

THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH OF STOCKTON PARISH CHURCH

ANNUAL REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2025

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TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT FOR THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH OF STOCKTON PARISH CHURCH
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2025

Administrative information

Stockton Parish Church is a Church of England Parish Church located on the High Street in Stockton-on-Tees, County Durham. The correspondence address is High St, Stockton-on-Tees, TS18 1SP.

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

Incumbent:	Rev Mark Miller	(Chairman)
Curate:	Rev Grace Aciro	
Church Wardens:	Rohan Hayle	(Until 6th May 2025)
	Fiona Whitehouse	(From 6th May 2025)
Parish Safeguarding Officer:	Sinenhlanhla Ndlovu	
Secretary	Rachel Harker	
Elected Members:	Stephen Whitehouse	
	Atainu Ernest Mbikan	
	Alison Massey	
	Kirsty McCathie	
	Richard Donoldson	(Until 3rd October 2025)

Structure, Governance and Management

The Parochial Church Council (PCC) is a corporate body established by the Church of England. The PCC operates under the Parochial Church Council Powers Measure (1956) and the Church Representation Rules. The PCC is a Registered Charity, with charity number 1191990.

Membership of the PCC is either ex-officio or elected at the Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM) in accordance with the Church Representation Rules. In addition, the PCC has the power to co-opt members.

The Church is led by the incumbent with the assistance of the senior leadership team and is governed by the PCC that meets bi-monthly.

Standing Committee

This is the only committee that is required by law and is made up of the incumbent, Church Wardens and Treasurer and Secretary. It has power to transact the business of the PCC between its meetings, subject to any directions given by the Council. It has not met during the year.

Volunteers

The mission and vision of Stockton Parish Church could not be fulfilled without the voluntary team that are committed to its realisation. Alongside the voluntary governance structure of PCC, there are over 50 members of the congregation serving in various leadership and action capacities enabling the church to grow. The PCC would like to extend their thanks to all who serve.

Aim and Purpose

Stockton Parish Church Council (PCC) is responsible, along with the Vicar (Revd. Mark Miller), for good governance of the Church.

Over the past 12 months Stockton Parish Church (SPC) has continued in its mission *for everyone to know who they are, whose they are, and the difference they are called to make in the world*. The outworking of this can be seen in the continued work towards our vision to grow to a church of 500 disciples, and plant 3 new churches by 2028. This vision informed our activities, prayers and financial decisions through 2025.

Each year, approximately 10% of our 'Voluntary Giving' income is donated as 'Mission Giving'. Recipients are identified by the Mission Giving Team and approved by the PCC. The Mission Giving Team also considers requests for donations coming from other potential recipients.

Objectives, Activities, Achievements and Performance

When considering the objectives of the charity, the trustees have referred to the guidance contained in the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit and, in particular, the specific guidance on charities for the advancement of religion. This report will highlight some of the public benefits of Stockton Parish Church.

Sunday Worship

Sunday worship remains a central expression of our worshipping life at Stockton Parish Church. Throughout the year, average attendance was 77 adults and 19 children and young people under the age of 18, with a total worshipping community of approximately 199 individuals. While attendance levels were lower than the previous year, Sunday services continued to provide a consistent rhythm of worship, teaching, prayer, and fellowship for those connected to the church.

Alongside weekly worship, the church began a new two-year teaching series entitled Practising the Way. This teaching series invites the congregation to reflect more deeply on discipleship and what it means to follow Jesus in everyday life. The series uses video-based teaching from John Mark Comer and focuses on nine key Christian practices, which are explored during Sunday services. Congregation members are encouraged to engage further with the material through discussion and reflection within Small Groups, helping to embed learning within the wider life of the church.

The Jeremiah Project

In September 2025, we launched The Jeremiah Project as a continuation and development of our five-year vision to grow as a worshipping community and to plant new churches. Rooted in the call of Jeremiah 29 to seek the peace and prosperity of our town for the good of future generations, this project reflects our commitment to a long-term, generational approach to mission and community transformation.

The Jeremiah Project brings together three interconnected strands. The first is our exploration of acquiring and restoring the former vicarage building located opposite the church. Our long-term vision for this building is to create a space that benefits the town through a community-facing café, office space to support charitable activity, and residential accommodation on the upper floors.

The second strand focuses on employability and personal development through our exploration of the Spear programme, which is reported separately in this annual report.

The third strand centres on housing. We are exploring the potential acquisition of residential property within the local area in order to invest in good-quality, affordable rented housing. Through this work, we seek to respond to known challenges within the local housing market and to contribute positively to the long-term wellbeing of our community.

Throughout the year, we have continued to pursue this strategy. While we were unable to secure the funding required to purchase the former vicarage building during the reporting period, and a number of grant applications were unsuccessful, we remain committed to discerning opportunities for funding and partnership as they arise. This work continues to be held in prayer and under ongoing review as part of our long-term vision.

Spear Programme

During the year, the PCC and leadership team explored the potential of establishing a local centre to deliver the Spear Programme, an employability and personal development programme for young people not in education, employment, or

training. This exploration included research into local need and existing provision, alongside dialogue with Spear's national team, to assess whether such a programme would provide clear public benefit within the parish and wider community.
As part of this process, members of the leadership team visited an established Spear centre in Preston in October, observing the programme in practice and engaging with staff about delivery, impact, and sustainability. The proposal has also been discussed with local civic leaders, including the local Member of Parliament and representatives of the local authority, and has been received positively.

Following this period of discernment and consultation, the PCC has agreed to continue developing plans for a potential Spear centre. Work will now focus on preparation and securing the necessary funding in early 2026, with a view to launching the programme later that year.

Order in Worship and Antisocial Behaviour

Due to our prominent location on Stockton High Street, and the prevalence of substance misuse within the town centre, the church occasionally experiences disruption during worship and incidents of antisocial behaviour. During the latter part of 2024 and early 2025, the frequency of such incidents increased, prompting the PCC to commission a formal review into order in worship, including seating arrangements and the use of refreshments during Sunday services.

The review, undertaken by the leadership team, included theological reflection on worship, hospitality, and good order, alongside consideration of the church's legal and safeguarding responsibilities. It identified particular pressures on volunteer teams and highlighted the need for clearer roles, boundaries, and decision-making structures when responding to disruption.

In response, the PCC has begun implementing changes to the structure of Sunday teams. This has included separating responsibilities into distinct teams so that no individual or group of volunteers carries disproportionate responsibility for safety, order, or response. These changes are intended to better support volunteers, safeguard those attending services, and ensure that public worship can take place in a safe, focused, and welcoming environment.

Small Groups

Small Groups continue to play a key role in the church's vision and strategy, providing opportunities for discipleship, pastoral care, and mutual support within a smaller community setting. These groups enable individuals to build meaningful relationships and grow in faith beyond Sunday services.

During the year, approximately 60% of the congregation were connected to a Small Group. Alongside this, there was a continued focus on developing and supporting leaders to sustain and grow this area of church life, with training and preparation taking place in anticipation of new groups beginning in the coming season.

Building

During the year, further progress was made in developing a long-term and sustainable approach to the use and care of the church buildings. A specialist consultant, Tom Bray, was appointed to support the church in developing a phased plan towards achieving Net Zero. This work resulted in the production of a three-phase approach, including the electrification of the church hall heating system, the exploration of solar panels on the church roof, and, in the longer term, the replacement of the main church heating system.

Over the coming year, the church will focus on progressing Phase One of this plan through the replacement of the hall heating system, while beginning initial investigations into Phase Two.

Progress has also been made towards improving the flexibility and accessibility of the church's worship and community space. A faculty application has been submitted in relation to the removal of pews within the church. As part of this process, detailed assessment work has been undertaken on the carved pew ends, enabling informed decisions to be made regarding their historic significance and conservation. This work supports the church's aim of creating a more flexible space to enable worship, community use, and wider mission activities.

The church continues to be supported in this work by the Diocesan Buildings Support Officer, Chris Young, whose guidance has been instrumental in progressing both sustainability planning and faculty-related work.

Christmas

The programme of services and events during the Christmas period continued to be a significant point of engagement with the wider community. As in previous years, the church welcomed over 3,000 visitors throughout the season, including more than 1,000 school children attending carol services. These events provided opportunities to share the Christian message of Christmas with a wide range of people from across the parish and local area.

During the season, visitors were also invited to attend a 'Try Church' Sunday service in January, offering a further opportunity for those who had engaged with the church at Christmas to explore faith and church life beyond the festive period.

Mission Partners

Stockton Parish Church continues to support six mission partners, including both local and overseas missions, through financial giving and prayer. During the year, the Mission Giving Team, which had previously been commissioned by the PCC to oversee relationships with mission partners, came to an end following several team members moving on from the church.

While financial support for mission partners has continued, the PCC recognises that this change has reduced the level of intentional engagement and oversight in this area. The PCC is therefore reviewing its approach and intends to establish a new team in 2026 to provide clearer leadership, connection, and accountability in relation to mission partnerships.

Under 18's

Work with children, young people, and families remains a key priority for us, with a range of Sunday, midweek, school-based, and event-led provision supporting discipleship, wellbeing, and connection through a year of both growth and transition. The Under 18's team continues to grow with 3 people being Safer Recruited onto the team.

Engagement with children and young people on Sundays has remained broadly consistent with previous years. We continue to provide age-appropriate teaching during the Sunday morning service, with groups structured around ages 3–8, 9–12, and 13+. During the year, team constraints within the Under 18s team meant that children and young people gathered together in a shared space rather than meeting separately in smaller groups. This approach enabled provision to continue safely and consistently, while remaining attentive to team capacity. Teaching continued to align with the themes and content of the main Sunday service, supporting a whole-family approach to discipleship and enabling children and young people to engage with the same biblical material as the wider congregation.

Our engagement with local schools has continued in a similar pattern to previous years. Chaplaincy support remains in place at Ian Ramsey Church of England Academy, providing ongoing pastoral presence and opportunities for informal engagement with pupils and staff. We also continue to support local primary schools through assemblies and relationship-based engagement within the parish. During the summer, a mission team of approximately 30 volunteers from a church in the United States partnered with us to deliver Camp of Champions, a short programme hosted within the school. The sessions provided young people with opportunities to participate in sports and games, build positive relationships, and explore Christian faith in an accessible and age-appropriate way.

For much of the year, we hosted a well-established midweek Bible study group on Wednesday evenings, which regularly engaged over 25 young people. The group was largely made up of those aged 16–18, many of whom moved away from the area to begin university or further education towards the end of the summer. Alongside this, we also ran a Sunday social space for young people, providing opportunities for connection, relationship-building, and informal discipleship beyond structured teaching. Attendance at this has reduced over the winter months, reflecting both seasonal patterns and changes in the composition of the youth community. As a result of these transitions, midweek provision has adapted in size and format and currently engages a smaller number of young people. The group continues to meet regularly, offering ongoing discipleship and pastoral support, and we anticipate that this area of ministry will rebuild as new young people connect with the church over time.

During the year, we enabled 14 young people to attend the New Wine summer festival. Attendance was made possible through a £5,000 grant from the Goshen Trust, which supported participation and reduced financial barriers for families. The festival provided young people with the opportunity to engage in worship, teaching, and age-appropriate discipleship alongside peers

from across the country. Time away together also supported relationship-building and faith development, strengthening connections within the youth community and contributing positively to ongoing discipleship back in the local church.

Little Lights

Little Lights, a midweek toddler group for children under the age of three and their parents or carers, was launched in April 2025. The group connects with an average of 20 families each week and is offered free of charge. It provides a welcoming space for parents and carers to gather, build relationships, and access informal support, while offering children opportunities for play, social interaction, and early learning that supports their development.

The launch of Little Lights was supported by a £1,000 grant from the Durham Diocese Micro Mission Fund. The group has become a valued community resource and forms part of a wider missional pathway, with intentional relationship-building enabling families to be invited into church life through family services. Looking ahead, the PCC hopes to develop this further by offering an Alpha course for families connected with the group in 2026.

Natural Church Development Survey

We first completed a Natural Church Development (NCD) survey in 2022. Following further reflection by the PCC on the pastoral health and life of the church, a decision was taken to commission a further survey during the year using the same tool.

The survey gathers responses from a representative sample of 30 individuals within the congregation and assesses church health across eight key areas of church life. Results are benchmarked against data from over 75,000 churches worldwide, providing a comparative baseline and helping to identify relative strengths and areas for growth.

The leadership team are now working with an NCD coach to interpret the findings of the survey. This process will help inform strategic priorities and future development, enabling us to respond thoughtfully and intentionally to what the survey has highlighted.

Safeguarding

Developing and promoting a strong safeguarding culture remains a key priority for Stockton Parish Church. Safeguarding continues to be a standing agenda item at all PCC and leadership team meetings, ensuring regular oversight and accountability.

The church uses the Church of England Parish Safeguarding Dashboard to monitor compliance with mandatory safeguarding requirements. Following updates to the dashboard framework, which introduced five standards of good safeguarding practice, the PCC continues to work towards ensuring that these standards are met alongside full compliance with all mandatory requirements.

At the end of the reporting year, the church was not involved in any ongoing safeguarding cases and had no serious safeguarding incidents to report.

Financial Review

Total receipts on unrestricted funds were £153,291 (2024: £136,671) which included receipts of £120,095 (2024: £107,895) being unrestricted voluntary donations (including gift aid recovered), and a further £340 (2024: £14,565) from grant income.

Restricted grants and donations of £86,315 (2024: £85,591) were also received, the majority of which being grants, including grant income from Durham Diocese to cover salaries, in addition to grants for Ministry Experience Volunteer, Warm Spaces and for roof repairs. Details of these funds and their purpose are disclosed in the Financial Statements.

Total expenditure of £143,790 (2024: £147,845) was spent from unrestricted funds to provide Christian ministry, including a contribution to the Diocese of Durham of £55,000 (2024: £54,955).

Before fund transfers, there was a net income on unrestricted funds of £9,501 (2024: a net expenditure of £11,174) and a net income on restricted funds of £6,116 (2024: a net expenditure of £1,302). As a result, total reserves increased by £15,617 (2024: decreased by £12,476).

Fund transfers of £3,441 were made from restricted funds to unrestricted funds in the year. The transfers relate to funding received in the year to reimburse the PCC for restricted expenditure incurred in 2024.

Reserves Policy

It is PCC policy to try to maintain a balance on free reserves (net current assets) which equates to at least six months' unrestricted payments to smooth out fluctuations in cash flow and to meet emergencies. This is estimated to be £75,000.

The balance of the free reserves at the year end was £83,338 (2024: £70,396) which is in excess of this target.

Approved by the Parochial Church Council on 31st March 2026 and signed on its behalf by:

Rev Mark Miller
Chairman
Date: 6.5.2026

Fiona Whitehouse
Church Warden
Date: 31/3/2026.

The Parochial Church Council of The Ecclesiastical Parish of Stockton Parish Church
Report of the Independent Examiner
For the Year Ended 31 December 2025

I report to the members of the PCC on my examination of the accounts of the PCC for the year ended 31st December 2025.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As members of the PCC you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the 2011 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. I confirm that no matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe:

- accounting records were not kept in respect of the PCC as required by section 130 of the Act; or
- the accounts do not accord with these records; or
- 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.

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Mrs Lynne Dickson FCA
JBC Accountants Limited
Chartered Accountants
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Date: 11 May 2026

THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH OF STOCKTON PARISH CHURCH
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2025

	Note	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2025 £	Total 2024 £
INCOMING RESOURCES	**2**				
Incoming resources from generated funds					
Voluntary income	**2(a)**	126,750	86,315	**213,065**	208,051
Activities for generating funds	**2(b)**	-	-	**-**	794
Income from investments	**2(c)**	7,229	-	**7,229**	10,499
Incoming resources from charitable activities					
Church activities	**2(d)**	19,312	-	**19,312**	2,918
TOTAL INCOME		153,291	86,315	**239,606**	222,262
RESOURCES EXPENDED	**3**				
Costs of generating funds					
Church activities		143,790	80,199	**223,989**	234,738
TOTAL EXPENDITURE		143,790	80,199	**223,989**	234,738
NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE) BEFORE TRANSFERS		9,501	6,116	**15,617**	(12,476)
TRANSFERS BETWEEN FUNDS		3,441	(3,441)	**-**	-
NET MOVEMENT IN FUNDS		12,942	2,675	**15,617**	(12,476)
TOTAL FUNDS BROUGHT FORWARD		70,396	17,646	**88,042**	100,518
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD	**7, 8**	83,338	20,321	**103,659**	88,042

THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH OF STOCKTON PARISH CHURCH
BALANCE SHEET
AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2025

	Note	Total 2025 £	Total 2024 £
CURRENT ASSETS			
Debtors and prepayments	5	**14,356**	18,434
Cash at bank and in hand		**99,879**	83,277
		114,235	101,711
CURRENT LIABILITIES			
Creditors - amounts falling due within one year	6	**10,576**	13,669
NET ASSETS		**103,659**	88,042
PARISH FUNDS			
Unrestricted funds	7, 8	**83,338**	70,396
Restricted funds	7, 8	**20,321**	17,646
TOTAL FUNDS		**103,659**	88,042

Approved by the Parochial Church Council on 31 March 2026 and signed on its behalf by:

Rev Mark Miller
Chairman

6.5.2026

The notes on pages 10 to 17 form part of these accounts.

1 ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of preparation
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 2016 version of the Statement of Recommended Practice, Accounting and Reporting by Charities (SORP (FRS102)).

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention. 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 owe their main affiliation to another body, nor those that are informal gatherings of church members.

Incoming resources
Gift Aid and other tax claims are included in the SOFA at the same time as the cash donations to which they relate.

Grants, legacies and donations are included in the SOFA when any preconditions preventing their use by the PCC have been met. For collections and planned giving this is when the funds are received.

Funds raised from events, trading and church activities are reported gross in the SOFA before any related costs that may have been deducted from the gross proceeds.

Rental income from the letting of the church facilities is recognised when the rental is due.

Investment income is included in the accounts when receivable.

Expenditure
Grants payable are recognised in the accounts when a commitment has been made externally and there are no pre-conditions still to be met for entitlement to the grant which remain within the control of the PCC. Other church activity expenditure recognised in the period to which it relates.

Fees collected in the "agency" capacity for the services of vergers at weddings and/or at funerals are not included in the financial statements when the money is paid over in full directly to those involved.

All expenditure is allocated to activity cost categories on a basis consistent with the use of resources.

Fixed assets
Consecrated and benefice property is excluded from the statutory definition of "charity" by Section 10(2) (a) and (c) of the Charities Act 2011, and such assets are not capitalised in the financial statements.

Movable church furnishings held by the vicar and churchwardens on special trust for the PCC and which require a faculty for disposal are inalienable property, listed in the church's inventory, which can be inspected (at any reasonable time). For anything acquired prior to 2021 there is insufficient cost information available and therefore such assets are not valued in the financial statements. In future years any individual item with a cost more than £2,000 will be treated as a fixed asset and depreciated on a straight line basis over four years, and items with costs below this amount will be written off when incurred.

1 ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

Debtors
Debtors include trade and other receivables, which are initially measured at transaction price and are subsequently measured at their recoverable amounts.

Cash at bank and in hand
Cash at bank and in hand includes cash, deposits held at call with banks and other short-term liquid investments.

Creditors
Liabilities include trade and other payables and are initially measured at transaction price, and are subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method.

Liabilities are recognised as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation and settlement is probable and quantifiable. Liabilities are derecognised when, and only when, the obligations are discharged, cancelled, or they

Funds
Restricted Funds comprise revenue donations or grants that must be spent on a specific PCC activity intended by the donor. Purposes and details of the funds held and restrictions provided are shown in the notes to the accounts.

Unrestricted Funds represent the remaining income funds of the PCC that are available for spending on the general purposes of the PCC.

Designated funds are general funds set aside by the PCC for use in the future. Project funds are designated for particular projects for administration purposes only. Designated funds remain unrestricted and the PCC will move any surplus to other general funds.

2 INCOME

		Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2025 £	Total 2024 £
	INCOMING RESOURCES				
2(a)	**Voluntary income**				
	Gift aid	19,646	-	**19,646**	17,561
	Employment allowance	6,315	747	**7,062**	5,464
	Grants	340	80,920	**81,260**	87,223
	Planned giving	80,228	-	**80,228**	91,927
	Collections and other giving	20,221	4,648	**24,869**	5,876
		126,750	86,315	**213,065**	208,051
2(b)	**Activities for generating funds**				
	Fundraising events	-	-	**-**	794
		-	-	**-**	794
2(c)	**Income from investments**				
	Rents received	7,200	-	**7,200**	10,381
	Dividends and interest	29	-	**29**	118
		7,229	-	**7,229**	10,499
2(d)	**Incoming resources from charitable activities**				
	Church activities	19,312	-	**19,312**	2,918
		19,312	-	**19,312**	2,918
	Total incoming resources	153,291	86,315	**239,606**	222,262

3 EXPENDITURE

CHURCH ACTIVITIES	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2025 £	Total 2024 £
Diocesan Parish contribution				
Diocesan Parish contribution	54,106	894	**55,000**	54,955
Church running costs				
Bell maintenance	-	-	**-**	315
CCLI	1,081	19	**1,100**	1,206
Cleaning and sundries	1,308	24	**1,332**	1,510
Electricity	4,073	81	**4,154**	4,864
Gas	6,645	158	**6,803**	7,235
Insurance	5,946	101	**6,047**	5,900
Maintenance	4,427	413	**4,840**	18,983
Refuse and Pest Control	1,193	20	**1,213**	1,109
Water	887	15	**902**	968
Consultants	-	-	**-**	320
Hall refurbishment	-	-	**-**	7,013
	25,560	831	**26,391**	49,423
Petch Street costs				
Petch Street costs	5,224	-	**5,224**	3,014
Office costs				
Office costs	5,973	1,752	**7,725**	3,873
Staff costs				
Water rates - Curate	259	-	**259**	300
Water rates - Vicar	873	21	**894**	911
Youth for Christ - Interns	3,402	-	**3,402**	860
MEV	714	3,864	**4,578**	2,585
Employment costs (NI, pension etc)	6,455	3,288	**9,743**	7,259
Employee costs	10,994	58,551	**69,545**	65,757
Staff expenses	4,951	43	**4,994**	4,540
	27,648	65,767	**93,415**	82,212
Discipleship				
Discipleship	4,616	9,029	**13,645**	7,438

3 EXPENDITURE (continued)

CHURCH ACTIVITIES	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2025 £	Total 2024 £
Evangelism/Mission				
Alpha course	-	-	**-**	625
Mission Giving	8,088	-	**8,088**	13,041
Publicity	2,527	422	**2,949**	2,847
Schools work	327	-	**327**	190
Outreach	1,130	25	**1,155**	-
	12,072	447	**12,519**	16,703
Fellowship				
Fellowship	936	-	**936**	6,023
Worship				
Worship	7,032	1,472	**8,504**	10,594
Other costs				
Bank charges	623	7	**630**	503
Total expenditure	143,790	80,199	**223,989**	234,738

4 STAFF COSTS

	2025 £	2024 £
Wages and salaries	**71,113**	67,310
Pension contributions	**1,513**	1,295
Employer NIC	**7,743**	5,520
	80,369	74,125

There were no employee benefits to key management personnel in the current or previous year.
There were no employees with total emoluments (excluding employer pension costs) exceeding £60,000.

4(a) **Payments to PCC members**
Out-of-pocket expenses of £4,817 (2024: £4,197) were reimbursed to related parties (PCC members) in respect of Church Activities expenditure incurred on behalf of the PCC. None of these costs related to their services as members of the PCC.

4(b) **Employee numbers**
Average number of employees in the year were 3.8 (2024: 4.4).

4(c) **Related parties**
Unrestricted donations of £17,486 (2024: £15,125) were received from related parties (PCC members).

5 DEBTORS AND PREPAYMENTS

	2025	2024
	£	£
Debtors	**8,368**	12,796
Gift Aid to be reclaimed	**5,688**	4,357
Prepayments	**-**	1,273
Other debtors	**300**	8
	14,356	18,434

6 CREDITORS - AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	2025	2024
	£	£
Creditors	**6,348**	9,750
Accruals	**1,095**	500
Other creditors	**-**	366
PAYE control	**2,815**	2,794
Pension contribution control	**318**	259
	10,576	13,669

7 FUNDS

The Restricted funds consist of:

- CRF: grant received from the National Lottery Cultural Recovery Fund for Covid re-opening costs.
- SDF: monies given to fund necessary staff salaries and operational costs for Church to operate activities.
- Eden: monies given towards to development and work of the Mill Lane Eden team.
- Conference: funds collected to attend this event
- New Wine: funds collected to attend this event
- Doulos: monies given to enable young people to attend a leadership course.
- Roof Repairs: monies given to fund repairs to the Church roof.
- SBC Food Grant: monies given to provide food aid.
- Children and Families Wellbeing Co-Ordinator: monies given to fund the recruitment of a Children and Families Wellbeing Co-Ordinator.
- The Listed Place of Worship Grant Scheme: run by the Department for Culture, Media and Sport, allows churches with listed buildings to reclaim VAT on various maintenance aspects of the building.
- Ministry Experience Volunteer (MEV): funding provided by Durham Diocese to support MEV intern.
- Micro Mission Fund: funding received from the Durham Diocese Micro Mission Scheme to support approved mission initiatives.
- Warm Spaces: restricted funding to enable the church building to be opened as a Warm Space for the local community, providing a safe, heated environment during colder months.

The Unrestricted funds consist of:

- Mission Giving: designated fund for the donation to other missional charities
- General fund

8 MOVEMENT IN FUNDS

Current Year	At 1 January 2025 £	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Transfer between funds £	At 31 December 2025 £
Unrestricted funds					
General fund	61,069	153,291	(135,702)	(5,189)	**73,469**
Mission Giving	9,327	-	(8,088)	8,630	**9,869**
	70,396	153,291	(143,790)	3,441	**83,338**
Restricted funds					
CRF	68	-	-	-	**68**
SDF	-	63,044	(63,044)	-	**-**
Eden	12,867	-	-	-	**12,867**
Conference	552	-	-	-	**552**
New Wine	574	9,648	(8,985)	-	**1,237**
Doulos	585	-	-	-	**585**
Roof Repairs	-	3,270	-	(3,270)	**-**
SBC Food Grant	-	950	(950)	-	**-**
Children and Families Wellbeing Co-Ordinator	3,000	-	-	-	**3,000**
The Listed Place of Worship Grant Scheme	-	527	(356)	(171)	**-**
Ministry Experience Volunteer	-	4,876	(3,864)	-	**1,012**
Micro Mission Fund	-	1,000	(1,000)	-	**-**
Warm Spaces	-	3,000	(2,000)	-	**1,000**
	17,646	86,315	(80,199)	(3,441)	**20,321**
	88,042	239,606	(223,989)	-	**103,659**

8 MOVEMENT IN FUNDS (continued)

Prior Year	1 January 2024 £	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Transfer between funds £	At 31 December 2024 £
Unrestricted funds					
General fund	64,376	136,671	(139,804)	(174)	61,069
Mission Giving	8,735	-	(8,041)	8,633	9,327
	73,111	136,671	(147,845)	8,459	70,396
Restricted funds					
CRF	68	-	-	-	68
SDF	-	63,622	(63,738)	116	-
Eden	12,867	-	-	-	12,867
The Way 1	6,027	1,936	-	(7,963)	-
The Way Hub	3,584	968	(320)	(4,232)	-
Conference	552	-	-	-	552
New Wine	3,224	4,565	(7,215)	-	574
Doulos	1,085	-	(500)	-	585
Roof Repairs	-	10,000	(13,620)	3,620	-
SBC Food Grant	-	1,500	(1,500)	-	-
Children and Families Wellbeing Co-Ordinator	-	3,000	-	-	3,000
	27,407	85,591	(86,893)	(8,459)	17,646
	100,518	222,262	(234,738)	-	88,042

9 ANALYSIS OF NET ASSETS BY FUND

Current Year	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total funds 2025 £
Net assets	83,338	20,321	**103,659**

Prior Year	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total funds 2024 £
Net assets	70,396	17,646	**88,042**