Trustees' Annual Report
For the Period 1st January – 31st December 2025

The Parochial Church Council of Friarmere, St. Thomas.
Charity Number: 1183135

Objectives and Activities

Purpose defined in Governing Documents

The Governing Documents for the charity are the Parochial Church Councils (Powers) Measure 1956, as amended and The Church Representation Rules, which are contained in Schedule 3 of the Synodical Government Measure 1969, as amended. The documents define the principal purpose of the Parochial Church Council of Friarmere, St. Thomas is "promoting in the parish the whole mission of the Church".

Main Activities

The PCC continues to provide a place of worship which is used for public services on Sundays and other days. The PCC provides children's and young people's groups on a regular basis during the main Sunday morning service and 'Fresh Expression' services such as 'Messy Church' are provided approximately bimonthly. Other ceremonies such as the celebration or marriage, funerals and baptism services are also provided.

The PCC provides and maintains a churchyard which is open for burials for residents of the ecclesiastical parish.

The church provides education on our Christian faith including provision of educational visits to local schools.

Missionary and evangelical activities are undertaken and supported.

The church provides pastoral care and outreach to residents of the ecclesiastical parish and the wider community, including:

- Visits to the sick, bereaved and housebound.
- Visits to care homes.
- A weekly youth 'drop in' group, operating in term time.
- A weekly coffee morning, aimed at alleviating social isolation.
- Support of the local 'Street Pastors' scheme.

The PCC provides and maintains the church and church hall which are used for community activities including:

- Weekly Craft groups
- Weekly Fitness classes
- Weekly Dance classes
- Ad hoc band rehearsals

The PCC is a grant maker distributing 10% of its general income to other charitable causes.

Public Benefit

The PCC's charitable objects ('Promoting in the ecclesiastical parish the whole mission of the Church') are primarily focused on the advancement of religion, which is recognised as a charitable purpose having public benefit. All regular public worship is provided free of charge and open to all. In addition, the PCC's activities as listed above have further public benefits; for example, teaching and taking assemblies offer advancement of education which is recognised as a charitable purpose having public benefit. Donations to other charities and our own projects provide public benefits in the relief of poverty and need, whether within or outside the ecclesiastical parish, often for minority groups with particular needs such as the elderly.

Additional achievements

Financial Review

Review of the charity's financial position at the end of the period.

Total income for the charity during the year was approximately £98k, which included several years of Gift Aid recovered from HMRC, underlying income is consistent with 'normal' income for the PCC.

During the year the PCC continued to pay 100% of the requested Parish Share to the Diocese of Manchester and met all its other financial obligations.

Policy on Reserves.

At 31st December 2025 the PCC held approximately £46k in its bank account.

Going concern.

There are no concerns about the ongoing viability of the charity. The PCC envisages that the charity will continue to operate for the foreseeable future.

Structure, Governance and Management

Governing Documents.

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Trustee Selection Methods.

The composition of the PCC (i.e. its trustees) is stipulated in the governing documents. It includes:

- All clerks in Holy Orders in the benefice
- The churchwardens, elected annually
- Lay members of deanery, diocesan or general synods who are on the electoral roll of the parish
- Nine elected representatives of the laity, three of whom are elected each year for a term of three years
- Up to two co-opted members

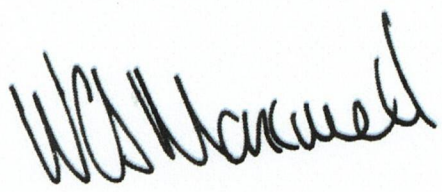
Reference and Administrative Details

Names of the trustees for the period.

Trustee Name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not whole year	Name of body entitled to appoint trustee.
Revd Sachin Awale			
Revd Barbara Christopher			
Valerie Cronin			APCM*
Geoffrey Dent	Deanery Synod Representative		APCM*
Revd Hilary Edgerton			
Joan Geddes			APCM*
Julie Lait	Secretary		Trustees
Richard Lait	Churchwarden & Deanery Synod Representative		Parish** APCM*
Alyson Lambert			APCM*
Rob Ley			APCM*
William Maxwell	Churchwarden		Parish**
Janet Powell	Treasurer		Trustees
Susan Powell			APCM*
Ruth Rigby			APCM*
Laura Tebay			APCM*
Fiona Thomson			APCM*
Revd Phillip Williamson			
Jill Woods			APCM*

APCM* - Elected by the Annual Parochial Church Meeting
Parish** - Elected by Annual Meeting of parishioners and church members

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees



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William C. J. Maxwell

31st October 2026

St Thomas' Church Friarmere Delph

Balance Sheet detailed

		As at 31/12/2025	As at 31/12/2024
Current assets			
	6501: Bank current account	46,691.09	10,536.28
	6502: National Savings Account	—	—
	6503: Vicar & Church Wardens Account	—	—
	6504: Investments	—	—
	6510: CCLA (CBF) deposit account	184.00	184.00
	6590: Cash in hand	(693.66)	(779.98)
	Z05: Accounts Receivable	—	—
	Total Current assets	**46,181.43**	**9,940.30**
Liabilities			
	6601: Loans received	—	—
	6602: Cheques not presented	—	—
	6699: Agency collections	4,524.49	4,518.17
	Z04: Accounts Payable	—	—
	Total Liabilities	**4,524.49**	**4,518.17**
	Net Asset surplus (deficit)	**41,656.94**	**5,422.13**
Reserves			
	Excess / (deficit) to date	36,234.81	(2,019.80)
	Z01: Starting balances	5,422.13	5,639.85
	Z02: Other gains/(losses)	—	1,802.08
	Z03: Gains and losses own use	—	—
	Total Reserves	**41,656.94**	**5,422.13**

Represented by Funds

Unrestricted	36,454.11	120.66
Designated	5,202.83	5,301.47
Restricted	—	—
Endowment	—	—
Total	**41,656.94**	**5,422.13**

St Thomas' Church Friarmere Delph
Receipts and payments
Selected period: 01 January 2025 to 31 December 2025

Note		From 01 January 2025 To 31 December 2025	01 January 2024 31 December 2024
General - General fund (Unrestricted) Fund			
Receipts			
Planned giving			
	Gift Aid - Bank	48,720	49,210
	Other planned giving	420	420
	Total Planned giving	*49,140*	*49,630*
Collections and other giving			
	Loose plate collections	1,702	844
	One-off Gift Aid gifts	3,447	2,478
	Total Collections and other giving	*5,149*	*3,323*
Other voluntary receipts			
	Donations appeals etc	3,435	620
	Non-recurring one-off grants	8,137	—
	Total Other voluntary receipts	*11,572*	*620*
Gift Aid recovered			
	Tax recoverable on Gift Aid	22,162	—
	Total Gift Aid recovered	*22,162*	*—*
Other receipts			
	Other receipts	4,406	5,313
	Total Other receipts	*4,406*	*5,313*
Investment Income			
	Dividends	8	4
	Total Investment Income	*8*	*4*
Receipts from church activities			
	Fees for weddings and funerals	1,424	1,940
	Bookstall sales to promote objectives	70	80
	Church hall lettings - objectives	4,245	4,635
	Total Receipts from church activities	*5,739*	*6,655*
Total receipts		**98,177**	**65,547**
Payments			
Cost of generating funds			
	Bookstall costs	27	—
	Total Cost of generating funds	*27*	*—*
Missionary and Charitable Giving			
	Giving to missionary societies	3,640	1,467
	Giving - relief and development agencies	530	3,526
	Home mission	3,411	704
	Total Missionary and Charitable Giving	*7,581*	*5,697*
Parish Share			
	Ministry parish share etc	31,284	27,159
	Total Parish Share	*31,284*	*27,159*
Clergy and Staffing costs			
	Clergy Expenses	257	—
	Honoraria	60	270
	Vicar's telephone	58	—
	Total Clergy and Staffing costs	*375*	*270*

There may be minor discrepancies in the totals if the pence are not being shown

Note		From To	01 January 2025 31 December 2025	01 January 2024 31 December 2024
	Church Running Expenses			
	Parish training and mission		—	3,051
	Church running - insurance		2,188	2,114
	Church office - telephone		378	—
	Church maintenance		10,190	42
	Cleaning		3,460	2,628
	Upkeep of services		387	41
	Upkeep of churchyard		—	327
	Administration		184	114
	Church running - electric		1,443	1,810
	Church running - gas		3,234	4,329
	Church running - water		582	128
		Total Church Running Expenses	*22,048*	*14,588*
	Church Repairs & Maintenance			
	Church major repairs - structure		—	5,097
	Church major repairs - installation		—	13,977
		Total Church Repairs & Maintenance	—	*19,075*
	Governance Costs			
	Assignment of Fees		399	724
	Subscriptions		127	52
		Total Governance Costs	*526*	*776*
	Total payments		**61,843**	**67,566**
	Excess of Receipts over Payments		36,333	(2,019)
	Brought forward balance		120	198,737
	Transfers to/(from)		—	(198,399)
	Adjustments		—	1,802
	Total carried forward balance		**36,454**	**120**

Graveyard - Graveyard Fund (Designated) Fund

	Receipts			
	Other voluntary receipts			
	Donations appeals etc		30	—
		Total Other voluntary receipts	*30*	—
	Total receipts		**30**	**—**
	Payments			
	Church Running Expenses			
	Upkeep of churchyard		53	—
		Total Church Running Expenses	*53*	—
	Hall Repairs & Maintenance			
	Other PCC property upkeep		75	—
		Total Hall Repairs & Maintenance	*75*	—
	Total payments		**128**	**—**
	Excess of Receipts over Payments		(98)	—
	Brought forward balance		5,301	5,301
	Total carried forward balance		**5,202**	**5,301**

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Note		From To	01 January 2025 31 December 2025	01 January 2024 31 December 2024
Buil - Building Fund (Designated) Fund				
	Brought forward balance		—	(197,740)
	Transfers to/(from)		—	197,740
Buil - Building Fund (Restricted) Fund				
	Brought forward balance		—	(658)
	Transfers to/(from)		—	658
	Total carried forward balance		—	—

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The Parish of St Thomas Friarmere

Financial statements for the year ended December 31st 2025

Notes:

1. The financial statements of the PCC have been prepared in accordance with the Church Accounting Regulations 2006 using the Receipts and Payments basis
2. The proportion of Parish Share paid was 100% in 2025
3. All monies given for restricted purposes were paid to the intended recipients
4. All known liabilities have been discharged together with the assigned fees due to Manchester Diocesan Board of Finance