ALL SAINTS, BELGRAVE

Annual Report and Account Statement 2025

Aim and Purposes

All Saints Church Belgrave Parochial Church Council (PCC) has the responsibility of co-operating with the incumbent, the Revd Sunny George, in promoting the whole mission of the Church, including pastoral, evangelistic, social, ecumenical and community functions.

Objectives and Activities

The PCC is committed to enabling as many people as possible to worship at our church and help put faith into practice through prayer and scripture, music and sacrament, as well as help the church discharge its social and moral obligation to the community both inside and outside of the church.

When planning our activities for the year, the incumbent and the PCC have considered the Commission's guidance on public benefit, and particularly the specific guidance on charities for the advancement of faith and communal health and harmony. We try to enable ordinary people to live out their faith through:

• Worship and prayer; learning about the Gospel; and developing their knowledge and trust in Jesus.

• Provision of pastoral care for people in the local and wider community.

• Missionary and outreach work.

To facilitate this work, it is important that we maintain the fabric of the Church.

Achievements and Performance

Worship and Prayer

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

This year we have been successful in welcoming many more families into our church, including people from other faith backgrounds. Both the worship and services have been made easy, accessible and interesting by using large screen televisions, projections and printed booklets. A lot of time, energy, thought and financial resources have been invested to achieve this purpose.

We provide a warm and welcome space for one and all, irrespective of their faith background—whether they want to come for coffee table conversations, wellbeing sessions, food pantry or free coaching classes. All are welcome to attend our regular services on Thursdays and Sundays. At present there are 201 members on the Church Electoral Roll. The average weekly attendance is 80, but this number increases at festivals such as Easter, Christmas, Pentecost, and occasions such as baptisms, confirmations, funerals and celebrations of birthdays and thanksgivings.

As well as our regular services, we enable our community to celebrate and thank God at the milestones of the journey through life, whether it is baptism, marriage, or funeral service.

Deanery Synod

Two members of the PCC sit on the deanery synod. This provides the PCC with an important link between the church and the wider structures of the diocese.

Use of Church

We want our church to be open and available to our community 24/7 for prayers, pastoral care and the provision of other facilities, such as youth groups, community meeting place, free coaching classes and charity events. Unfortunately, due to two break-in episodes, we are unable to always leave the church open for private worship. We have coffee mornings every Wednesday, as well as Food Pantry every Wednesday and Saturday, free language, Math, Science and Music classes are held every Friday. Our church is a warm and welcoming community where everyone is invited to share in the joy of friendship, fellowship and food. Here, you'll find a place to belong, a place where hearts are open, tables are shared and faith grows stronger through genuine connection and care.

Pastoral Care

We look after the material, emotional and spiritual needs of our community. We serve a community, which is suffering multiple deprivations in terms of income, employment, education, health, living environment, barriers to housing and services and other parameters. Far matter of statistics, Leicester is the 25th most deprived of 324 Local Authority Areas based on the index of deprivation 2010. Deprivation is widespread especially in Belgrave, the area that we serve; it is within the 5% most deprived in England. We run a Food Pantry where we provide free food to more than 120 people every week. Some people are happy to give voluntary donations for food but that is an exception rather than a norm.

The strapline of our Food Pantry is: "Food and Hope for All."

Some members of our church are unable to attend church due to sickness or age. Revd Sunny George regularly visits all church members who have requested it, to celebrate communion with them either at their homes or in hospital.

Mission and Evangelism

The strapline of our church is "Multilingual worship in a multicultural community."

Helping those in need is a demonstration of our faith. We believe in demonstrating our love and faith in action in the light of Matthew 25:35-36:

"I was hungry, and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty, and you gave me something to drink, I was stranger and you invited me in, I needed clothes and you clothed me, I was sick and you looked after me, I was in prison and you came to visit me."

The church's mission and Evangelism initiatives, dedicated to bringing hope, happiness and healing to the wider community, deserves heartfelt congratulations. Through this initiative, the church has successfully reached out to individuals, meeting them with care and compassion in their own space and time. We would like to extend our sincere appreciation to D & A Sheet Metal Ltd and their esteemed Director, Mr. Ashvin Patel, whose generous support and commitments have been instrumental in helping us carry this mission forward.

We celebrate occasions like Christmas with display of lights and fireworks, bringing hope and harmony to the community, which does not have many occasions to rejoice and celebrate. There are some kindhearted people who try to enable us in the furtherance of our mission, but their number is very small. We try to live and love in the likeness of Christ, the wounded healer. Our limited abilities and capabilities don't dampen our spirit or deter our determination to be beacons in an otherwise gloomy scenario. In Sanskrit, there is a Shloka (a verse): "Tam so ma Jyotirgamaya" that is, lead me from darkness to light. Through our mission and ministry, we try to help people encounter light and agape love (the love with no strings attached, unconditional love that does not put any preconditions and comes without any assumptions or presumptions).

We don't just speak about the ideal of "Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam" — the belief that the whole world is one family — we strive to live it every day. Our church community embodies this spirit of inclusiveness and compassion, welcoming all with open hearts and open hands.

Ecumenical Relationships

The church is a member of Churches Together in Rushey Mead and Belgrave.

We hold joint eucharistic services on the 2nd and 4th Thursday of every month with Edgehill Road Methodist Church.

We run various courses in our church. The Alpha Course and Journey in Faith Course have led a number of people to attend other church activities and services.

We worked with Leicester Pastors' Fellowship to deliver flyers to every home in our area for advertising the services we offer.

Financial Review

Total receipts on unrestricted funds were £52,689.57.

The planned giving through banker's orders has unfortunately continued to decrease. Also, there has been a significant decline in general donations.

An amount of £53,065.88 was spent for the furtherance of God's Kingdom that entails establishment of hope and harmony, peace and justice. An operating deficit of £376.31 was covered through surplus funds brought forward from the prior financial year.

Volunteers

We would like to thank all the volunteers who work so hard to make our church the lively and vibrant community it is. In particular we want to mention our churchwardens who have worked so tirelessly on our behalf, food pantry volunteers who keep the pantry running, and all the other members of the PCC for their valuable contribution to our ministry and for ensuring that the church continues to be a hub of hope and health, healing and wholeness.

Structure, Governance and Management

The method of appointment of PCC members is set out in the Church Representation Rules. At All Saints the membership of the PCC consists of the incumbent (our vicar), churchwardens, and members elected by those members of the congregation who are on the electoral roll of the church. All those who attend our services / members of the congregation are encouraged to register on the Electoral Roll and 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 three times during the year with an average level of attendance of at 70%. Given its wide responsibilities the PCC has a number of committees each dealing with a particular aspect of parish life. These committees which include worship, mission and outreach and fabric and finance, are all responsible to the PCC and report back to it regularly with minutes of their deliberations being received by the full PCC and discussed as necessary.

Administrative Information

All Saints Church is situated in the Belgrave area of Leicester, Kerrysdale Avenue, LE4 7GH. It is part of the Diocese of Leicester within the Church of England.

The PCC is a body corporate, and a charity exempted from registration with the Charity Commission.

PCC members who are currently serving and are trustees are as follows:

Name	Role	Date of Appointment	Other Trusteeships	Reporting Status of other Trusteeships
Rev Sunny George	Chairman	23.06.2019	None on record	None on record
Kamlesh Prasad	Trustee	29.05.2022	None on record	None on record
Zoobia Javed	Trustee	29.05.2022	None on record	None on record
Nargis Masih	Trustee	23.06.2019	None on record	None on record
Navneet Turna	Trustee	29.05.2022	None on record	None on record
Siddhartha George	Trustee	30.05.2021	None on record	None on record
Priteshkumar Manilal Christian	Trustee	23.05.2025	None on record	None on record
Oliver Shamaoun	Trustee	23.06.2019	None on record	None on record
Pawan Sunny George	Trustee	30.05.2021	None on record	None on record
Sarfraz Tabassum Masih	Trustee	23.06.2019	None on record	None on record
Joy Clement Ahari	Trustee	23.05.2025	None on record	None on record
Sania Sam	Trustee	23.06.2019	None on record	None on record
Anilkumar Kiritbhai Rajul	Trustee	23.06.2019	None on record	None on record
Megha Mistry	Trustee	23.05.2025	None on record	None on record
Sam Christian	Trustee	23.06.2019	None on record	None on record

Incumbent: The Rev Sunny George

Wardens: Mr. Kamlesh Prasad & Mrs. Nargis Masih

Approved by the PCC on 31st May 2026 and signed on their behalf by the Rev Sunny George (PCC chairman).

Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 December 2025

Receipts and Payments Account

Receipts / Payments	Unrestricted Funds (£)	Designated Funds (£)	Restricted Funds (£)	Endowment Funds (£)	Total 2025 (£)
Receipts					
Voluntary Receipts					
Regular Giving					
Receipts from donors					
Planned giving (note 1a)	8,060.00				8,060.00
Collections other than giving (note 1b)	10,669.25				10,669.25
Other Voluntary receipts (note 1c)	12,000.00				12,000.00
Activities for generating funds (note 1d)	855.50				855.50
Receipts from Church Activities (note 1e)	928.00				928.00
Other Income (note 1 f)	20,176.82				20,176.82
TOTAL RECEIPTS	**52,689.57**				**52,689.57**

Payments

Utilities £12,796.77 (note 2 a)

Building Insurance £2,630.40 (note 2 b)

Equipment & Goods £4,050.00 (note 2 c)

Fees £00.00 (note 2 d)

Services £00.00 (note 2 e)

Repairs £5,275.00 (note 2 f)

Events £5,750.00 (note 2 g)

Purchase of provisions for Food Pantry £15,200.00 (note 2 h)

Welcome space (Coffee morning) £4,200.00 (note 2 l)

Miscellaneous £3,163.71 (note 2 J)

Statement of Assets and Liabilities

Cash Funds £3,123.00

Bank Current Account £5,414.59

Assets retained for Church use £10,000.00 (note 3 a)

Liabilities None

The attached notes form part of these financial statements

Approved by the PCC on 31st May 2026 and signed on their behalf by Rev Sunny George (PCC chairman) and Mr. Amitkumar Rajul (PCC treasurer).

Rev Sunny George

Chairman PCC

31st May 2026

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Notes to the Financial Statements

The financial statements of the PCC have been prepared in accordance with the Church Accounting Regulations 2006 using the Receipts & Payments basis.

1a) Here it means giving through Direct Debits and Standing Orders

1b) Collections and offerings on plates or through Sum Up

1c) Individual donors who support our pastoral work (D&A Sheet Metal Ltd)

1d) Use of Church for community events (We don't have a separate church/community hall; the hall, St Gabriel's Community, which belonged to our church was leased out to a charity by the City Council when the church got closed from 2010 to 2012)

1e) Receipts from church activities that were organized to generate funds, e.g. barbecue, fete & sale

1f) Generous/unusual help, such as Reaching People who have recently started supporting our food pantry

2a) Heating and lighting

2b) Building insurance

2c) Equipment and goods for Sunday School/Junior Church; Stationery, TV, Computer, Microphones and speakers; Firefighting appliances

2d) Fees/LDBF (Leicester Diocesan Board of Finance) - Parish share

2e) Services: Quinquennial Inspection, Accountancy, Telephone, Internet respectively

2f) Repairs/ maintenance

2g) Events: Christmas celebration (lights, fireworks)

2h) Purchase of goods/products/foodstuff for the food pantry

2i) Welcome space/Coffee Morning

2j) Miscellaneous, e.g. short paid invoice

3a) Moveable church furnishings are held by the church wardens, on special trust for the PCC and which require a faculty for disposal, and TV, Computer, Speakers, Food Pantry equipment.

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees/Members of All Saints Church, Belgrave, Parochial Church Council

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

Respective Responsibilities of Trustees and Examiner

The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year (under section 143 (1) of the Charities Act 2011) and that an independent examination is needed. The PCC had an income of £52,689.57 in the year and is eligible for independent examination. As the charity is below the audit threshold it may also prepare a simple annual report. As a small charity below the Charities Act's audit threshold, the report focuses on the main activities undertaken by the charity to further its charitable purposes for public benefit. The 'Objectives and Activities' section of the report provides a summary of activities undertaken together with confirmation that the trustees have had regard to our guidance on public benefit, particularly our guidance on charities for the advancement of religion, when planning their activities. Furthermore, detailed information about the activities and their success is provided in the 'Achievements and Performance' section of the report.

It is my responsibility to:

• examine the accounts (under section 145(1) of the Act);

• follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commission; and to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of Independent Examiner's Report

My examination was carried out in accordance with 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 you as 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 the course of my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

• 1. which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in, in any material respect, the requirements:

- to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the Act; and

- to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the Charities Act, have not been met; or

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

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