THE PARISH OF HANDSWORTH

(ST. MARY)

St Mary's Parish Church

Registered Charity Number 1171344

ANNUAL REPORT

AND

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

For the year ended 31st December 2025

Rector: The Revd Elizabeth Longhurst

Bankers: TSB Birmingham

Independent Examiner: Mr Laurence Parkes FCA

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Agenda of the Meeting of the Ancient Vestry Of the Ecclesiastical Parish of Handsworth St Mary

Registered Charity Number:1171344

Sunday 26th April 2026 12.15pm

1. Opening prayer
2. Apologies for absence
3. Minutes of the meeting held on Sunday 18th May 2025
4. Election and appointment of Churchwardens for the forthcoming year.
5. Close meeting

To be followed by the Annual Parochial Church meeting.

Minutes of the previous meeting of the Ancient Vestry of the Ecclesiastical Parish of Handsworth St Mary held on the 18th May 2025 at 12.15pm

A Meeting of the Ancient Vestry
Of the Ecclesiastical Parish of Handsworth St Mary

Registered Charity Number:1171344

Sunday 18th May 2025 at 12.15pm

Minutes

The meeting opened with the Rector reading the alternative collect for the fifth Sunday of Easter.

In Attendance:

Revd. Elizabeth Longhurst (Rector and chair), Henry Adu, Yvonne Adams, Motunrayo Ajisola, Delia Arnold, Pete Banford, Sue Banford, Neil Burke, Lee Colwill, Ruth Cooper, Diana Duggan, Mary Farrell, Mary Giblin, Terry Giblin, Kimberly Grant, Linda Harley, Doreen Hemmings, Keith Hemmings, Bryan Jones, Mary Jones, Adam Lubin, Ethel Lubin, Pam McEniff, Rosemarie Seadon, William Senteza, Edna Simkin, Shane Taylor, Graham Walters, Val Watts, Cecile Williams.

Apologies:

Beryl Anderson, Eureka Drayton, Christopher Hazeley-Jones, John Rose.

Minutes of the meeting held on Saturday11th May 2024:

These had been distributed prior to the meeting and as part of the annual Report. They were passed as a true and accurate record.

Appointment of Church Warden(s) for the forthcoming year:

Keith Hemmings had been nominated by Edna Simkin and seconded by Ruth Cooper. He was appointed with the approval of the meeting. Keith was thanked for his many years of service. There had been no further nominations.

The meeting closed at 12.25pm.

Signed: E.LONGHURST

Dated: 26/04/2026

Agenda of the Annual Parochial Church Council Meeting of the Ecclesiastical Parish of Handsworth, St Mary

Registered Charity Number: 1171344

Sunday 26th April 2026

following the meeting of the Ancient Vestry

1. Apologies for Absence
2. Minutes of the Last Annual Parochial Church Council Meeting: 18th May 2025
3. Matters Arising
4. Presentation and adoption of accounts for 2025 (ES)
5. Adoption of the Annual Report for 2025 (LL)
6. Presentation of the Electoral Roll (RS)
7. Election of two Deanery Synod members for a period of three years
8. Membership of the PCC:
    a. Election of five members to the PCC.
    b. Appointment of Co-Opted Members:
    c. Appointment of Ex-Officio Members:
9. Annual Review of the Safeguarding Policy (DA)
10. Appointment of the Independent Examiner: Currently Laurence Parkes
11. Any Other Business pertaining to this meeting

To be followed by a short meeting of the PCC.

Minutes of the previous Annual Parochial Church Council Meeting of the Ecclesiastical Parish of Handsworth, St Mary

The Annual Parochial Church Council Meeting
Of the Ecclesiastical Parish of Handsworth, St Mary

Registered Charity Number:1171344

Sunday 18th May 2025

Minutes

In Attendance:
Revd. Elizabeth Longhurst (Rector and chair) Keith Hemmings (Church Warden), Yvonne Adams, Henry Adu, Delia Arnold, Pete Banford, Sue Banford, Lee Colwill, Ruth Cooper, Diana Duggan, Mary Farrell, Linda Harley, Doreen Hemmings, Mary Giblin, Terry Giblin, Bryan Jones, Mary Jones, Adam Lubin, Ethel Lubin, Pam McEniff, Rosemarie Seadon, William Senteza, Edna Simkin, Shane Taylor, Graham Walters, Val Watts, Cecile Williams.

Visitors (not on Electoral Roll) Motunrayo Ajisola, Neil Burke, Kimberly Grant.

1. Apologies for Absence:

Beryl Anderson, Eureka Drayton, Christopher Hazeley-Jones, John Rose.

2. Minutes of the last APCM:

Were not read but had been distributed prior to the meeting, included in the annual report and deemed a true and correct record.

3. Matters arising:

None.

4. Adoption of Accounts:

The Treasurer stated that these had been collated by the Accountant/Independent Examiner and gave a brief outline. Giving is down and we are just about breaking even. The adoption of the accounts was proposed by Edna Simkin, seconded by Byran Jones and carried by the meeting. Edna was thanked for keeping the account books in good order.

5. Adoption of the Annual Report:

This had been circulated prior to the meeting. The Rector read her report. The adoption was proposed by Edna Simkin and seconded by Graham Walters.

6. Presentation of the Electoral Roll:

At the APCM in May 2024 there were 66 on the Roll. This year the roll was completely revised. There are now 50 names on it, 29 resident in the Parish and 21 non- resident. Copies of the new roll have been on the notice boards since 21st March.

7. Deanery synod members:

Ruth Cooper and Shane Taylor had been elected in 2023 for a period of three years.

8. Membership of the PCC:

a. Diana Duggan and Rosemarie Seadon's terms of office had been completed. Diana had been nominated by Rosemarie Seadon and seconded by Edna Simkin. Rosemarie had been nominated by Edna Simkin and seconded by Doreen Hemmings. Both were elected for a further three-year term until 2028.
Two previously co-opted members were also proposed as elected members. Christopher Hazeley- Jones had been proposed by Doreen Hemmings and seconded by Shane Taylor; Graham Walters had been proposed by Edna Simkin and seconded by Rosemarie Seadon. Both were elected.
The following elected members will continue until 2026 – Delia Arnold, Lee Colwill, Ethel Lubin and Shane Taylor.
Until 2027 – Adam Lubin.

b. Appointment of Co-opted Members: Doreen Hemmings and William Senteza were re-elected as assistant wardens.

c. Appointment of Ex-officio Members: Ruth Cooper and Eureka Drayton (by virtue of their licence as readers); Edna Simkin (Treasurer).

9. Annual Review of the Safeguarding Policy:
During the year the PCC had adopted the Church of England Safer Church and Safer Recruitment Policies which are available to view on the notice boards. Safeguarding issues which had occurred during the year had been dealt with appropriately.
All PCC members have been DBS checked.

11. Appointment of the Independent Examiner:

Laurence Parkes was re-appointed. Proposed by Edna Simkin and seconded by Rosemarie Seadon.

12. Any Other Business:

Keith informed the meeting that further quotes for repairing the broken windows would hopefully be obtained this week.

The meeting ended at 12.40pm

Signed: E. LONGHURST

Dated: 26/04/2026

REPORTS

Parochial Church Council and Activities of the Parish

PCC

The Parochial Church Council (PCC) has met eight times since the 2025 Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM), in May, June, July, September, November of 2025 and January and March (during which there was an additional meeting to approve the accounts) in 2026 thus far.

Thank you to the PCC Secretary, Rosemarie Seadon for her continuing diligence as secretary, her excellent minute taking skills, and her ability to ensure we sit comfortably withing the requirements of the Church Representation Rules. Thanks to all office holders on the PCC for all their continuing hard work behind the scenes, much of which goes unseen, with especial thanks to Delia as Parish Safeguarding Officer, Chris as Hall Manager and Edna as Treasurer.

Keith Hemmings will be standing down as church warden at this APCM. Kieth has been a Church Warden at St Mary's since 2009, and during that time has worked tirelessly for St Mary's not only in the upkeep of the building but the maintaining and promoting of a Christian presence in this place. Thanks to Keith, for all his hard work, and his dedication in his many years of service.

Safeguarding, Fabric and Finance

These are covered in their own individual reports, enclosed in this booklet.

Worship, Ministry and Mission

Regular services continue at St Mary's. The weekly pattern is as follows;

- Sunday:
  - eight o'clock BCP Holy Communion service
  - eleven o'clock Parish Eucharist
- Wednesday:
  - eleven-thirty Midweek Said Eucharist
- Friday:
  - eight-thirty morning prayer

All of these have steady congregations, but it has been good to welcome some new people to St Mary's over the past year. Christmas and Easter services have been reasonably well attended, and it was good see a variety of people attending the various Holy Week services this year. Occasional Feast and Holy Day services occur either mid-week at St Mary's, or in conjunction with the neighbouring churches in the Handsworth and Winson Green group, most recently this included the joint Ash Wednesday service at St James' Church.

This Lent, just gone, there was another study group which happened on Wednesday mornings before the midweek said Eucharist. This year the book that was used was "Meeting God in

John" by David Ford, and was well supported, with some others using the book in their own personal devotions.

Thanks to Kat Farn, the resident organist who plays most Sundays, and has expanded the St Mary's repertoire to include a variety of modern composers, including some who are still living. Thanks also to Gerald Harding who has helped with cover when Kat has not been available, by playing the piano during services. In the last year Hope Pugh (who was the singing teacher for the chorister scheme) moved to Swansea at the end of the summer term last year, thanks were given to her, at a summer party last year.

St Mary's is in the incredibly fortunate position to have two lay readers as part of the ministry team, Ruth Cooper and Eureka Drayton. Both are incredibly pastorally minded, are good liturgically, and help keep the rector sane in more hectic moments. Thanks to both Ruth and Eureka for all that they do, both at the front Sunday by Sunday, but also behind the scenes. The parish is lucky to have you both as key parts of the ministry team.

Parish ministry continues, as ever. It is a privilege to serve all those that live and reside in the parish, as well as those who come to worship in this place. Since the last APCM in May 2025 there have been two funerals, for David Holmes, and Paul Roggoff. There have been two baptisms, with another booked in for (at the time of writing) just a few weeks time. There was one wedding last year, and again we have another booked in for (at the time of writing) just a few weeks, and then a wedding blessing (dedication after a civil marriage) at the end of May.

The school (St Mary's Academy) have resumed the established pattern of having their big end of term services (e.g. Christmas, Easter, Leavers) in the church. These are being led by the children which has been brilliant. The Rector, along with others from St Mary's church are on the Local Governors Board for St Mary's Academy. St Mary's church has had visits from other schools in, and just outside of the Parish, from St Theresa's Roman Catholic School, Westminster School, and St Clare's Roman Catholic school. There was a planned visit for Cherry Orchard school, but unfortunately this had to be postponed due to bad weather. Handsworth Grammar school returned last Advent for their Christmas concert, and it was a joy to be able to host them.

Ministry at St Mary's is not just restricted to the immediate parish. The Rector regularly attends clergy chapter meetings (with other clergy in the Handsworth and Central Deanery), as well attending deanery synod with other elected members from St Mary's, where Ruth Cooper has recently been elected as Lay Chair. Recently the Rector and Ruth Cooper were elected by deanery colleagues to represent the Handsworth and Central Deanery at Diocesan synod. The Rector also continues in her role as trustee (and recently) chair of the Handsworth Chairty, and trustee of the Thomas Bromwich Trust, as well as engaging with other diocesan initiatives and groups.

Personal Note

It is a joy and privilege to serve as the Rector of St Mary's. Jules, and I are still overwhelmed by the welcome we have received, in our (approximately) seventeen months that we have been

here. And I think I will always struggle to put into words how valued and supported I feel as your Rector in this place. I think I can genuinely say this is the most welcomed I have ever felt in a church, which I truly believe speaks to the nature of the community that you all contribute to here.

I would like to start my thank you's with a personal thanks to Keith Hemmings who has been a great support and source of knowledge in my short bit of time in his tenure of Church Warden here. It would have been a considerably harder role to hold without him, so I must add my heartfelt thanks for all he has done in his time as Church Warden. More broadly I want to say thank you to you all, thank you for all that you do. Thank you for your continued support. Thank you for sharing in the ministry of this wonderful, and historic place. Thank you to everyone who contributes in any way, big or small, to make sure we bring glory to God in this place. Thank you.

Rector: The Revd Elizabeth Longhurst

Electoral Roll

Last year the Electoral Roll was completely revised. The roll which was published in advance of the APCM contained 50 names.

During the year 2 names were added and 1 person died.

At the 2026 revision 2 more names were added giving a total of 53. 31 are resident in the parish and 22 non-resident.

Electoral Roll Officer: Rosemarie Seadon

Safeguarding

The Safeguarding policy and procedures are the one recommended by The Church of England under Safer Church and Safer Recruitment. (This is available to view on the church notice boards in the porch, by the north door and on our website).

We have received, this year, notification of a safeguarding concern. As a result of this an action plan has been put into place. It is important to note that only the people that need to know are informed as per. GDPR law.

All of the PCC are currently DBS checked, with those up for renewal either completed, or in the process of being completed. Our organist is also DBS checked.

The Lockdown procedure remains in place, with all members of the PCC aware of the required action if the need arises.

The Dashboard is on 100%.

We now have a Safeguarding Hub which logs and helps manage all DBS information and policies regarding safeguarding. We stand at 100% on this too.

Ruth Cooper is now, alongside Delia Arnold, an approved verifier for our DBS checks.

Parish Safeguarding Officer: Delia Arnold

Fabric

The past year since the APCM has included continued maintenance, both planned and reactive, of the historic building of St Mary's that we collectively have custody of.

The quinquennial inspection took place at the beginning of 2026 after a slight delay due to snowy weather. The quinquennial report which will inform the plan of works for the next five years, is (at the time of writing) expected immanently. The report will detail which fabric projects should be deemed the highest priority moving forward.

Some of the fabric related issues in the last year have been as follows:

- Water ingress in the chancel roof by the tower (above the vestry doors)
- Heating system sensors failure - the short-term solution was to jam the heating into an on setting. The longer-term solution (which actioned last year) was to replace all the sensors for the heating system inside the church.
- Crumbling stone in the northeast (internal) corner of the Wyrley chapel
- Several light bulbs which are located very high up around the building need replacing

Most of the above outstanding issues will be covered the recommended works in the quinquennial report. When the quinquennial was undertaken the Rector asked if there were going to be any unexpected surprises in the report, the answer to which was hopefully not.

Following the break-ins in the summer of 2024, the insurance company has now paid out the funds claimed for, and recommended which stained glass window repair quote they would like for us to move forward with. This is in the process of being actioned although it is expected that a faculty will be required before works can be undertaken.

The small north door has been re-painted to assist with longevity. The tower clocks recently underwent their annual service and were found to be in good condition.

Fire protocols were updated, and the hearing loop feasibility study has been undertaken, and report supplied. Thanks to Delia for organising both. A grant and/or donations will need to be sought to install a new hearing loop system. It is likely that this will also require a faculty.

Rector: The Revd Elizabeth Longhurst
Church Warden: Keith Hemmings

Deanery Synod

Deanery Synod met at St. Paul's Jewellery Quarter for our first meeting of the year in July.

The discussion was all about Safeguarding and the new method of keeping track of DBS and covered the restructuring of the Birmingham Diocese Safeguarding Team. There was also an environmental update and notification of a Climate Learning Course.

In November we met at Holy Trinity Church Birchfield, where it was lovely to see their recently installed vicar Alison Treasure. Bishop Michael was our speaker. The church has been given a large grant and the Bishop told us how this was to be allocated. Opportunity for small group discussion was given and a chance for concerns to be addressed followed.

A new Diocesan Clergy Rep. from Gas Street was appointed This led to Lizzie and Ruth discussing whether we should stand for Diocesan Synod.

The first meeting of 2026 took place in February at St. Paul's Hamstead. Father Douglas again stressed the need for an Environmental Champion and a Lay Chair of the Synod. Following Ruth and Lizzie's successful nomination to go on Diocesan Synod, Ruth found herself Deanery Environmental Champion (DEC) and Parish (PEC); and was also elected as Lay Chair to the Synod.

The 3 year term for Deanery Synod comes to an end in July and St. Mary's are allowed 2 places for Lay members. Ruth does not use a space as Diocesan Synod members are automatically on Deanery Synod and PCC. Eureka has expressed a wish to continue.

Deanery Synod Member: Ruth Cooper

Social Committee

As always, the social committee has been active in most social areas of life at St Mary's. After the quiet summer holidays, we prepared for the open and heritage days in early and mid-September. Last year, congregational support was disappointing. However, about thirty outside visitors came into the church. As always, Shane and Mary were available to take people around.

In early October we held our annual harvest meal. A ploughman's lunch was served in the refectory, and all enjoyed the tasty food and fellowship.

Preparations for our most important fund-raising event, the Christmas Tree Festival started in earnest in October. On this occasion the weather was kinder, and we raised a substantial amount of much needed money. However, there were occasions when the volunteers were hard pressed to provide for the large numbers of visitors especially on the Saturday night.

It has been proposed that we hold and art exhibition in the church during the summer and strawberry tea in mid-June.

I would like to thank Liz, Jules and all the members of our small committee for their fellowship, co-operation and hard work during the past year.

Social Committee Member: Shane Taylor

Bell Ringers

HANDSWORTH PARISH CHURCH (ST MARY)
ST. MARY'S BELLRINGERS
YEAR ENDED 31st DECEMBER 2025

BELL TOWER FUND

Receipts:		
Ringing School	160.00	
Ringing Masterclass	40.00	
Two peals	80.00	
	280.00	
Payments:		
Christmas tree festival	15.00	
	15.00	
Balance in hand 1.1.25		1366.00
Balance in hand 31.12.25		1631.00
Cash in hand		100.59
TSB Bank		1530.41
		1631.00

AIMS

To ring the Church bells prior to services to 'call people to worship'. We aim to ring every Sunday from 10.40 – 11am.

To ring for weddings when requested.

To teach new recruits to ring to ensure continuity of the band. New members are always welcome.

To ring commemorative quarter peals or peals to mark special events.

To maintain the ring of bells in good working order. To this end we have a bell tower fund in which we collect fees for weddings and from visitors who make a donation when they ring quarter peals, peals or visit on an outing. This money can then be used for repairs, e.g. new ropes and stays.

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We continue to ring for the 11am service on Sundays whenever possible and for special services. In July we rang all eight bells for the wedding of Adam and Kimberly. Kimberly is now learning to ring and so is Lee. We rang in the New Year. We were sorry to report the death of one of our former ringers, David Holmes who helped with bell maintenance for many years. We are missing his skills as a stay maker. Early in the year the Ringing school used the tower for sessions on a Saturday morning. We would welcome more recruits to enable us to have all 8 bells rung on a Sunday morning. Practice night is Wednesday at 8pm.

Tower Captain: Rosemarie Seadon

Church Hall

General update:

The hall is presently regularly used by four main groups. Bellford Stage School (Dance and Speech) Tuesday, Wednesdays and occasional Saturdays, (term time) and the Lighthouse Chapel Church every Sunday and occasional additional days. Last Sunday of the month Enugu State Association (February to October) and Elite Active Children's Holiday club (week to two weeks) during school holidays. We continue to receive regular (weekly/fortnightly) enquiries for use of the hall for one off functions such as parties, Henna evenings, and meetings.

General confirmed bookings remain low. This is in part due limited availability to open and close the hall for proposed events. The person who volunteered began to become disheartened at the way the hall was being maintained and run and has gradually limited their availability. However someone else has agreed to step in and so this will compensate a little.

Hall Condition:

The hall continues to experience difficulties with the flooring. A number of boards remain lose or broken, or warped. Water ingress has now been remedied. However there was no central heating available during the winter months. Since December 2025 there has been no lighting in the main corridor area and toilets. This was due to an electrical fault with the National Grid. It has not helped in securing further bookings. The large store room remains a wasted space full of clutter and old toys/equipment. Other remedial work required includes replacing radiator covers, and repair of a hole in external fire door. Chair rack wheel is buckling and the unit may need replacing at some point. May also benefit from changing heating timer to something more efficient. Pest problem continues with mice despite repellent being placed around.

Summary:

The last refurbishment of the hall took place in advance of the church reordering which was some years ago. The hall requires ongoing attention. Hire price has not been reviewed or

changed for at least 5 years. However, any price change/increase would still need to take into account its current condition

Church Hall Bookings Manager: Chris Hazeley-Jones

Mothers Union

HANDSWORTH PARISH CHURCH (ST MARY)
ST. MARY'S MOTHERS UNION
ACCOUNTS YEAR ENDED 31st DECEMBER 2025

Receipts:		
Diocesan Subs@ £29/member	319.00	
Branch Meeting Subs	114.00	
	433.00	
Payments:		
Diocesan Subs@ £29/member	319.00	
Room hire donation	80.00	
Branch activities	44.84	
	443.84	
Balance in hand 1.1.25	63.91	
Balance in hand 31.12.25	53.07	
Balance at TSB Bank 31.12.25	53.07	

Following our AGM in 2025, Eureka is still Chair, Ruth is secretary and Edna continues to do sterling work as treasurer. We have welcomed some new members this year, which has been lovely. Our branch was represented at the Annual Service in the Cathedral and at members meetings.

We continued to enjoy in house meetings as our members all have talents to entertain us. We have had a go at tap dancing, flower arranging and of course the ever-popular truffle making. We enjoyed a meal out together at the Hamstead Pub, which though we call it a Christmas meal, never manages to be anywhere near Christmas! Our meetings have been held in church rather than the church hall, but using the refectory works well.

The current program is available and we are not limited to women or mothers. It will be an exciting year this year as we celebrate 150 years of Mothers Union, reflecting on the past and building for the future. We always welcome visitors to the meetings so come and give us a go on the second Thursday of the month at 2pm.

Secretary of the Mothers: Ruth Cooper

Financial Accounts for year end 31/12/2025

Independent Examiner's unqualified report to the members of the PCC of The Ecclesiastical Parish of Handsworth, St. Mary

Accounts for the year ended 31 December 2025
Charity no 1171344

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

It is my responsibility to:

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

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

Independent examiner's statement.
In connection with my examination, no material matter has come to my attention which gives me cause the believe that in any material respect:

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

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

Signed L Parkes Date 22 March 2026

Name L.E. Parkes FCA
Chartered Accountant

Address 5 Crondal Place, Birmingham B15 2LB

HANDSWORTH PARTISH CHURCH (St. MARY)
YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2025

RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT (CONSOLIDATED)

	Unrestricted & Designated Funds	Restricted & Endowment Funds	Total Funds 2025
	£	£	£
RECEIPTS			
Voluntary receipts	43,104	249	43,353
Activities for generating funds	13,323	-	13,323
Investment income	5,486	7,211	12,697
	61,913	7,460	69,373
PAYMENTS			
Church Acivities	66,828	5,934	72,762
(Deficit) Surplus for the year	(4,915)	1,526	(3,389)
Change in value of investments	(640)	22,941	22,302
Balances at 1st January	99,989	362,650	462,639
Balances at 31st December	94,434	387,118	481,552

Previous year:

	Unrestricted & Designated Funds	Restricted & Endowment Funds	Total Funds 2024
	£	£	£
RECEIPTS			
Voluntary receipts	51,097	280	51,377
Activities for generating funds	48,172	-	48,172
Investment income	5,263	7,358	12,621
	104,532	7,638	112,170
PAYMENTS			
Church Acivities	122,330	462	122,792
(Deficit) Surplus for the year	(17,798)	7,176	(10,622)
Change in value of investments	5,661	15,950	21,611
Balances at 1st January	112,126	339,524	451,650
Balances at 31st December	99,989	362,650	462,639

HANDSWORTH PARTISH CHURCH (St. MARY)

PARISH BALANCE SHEET as at 31st DECEMBER 2025

PARISH FUNDS	Unrestricted & Designated Funds £	Restricted & Endowment Funds £	Total Funds 2025 £	*Comparative figures:* Unrestricted & Designated Funds £	Restricted & Endowment Funds £	Total Funds 2024 £
Capital Funds		367,573	367,573		344,468	344,468
Church Hall Capital		3,228	3,228		3,228	3,228
St. Mary's Fabric		16,317	16,317		14,954	14,954
General Funds	94,434		94,434	99,989		99,989
Total Funds Held	94,434	387,118	481,552	99,989	362,650	462,639
Investments	49,488	367,573	417,061	50,129	344,468	394,597
Current assets:						
Bank balances	46,266	19,545	65,811	51,952	18,182	70,134
Current liabilities:						
Amounts payable	1,320	-	1,320	2,092	-	2,092
Net Current Assets	44,946	19,545	64,491	49,860	18,182	68,042
Total Net Assets	94,434	387,118	481,552	99,989	362,650	462,639

The financial statements were approved by the PCC on
and signed on their behalf by

HANDSWORTH PARTISH CHURCH (St. MARY)
YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2025

PARISH ACCOUNTS (UNRESTRICTED FUND)

	St. Mary's	Church Hall	Total 2,025	St. Mary's	Church Hall	Total 2,024
RECEIPTS	£	£	£	£	£	£
Regular Giving:						
Gift Aided Receipts	14,378		14,378	15,455		15,455
Other pledged giving	8,926		8,926	10,531		10,531
Income Tax recovered	7,976		7,976	8,604		8,604
Open	1,950		1,950	3,192		3,192
	33,230		33,230	37,782		37,782
Other voluntary receipts:						
Baptisms, weddings and funerals	508		508	832		832
Donations	1,463	296	1,759	5,939		5,939
Sum Up & Live Streaming	1,410		1,410	710		710
Rectory Refurbishment Grant	-		-	500		500
Legacy	-		-	2,500		2,500
Fees	2,137		2,137	2,642		2,642
	5,518	296	5,814	13,123		13,123
Receipts from activities generating funds:						
Lettings		10,095	10,095		13,857	13,857
Fundraising	3,228		3,228	2,040		2,040
	3,228	10,095	13,323	2,040	13,857	15,897
Receipts from investments:						
Trust Income [M&G Arrand]	3,767		3,767	3,587		3,587
Substation rent		75	75		75	75
Interest TSB		150	150		141	141
	3,767	225	3,992	3,587	216	3,803
Other sundry receipts	1,200		1,200	192		192
Total Receipts	46,943	10,616	57,559	56,724	14,073	70,797
Total Payments	50,747	6,395	57,142	57,246	15,819	73,065
Surplus / (Deficit) for the year	(3,804)	4,221	417	(522)	(1,746)	(2,268)
Gain in investments	(640)	-	(640)	5,662	-	5,662
Net movement in funds	(4,444)	4,221	(223)	5,140	(1,746)	3,394
Balances at 1st January	46,148	25,792	71,940	41,008	27,538	68,546
Transfer	10,000	(10,000)	-	-	-	-
Balances at 31st December	51,704	20,013	71,717	46,148	25,792	71,940

HANDSWORTH PARTISH CHURCH (St. MARY)
YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2025

PARISH ACCOUNTS (UNRESTRICTED FUND)

	St. Mary's	Church Hall	Total 2,025	St. Mary's	Church Hall	Total 2,024
PAYMENTS	£	£	£	£	£	£
Common Fund	6,000		6,000	5,000		5,000
Church Service:						
Service expenses	1,381		1,381	1,869		1,869
Ecclesiastical requisites	2,378		2,378	1,127		1,127
Organist	4,773		4,773	4,800		4,800
	8,532		8,532	7,796		7,796
Church Maintenance:						
Electricity	11,307		11,307	6,708		6,708
Gas	5,916		5,916	7,732		7,732
Insurance	7,976		7,976	10,514		10,514
Sundry repairs and maintenance	5,257		5,257	11,627		11,627
Cleaning				-		
Internet	1,814		1,814	4,083		4,083
	32,270		32,270	40,664		40,664
Clergy Housing:						
Water rates and insurance	925		925			
Utilities				532		532
Alarm service				102		102
	925		925	634		634
Clergy expenses:						
Telephone	468		468	303		303
Motor and travelling	243		243	65		65
Stationery	216		216	55		55
	927		927	423		423
Church Hall Maintenance:						
Water charges		760	760		897	897
Electricity		1,314	1,314		7,522	7,522
Gas		1,520	1,520		3,178	3,178
Repairs and maintenance		452	452		1,099	1,099
Alarm		103	103		1,056	1,056
Insurance		1,690	1,690		1,446	1,446
Other expenses		556	556		621	621
		6,395	6,395		15,819	15,819
Other expenses:						
Printing, postage and stationery	793		793	2,173		2,173
Sundry expenses	1,300		1,300	556		556
	2,093		2,093	2,729		2,729
Total Payments	50,747	6,395	57,142	57,246	15,819	73,065

HANDSWORTH PARTISH CHURCH (St. MARY)
YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2025
PARISH ACCOUNTS (DESIGNATED FUNDS)

	St. Mary's Special Projects £	Music & Choir £	Total 2025 £	St. Mary's Special Projects £	Music & Choir £	Total 2024 £
RECEIPTS						
Investment income:						
CBF interest (James Watt & Curates)	1,494		1,494	1,460		1,460
Receipts from Activities:						
Concerts - cash					565	565
Concerts - Sum up					80	80
Other income:						
Birmingham Diocesan Multi-Academy Trust					6,292	6,292
Donations		2,860	2,860		7,156	7,156
Grants					18,182	18,182
	1,494	2,860	4,354	1,460	32,275	33,735
PAYMENTS						
Expenditure:						
Choir		1,718	1,718		9,900	9,900
Concerts					4,989	4,989
Church					500	500
Musicians		7,968	7,968		33,876	33,876
		9,686	9,686		49,265	49,265
Surplus / (Deficit) for the year	1,494	(6,826)	(5,332)	1,460	(16,990)	(15,530)
Balances at 1st January	11,774	16,275	28,049	10,314	33,265	43,579
Balances at 31st December	13,268	9,449	22,717	11,774	16,275	28,049

HANDSWORTH PARTISH CHURCH (St. MARY)
YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2025

PARISH ACCOUNTS
RESTRICTED

	St. Mary Fabric £	Church Hall Capital £	Total 2025 £	St. Mary Fabric £	Church Hall Capital £	Total 2024 £
RECEIPTS						
Voluntary income:						
Git Aided Receipt	193		193	228		228
Income Tax recovered	57		57	52		52
	249		249	280		280
Investment income:						
Timms Trust BISL	6,416		6,416	6,473		6,473
Total Income	6,665		6,665	6,753		6,753
EXPENDITURE						
Insurance	2,312		2,312	-		-
Hydro	2,990		2,990	-		-
	5,302		5,302	-		-
Net Income / Expenditure	1,363		1,363	6,753		6,753
Balances at 1st January	14,954	3,228	18,182	8,201	3,228	11,429
Balances at 31st December	16,317	3,228	19,545	14,954	3,228	18,182

HANDSWORTH PARTISH CHURCH (St. MARY)
YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2025
PARISH ACCOUNTS (ENDOWMENTS)

	Timms Bequest Capital £	Arrand Legacy Capital £	Assistant Clergy Capital £	James Watt Capital £	Church Hall Residue Capital £	Total 2025 £
RECEIPTS						
Investment income	6,416					6,416
CBF Interest					795	795
PAYMENTS						
Investment management fees	(632)					(632)
Income paid out	(6,416)					(6,416)
Gain /Deficit for the year	(632)				795	163
Change in value of investments	20,309	10,170	(7,375)	(163)	-	22,941
Balances at 1st January	209,143	65,652	50,128	9,042	10,503	344,468
Balances at 31st December	228,820	75,822	42,753	8,879	11,298	367,572

Previous year

	Timms Bequest Capital £	Arrand Legacy Capital £	Assistant Clergy Capital £	James Watt Capital £	Church Hall Residue Capital £	Total 2024 £
RECEIPTS						
Investment income	6,473					6,473
CBF Interest					885	885
PAYMENTS						
Investment management fees	(462)					(462)
Income paid out	(6,473)					(6,473)
Gain /Deficit for the year	(462)				885	423
Change in value of investments	7,867	1,491	6,590	-	-	15,948
Balances at 1st January	201,738	64,161	43,538	9,042	9,618	328,097
Balances at 31st December	209,143	65,652	50,128	9,042	10,503	344,468

PARISH BALANCE SHEET as at 31ST DECEMBER 2025								
	Unrestricted		Designated		Restricted		Church	Total
	General	Church	Special	Music	Fabric	Endowment	Hall	Funds
	Fund	Hall	Projects	Fund	Fund	Funds	Funds	2025
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
PARISH FUNDS								
Capital Funds	-		-			367,572.59	3,228.22	370,800.81
St. Mary's Fabric Fund					16,317.25			16,317.25
Church Hall Capital								-
Music Fund				9,449.00				9,449.00
Special Projects			13,268.00					13,268.00
General Fund	51,704.10							51,704.10
Church Hall		20,012.52						20,012.52
Total Funds Held	51,704.10	20,012.52	13,268.00	9,449.00	16,317.25	367,572.59	3,228.22	481,551.68
Represented by:								
Assets held by Birmingham Diocesan Trustees								
Portfolio managed by Barclays Wealth						228,819.55		228,819.55
CBF Investments						69,893.30		69,893.30
M&G Fund for Charities						68,859.74		68,859.74
CCLA Investments CB3020256-001	49,488.39	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00	49,488.39
Investments	49,488.39	.00	.00	.00	.00	367,572.59	.00	417,060.98
Current Assets:								
Amounts receivable	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00
Bank balances	2,215.71	21,332.67	13,268.00	9,449.00	16,317.25	.00	3,228.22	65,810.85
	2,215.71	21,332.67	13,268.00	9,449.00	16,317.25	.00	3,228.22	65,810.85
Current Liabilities								
Amounts payable	.00	(1,320.15)	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00	(1,320.15)
General Suspense		.00	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00
Internal loans	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00
	.00	(1,320.15)	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00	(1,320.15)
Net Current Assets / (Liabilities)	2,215.71	20,012.52	13,268.00	9,449.00	16,317.25	.00	3,228.22	64,490.70
Total Assets	51,704.10	20,012.52	13,268.00	9,449.00	16,317.25	367,572.59	3,228.22	481,551.68
	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00

St Mary's Handsworth

Trial Balance as at 31 December 2025

		Assets	Funds / Liabilities
		£	£
Barclays Wealth	BISL	228,819.55	
M& G Equities Fund for Charities		68,859.74	
CBF Deposit Fund	CB3020258-001	6,961.88	
Church Hall Residue	CB3020255-001	11,298.17	
James Watt	CB3001474-001	8,879.32	
Assistant Clergy	CB3020255-001	42,753.93	
		367,572.59	
St Mary's Fabric	CB3020256-001	49,488.39	
TSB - Main Account	41,249.96		
Church Hall Current	14,909.42		
Church Hall Deposit	9,651.47	65,810.85	
Parish Reserves			51,704.10
Church Hall General Reserves			20,012.52
Church Hall Capital			3,228.22
Special Projects			13,268.00
Music Fund			9,449.00
Fabric Reserves			16,317.25
Endowment Reserves			367,572.59
Funds			481,551.68
Church Hall Creditors			1,320.15
		482,871.83	482,871.83

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