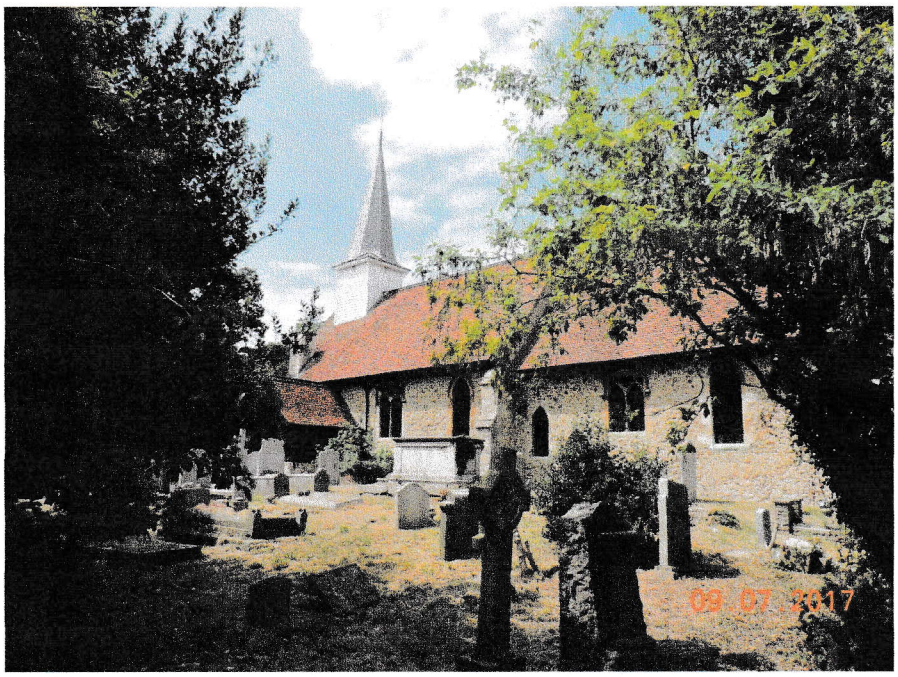
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Annual Report and Accounts for the Parochial Church Council of the Parish Church of Holy Trinity, Southchurch

Year ended 31 December 2025

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The Parish Church of Holy Trinity Southchurch

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Report of the Parochial Church Council

Aim and purposes

Holy Trinity's Parochial Church Council (PCC) has the responsibility of cooperating with the incumbent in promoting in the ecclesiastical parish the whole mission of the church, pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical.

The PCC is also specifically responsible for the maintenance of the Church and its other buildings.

Objectives and activities

The PCC is committed to enabling as many people as possible to worship at our church and to become part of our parish community. The PCC maintains an overview of worship throughout the parish and makes suggestions about how our services can involve the many groups that live within our parish. Our services and worship put faith into practice through the celebration of the sacraments, prayer and scripture, and a rich musical tradition.

When planning our activities for the year, we have considered the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit and the supplementary guidance on charities for the advancement of religion. In particular, we try to enable ordinary people to live out their faith as part of our parish community through:

- worship and prayer; learning about the gospel; developing their knowledge and trust in Jesus;
- provision of pastoral care for people living in the parish; and
- missionary and outreach work.

To facilitate this work, it is important that we maintain the fabric of the church of Holy Trinity and its church hall and keep the church on a sound financial footing.

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Achievements and performance

Worship and prayer

The PCC is keen to offer a range of services during the week and over the course of the year that everyone in our community finds both beneficial and spiritually fulfilling.

Opportunities are provided for people to engage in a more modern form through the Sunday morning Sung Eucharist, which uses contemporary language and is supported by our parish choir. We provide opportunities for traditional and reflective services each week through our 8am Holy Communion and 6:30pm Evensong, both using the traditional form of words from the Book of Common Prayer. Our weekly Wednesday Holy Communion at 10am provides an opportunity for people who cannot attend at the weekend, as well as an opportunity for those who attend on Sunday to grow in their prayer life throughout the week. There are also occasional services offering the opportunity for quiet reflection and remembrance, including Compline in Advent and Lent, Services of Reconciliation and Healing in Lent, August and Advent and an All Souls' Service in November. The ecclesiastical year provides a framework for our worship, with a wide range of services reflecting the seasons of Advent, Christmastide, Lent and Eastertide. We participated in Thy Kingdom Come, a global, ecumenical prayer movement that invites Christians to pray from Ascension to Pentecost for more people to come to know Jesus.

We seek to make provision for children in a number of ways. Each month we hold a multi-sensory and interactive Children's Service with Eucharist, with craft activities, age-appropriate Bible readings and songs. In addition the Sunday morning Eucharist uses a different format on one Sunday each month to provide all age worship for everyone in our community. Trinity Teenies Baby and Toddler group comes into the church for age appropriate and multi-sensory activities once each term.

We were delighted to welcome Bishop Adam and our friends from St Mary's North Shoebury and St Augustine's Thorpe Bay to a Confirmation Service at Holy Trinity on Sunday 19th October. Holy Trinity had ten candidates for confirmation, six aged under 18 and four aged 18 or over.

All are welcome to attend our services. At present there are 67 parishioners on the church electoral roll, of whom 53 live outside the parish. The average Sunday attendance, counted during October, was 54 including 6 children. This excludes the numbers attending the afternoon Confirmation Service on 19th October. The number of communicants at Christmas was 30, with a total of 301 attending. Our Christingle service attendance was 244, along with our usual carol services for Southend High School for Girls, Thorpe Hall School, and Hamstel Junior School. During Advent, the total number of people attending special services held for the congregation and the local community was 194 and the total number of people attending special services held specifically for civic organisations or

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schools was 775. Holy Week and Easter were celebrated in church. The number of communicants on Easter Day or Easter Eve was 67, with a total of 135 attending.

As well as our regular services, we enable our community to celebrate and thank God at the milestones of the journey through life. Through baptism we thank God for the gift of life; in marriage public vows are exchanged with God's blessing; through funeral services friends and family express their grief and give thanks for the life which is now complete in this world and commend the person into God's keeping. In 2025 we celebrated fifteen baptisms and one wedding. We also held five funerals in our church and conducted two burials of ashes.

Throughout the year we were supported by our dedicated Director of Music, Roger Humphrey, and our volunteer choir. They continue to serve us by helping maintain a weekly pattern of sung services. We are delighted that, in keeping with our musical traditions, our worship is still enhanced from time to time by the choir leading a full Choral Evensong and through the Service of Nine Lessons and Carols each Christmas. We are now unique in offering such a pattern of worship in Southend. The strength of our musical tradition was highlighted when our Director of Music and an augmented choir were invited to sing the services at Canterbury Cathedral on 24 and 25 May.

Mission and evangelism

We seek to welcome our local community to the church on a regular basis throughout the year. Each month we hold our 'Rainbow Refresh' Open Church, where we can enjoy seeing the church being used by multiple generations - all sharing our sacred space and enjoying homemade cake, craft and toys. The number of attendees of all ages has been very encouraging.

Our Trinity Teenies Baby and Toddler Group, which started in September 2024, continued this year. Babies and children up to the age of five, accompanied by their parents/carers, are welcomed into the Church Hall each Monday morning during school termtime, where play, conversation and refreshments are enjoyed in a friendly and relaxing environment. Activities include sand play, role play in our kitchen/shopping area, fun with ride on vehicles, puzzles, dinosaurs, cars, books and a dedicated area for babies to play. Once per term part of the session takes place in church, with an interactive seasonal activity on offer. Attendance numbers have grown quickly, with around 20-25 children attending most weeks and sometimes more! Many are now regular attendees, with some also attending other church events.

A joint youth group with young people from St Mary's North Shoebury began in July and meets every fortnight in term time. It is open to children of church families or those whom they invite. It is a traditional youth group (screen free) and usually offers activities such as pool, table football, board games, craft and group games. It is primarily aimed at school years 5-9 but older school age young people are able to join in if they wish. It is a delightfully

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inclusive safe space and has been especially helpful to some neurodivergent children who struggle elsewhere. By December there were seventeen children involved, with 14 of those being from Church families.

Christmas provides Holy Trinity with a wonderful opportunity to share our faith with the local community. We are delighted that three local schools chose to come to Holy Trinity to hold their school carol services or for Christingle making, a tour of the church and Advent activities. Our Crib Service with Christingles on Christmas Eve continues to be very well supported. Through these Advent and Christmas services and events we welcomed over 550 children to the church.

We also had a magical time at All Hallows' Eve. We filled the church with candlelight and carved pumpkins with Christian symbols, with the pathway also lit with candles hanging from trees, lanterns and pumpkins. We welcomed approximately 80-90 children into our church.

During the summer holidays we provided two 'fun days' for local families in our church, hall and garden, with a range of activities for children of all ages. The average attendance was approximately 100 children.

Our musical tradition continues to enhance our church mission. In December, we held Anticipating Advent, a sequence of words and sacred music with the music provided by young voices from Chorus Sirenum. We also hosted concerts in Church by:

- Southend girls' and boys' choirs and the Virginia Children's Chorus;
- Pontnewydd Ladies Choir;
- Southend Festival Chorus; and
- our own Trinity Consort.

Helping those in need is a demonstration of our faith. During the year we have raised money for St Vincent's, Embrace, Harp, Safer Places, Christian Aid and the Children's Society. Following on from the great support for the Southend Foodbank, we have continued regularly supporting them with ongoing collections of food from the congregation with a carboy available for those who wish to donate cash. This has been very well supported.

We also have a website, an email newsletter, and a Facebook page. Together with the What's On leaflet distributed at services each week, these keep our parishioners and wider community informed of the important matters affecting our church and articles that help develop our knowledge and trust in Jesus.

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Church fabric and contents

Church

As noted in the Quinquennial Inspection of May 2022, the church building is in good condition but the PCC sought to complete the implementation of the Quinquennial recommendations and to ensure that routine maintenance is carried out in a timely fashion. There was difficulty in finding a local contractor with the necessary experience and expertise for significant work on a church with a Grade 2* listing and, in discussion with the church architect, reached out to a 'heritage contractor' based in north Essex.

As a result of damp in the south wall of the Old Church, a specialist lighting contractor made repairs, in conjunction with G.P. Mason & Sons, to the lighting controls which were installed as part of the 2006 church renovation. The PCC agreed to seek a quote for changing the church lighting system to LED lights which would be more environmentally friendly and cheaper to run.

Contents

£2,100 was donated for a new altar frontal in celebration of Linda Wonnacott's service to the parish. The acquisition of the new frontal would be subject to faculty.

The PCC also agreed the purchase of 120 copies of the Words Edition and 30 copies of the Full Music Edition of the updated version of Hymns Ancient & Modern, 'Hymns and Songs for Refreshing Worship', which offers much greater variety of hymns within the single volume. The publisher, Canterbury Press, provided a grant in the form of 60 free copies of the Words edition. The entire cost of this purchase and of 30 copies of the enhanced print version of the Book of Common Prayer was covered by a generous donation of £2,000.

Churchyard

The churchyard is closed by Order in Council and is maintained by Southend-on-Sea City Council. The PCC kept in close touch with the Council in relation to the general maintenance of the churchyard. The Council made expert repairs to the boundary walls of the churchyard in early 2025 and installed a new, larger rubbish bin near to the south porch of the church.

We are fortunate to have a group of local volunteers putting in a few hours each week to help improve the churchyard. The group has made a major contribution to both the proper maintenance of the churchyard, including footpaths, and to enhancing nature conservation in the churchyard. The volunteers were involved with discussions with the Council, drawing on a report by the Essex Wildlife Trust, about setting aside discrete areas within the churchyard, mostly around the perimeter, for wildflower planting.

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Church hall

The PCC discussed the best way of securing the long-term future of the church hall, as it continues to need major improvements. It noted that major renovation would require the PCC to seek 'community-type' funding from bodies such as the Community Lottery Fund, which would change the status of the building to a shared community-church resource.
The Buildings Committee took expert advice on longer term options, including from the church architect, who drew up detailed plans of the hall in early 2026. The PCC agreed that key considerations for a major renovation of the hall would include the location of a kitchen, whether a serving hatch would be installed, how the stage should be used (if retained) and what storage provision would be required.

Our group of local volunteers continued to help with external maintenance work, including through the digging of soakaways to the south and east of the hall. They also cleared and seeded an area to the east of the church hall to establish an area of new grass for hall users and recovered overgrown flower beds to the front of the hall.

Old School House

The School House is tenanted under a Fixed Term (12 months) Tenancy Agreement. Maintenance costs have been minor in recent years but significant work is now needed, including repairs to the windows and to some of the stonework. A new gas boiler was installed in January 2026.

The PCC agreed with the tenant that the monthly rent for 2026 should be £750 per month from January to June 2026 and £850 per month from July to December 2026. The PCC would continue to take out buildings insurance through Ecclesiastical Insurance.

Social

The Wednesday coffee morning follows the 10am Holy Communion and continues to be well attended.

Our social highlights in 2025 included:

- a Fish and Chip Lunch in March;
- a Community Games Afternoon in the Church Hall and Garden in July;
- Cream Tea and Croquet in the Church Hall and garden in August, in conjunction with Project Southchurch;
- Christmas themed crafting in the Church, with festive snacks, candlelight and gentle piano music, in December.

We are delighted that many of our social activities through the year are shared with our friends from St Mary's North Shoebury. These include:

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- 'Saintly Strollers' walks around our parishes, including a visit to Southchurch Hall;
- a barbecue at the Rectory; and
- Hymns and Pimms at St Mary's.

Deanery Synod

Our Rector and one lay representative were members of Southend Deanery Synod. This provides the PCC with a link with the churches around us and with the Diocese as a whole. It also receives reports from the General Synod.

Deanery Synod meetings are held up to three times a year, chaired by the Area Dean, the Revd. Canon Louise Williams. The February 2025 meeting was held at St Augustine's, Thorpe Bay, and the speaker was the Diocesan Environmental Officer, who discussed ways in which parishes could help the environment and improve their carbon footprint. In June the Bishop of Bradwell came to the meeting at St Andrew's, Shoeburyness. In November the Synod held its meeting at St Mary's, Prittlewell, where the theme was the wellbeing of clergy, lay ministers and volunteers in leadership roles, and possible problems and solutions were discussed.

A coach was arranged for those in Southend Deanery to go on the Bradwell Pilgrimage on 5th July, and our Rector and three parishioners from Holy Trinity joined the group.

Safeguarding

Holy Trinity takes seriously its responsibility to protect and safeguard the welfare of all its congregation. Safeguarding is on the agenda of each PCC meeting, and PCC members, as charity trustees, are required to familiarise themselves with church policy documents, to undertake Safeguarding training and have a DBS check every three years. The Parish Safeguarding Officer (PSO) arranged for DBS checks for five PCC members in the past year. The PSO renewed her Safeguarding Foundation course certificate (valid for 3 years) and arranged Safeguarding Basic Awareness training and DBS checks for members of the congregation helping with the new Joint Youth Group (Holy Trinity and St Mary's North Shoebury). The parish safeguarding policy was reviewed and agreed by the PCC. This and other safeguarding information is on display in the church, church hall, and on our website. The PSO began using the new Safeguarding Dashboards tool which assists with safeguarding requirements and policies.

Pastoral care

Some members of our parish are unable to attend church due to sickness or age. Church members who have requested to celebrate communion at their home, are visited regularly.

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We maintain a GDPR compliant pastoral contact list, which enables us to be more intentional with our pastoral care. It also allows people to tell us exactly how they would like to be contacted and supported. Everyone who provided consent in the parish has received regular contact throughout the year through email, telephone call, or letter. We are unable to provide pastoral care without explicit consent.

Our fortnightly e-newsletter for all who would like to receive it, maintaining contact with parishioners.

Financial review

During 2025, expenditure was almost the same as 2024, and income was up. Total receipts on unrestricted funds were £79,325 of which £47,123 was voluntary income from parishioners, including £11,962 from Gift Aid. Unrestricted donations of £5,905 were received, and restricted donations of £11,952 were also received, these were given towards various charities and appeals. The School House provided an income of £7,860.

Of the voluntary income, £33,871 was through the Parish Giving Scheme (PGS), which also collected £7,360 of the Gift Aid we received. The PGS is now our largest form of regular income.

The amount raised by fundraising was £2,702, up from £ 1,872 in 2024.

The parish share in 2025 was £48,061, which we paid in full. Expenditure on the church building was £6,694, up from £3,610 in 2024.

Other expenditure was generally as those of 2024, with £88,099 spent on activities relating to the work of the church, £3,922 donations given to other charities, and £1,808 on church administration.

Reserves policy

The policy of the PCC is:

- to keep a working balance of approximately 3 months' expenditure in a current account;
- to maintain a deposit account for medium term projects and expenditure;
- to invest long term investments (those intended for a minimum of 5 years) in the CBF Church of England Investment Fund.

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Structure, governance and management

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 method of appointment of PCC members is set out in the Church Representation Rules. The Council comprises the Incumbent, the Churchwardens, those elected to the Deanery Synod, and other members who are elected at the Annual Parochial Church Meeting. All those who attend our services/members of the congregation are encouraged to register on the electoral roll and are eligible to stand for election to the PCC.

The PCC members are responsible for making decisions on all matters of general concern and importance to the parish, including deciding on how the funds of the PCC are to be spent.

The full PCC met 7 times during the year with an average level of attendance of 75%.

The Standing Committee is a PCC committee required by law which is empowered to transact the business of the PCC between meetings subject to any directions given by the PCC. The Standing Committee consists of the Incumbent, the churchwardens, the PCC Treasurer and PCC Secretary.

Additionally, the PCC has established four subcommittees to advise the PCC and, subject to the PCC's directions, make detailed arrangements in the relevant area:

- Buildings and churchyard
- Children, youth and families
- Hospitality, events and fundraising
- Worship.

The PCC has also appointed members to manage and report to them on specific matters, both forming permanent items on each PCC meeting agenda:

• Safeguarding	Jenny Butler
• Health & Safety	Churchwardens.

All contractors working in or on the church and church hall, and hirers of the church or hall, are required to comply with both our Health & Safety Policy and our Safeguarding Policy, which follow the guidance and requirements of our Diocese.

The minutes of PCC meetings are available to be read by anyone on the electoral roll upon request.

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Administrative information

Holy Trinity Church is situated in Southchurch Boulevard, Southend-on-Sea. It is part of the Bradwell Episcopal Area, Southend Archdeaconry, Southend Deanery and the Diocese of Chelmsford, within the Church of England. The PCC is a body corporate (PCC Powers Measure 1956 and the Church Representation Rules 2022) and a Charity excepted from registration with the Charity Commission.

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PCC members who have served from 1st January 2025 until the date this report was approved were:

Ex officio members:

Incumbent:	The Revd Claire Abraham
Churchwardens:	Linda Wonnacott (to June 2025) Jane Payn (to June 2025) Michael Penry (from July 2025) Diane Sossou (from July 2025)
Deanery Synod Rep:	Jenny Butler (Elected for a three-year term ending May 2026)

Elected members

For a three-year period ending May 2025
Pearl Bailey

For a three-year period ending May 2026
Jan Axcell
Rosemary Humphrey
Richard Mantell

For a three-year period ending May 2027
Sandra Evans LLM
Simon Gush
Philip Overman

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For a three-year period ending May 2028

Clair Dove	
Paul Schurer	Treasurer to the PCC
Jenna Simpson	
Alison Penry (Co-opted May 2025)	PCC Secretary from May 2025

Approved by the PCC on 28th April 2026 and signed on its behalf by:

Revd. Claire Abraham (Chair)	Paul Schurer (Treasurer

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INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF HOLY TRINITY SOUTHCHURCH

Year ended 31 December 2025

I report on the accounts of the Trust for the year ended 31 December 2025, which are set out on pages 14 to 20.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity trustees (the member of the Parochial Church Council) of the Trust you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the Act').

I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the Trust as required by section 130 of the Act; or

2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or

3. 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 no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

J K Kidgell ACA CTA
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9 May 2026

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

Year ended 31 December 2025

	Note	General Fund £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2025 £	Total 2024 £
Incoming resources					
Voluntary income from parishioners	1(a)	47,123	1,892	49,015	*43,673*
Other voluntary incoming resources	1(b)	10,518	12,061	22,579	*13,135*
Incoming resources from operating activities to further the Council's objectives	1(c)	9,258	-	9,258	*21,101*
Income from investment	1(d)	12,426	88	12,514	*12,458*
Total incoming resources		79,325	14,041	93,366	*90,367*
Resources expended					
Activities directly relating to the work of the church	2(a)	75,558	12,541	88,099	*90,637*
Grants and donations	2(b)	1,841	3,527	5,368	*6,279*
Costs of generating funds	2(c)	-	2,371	2,371	*441*
Church administration	2(d)	2,329	589	2,918	*1,609*
Total resources expended		79,728	19,028	98,756	*98,966*
Net incoming / (outgoing)		(403)	(4,987)	(5,390)	*(8,599)*
Gains on investment assets on revaluation		11,688	-	11,688	*11,228*
Net movements in funds		11,285	(4,987)	6,298	*2,629*
Balances brought forward At 1 January 2025		527,397	17,431	544,828	*542,199*
Transfers between funds		-	-	-	-
Balances carried forward at 31 December 2025		538,682	12,444	551,126	*544,828*

The notes on pages 17 to 20 form part of these financial statements.

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BALANCE SHEET

Year ended 31 December 2025

	Note	2025 £	2024 £
Fixed assets			
Tangible fixed assets	4	381,386	*364,264*
Investment assets	5	130,479	*135,913*
		511,865	*500,177*
Current assets			
Tax recoverable	6	316	*785*
Debtors and prepayments	7	4,001	*3,875*
Cash at bank and in hand	8	37,483	*40,792*
		41,800	*45,452*
Creditors: - amounts falling due within one year	9	(2,539)	*(801)*
Net current assets		39,261	*44,651*
Total assets less current liabilities	10	551,126	*544,828*
Represented by:			
General Fund		538,682	*527,397*
Restricted Funds	11	12,444	*17,431*
		551,126	*544,828*

The financial statements on pages 14 to 20 were approved by the Parochial Church Council on 28th April 2026 and were signed on its behalf by:

Revd. Claire Abraham (Chair)

The notes on pages 17 to 20 form part of these financial statements.

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ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Year ended 31 December 2025

The accounts (financial statements) have been prepared under the Church Accounting Regulations 2006 together with Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard for Smaller Entities (FRSSE), and the Charities Act 2011 and applicable regulations. The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention except for investment assets which are shown at market value. 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 operate independently and/or owe their main affiliation to another body nor those that are informal gatherings of Church members.

Funds

The unrestricted funds of the PCC are not subject to any restrictions regarding their use and are available for application for the general purposes of the PCC.

The restricted funds of the PCC are subject to restrictions imposed by the donee at the time the funds were given to the PCC.

The financial statements include 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 or those that are informal gatherings of church members.

Incoming resources

Collections are recognised when received by or on behalf of the PCC. Planned giving receivable under Gift Aid is recognised when received from the parishioner. The income tax recoverable on these Gift Aid donations is recognised at the same time as the underlying donation.

The PCC is a member of the Parish Giving Scheme (PGS). The PGS is a separate charity that receives giving on behalf of the PCC by direct debit, and returns the giving to the PCC together with any Gift Aid. The amounts returned to the PCC are included in 1(a) as 'Planned giving under Gift Aid', or 'Other planned giving' as appropriate. Similarly the Gift Aid claimed by the PGS and returned to the PCC is included 1(a) as 'Income Tax recoverable on Gift Aid'.

Grants and legacies to the PCC are accounted for as soon as the PCC is notified of its legal entitlement, the amount due is quantifiable and its ultimate receipt by the PCC is reasonably certain. Funds raised from activities to further the council's objectives are accounted for gross of expenses met by the PCC. Dividends and interest are included on the receipts basis.

Resources expended

Expenditures is accounted for on an accruals basis.

Fixed assets

Consecrated land and buildings and moveable church furnishings

Consecrated and beneficed property is excluded from the accounts by S.10(2)(a) and (c) of the Charities Act 2011. Moveable church furnishings held by the Rector and Churchwardens on special trust for the PCC and which require a faculty for disposal, are accounted for as inalienable property unless consecrated. All expenditure in the year on consecrated or beneficed buildings and moveable church furnishings, whether maintenance or improvement, is written off as incurred.

Tangible fixed assets

The tangible fixed assets, comprises the School House and the Church Hall. The School House is stated at its insurance valuation and is revalued annually. The PCC consider the insurance valuation to be approximately equal to the open market value of the property.

The Church Hall is stated at a nominal valuation as significant costs are involved in assessing its value in continuing use to the PCC. These costs are considered onerous compared to the additional benefit derived by users of the accounts in assessing the PCC's stewardship of the Church Hall.

Investment assets

Investments are stated at their market value, and are revalued annually.

Other equipment

All equipment used by the PCC is depreciated on a straight line basis over 4 years. Individual items of equipment with a purchase price of £1,000 or less are written off in the period in which the asset is acquired.

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1. INCOMING RESOURCES	General Fund £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2025 £	Total 2024 £
(a) Voluntary income from parishioners				
Planned giving under Gift Aid	33,488	-	33,488	*29,238*
Income tax recoverable on Gift Aid	10,493	1,892	12,385	*9,966*
Other planned giving	3,142	-	3,142	*1,475*
Collections at services	-	-	-	-
	47,123	1,892	49,015	*40,679*
(b) Other voluntary incoming resources				
Donations, appeals, etc	5,905	11,462	17,367	*7,652*
Legacies	-	-	-	*50,000*
Grant income	-	599	599	*1,415*
Fundraising	4,613	-	4,613	*2,362*
	10,518	12,061	22,579	*61,429*
(c) Incoming resources from operating activities to further the Council's objectives				
Church Hall and Church rents	7,891	-	7,891	*17,861*
Fees paid to the PCC	1,367	-	1,367	*5,472*
	9,258	-	9,258	*23,333*
(d) Income from investments				
Dividends	3,689	88	3,777	*2,905*
Rent	7,680	-	7,680	*7,660*
Other interest receivable	1,057	-	1,057	*271*
	12,426	88	12,514	*10,836*
Total incoming resources	79,325	14,041	93,366	*136,277*

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2. RESOURCES EXPENDED

	General Fund £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2025 £	Total 2024 £
(a) Activities directly relating to the work of the church				
Parish Share	48,061	-	48,061	*48500*
Expenses of Ministry – Clergy expenses	25	-	25	-
Power, insurance and cleaning	11,581	2,683	14,264	*14655*
Church repairs and renewals	5,737	1,901	7,639	*3610*
Upkeep of services	313	6,066	6,379	*3,992*
Church Hall running expenses	2,424	180	2,604	*2,395*
Church Hall repairs and renewals	3,018	330	3,348	*7,905*
School House repairs and renewals	351	-	351	*340*
Rectory expenses	-	374	374	*2,576*
Director of Music, choristers, locum priest, organist	4,048	1,007	5,055	*6,664*
	75,558	12,541	88,099	*90,637*
(b) Grants and donations				
Missionary services	600	3,368	3,968	*3,586*
Relief and development	1,241	159	1,400	*2,693*
	1,841	3,527	5,368	*6,279*
(c) Cost of generating funds				
Fund raising expenses	-	2,371	2,371	*441*
(d) Church administration				
Stationery printing and administrative expenses	2,209	589	2,798	*1,609*
Photocopier maintenance	120	-	120	-
	2,329	589	2,918	*1,609*
Total resources expended	79,728	19,028	98,756	*98,966*

3. STAFF COSTS

	2025 £	2024 £
Director of Music	4,310	3,695
Choristers	100	440
Reader PTO	143	106
Verger	-	-
Locum Priest	42	1,938
Locum Organist	460	485
	5,055	6,664

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4. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

	2025	2024
	£	£
The School House		
Valuation at 1 January 2025	364,263	*356,076*
Revaluation in the year	17,122	*8,187*
Valuation at 31 December 2025	381,385	*364,263*
The Church Hall		
Valuation at 1 January and 31 December 2025	1	*1*
Total	381,386	*364,264*

The freehold land and buildings represent the School House and the Church Hall.

5. INVESTMENT ASSETS

Valuation at 1 January 2025	135,913	*132,872*
Addition	-	-
Revaluation in the year	(5,434)	*3,041*
Valuation at 31 December 2025	130,479	*135,913*

6. TAX RECOVERABLE

The amount shown as tax recoverable has been reclaimed from HM Revenue & Customs.

7. DEBTORS AND PREPAYMENTS

Other debtors	-	-
Prepayments	4,001	*3,875*
	4,001	*3,875*

8. CASH AT BANK

CBF Deposit Account	17,269	*23,493*
The Cooperative Bank – current account	19652	*17,299*
Other current accounts	55	-
Cash in hand	507	-
	37,483	*40,792*

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9. CREDITORS - DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	2025	2024
	£	£
Creditors	-	-
Accrued expenses	2,539	*801*
	2,539	*801*

10. ANALYSIS OF NET ASSETS BY FUND

	General Fund	Restricted Funds	Total 2025	Total 2024
	£	£	£	£
Fixed assets	511,865	-	511,865	*500,177*
Current assets	29,356	12,444	41,800	*45,452*
Creditors due within one year	(2,539)	-	*(2,539)*	*(801)*
Net assets	538,682	12,444	551,126	*544,828*

11. FUND DETAILS

The Restricted Funds at 31 December 2025 of £12,444 *(2024 - £17,431)* are held for the following purposes:

Church buildings

Held for the maintenance and upkeep of the fabric of the Church buildings. Balance at 31 December 2025 £3,444 *(2024- £ 4,721)*

Choir and Church Music

Held to provide music at church services. Balance at 31 December 2025 £6,120 *(2024 - £6,082)*

Whickman Legacy

Held for any purpose other than paying the parish share. Balance at 31 December 2025 £0 *(2024 - £6,628)*

Altar Frontal

Held to provide a new altar frontal. Balance at 31 December 2025 £2,880 *(2024 - £0)*