

Trustees Annual Report and Accounts for 2025
The Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish of St Peter, Bentley

Aim and purposes

The Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish of St Peter, Bentley (the PCC) has the responsibility of cooperating with the incumbent, the Revd Dave Berry, in promoting in the ecclesiastical parish, the whole mission of the Church, pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical. The PCC is responsible for the maintenance of the Church building, owns the Community Hall at High Street, Bentley and also has a lease on Town End Community Hub on Conyers Road in Bentley.

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 at St. Peter's. In setting out our objectives, we have considered the Commission's guidance on public benefit and, in particular, the supplementary guidance on charities for the advancement of religion.

Our vision as a church is to grow faith, hope and love in Bentley and beyond by following the commands of Jesus to love God and love one another. We help the Church and the community to grow in the following ways.

Adoration. We worship God together on a Sunday morning in Church. We make our services as welcoming as possible and ensure that there are low barriers to participation in our worship.

Belonging. We work hard to ensure that everyone can belong at St Peter's. This means building connections within the church family, but also ensuring that the wider community is able to feel at home in and around our church.

Compassion. As well as loving God, we look to show his love to the people around us with ministries that are focussed on those in need.

Discipleship. We help people to develop in their own personal reading of scripture and prayer so that their individual faith is growing and developing too.

Evangelism. We are so excited by the Good News and the change it brings to our own lives that we want to tell other people about it.

To facilitate this work it is important that we maintain the fabric of the Church, the Community Hall and the Town End Community Hub.

Achievements and Performance

Adoration.
Our usual Sunday attendance increased to 41 in 2025. This is an increase of 5%. We are excited by this growth and hope to see more in 2026.

Rock solid our Sunday children's group during service is well attended and has a strong team of about 6 volunteers with someone different joining Jade each week. Jade is aiming to strengthen the team to be able to lead without her to preach some weeks. The youth also join and plan the games as young volunteers.

As well as our regular services, we enable our wider parish community to celebrate significant moments in life in Church. We help people start a journey of faith at baptism, both for adults who are usually prepared through the Alpha course and children, whose parents attend the church habitually. We had the privilege of marrying two couples in Church too and we also took a number of funerals during the year commending those who had died into God's care.

Belonging
Stepping Stones, our baby and toddler stay and play group moved from the Community Hall into Church which has gone well. The Church has a more cozy and welcoming atmosphere. We currently have two volunteers at this group to help each week. There are 30+ families signed up to Stepping Stones and we usually see around 12 of them on a given Tuesday morning . We stick to the same pattern weekly so the children can get used to the routine, building life skills for school such as tidying up together and sitting down for a story. We also ran Mini stepping stones at the Town End Community Hub, but this stopped when the decision to close the cafe happened in September. We are now aiming to transition families to attend on Sunday mornings to integrate into church life.

Boulder gang our after school group also closed last year with the challenge of finding the right volunteers in this time slot a key factor.

Compassion
We work to share the love of God in our community in a number of ways.

CMA Bentley was our debt advice service, which is authorised and regulated by the Financial Conduct Authority. CMA Bentley continued to be busy and support more and more people in Bentley and the surrounding areas until its closure in November 2025. The closure was as a result of a challenging funding position combined with the loss of the centre manager (who is now pursuing a new career in the social care sector).

The School Wardrobe continued to provide high quality second hand uniforms for free to the DN5 community in 2025. The work moved to another church in the City of Doncaster in early 2026.

During 2025 we continued to work with other local charities and organisations, such as The Clothing Bank, ACTS 435, Baby Basics, The Hygiene Bank, National Data Bank, Riverside Addiction Recovery and Domestic Abuse Services to ensure positive outcomes for all who we support in our local community.

As we go into 2026 we are looking for more ways to drive our Compassion value and share the love of God with more people. The PCC are working together to decide where this will take us next.

Discipleship.
We are working on ways to grow people in their personal relationship with God. As well as sermons on Sundays we continued to work on our Small Groups. We tried a few different things over the year but by the end of 2025 we had two regular groups, an afternoon and an evening so there is something for everyone. It is our hope that these continue to grow and we can develop more groups in the future.

Landslide is our youth group with 11 weekly attending youth and a strong team of 4 volunteers. We like to encourage the youth to take the lead in shaping how the group goes and the plan for sessions. We also get a sense of Christian living by starting the session eating together then working as a team to clean. We follow the same pattern weekly of worship, prayer then word ending with games. We are planning on going to a festival Dreaming The Impossible (DTI) in the summer for 5 nights of camping. We have 7 interested youth with 6 already booked on.

Evangelism.
We have been running the Alpha course each year as a way to help people discover the Christian faith in a non-threatening environment. In 2025 we held three Alphas. As is usual for us, attendance varied wildly between the different courses, but there are people in our church family today who have come through Alpha.

St Peter's Community Hall
The Community Hall serves Bentley well by hosting a number of events every week including bingo, line dancing, slimming world and fitness classes. It is also well used by local families for parties and other private bookings. The Hall continues to be a great source of revenue for St Peter's and we are always working to see where we can make improvements. It is also the home of the church office which is where our administrator works. In 2025 we secured a grant to improve the heating system which means everything is now controlled by an app to make sure we know the heating is only being used when people are in the building.

Town End Community Hub
The PCC holds a lease for the Community Hub until October 2027. It was the home of CMA Bentley and the School Wardrobe as well as hosting a weekly cafe venue, the Beacon Café. Following health and safety advice, we closed the café in September and in early 2026, the PCC decided to work towards disposing of the lease.

Deanery Synod
Two members of the PCC sit on the deanery synod. This provides the PCC with an important link between the parish and the wider structures of the church. Adwick-le-Street Deanery Synod meets twice a year to hear about things that are happening in the wider church and locally too.

Fabric Report

The Quinquennial report was received in February 2024 and with the support of the buildings officers at the Diocese we are working towards the issues raised in the report. We secured a grant from the national church towards minor repairs and the work took place in early 2025 (which is also when the grant money was paid).

There have been no significant issues with the building in 2025.

Financial Review

Our accounts for 2025 are reported on an accruals basis. They have been agreed by the PCC and independently examined.

Total income for 2025 was £120,378 of which £55,649 was unrestricted, the remaining £64,729 was mostly restricted grant funding. The largest source of income was from such grants which totalled £64,071 followed by donations and legacies totalling £32,140. The hall was the third largest contributor at £17,307. Further details can be found in the full accounts at the end of this report.

We spent £165,310 on the running of the church, with a significant proportion of that being Town End Community Hub. We paid £13,380 to the Diocese of Sheffield towards the stipend of the Vicar. Further details of expenditure can be found below.

We started 2025 with a surplus on our general fund of £5,999 after reviewing our reserves policy. Over the year we have seen this decrease to £1,227. We are working hard to ensure we remain in a surplus throughout 2026.

Volunteers and staff

We simply wouldn't be able to function as a church without our amazing volunteers, from the churchwardens and PCC, to those who help at Rock Solid, to the people who make tea and coffee on a Sunday morning. There are too many people to name individually, we're so grateful to you all.

We also are exceptionally grateful to our staff team who have served the needs of the church and our community with hard work and grace.

Structure, governance and management

The method of appointment of PCC members is set out in the Church Representation Rules. At St. Peter's the membership of the PCC consists of the incumbent (our vicar), the churchwardens and members elected by the people on the electoral roll of the church. All those who attend our services are encouraged to register on the Electoral Roll and to consider standing for election to the PCC.

The PCC members are the trustees of the charity. They oversee the governance of the Church including agreeing the budget and ensuring we are compliant with safeguarding and other rules. New members receive initial training into the workings of the PCC. The full PCC met seven times during the year.

Safeguarding

The PCC has paid due regard to guidance issued by the House of Bishops on matters relating to the safeguarding of children and vulnerable adults. All team members are required to undertake safeguarding training as per their role and all levels of training should be updated every 3 years.

Danielle Lumby has continued with her role as Pariah Safeguarding Officer (PSO) and has worked hard to increase our compliance within The Parish Dashboard and by supporting people to complete the appropriate safeguarding training modules and DBS checks required for their roles.

Administrative information

St. Peter's Church is situated on High Street, Bentley. It is part of the Diocese of Sheffield within the Church of England. The correspondence address is St Peter's Community Hall, High Street, Bentley, Doncaster, DN5 0AA. The PCC is a body corporate (PCC Powers Measure 1956, Church Representation Rules 2006) and a charity number 1191023, registered with the Charity Commission.

PCC members who have served at any time from 1st January 2025 until the date this report was approved are:

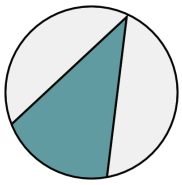
Ex Officio members:

- Incumbent: The Reverend Dave Berry (Chair)
- Curate: The Reverend Rachel Price (until 14th August)
- Churchwarden: Abigail Clarke (until 11th May)
- Churchwarden: Luke Davies (until 11th May)
- Churchwarden: Rachael-Leigh Suttie (from 11th May)
- Churchwarden: Kate Davies (from 11th May)

Elected

- Patricia Paine (Deanery Synod Rep)
- David Walker (Deanery Synod Rep)
- Andy Farmer
- Christine Walker
- Anne Siddle (until 11th May)
- Luke Davies (from 11th May)
- Steve Walton (from 11th May)
- Jade Tyrer (until 27th October)

Approved by the PCC on 3rd March 2026 and signed on their behalf by the Reverend Dave Berry (PCC chair)



St Peter's Bentley

Financial Statements for the year to 31 December 2025

Statement of financial activities

	Note	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Total Funds	2024 Funds
Incoming Resources						
Donations and Legacies	2a	31,482	658	—	32,140	43,685
Fundraising Activities		—	—	—	—	—
Church Activities	2b	2,230	—	—	2,230	3,850
Trading Activities	2c	18,768	—	—	18,768	24,733
Investments	2d	1,893	—	—	1,893	1,898
Other		1,277	—	—	1,277	1,322
Grants	2e	—	64,071	—	64,071	101,042
Total		**55,649**	**64,729**	**0**	**120,378**	**176,530**
Resources Expended						
Cost of Fundraising		—	—	—	0	0
Charitable Activites		75,449	89,861	—	165,310	163,171
Total		**75,449**	**89,861**	**0**	**165,310**	**163,171**
Net income (expenditure)		(19,800)	(25,132)	0	(44,932)	13,358
Funds brought forward		20,459	43,915	8,093	72,467	58,928
Gains on investments		0	0	(324)	(324)	181
Transfers between funds		0	0	0	0	0
Funds carried forward		659	18,783	7,769	27,212	72,467

Balance Sheet

	Note	**2025**	**2024**
Current Assets			
Stocks		735	365
Debtors		669	2,439
Cash at bank and in hand		22,204	64,605
Total		**23,608**	**67,409**
Non-Current Assets			
Investments		7,769	8,093
Total		**7,769**	**8,093**
Liabilities			
Accounts Payable		3,484	2,043
Deferred Income		681	992
Total		**4,165**	**3,035**
Net Assets		**27,212**	**72,467**
Parish Funds			
Unrestricted		10,680	20,459
Restricted		8,763	9,307
Endowment		7,769	8,093
Total Funds of the Church		**27,212**	**37,859**

Approved by the Parochial Church Council on 3rd March and signed on its behalf

The notes on pages 9 to 13 form part of these accounts

1 Accounting Policies

Basis of preparation

1 a) The PCC is a public benefit entity within the meaning of FRS102. The financial statements have been prepared under the Charities Act 2011 and in accordance with the Church Accounting Regulations 2006 governing the individual accounts of PCCs, and with the Regulations' "true and fair view" provisions, together with FRS102 (2016) as the applicable accounting standards and the 2018 version of the Statement of Recommended Practice, Accounting and Reporting by the Charities (SORP(FRS102))

1 b) The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention except for the valuation of investment assets, which are shown at fair value.

Incoming Resources

1 c) These are included in the Statement of Financial Activities (SOFA) when:

- the PCC becomes legally entitled to the use of the resources;
- and inflow of economic benefit is probable; and
- the monetary value and be measured with sufficient reliability.

Expenditure and liabilities

1d) Liabilities are recognised as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation and settlement is probable and quantifiable.

Assets

1 d) In so far as consecrated and benefice property of any kind is excluded from the statutory definition of "charity" by Section 10(2)(a) and (c) of the Charities Act 2011 such assets are not capitalised in the financial statements.

1e) Moveable church furnishings are capitalised at cost and depreciated over their useful economic life other than where insufficient cost information is available. In this case the item is not capitalised, but all items are included in the Church's Inventory in any case.

1 f) Tangible fixed assets for use by the charity are capitalised if they can be used for more than one year, and cost at least £1,000.

2 Income and Endowments

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Total Funds	2024 Funds
2a) Donations and Legacies					
Regular Giving	22,239	110	—	22,349	25,301
Donations	2,078	462	—	2,540	4,931
Collections at Services	1,694	53	—	1,747	1,594
Tax recoverable	5,471	33	—	5,505	6,860
Legacies	—	—	—	0	5,000
Fundraising	—	—	—	—	—
Total	**31,482**	**658**	**0**	**32,140**	**43,685**
2b) Church Activities					
Funerals	891	—	—	891	2,505
Weddings	772	—	—	772	706
Heating and Travel	113	—	—	113	406
Other Fees	19	—	—	19	36
Events Income	435	—	—	435	207
Total	**2,230**	**0**	**0**	**2,230**	**3,860**
2c) Trading activities					
Merchandise	53	—	—	53	—
Bookstall	398	—	—	398	30
Hall Rental	17,307	—	—	17,307	24,298
Beacon Café	1,011	—	—	1,011	404
Total	**18,768**	**0**	**0**	**18,715**	**24,733**
2d) Investments					
CAF Bank interest	18	—	—	18	36
CCLA Deposit a/c interest	1,875	—	—	1,875	1,862
Total	**1,893**	**0**	**0**	**1,893**	**1,898**
Other income	**1,277**	**0**	—	**1,277**	**—**

2e) Grants received

Diocese of Sheffield	—	18,595	—	18,595	11,000
Lauderdale Trust	—	14,000		14,000	—
Garfield Weston	—	10,000	—	10,000	—
Henry Smith Charity	—	7,200	—	7,200	11,300
The Brelms Trust CIC	—	6,000	—	6,000	6,000
Doncaster City Council	—	4,400	—	4,400	5,192
North Doncaster Development Trust	—	1,985	—	1,985	—
Skipton Trust	—	1,500		1,500	—
DCMS Listed Places of Worship	—	391	—	391	—
Wharfedale Trust	—	—	—	—	25,000
Awards for All	—	—	—	—	20,000
Trusthouse	—	—	—	—	10,000
Benefact Trust	—	—	—	—	6,800
Liz and Terry Bramhall Foundation	—	—	—	—	5,000
Doncaster Rotary	—	—	—	—	750
Total	**0**	**64,071**	**—**	**64,071**	**67,550**

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Total Funds	2024 Funds
3) Costs of generating funds					
Fundraising expenses	—	—	—	0	—
Total cost of generating funds	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**
Church Activities					
Mission giving and donations	—	—	—	0	—
Common Fund Contribution	13,380	—	—	13,380	12,720
Salaries, wages and honoraria	5,989	58,127	—	64,116	63,162
Clergy and staff expenses	1,758	766	—	2,524	2,413
Staff Training	973	943		1,917	
Total	**22,100**	**59,836**	**0**	**81,936**	**78,295**
Church expenses					
Mission and evangelism	—	—	—	0	6,224
Running costs	17,939	6,218	—	24,157	44,916
Utility bills	12,104	2,222	—	14,326	13,004
Premises	7,304	14,395		21,699	
Costs of Trading	591	429	—	1,019	711
Total	**37,937**	**23,264**	**0**	**61,201**	**64,855**
Major Capital Expenses					
Major Works (Not Church)	2,700	5,000	—	7,700	7,988
New building work	12,000	1,690	—	13,690	11,422
Total	**14,700**	**6,690**	**0**	**21,390**	**11,422**
Other expenses	**711**	**72**	—	**783**	**1,672**
Total	**75,449**	**89,861**	**0**	**165,310**	**156,244**

	b/fwd 31/12/2024	Incoming resources	Outgoing resources	Fund transfers	Investment gains/losses	c/fwd 31/12/2025
4) Movement in Funds						
General	20,459	65,309	70,329	(14,228)	0	1,211
Flood Fund	4,155	0	0	0	0	4,155
CMA Bentley Trust Fund	369	95	27	0	0	437
Uniform Bank - Shoes	56	347	191	0	0	212
The Community Hall Start Up Fund	0	0	0	5,000	0	5,000
Lauderdale Trust	0	14,000	10,550	0	0	3,450
Reserves - Future Buildings	0	0	0	2,928	0	2,928
Reserves - Employment	0	0	5,118	6,300	0	1,182
Environmental Pride	0	1,400	891	0	0	509
Landslide Fundraising	0	361	1	0	0	359
Awards For All	15,972	0	15,972	0	0	0
Trusthouse	6,175	0	6,175	0	0	0
Community Wealth Builder	5,000	0	5,000	0	0	0
Wharfedale Foundation	4,904	0	4,904	0	0	0
Future Youth (MES)	2,839	0	2,839	0	0	0
Benefact Trust	2,833	0	2,833	0	0	0
Area Dean Admin Support	804	2,500	3,304	0	0	0
Stepping Stones	410	0	410	0	0	0
Building and Maintenance Fund	247	117	364	0	0	0
Community Projects	110	100	210	0	0	0
Henry Smith-Bramall Trust	39	7,200	7,239	0	0	0
Small Grants	0	2,000	2,000	0	0	0
Diocese of Sheffield	0	3,465	3,465	0	0	0
Brelms Trust	0	6,000	6,000	0	0	0
Garfield Weston	0	10,000	10,000	0	0	0
CWB Admin	0	3,000	3,000	0	0	0
Skipton	0	1,500	1,500	0	0	0
North Doncaster Development Trust	0	1,985	1,985	0	0	0
DOS Net Zero Quick Wins	0	1,000	1,000	0	0	0
The Jowett Bequest	8,093	0	0	0	(324)	7,769
Total	**72,467**	**120,379**	**165,310**	**0**	**(324)**	**27,212**

5 Investments

The investments consist of the proceeds of the Jowett Bequest. This is invested in a CCLA Share Account. The proceeds are to be used for the augmentation of the Vicar's stipend and, as such, are paid directly to the Sheffield Diocesan Board of Finance.

6 Current Debtors

Hall rental unpaid invoices	123
Funeral Fees outstanding	209
Gift Aid	314
Unpaid Credit Note	23
Total	**669**

7 Current Creditors

Trade creditors	2,422
HMRC	712
Other Creditors	486
Total	**3,618**

8 Staff costs

	2025	**2024**
Wages and salaries	60,019	55,007
Pensions	4,097	4,671
Honoraria	-	1,400

All NI payments due are covered in full by the Employment Allowance.

9 PCC staff members

During 2025 the following member of the PCC was paid as an employee of the Church.

Rachael-Leigh Suttie has been employed as our Administrator since May 2025. She was elected to serve as Churchwarden in line with Church Representation Rules. She is not allowed to take part in PCC conversations about remuneration of staff or terms and conditions to prevent conflict of interest.

Jade Tyrer has been employed as our Children's and Family Worker since February 2024. She was elected to serve as a member of the PCC in line with Church Representation Rules. She is not allowed to take part in PCC conversations about remuneration of staff or terms and conditions to prevent conflict of interest. She resigned from the PCC in October 2025.

No member of staff received total emoluments of more than £60,000.

11 Trustee expenses

No trustees received payment for expenses incurred in order to carry out trustee duties. (2024:0)

Independent Examiner's report to the Trustees of
The Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish of St Peter, Bentley

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of The Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish of St Peter, Bentley (the PCC) for the year ended 31 st December 2025.

Responsibilities and basis of report
As the charity trustees of the PCC you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance to the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the Act').

I report in respect of my examination of the PCC'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 and 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 PCC 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.

Signed:

Name: Mr David Moore

Relevant professional qualification or membership of professional bodies (if any): FCCA

Address: 2 Pentland Chase, Auckley, Doncaster, DN9 3FX

Date: