this a positive learning experience.

From June 7- 15th June the three schools took part in the Church of England & Wales nationwide project run by A ROCHA titled **Love Your Burial Ground/ Churches Count on Nature.** Organised under the theme 'Caring for God's Acre' it was an opportunity for pupils to explore wildlife in our churchyard. It also provided time to see and research about the 6 war graves located in our

cemetery and churchyard. The church invited local community including local councillors and church congregation to be involved. All were invited to record plants,
fungi, insects and birds in their own locality. As part of the National Biodiversity Network (NBN) pupils were able to add to the database of wildlife across the country. This was a highly successful day of community engagement.

Pupils from the three schools were invited to enter the **Church Art Competition** using a range of medium. Number of entries increased in 2025 with a very high standard of art work. Prizes were donated by a local business "Maunds". Entries were judged by local artists from within our congregation and awards were presented at the annual Toy Service in December.

In July 2025 there was the traditional **Church School Confirmation** where 7 pupils were confirmed. Classes were held in school and were led by the Deputy Head supplemented by clergy if and when required

In July clergy were able to attend the **year 6 leaver's ceremony** at Pelsall Village, Ryders Hayes and St. Michael's school. Silver lapel pin crosses purchased by the church were distributed to all pupils along with a prayer card. This change in gift was a welcome change.

Pelsall Village began a **gardening project** on church site. This involved caring for part of the grave yard around the church. Another project was the historical tableaux where members of our congregation painted certain themes such as 'Christianity coming to Britain' and the 'Spanish Armada'. These formed part of the tableaux around the school.

The annual community **Christingle** service had an improved attendance with pupils, parents and community. Each of the three schools participated in the service through prayers, readings and music. Community engagement was purposeful but the service still needs refreshing with a more imaginative approach.

Open the Book has been limited in impact this year due to complex situations. Past enthusiasm and commitment by members of the congregation has made this very successful in mission and engagement. It is a valuable asset to the mission of the church. It is hoped that the OTB will be able to assume in 2026.

School governance continues to be a strength through which evangelism can be fostered through debate, witness and discussion between our church school and church. Relationships between the schools are excellent. The Foundation Governor at St. Michael's school is a member of the laity whilst the clergy is an ex-officio member. Both are involved in appointment of staff, exclusions and Headteacher's Appraisal. In November one of our church family became a parent representative which enhances the church school distinctiveness on the governing body. All three governors act as Link Governors to several subjects. Clergy is also a member of the governing body of the Pelsall Village School and Chair of the Curriculum Committee.

Community engagement has developed very well throughout the year with the many organisations, agencies and associations as the church reaches out to engage and make a difference to this locality. Several are outlined here in this report:

Walsall North Foodbank (part of the Black Country Foodbank) which is based at Pelsall Methodist Chapel is supported by St. Michael's congregation. The number of donations by congregation has been adversely impacted by the economic situation. It was noticeable the reduced produce from the church school at Harvest time. Members of the congregation actively work with the project. The Lay Reader is now a Trustee of this Food bank.

Broader links have developed with the **POPRS (Preserve Our Pelsall Remembrance Service).** Clergy led the service at Pelsall Cenotaph for the annual Remembrance Service in November where the community comes together to participate in the National Remembrance Service. In June, clergy were asked to lead an outdoor evening service for the **80th anniversary to commemorate the VE day - Light of Peace Tribute**. This was to remember the great efforts and sacrifices made by military to fight for freedom. Clergy are also invited to several functions, for example, the Christmas Market held in the High Street during December.

Military Veterans meet monthly early Sunday morning at Pelsall Community & Arts Centre. Clergy are invited to attend if appropriate for that day. Relationships and links have been forged with this community group.

A **Defibrillator machine** was privately purchased by congregation members. It was installed on the church wall along Hall Lane to make this accessible to the community. Our aim was to reach out to the community to make a Christian difference to the locality. Our machine is linked to the National Defibrillator Network which is supported by several agencies including the British Heart Foundation. The link system called 'The Circuit' keeps regular contact with the Parish Office informing when the machine has been used or simply opened for use but was not needed at the scene of the incident. Regular status checks take place to ensure that the machine is monitored regularly and that accurate data exists on the defibrillator. Training for the machine has been provided for church members and some community partners who use the church hall. The machine has been requested to assist on several occasions. This new venture has been a positive experience of making a difference to the community.

RISE UP Campaign Against Domestic Abuse is the campaign to raise awareness about domestic abuse across the Britain and Ireland movement. The letters of RISE UP stand for **R**espond, **I**nform, **S**upport, **E**mpower, **U**nite and **P**ray. Domestic abuse can happen to anyone from any walk of life. The Mothers' Union members and churches have worked together to be a part of the change. Bronze, silver and gold awards are available for branches and churches who take part and complete various actions, as we work together to raise critical awareness and take action against domestic abuse, in whatever form it takes The MU were awarded the Bronze.

Local network meetings with ASDA Foundation acting as co-ordinator are still active. Meetings are held at Pelsall Community Association on a monthly basis. Clergy attend if, and when possible.

Community engagement with local businesses is developing well.

Partnerships with local businesses which were developed during the Wedding Fayre have strengthened. These partnerships need to be consolidated in the next year with the possible growth of more links across the community and the business world.

Pelsall Community Association (PCA) and the church have very sound and productive relationships. Clergy have attended several times to give talks to their various local groups. Regular invitations are made to clergy and church community. For example, church members were invited to an Afternoon Tea to celebrate their 60th Anniversary.

Working with **Brownhills Community Association,** our branch of Mother's Union Pelsall continue to operate with the project called **Mary's Samaritans.** Together, they continue to organize support for local families in need of household items such as kitchenware, bed wear, cutlery and crockery through our network of support organizations. The project has experienced highs and lows since it started. During the year Mary's Samaritans have responded if and when required by the schools.

Partnership with the church and our **local councillors** continues to make a difference to the locality. Working together, a **Toy Service w**as organized to provide toys for children to Lucy's Pantry. People from the community and congregation were asked to attend and donate brand new toys. Response was tremendous and exceeded our expectations. This was very successful showing substantial community engagement between church and parish. Such partnerships can and do make a difference to the locality.

Well established groups such as Men's Fellowship, Mother's Union, Ladiesdotcom, Baptism & Wedding Preparation and Thursday Morning Group all continue to function regularly. Each group contributes to the 'building blocks' of the church community.

Study and learning has had a high priority. Organised sessions during Lent took place. People were also provided with resources so that they could study in their own home.

The Church of England's Lent theme for 2025 was **Living Hope.** In Lent this booklet explored the journey with Jesus on the difficult and thorny road that leads all the way to the cross on Good Friday – and beyond, to the transformation of Easter Day. **Living Hope** provided the opportunity to deepen our hope in God and be part of what God is doing to bring hope in the world. Each congregation member or family were given a free booklet for study and reflection while our church children were given an alternative children's booklet on the same theme.

At Christmas the church used the ***'The Twelve Joys of Christmas'*** resources. The book was a meditation for the Twelve Days of Christmas. Each day there was a short reading from the Bible to read and meditate on; a reflection to help to see the Christmas story afresh; a challenge inviting us to consider 'Where do I find joy at Christmas?' finally a prayer as we are encouraged to open our eyes ever wider to that mystery and wonder. Congregation members enjoyed the booklet which was very useful and helpful in their prayer life.

Teaching materials have been placed on the church website. Such materials are always under review to meet the needs of the congregation. Materials associated with the church lectionary are provided for both adults and children if and when necessary. On a Wednesday the church uses 'Wednesday Word' which is a weekly feature based on the Sunday gospel. During Holy Week a booklet was on line to follow Christ's journey towards Easter Sunday.

This included -

Worship at home from Palm Sunday to Easter
Stations of the Cross
Work Booklets for Children
Special edition of Wednesday Word for children

During Lent the church provided once a week a lunchtime meditative time called ***'Holding the Silence'*** which was an opportunity to spend time in silence. A small devoted number attended each week.

For three days in Holy Week a service of reflection and social action with themes titled 'Called to Action, Called to Forgive, Called to Trust' This was a reflective worship which brought lived experiences into God's transforming presence.

Two members of our congregation were put forward by the PCC for the **Chad Training programme** which is part of the Lichfield Diocesan strategy. The Chad Foundations is a programme of study designed to give people the opportunity to explore what it means to be called to serve God and others, through recognised lay ministry. Chad Foundations aims to encourage and prepare those who wish to explore a lay calling, including those considering Reader ministry. The programme is designed to be flexible, accessible, and inclusive for those who have busy lives.

St. Michaels Library a new venture was set up following the death of our Head Server. Her legacy of books on prayer, scripture, liturgy, history and spirituality was left to the church to be used to support others in their study of faith and belief. These catalogued books are available on loan from the church foyer to any one in church.

During Holy Week the congregation had opportunity to participate in **A Retreat in Daily life -The Covenant Promises of God**' based on I will never break my covenant with you Judges 2 v1. It was for all those who find it hard to get away on retreat, when life is just too busy, when there are too many responsibilities and constraints; they were invited to make this their own retreat, and experience a glimpse of Iona or Taize in church. People could opt in to suit their own availability, either at home or by coming to church. In each booklet there was a simple liturgy, reflection for each day, a prayer, a passage of scripture and a focus for your own thoughts and prayers. Each housebound people received this package in their Easter bag. This was well received and even further development will continue in 2025.

Confirmation Study Group proved fruitful and rewarding. Twelve adult candidates were confirmed at the Confirmation service which was held at St. Michael's Pelsall. Other churches

brought candidates to the Confirmation service so a total of 19 candidates were Confirmed by Bishop Tim of Wolverhampton.

Our candidates attended church regularly and followed 'The Pilgrim Course' over several months. Use of excellent materials assisted the candidates in their understanding. Pilgrim is a major teaching and discipleship resource from the Church of England. It aims to help every local church create a place where people can explore the Christian faith together and see how it can be lived out each day. Pilgrim takes a different approach to other Christian programmes. It approaches the great issues of faith not through persuasion, but participation in a pattern of contemplation and discussion with a group of fellow travellers. Candidates followed the following stages: Pilgrim is comprised of two initial stages: the *Follow stage* for those very new to faith. It introduces the Christian faith for newcomers or those exploring confirmation or affirming their faith. *Grow stage* for those who want to go further to develop a deeper level of discipleship. Each stage contains four short six-session courses which focus on a major theme of Christian life.

Increased enquiries for Confirmation appear to continue into 2026.

Pastoral Care at St Michael's has always been and continues to be a priority, supporting our congregation and bereaved families in the Parish. Contact by telephone is initially made with bereaved families, followed with a visit if they so wish. A card is sent to the families on the first anniversary of their bereavement. The Pastoral Team Leader meets with clergy periodically to review the situation and also provides a monthly report. Clergy are available for advice and guidance especially where there may be difficult visits. During 2025 visiting has taken place with those needing our support in their homes, care homes and hospital in the usual way. Although, normally telephone calls prior to visits take place to assess the situation. In addition to visits, contact is made by telephone, cards, texts, and email. A priority will be to increase the number of Pastoral Care visitors in the near future.

The PCC reviewed pastoral care arrangements across the parish and within the congregation. As such this was to ensure compliance of Safeguarding within differing pastoral contexts. As a result, a Pastoral Care policy was written, approved with action being fully implemented in 2025. Safeguarding is now integral to the Pastoral Care Team. Training is an ongoing development.

Part of the Pastoral Care role is to review and update the 'Years' Mind Book'and produce the monthly list for prayers for those who have passed away. The team have a supportive network within the congregation and are very grateful and appreciative of the love, care and support given by Clergy and all who show their continued commitment to our Pastoral Mission.

Clergy offered once again **'Congregations, Coffee and Conversations'**. Time was offered with the clergy within the week for anyone who wished to have a talk about how they are, how they are feeling, how their faith has been challenged, strengthened or has flat bottomed out during most challenging circumstances. Numbers taking up this opportunity has increased especially with newcomers to the church. Such meetings have continued to be very fruitful and beneficial for all parties especially with new members.

Deanery Synod

The role of the Deanery is to bring together the views of the parishes of the Deanery on common problems and to discuss and formulate policies on those problems, to foster a sense of community and interdependence amongst those parishes, and generally to promote in the Deanery the whole mission of the church - pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical. There have been seven Synod meeting held during the year and St Michael's has been represented at all Synod meetings, not all churches in the Deanery had been represented so well. There have been various guest speakers invited to talk over the period which were both interesting and informative. Topics included Enable All - Understanding Neurodivergence and Church Action on Poverty.

St Michael's is represented at Synod by John Maye who is the Deanery Lay Chair, Rev. Alison Morris who is now Assistant Rural Dean and Alison Myatt Lay Reader represent St Michaels at deanery synod moving forward. St Michael's has and continues to pay for three synod representatives at £30 per representative so there is still room for one more representative moving forward and we will actively try to fill this role from the congregation.

The Deanery Lay Chair reported back to the PCC that St Michael's is one of the fastest growing and strongest churches in every aspect across the Deanery and something that the Rev. Alison, the PCC and the congregation should be very proud of.

Social And Fundraising

Social & Fundraising are a significant part of life at St Michael's Pelsall.
During 2025, we have held several large events.

In May the church was used to host a concert performed by musicians from local schools, this also raised funds for Church. In June we held our family fun day, where we opened our doors to the community, free of charge so that families could take part in various activities- we had local classic car clubs in attendance and hundreds of people from the community enjoyed the day.

We held an afternoon tea in the church hall. In the summer the local Male Voice choir held a concert in church. In October we held our parish Harvest lunch which raised money for WaterAid along with supporting our local food bank. We also held a bonfire and fireworks evening for our church families. Our annual Christmas market was held in November. We held a Christmas party to celebrate Jesus's birthday party for the younger members of our congregation. A Christmas concert performed by the local ladies' choir along with the Salvation Army was held in the church.

We finished off the year with a New Year's Eve party.

The hall has been hired out for children's parties, funerals and other functions throughout this year. Several charities have benefited from free use of our facilities these are: Breast Cancer now, Macmillan Cancer Support, Christian Aid, the Samaritans and Tiny Tots children's charity.

Ecumenical Relationships

Ecumenical relationships have continued to strengthen and sustain with Pelsall Methodist Church. However, the absence of a Methodist minister and a review of their circuit during a period of 15 months has impacted upon developments. Clergy was invited to the Licensing of the new Superintendent in September 2025.

It is intended that clergy from both churches will meet regularly to plan and to support each other in their ministry. Both clergy and lay ministers at St. Michael's are invited to attend their Thursday afternoon fellowship group. In January the two congregations gathered for the 'Week of Prayer for Christian Unity' at Pelsall Methodist. In May during the Christian Aid Week the congregations met to worship at the Holy Communion service at St. Michael's.

6.Financial Review

Treasurer's report for the accounts:
Total receipts for the year were £216,647 (£99,934) of which £35,469 (£37,474) was voluntary giving and donations. A legacy of £121,311 was received. A further £6,929 (£7,588) was received from Gift Aid and GASDS and a sum of £439 (£5,105) was received from grants.

The planned giving together with collections at services totaled £33,982 (£35,259), a decrease of 4% on the previous year. Total income including tax recovered (but excluding legacy) was £95,336 (£99,934,) a decrease of 5% on last year. A total of £22,633 (£38,242) was spent from designated and restricted funds during the year, a decrease of 41%.

The net result for the year was an excess of income over expenditure of £133,703 (12,737). There was also a decrease in the value of the shares of £3,749. The total value of the Church now stands at £637,929 (£507,976).

Reserves Policy:
Reserve Funds are held for the bells (Bell/Tower Fund), the organ (Organ/Music Fund), the upkeep and maintenance of the Church (Fabric/Restoration Fund), the upkeep and maintenance of the Church Hall (Repair/Renewal Fund) and the graveyard (Graveyard Fund). Balances on the Graveyard Fund are used to maintain the graveyard (cost this year £7,429), and the balances on the other funds are used to cover repairs, maintenance and emergencies.

There is an unrestricted reserves policy of holding 3 months unrestricted expenditure. On 2025 figures this would be £15,078 (2024 £12,239) and unrestricted reserves at 31.12.2025 are actually £95,790 (2024 £98,043) which is substantially above this target. The PCC are happy to hold this excess as it provides a cushion in these uncertain times. There are also designated reserves of £527,788 (2024 £395,681). There are no overdrawn reserves.

Fabric Report

All annual servicing has been carried out throughout the year. Due dates are monitored and servicing performed in a timely manner. The church building is maintained and updated. The quinquennial report is used as a guide.

2025 has seen repairs to the boiler house. The rotten door and doorframe have been replaced. Further repairs have been made to a leak in the church centre roof which was affecting the kitchen wall. A baby changing unit has been installed in the toilets in church.

The graveyard around the church is maintained by a contractor.

The general maintenance of the remote cemetery is carried out by a volunteer. However, several large jobs have been carried out by contractors including installation of a new fence along part of the cemetery boundary. A hedge has been removed allowing a more open and safe environment for the users of the grave yard. Several large diseased Poplar trees were also removed for safety reasons.

In the Church Hall the access to the men's toilets has been moved to reduce potential risks to users. The chairs have all been replaced. An access ramp was also purchased to improve access to enhance inclusivity. New external lighting has been installed for safety purposes.

Appointment of the independent Examiner

This takes place at the A.G.M. It was agreed that the services of the Diocese of Lichfield would be used to examine the financial affairs of the parish.

Safeguarding

The PCC believe they have fulfilled their duty under section 5 of the Safeguarding and Clergy Discipline Measure 2016 (duty to have due regard to House of Bishops' guidance on safeguarding children and vulnerable adults). This year has seen the review of the new safeguarding policy and its provision within the church community. (See policy section for more details). The church is now compliant with safeguarding policies and procedures. In November the Safeguarding Sunday took place which provided literature and information to the congregation for their information and records. Presentation of this was organized by our designated and committed Safeguarding person who effectively contributes to ensure that the church is legally compliant.

Approved by the PCC on 13th May 2026 and signed on its behalf by

Alison M. Moss ..... (Chair)

J Humphries ..... (Secretary)

Independent Examiner's report to the trustees/members of The PCC of Pelsall

Registered charity number: 1170860

I report on the accounts for the year ended 31st December 2025 which are set out on the following pages.

Respective responsibilities of the Trustees and Independent Examiner

The charity'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 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 Independent Examiner's Statement

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 the 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 material matters have 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 with the with the accounting records
- 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 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: Date: 30th April 2026

Stephen Hendy
Data Developments (UK) Ltd
First Floor, The Chubb Building, Fryer Street, Wolverhampton WV1 1HT.

The Parochial Church Council of St Michael & All Angels, Pelsall
Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31st December 2025

Accounting Policies

The PCC is a public benefit entity within the meaning of FRS 102. 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 in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102).
The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention with items recognised at cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant notes to these accounts. The financial statements include all transactions, assets and liabilities for which the PCC is responsible in law. They do not include the accounts of church groups that owe their main affiliation to another body nor those that are informal gatherings of Church members.
There may be minor discrepancies in the totals as the pence are not being shown.

Cashflow Statement

The Charity has taken advantage of the exemption in FRS102 from the requirement to produce a Cash flow statement on the grounds that the income does not exceed £500,000.

Going Concern

There are no material uncertainties related to events or conditions that cast significant doubt on the charity's ability to continue as a going concern.

Accounting Estimates and Prior Year Errors

No changes to accounting estimates have occurred in the reporting period.
No material prior year errors have been identified in the reporting period.

Description of Funds

Unrestricted funds are income funds of the PCC that are available for spending on the general purposes of the PCC, including amounts designated by the PCC for fixed assets 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' annual report.

Restricted funds comprise of two elements:

a) income from trusts or endowments which may be expended only on those restricted objects provided in the terms of the trust or bequest

b) donations or grants received for a specific object or invited by the PCC for a specific object. The funds may only be expended on the specific object for which they were given. Any balance remaining unspent at the end of each year must be carried forward as a balance on that fund. The PCC does not usually invest separately for each fund. Where there is no separate investment, interest is apportioned to individual funds on an average balance basis.

Endowment funds are restricted funds that must be retained as trust capital either permanently or subject to a discretionary power to spend capital as income, and where the use of any income or other benefit derived from the capital may be restricted or unrestricted. Full details of all their restrictions are shown in the notes to the accounts.

Income
Planned giving, collections and donations are recognised when received or when the PCC becomes entitled to the resource and the monetary value can be measured with sufficient reliability. Tax refunds are recognised when the incoming resource to which they relate is received. Grants and Legacies are accounted for when the PCC is legally entitled to the amounts due and the monetary value can be measured with sufficient reliability. Dividends are accounted for when receivable, interest is accrued. All other income is recognised when it is receivable. All incoming resources are accounted for gross.

Expenditure
Grants and donations are accounted for when paid over, or when awarded, if that award creates a binding or constructive obligation on the PCC. The diocesan parish share is accounted for when due. Amounts received specifically for mission are dealt with as restricted funds. All other expenditure is generally recognised when it is incurred and is accounted for gross.

Governance and Support Costs
Support costs should be allocated between governance costs and other support. Governance costs comprise all costs involving public accountability of the PCC and its compliance with regulation and good practice.

Support costs include central functions and have been allocated to activity cost categories on a basis consistent with the use of resources eg by allocating staff costs by time spent and other costs by their usage.

Fixed Assets
Consecrated and benefice property is not included in the accounts by s.10(2)(a)&(C) of the Charities Act 2011.

Moveable church furnishings held by the Vicar and Churchwardens on special trust for the PCC and which require a faculty for disposal are inalienable property, listed in the Church's inventory, which can be inspected (at any reasonable time). For anything acquired prior to 2000 there is insufficient cost information available and therefore such assets are not valued in the financial statements.
No depreciation is provided on buildings as the currently estimated residual value of the properties is not less than their carrying value and the remaining useful life of these assets exceeds 50 years, so that any depreciation charges would be immaterial.
Other tangible fixed assets are valued at cost.

Investments
Investments in quoted shares, traded bonds and similar investments are valued initially at cost and subsequently at market value at the year end. Investments held for re-sale are treated as current asset investments.

Debtors
Debtors are measured on initial recognition at settlement amount. Subsequently they are measured at cash expected to be received.

Creditors and Accruals

Creditors are measured at settlement amounts less any trade discounts. Accruals are measured on best estimate of the amount required to settle the obligation at the reporting date.

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Statement of Financial Activities for the year ended 31 December 2025

	Unrestricted funds	Designated funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds	Total funds	Prior year total funds
Receipts						
Incoming resources from generated funds	—	—	—	—	—	(18)
Voluntary income	44,322	122,542	44	—	166,908	53,807
Activities for generating funds	5,383	17,390	—	—	22,773	21,868
Investment income	8,591	—	—	—	8,591	8,875
Incoming resources from charitable activities	7,299	11,076	(100)	—	18,275	15,401
Other incoming resources	101	—	—	—	101	—
Total income	**65,695**	**151,008**	**(56)**	**—**	**216,647**	**99,934**
Payments						
Cost of generating funds						
Cost of generating voluntary income	1,929	—	—	—	1,929	1,369
Charitable activities	58,083	22,005	628	—	80,716	85,618
Governance costs	300	—	—	—	300	210
Total expenditure	**60,311**	**22,005**	**628**	**—**	**82,945**	**87,197**
Net income / (expenditure) resources before transfer	**5,384**	**129,003**	**(684)**	**—**	**133,703**	**12,737**
Transfers						
Gross transfers between funds – in	100	3,104	503	—	3,707	25,240
Gross transfers between funds – out	(3,607)	—	(100)	—	(3,707)	(25,240)
Other recognised gains / losses						
Gains / losses on investment assets	(3,749)	—	—	—	(3,749)	2,099
Gains on revaluation, fixed assets, charity's own use	(380)	—	380	—	—	—
Net movement in funds	**(2,253)**	**132,107**	**99**	**—**	**129,953**	**14,836**
Total funds brought forward	**98,043**	**395,681**	**14,252**	**—**	**507,976**	**493,141**
Total funds carried forward	**95,790**	**527,788**	**14,352**	**—**	**637,929**	**507,976**
Represented by						
Unrestricted						
General fund	95,790	—	—	—	95,790	98,043
Designated						
Bar and Social Fund	—	6,721	—	—	6,721	4,404
Bell Tower Fund	—	1,748	—	—	1,748	1,668
Buildings - Fixed Asset Fund	—	268,171	—	—	268,171	268,171
CHURCH HALL RUNNING FUND	—	23,463	—	—	23,463	17,747
Cake Fund	—	136	—	—	136	136
Children's Ministry Fund	—	180	—	—	180	180
Church Electricity	—	—	—	—	—	11
Church Hall Repair/Renewal Fund	—	1,413	—	—	1,413	1,413
Graveyard Fund	—	20,537	—	—	20,537	17,959
Legacy Fund	—	132,812	—	—	132,812	11,502
Organ/Music Fund	—	12,085	—	—	12,085	11,075
Parish Common Fund	—	59,455	—	—	59,455	61,415
Tim Briggs Fund	—	1,065	—	—	1,065	—

Restricted						
Advanced wedding fees	—	—	300	—	300	500
Agency collection	—	—	—	—	—	(380)
Bridgeman Education Fund	—	—	9,347	—	9,347	9,447
Fabric/Restoration Fund	—	—	44	—	44	—
Flower Fund	—	—	31	—	31	31
Interior Decorating Scheme Fund	—	—	4,625	—	4,625	4,625
Lighting Fund	—	—	5	—	5	30

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Balance sheet as at 31 December 2025

	Total funds	Prior year funds
Fixed assets		
Tangible assets	358,207	361,957
	358,207	**361,957**
Current assets		
Cash at bank and in hand	280,372	149,078
	280,372	**149,078**
Liabilities		
Creditors: Amounts falling due in one year	650	3,059
	650	**3,059**
Net current assets less current liabilities	**279,722**	**146,019**
Total assets less current liabilities	**637,929**	**507,976**
Total net assets less liabilities	**637,929**	**507,976**
Represented by		
Unrestricted		
General fund	95,790	98,043
Designated		
Bar and Social Fund	6,721	4,404
Church Hall Repair/Renewal Fund	1,413	1,413
Parish Common Fund	59,455	61,415
Tim Briggs Fund	1,065	—
Warm Welcome Fund	—	—
Bell Tower Fund	1,748	1,668
Organ/Music Fund	12,085	11,075
Graveyard Fund	20,537	17,959
Mission Giving Fund	—	—
Legacy Fund	132,812	11,502
Buildings - Fixed Asset Fund	268,171	268,171
Cake Fund	136	136
Church Centre Renovation Fund	—	—
CHURCH HALL RUNNING FUND	23,463	17,747
Children's Ministry Fund	180	180
Church Electricity	—	11
Church Gas	—	—
Church Hall Electricity	—	—

Restricted		
Advanced wedding fees	300	500
Administration Grant Fund	—	—
Bridgeman Education Fund	9,347	9,447
Graveyard Donation Fund	—	—
Interior Decorating Scheme Fund	4,625	4,625
Fabric/Restoration Fund	44	—
Flower Fund	31	31
Lighting Fund	5	30
Agency collection	—	(380)
Funds of the church	**637,929**	**507,976**

Approved by the PCC on 13-5-2026 by

Alison N. Means J Lumpkin

PCC of Pelsall St. Michael & All Angels
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Statement of assets and liabilities as at 31 December 2025

		General	Designated	Restricted	Endowment	This year	Last year
Fixed assets - Tangible assets							
Church Hall -		—	268,171	—	—	268,171	268,171
CBF Shares -		90,036	—	—	—	90,036	93,786
	Totals	**90,036**	**268,171**	**—**	**—**	**358,207**	**361,957**
Current assets - Cash at bank and in hand							
Santander current account -		3,672	3,444	350	—	7,466	29,174
CCLA (CBF) deposit account -		2,382	256,173	9,727	—	268,281	115,279
Interior Decorating Scheme -		—	—	4,625	—	4,625	4,625
	Totals	**6,054**	**259,617**	**14,702**	**—**	**280,372**	**149,078**
Liabilities - Agency accounts							
Agency collections -		—	—	350	—	350	150
	Totals	**—**	**—**	**350**	**—**	**350**	**150**
Liabilities - Creditors: Amounts falling due in one year							
Creditors Due in one year -		300	—	—	—	300	2,909
	Totals	**300**	**—**	**—**	**—**	**300**	**2,909**
	Grand total	**95,790**	**527,788**	**14,352**	**—**	**637,929**	**507,976**

Statement of Assets and Liabilities as at 31 December 2024

	General	Designated	Restricted	Endowment	This year	Last year
Fixed assets - Tangible assets						
Church Hall -	—	268,171	—	—	268,171	268,171
CBF Shares -	93,786	—	—	—	93,786	91,687
Totals	**93,786**	**268,171**	**—**	**—**	**361,957**	**359,858**
Current assets - Cash at bank and in hand						
Santander current account -	5,000	24,299	(125)	—	29,174	23,266
CCLA (CBF) deposit account -	—	105,376	9,902	—	115,279	107,697
Interior Decorating Scheme -	—	—	4,625	—	4,625	4,625
Totals	**5,000**	**129,676**	**14,402**	**—**	**149,078**	**135,588**
Liabilities - Agency accounts						
Agency collections -	—	—	150	—	150	—
Totals	**—**	**—**	**150**	**—**	**150**	**—**
Liabilities - Creditors: Amounts falling due in one year						
Creditors Due in one year -	743	2,166	—	—	2,909	2,306
Totals	**743**	**2,166**	**—**	**—**	**2,909**	**2,306**
Grand total	**98,043**	**395,681**	**14,252**	**—**	**507,976**	**493,141**

PCC of Pelsall St. Michael & All Angels
Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31st December 2025

Fund movement by type - 2025

	Opening	Incoming	Outgoing	Transfers	Gains/losses	Closing
AWFees - Advanced wedding fee						
Restricted	500	(100)	—	(100)	—	300
Sub-total for AWFees	**500**	**(100)**	**—**	**(100)**	**—**	**300**
Admin Gran - Administration Grant						
Restricted	—	—	503	503	—	—
Sub-total for Admin Gran	**—**	**—**	**503**	**503**	**—**	**—**
Bar - Bar and Social Fund						
Designated	4,404	2,387	70	—	—	6,721
Sub-total for Bar	**4,404**	**2,387**	**70**	**—**	**—**	**6,721**
Buildings - Buildings - Fixed As						
Designated	268,171	—	—	—	—	268,171
Sub-total for Buildings	**268,171**	**—**	**—**	**—**	**—**	**268,171**
Cake Fund - Cake Fund						
Designated	136	—	—	—	—	136
Sub-total for Cake Fund	**136**	**—**	**—**	**—**	**—**	**136**
Ch-Cen Ren - Church Centre Renova						
Designated	—	—	—	—	—	—
Sub-total for Ch-Cen Ren	**—**	**—**	**—**	**—**	**—**	**—**
Ch-HALL - CHURCH HALL RUNNING						
Designated	17,747	15,003	9,287	—	—	23,463
Sub-total for Ch-HALL	**17,747**	**15,003**	**9,287**	**—**	**—**	**23,463**

Children's - Children's Ministry						
Designated	180	—	—	—	—	180
Sub-total for Children's	**180**	**—**	**—**	**—**	**—**	**180**
Church-EL - Church Electricity						
Designated	11	—	84	73	—	—
Sub-total for Church-EL	**11**	**—**	**84**	**73**	**—**	**—**
Church-Gas - Church Gas						
Designated	—	—	—	—	—	—
Sub-total for Church-Gas	**—**	**—**	**—**	**—**	**—**	**—**
Education - Bridgeman Education						
Restricted	9,447	—	100	—	—	9,347
Sub-total for Education	**9,447**	**—**	**100**	**—**	**—**	**9,347**
Grave-Don - Graveyard Donation F						
Restricted	—	—	—	—	—	—
Sub-total for Grave-Don	**—**	**—**	**—**	**—**	**—**	**—**
HALL-ELEC - Church Hall Electric						
Designated	—	—	—	—	—	—
Sub-total for HALL-ELEC	**—**	**—**	**—**	**—**	**—**	**—**
Hall-Rep - Church Hall Repair/R						
Designated	1,413	—	—	—	—	1,413
Sub-total for Hall-Rep	**1,413**	**—**	**—**	**—**	**—**	**1,413**
IntDecorat - Interior Decorating						
Restricted	4,625	—	—	—	—	4,625
Sub-total for IntDecorat	**4,625**	**—**	**—**	**—**	**—**	**4,625**
Parish Com - Parish Common Fund						
Designated	61,415	—	1,960	—	—	59,455
Sub-total for Parish Com	**61,415**	**—**	**1,960**	**—**	**—**	**59,455**
Tim Briggs - Tim Briggs Fund						
Designated	—	1,065	—	—	—	1,065
Sub-total for Tim Briggs	**—**	**1,065**	**—**	**—**	**—**	**1,065**
Warm Welco - Warm Welcome Fund						
Designated	—	—	—	—	—	—
Sub-total for Warm Welco	**—**	**—**	**—**	**—**	**—**	**—**
General - General fund						
Unrestricted	98,043	65,695	60,311	(3,507)	(3,749)	95,790
Sub-total for General	**98,043**	**65,695**	**60,311**	**(3,507)**	**(3,749)**	**95,790**
Tower - Bell Tower Fund						
Designated	1,668	125	45	—	—	1,748
Sub-total for Tower	**1,668**	**125**	**45**	**—**	**—**	**1,748**
Organ - Organ/Music Fund						
Designated	11,075	1,010	—	—	—	12,085
Sub-total for Organ	**11,075**	**1,010**	**—**	**—**	**—**	**12,085**
Graveyard - Graveyard Fund						
Designated	17,959	10,007	7,428	—	—	20,537
Sub-total for Graveyard	**17,959**	**10,007**	**7,428**	**—**	**—**	**20,537**
Mission - Mission Giving Fund						
Designated	—	100	3,131	3,031	—	—
Sub-total for Mission	**—**	**100**	**3,131**	**3,031**	**—**	**—**
Legacy - Legacy Fund						
Designated	11,502	121,311	—	—	—	132,812
Sub-total for Legacy	**11,502**	**121,311**	**—**	**—**	**—**	**132,812**
Fabric - Fabric/Restoration F						

Restricted		—	44	—	—	—	44
	Sub-total for Fabric	**—**	**44**	**—**	**—**	**—**	**44**
Flower - Flower Fund							
Restricted		31	—	—	—	—	31
	Sub-total for Flower	**31**	**—**	**—**	**—**	**—**	**31**
Lighting - Lighting Fund							
Restricted		30	—	25	—	—	5
	Sub-total for Lighting	**30**	**—**	**25**	**—**	**—**	**5**
None - Agency collection							
Restricted		—	—	—	—	—	—
	Sub-total for None	**—**	**—**	**—**	**—**	**—**	**—**
	Grand total	**507,976**	**216,647**	**82,945**	**—**	**(3,749)**	**637,929**

Designated Funds

Bar & Social Fund-money received from St. Michael's Social Club and used for upkeep/expenses of Social Club.

Church Hall Running Fund-money received from lettings of Hall and used for general upkeep and running costs of the Church Hall.

Bell Tower Fund-funds received from weddings/funerals and donations and used for the upkeep of the bells.

Graveyard Fund-funds/donations received from funerals and used for maintenance of the graveyard.
Organ/Music Fund-funds received from weddings/funerals and used for upkeep of organ and music requirements.

Legacy Fund-money received from various legacies and used at the discretion of the Vicar and Church Wardens for the general upkeep of the Church.

Mission Giving Fund-funds transferred monthly from giving and used for local and overseas mission.
Church Hall Repair/Renewal Fund-money transferred from Church Hall Running Fund and used for upkeep of the Church Hall.

Church Gas Fund-donations received for payment of Church gas utility bills.

Church Electric Fund-donations received for payment of Church electricity utility bills.

Church Hall Electric Fund-donations/funds transferred form Church Hall Running Fund for payment of electricity utility bills.

Parish Common Fund-proportion of Common Fund held at parish level following special agreement with LDBF. Donations/transfers made from other funds.

Warm Welcome Fund-grants/funds received to assist with "Warm Welcome" initiative set up in the Church November 2022.

Cake Fund-donations received for baking of cakes.

Church Centre Renovation Fund-donations received for renovation of Church Centre.

Children's Ministry Fund-donations received for Children's ministry.

Tim Briggs Fund – funeral donations received for the upkeep of the Church.

Restricted Funds

Advanced Wedding Fees Fund-payments received for forthcoming weddings.

Bridgeman Education Fund-monies received from the sale of unit trusts to be used at the discretion of the Vicar and Church Wardens for education and children in the Church.

Fabric/Restoration Fund-monies received from boxes and donations used for the upkeep of the Church.

Flower Fund-monies received from donations for flowers in the Church.

Graveyard Donation Fund-donations received and used for maintenance of the graveyard.

Interior Decorating Fund-funds held for decoration/upkeep of the vicarage.

Lighting Fund-monies received from donations and used for lighting in the Church.

Administration Grant Fund-grant received from LDBF to assist with the costs of administration in the Church.

Fund movement by type - 2024

	Opening	Incoming	Outgoing	TransfersGains/losses		Closing
AWFees - Advanced wedding fee						
Restricted	600	(100)	—	—	—	500
Sub-total for AWFees	**600**	**(100)**	**—**	**—**	**—**	**500**
Admin Gran - Administration Grant						
Restricted	—	5,105	6,324	1,219	—	—
Sub-total for Admin Gran	**—**	**5,105**	**6,324**	**1,219**	**—**	**—**
Bar - Bar and Social Fund						
Designated	7,336	2,244	515	(4,661)	—	4,404
Sub-total for Bar	**7,336**	**2,244**	**515**	**(4,661)**	**—**	**4,404**
Buildings - Buildings - Fixed As						
Designated	268,171	—	—	—	—	268,171
Sub-total for Buildings	**268,171**	**—**	**—**	**—**	**—**	**268,171**
Cake Fund - Cake Fund						
Designated	60	100	24	—	—	136
Sub-total for Cake Fund	**60**	**100**	**24**	**—**	**—**	**136**
Ch-Cen Ren - Church Centre Renova						
Designated	656	—	656	—	—	—
Sub-total for Ch-Cen Ren	**656**	**—**	**656**	**—**	**—**	**—**

Ch-HALL - CHURCH HALL RUNNING						
Designated	10,758	14,878	7,890	—	—	17,747
Sub-total for Ch-HALL	**10,758**	**14,878**	**7,890**	**—**	**—**	**17,747**
Children's - Children's Ministry						
Designated	150	30	—	—	—	180
Sub-total for Children's	**150**	**30**	**—**	**—**	**—**	**180**
Church-EL - Church Electricity						
Designated	45	—	33	—	—	11
Sub-total for Church-EL	**45**	**—**	**33**	**—**	**—**	**11**
Church-Gas - Church Gas						
Designated	—	—	—	—	—	—
Sub-total for Church-Gas	**—**	**—**	**—**	**—**	**—**	**—**
Education - Bridgeman Education						
Restricted	9,492	5	50	—	—	9,447
Sub-total for Education	**9,492**	**5**	**50**	**—**	**—**	**9,447**
Grave-Don - Graveyard Donation F						
Restricted	480	—	480	—	—	—
Sub-total for Grave-Don	**480**	**—**	**480**	**—**	**—**	**—**
HALL-ELEC - Church Hall Electric						
Designated	240	—	240	—	—	—
Sub-total for HALL-ELEC	**240**	**—**	**240**	**—**	**—**	**—**
Hall-Rep - Church Hall Repair/R						
Designated	1,413	—	—	—	—	1,413
Sub-total for Hall-Rep	**1,413**	**—**	**—**	**—**	**—**	**1,413**
IntDecorat - Interior Decorating						
Restricted	4,625	—	—	—	—	4,625
Sub-total for IntDecorat	**4,625**	**—**	**—**	**—**	**—**	**4,625**
Parish Com - Parish Common Fund						
Designated	40,672	—	—	20,743	—	61,415
Sub-total for Parish Com	**40,672**	**—**	**—**	**20,743**	**—**	**61,415**
Warm Welco - Warm Welcome Fund						
Designated	680	—	680	—	—	—
Sub-total for Warm Welco	**680**	**—**	**680**	**—**	**—**	**—**
General - General fund						
Unrestricted	96,112	69,366	48,955	(20,579)	2,099	98,043
Sub-total for General	**96,112**	**69,366**	**48,955**	**(20,579)**	**2,099**	**98,043**
Tower - Bell Tower Fund						
Designated	1,382	286	—	—	—	1,668
Sub-total for Tower	**1,382**	**286**	**—**	**—**	**—**	**1,668**
Organ - Organ/Music Fund						
Designated	10,115	960	—	—	—	11,075
Sub-total for Organ	**10,115**	**960**	**—**	**—**	**—**	**11,075**
Graveyard - Graveyard Fund						
Designated	26,512	6,945	15,499	—	—	17,959
Sub-total for Graveyard	**26,512**	**6,945**	**15,499**	**—**	**—**	**17,959**
Mission - Mission Giving Fund						
Designated	—	—	3,279	3,279	—	—
Sub-total for Mission	**—**	**—**	**3,279**	**3,279**	**—**	**—**
Legacy - Legacy Fund						
Designated	11,502	—	—	—	—	11,502
Sub-total for Legacy	**11,502**	**—**	**—**	**—**	**—**	**11,502**

Fabric - Fabric/Restoration F							
Restricted		2,459	115	2,574	—	—	—
	Sub-total for Fabric	**2,459**	**115**	**2,574**	**—**	**—**	**—**
Flower - Flower Fund							
Restricted		31	—	—	—	—	31
	Sub-total for Flower	**31**	**—**	**—**	**—**	**—**	**31**
Lighting - Lighting Fund							
Restricted		30	—	—	—	—	30
	Sub-total for Lighting	**30**	**—**	**—**	**—**	**—**	**30**
	Grand total	**493,141**	**99,934**	**87,197**	**—**	**2,099**	**507,976**

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Analysis of income and expenditure for the year ended 31 December 2025

	Unrestricted Last year	Designated		Restricted	Total Endowment	This year
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS						
Incoming resources from generated funds						
Unpaid Cheque	—	—	—	—	—	(18)
Total	—	—	—	—	—	(18)
Incoming resources from generated funds - Voluntary income						
Giving - Direct to Bank	820	—	—	—	820	780
Giving Direct - Donations	17,564	—	—	—	17,564	17,778
Giving - Envelopes	2,790	—	—	—	2,790	4,834
Collections at services	9,138	—	—	—	9,138	9,393
Collections Weddings/Funerals	2,187	765	—	—	2,952	1,633
Collections/Baptisms	718	—	—	—	718	841
Sundry Donations	976	466	—	—	1,442	1,716
Other funds generated	2,760	—	—	—	2,760	3,641
Church boxes - Restoration	—	—	44	—	44	53
One-off Gift Aid gifts	465	—	—	—	465	430
Donations appeals etc	—	—	—	—	—	16
Tax recovered on Gift Aid	4,541	—	—	—	4,541	5,508
Tax recovered on GASDS	1,923	—	—	—	1,923	2,080
Legacies	—	121,311	—	—	121,311	—
Grant per LDBF	—	—	—	—	—	5,105
Non-recurring one-off grants	439	—	—	—	439	—
Total	44,322	122,542	44	—	166,908	53,807

Incoming resources from generated funds - Activities for generating funds

Magazine Income	865	—	—	—	865	735
Fund Raising activities	3,724	—	—	—	3,724	3,171
Greeting Card Sales	200	—	—	—	200	290
Church hall hire	—	15,003	—	—	15,003	14,878
Church Centre Hire	594	—	—	—	594	550
Bar & Social Club Income	—	2,387	—	—	2,387	2,244
Total	5,383	17,390	—	—	22,773	21,868

Incoming resources from generated funds - Investment income

Dividends from CBF Shares	3,339	—	—	—	3,339	2,545
Bank and building society interest	5,251	—	—	—	5,251	6,330
Total	8,591	—	—	—	8,591	8,875

Incoming resources from charitable activities

Weddings and funerals PCC Fees	7,299	—	—	—	7,299	7,225
Wedding/Funeral Donations-Organ/Music	—	1,010	—	—	1,010	960
Wedding/Funeral donations-Tower	—	75	—	—	75	225
Weddings Deposits	—	—	(100)	—	(100)	(100)
Funerals donation-Graveyard Fund	—	9,991	—	—	9,991	6,947
Baptism Fees PCC Fees	—	—	—	—	—	144
Total	7,299	11,076	(100)	—	18,275	15,401

Other incoming resources

Miscellaneous	101	—	—	—	101	—
Total	101	—	—	—	101	—
INCOME TOTAL	65,695	151,008	(56)	—	216,647	99,934

EXPENDITURE

Cost of generating funds - Cost of generating voluntary income

Costs of giving envelopes	89	—	—	—	89	82
Costs of fetes & other events	317	—	—	—	317	166
Costs of Advertising/Marketing	120	—	—	—	120	—
Costs of magazine	1,402	—	—	—	1,402	1,121
Total	1,929	—	—	—	1,929	1,369

Charitable activities

Giving to Charities	7	—	—	—	7	442
Giving to other churches	—	—	—	—	—	700
Mission Giving - Home mission	—	2,115	—	—	2,115	2,471
Mission Giving - Overseas mission	—	800	—	—	800	500
Mission Giving - Child Sponsorship	—	216	—	—	216	216
Subscriptions	815	70	—	—	885	937
Common Fund	37,025	—	—	—	37,025	31,115
Fees of parish secretary	5,987	—	503	—	6,490	5,904
Fees of parish organist	1,375	—	—	—	1,375	1,445
Incumbent Expenses	1,474	—	—	—	1,474	—
Associate Minister Expenses	—	—	—	—	—	1,434

Associate Minister's Education	—	—	—	—	—	255
Parish training and mission	449	—	—	—	449	418
Upkeep of services	1,052	—	—	—	1,052	698
Upkeep of churchyard - Maintenance	—	6,096	—	—	6,096	14,862
Upkeep of Churchyard - Water	—	163	—	—	163	140
Upkeep of Churchyard - Refuse	—	827	—	—	827	977
Churchyard - Miscellaneous	—	343	—	—	343	—
Administration - General	106	—	—	—	106	85
Administration - Photocopier	722	—	—	—	722	1,440
Administration - Telephone	804	—	—	—	804	657
Administration - Bank charges	10	—	—	—	10	—
Miscellaneous	151	—	—	—	151	10
Gift to Clergy/Congregation	67	45	—	—	112	84
Gift to Church	—	—	—	—	—	606
Church running Electricity	1,323	84	—	—	1,407	1,201
Church running - gas	1,419	—	—	—	1,419	1,258
Church running Gas	—	—	—	—	—	178
Church running - water	283	—	—	—	283	253
Church running - maintenance	215	—	25	—	240	272
Church Running - Consumables	119	—	—	—	119	384
Church running - Insurance	3,320	—	—	—	3,320	3,250
Church Running-Junior Church	—	—	—	—	—	64
Church Yard - Upkeep	1,190	—	—	—	1,190	1,210
Church Running - 180th Celebration	—	—	—	—	—	519
Church Running - Defibrillator	84	—	—	—	84	—
Hall running - Consumables	—	156	—	—	156	262
Hall running - electricity	—	4,410	—	—	4,410	5,497
Hall running - insurance	—	417	—	—	417	812
Hall running - maintenance	87	22	—	—	109	515
Hall running - water	—	283	—	—	283	253
Hall Running - Refuse	—	582	—	—	582	721
Church major repairs - structure	—	1,960	—	—	1,960	1,613
Church major repairs - installation	—	—	—	—	—	1,961
Church interior and exterior decorating	—	—	100	—	100	—
Hall - Major Refurbishment	—	3,418	—	—	3,418	—
Total	58,083	22,005	628	—	80,716	85,618

Governance costs

Governance costs examination/audit fee	300	—	—	—	300	210
Total	300	—	—	—	300	210
EXPENDITURE TOTAL	60,311	22,005	628	—	82,945	87,197
GRAND TOTAL	5,384	129,003	(684)	—	133,703	12,737

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Allocation of Support Costs

Support costs comprise Trustee Training and Governance Costs etc. Due to the nature of the financial activities of the
PCC, these would be allocated across Charitable Expenditure which comprises the majority of its expenditure and as such are automatically charged there.

Staff Costs

	2025	2024
Wages & Salaries	£9,005	£8,559
Average number of employees	3	3

During the year the PCC employed a parish secretary, organist and a gardener
(all part-time) and no payments were large enough to attract social security costs.

There were no employee benefits to key management personnel in the previous or current year.

Trustees' Remuneration & Expenses

1 Trustee has been reimbursed £1,473 (2024 £1,434) for travel and phone expenses incurred during the year.

Related Parties

No other expenses were paid to any other PCC member, persons closely connected to them, or related parties.

Donations from related parties (PCC members) totalled £9,355 (11 people). 2024 - £5,744.

Fees for the examination of the accounts

	2025 £	2024 £
Independent Examiner's fees	£300	£210
	£300	£ 210

Analysis of Transfer between Funds

Unrestricted	£	Designated	£	Restricted	£	Total £
General Fund	(73)	Church Electricity Fund	73			0
General Fund	100			Advanced Wedding	(100)	
General Fund	(3,031)	Mission Giving Fund	3,031			0
General Fund	(503)			Admin Grant Fund	503	0
Total	(3507)		3104		403	0

Church Electricity Fund – electricity bill processed to this fund causing debit balance. Transfer to rectify.
Advanced Wedding Fees Fund – deposit of cancelled wedding transferred to General Fund.
Mission Giving Fund – monthly transfers made between two funds to account for 10% of planned giving, which ultimately goes to local and overseas mission.
Administration Grant Fund – administrator's salary processed to this fund in error, causing debit balance. Transfer to rectify.

Fixed Assets

a. Tangible Fixed Assets

	Freehold Buildings £	Church Equipment £	Total £
Cost or Valuation			
As at 1st Jan	£268,171		£268,171
Additions in the year			
Disposal in the year			
Revaluation (if any)			
Value at 31st Dec	£268,171		£268,171
Accumulated Depreciation			
As at 1st Jan			
Charge for the year			
Disposals			
Value at 31st Dec			
Net Book Value at 1st Jan 2024	£268,171	£-	£268,171
Net Book Value at 31st Dec 2025	£268,171	£-	£268,171

The freehold buildings comprise of the Church Hall at Vicarage Road, Pelsall. The valuation is based on the insurance value.

b. Investments

	At 1st Jan £	Additions £	Disposals £	Transfers £	Change in market value £	At 31st Dec £
Unrestricted funds						
Investments	£93,786				(£3,750)	£90,036
Total	£93,786				(£3,750)	£90,036

The holding at 31st December 2025 was 4,056 shares in the CCLA Investment Fund.

Current Assets

a. Debtors

	2025 £	2024 £
Gift aid recoverable	-	-
Prepayments and accrued income	-	-
Other debtors	-	-
Total	-	-

Liabilities

a. Amounts falling due in one year

	2025 £	2024 £
Accruals	300	2,909
Common Fund		
Agencies (Funerals)	350	150
Total	650	3,059

b. Amounts falling due after more than one year
None

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Statement of Financial Activities for the year ended 31 December 2024

	Unrestricted funds	Designated funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds	Total funds	Prior year total funds
Receipts						
Incoming resources from generated funds	—	(18)	—	—	(18)	—
Voluntary income	48,376	207	5,225	—	53,807	61,514
Activities for generating funds	4,746	17,122	—	—	21,868	21,914
Investment income	8,875	—	—	—	8,875	7,660
Incoming resources from charitable activities	7,369	8,132	(100)	—	15,401	19,450
Other incoming resources	—	—	—	—	—	734
Total income	**69,366**	**25,443**	**5,125**	**—**	**99,934**	**111,272**
Payments						
Cost of generating funds						
Cost of generating voluntary income	1,369	—	—	—	1,369	919
Charitable activities	47,376	28,814	9,427	—	85,618	70,109
Governance costs	210	—	—	—	210	174
Total expenditure	**48,955**	**28,814**	**9,427**	**—**	**87,197**	**71,202**
Net income / (expenditure) resources before transfer	**20,411**	**(3,371)**	**(4,302)**	**—**	**12,737**	**40,070**
Transfers						
Gross transfers between funds - in	—	24,022	1,219	—	25,240	23,626
Gross transfers between funds - out	(20,579)	(4,661)	—	—	(25,240)	(23,626)
Other recognised gains / losses						
Gains / losses on investment assets	2,099	—	—	—	2,099	7,884
Net movement in funds	**1,930**	**15,989**	**(3,084)**	**—**	**14,836**	**47,954**
Total funds brought forward	**96,112**	**379,692**	**17,336**	**—**	**493,141**	**445,187**
Total funds carried forward	**98,043**	**395,681**	**14,252**	**—**	**507,976**	**493,141**