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The Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish of Christ Church Heeley with Arbourthorne and Norfolk Park

ANNUAL REPORT AND UNAUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

For the year ended 31 December 2025

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Administrative Information
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We are responsible for Christ Church, Heeley which is the Parish Church. Also within the parish is St Leonards Community Church which is a Bishop's Mission Order and is at 331 Arbourthorne Road S2 2FH. The parish is part of the Diocese of Sheffield within the Church of England. The Correspondence address is Heeley Vicarage, 151, Gleadless Rd. Sheffield S2 3AE.

PCC members who have served at any time from 1 January 2025 until the time of approval of the accounts were:

Ex Officio Members:		
Vicar & Chair	Rev'd Amy Hole	
Wardens	Stephen Adams	(Treasurer)
	Simon Bell	
Deanery Synod reps.	Katharine Brown	Resigned 23 March 2025
	Cynthia Sutherland	
	Joanne McCarthy	Elected 23 March 2025
Lay Readers	Ken Law	Resigned 1 June 2025
	Steve Rastall	Resigned 1 June 2025
Elected Members	Richard Patterson	
	Carl Thompson	
	Amelia Reeves	PCC Secretary from 23 April 2023
	Joanne McCarthy	Elected to Deanery Synod 23 March 2025
	Louise Bettridge	
	Opeoluwa Akinoso	
	Ellie Thompson	Elected 23 March 2025
	Susan Law	Elected 23 March 2025
	Gillian Rastall	Elected 23 March 2025
	Fionn Watts	Elected 23 March 2025
	Lakpa Tamang	Resigned 23 March 2025
Co-Opted members	Susan Law	Elected member from 23 March 2025
	Laura Passo	

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The Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish of Christ Church Heeley with Arbourthorne and Norfolk Park
PCC Annual report
For the year ended 31 December 2025

Aim and purposes

The primary object of the Parochial Church Council (PCC) is the promotion of the gospel of Jesus Christ according to the doctrines and practices of the Church of England. The PCC is responsible for cooperating with the Vicar in promoting in the parish the whole mission of the Church, pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical. The PCC is also specifically responsible for the maintenance of Christ Church and its grounds in Heeley.

The PCC aims to play its part in fulfilling the vision of the Diocese of Sheffield: to grow a sustainable network of Christ-like, lively and diverse Christian communities in every place which are effective in making disciples and in seeking to transform our society and God's world. Our strap line is 'Making love known'. We want to see lives transformed through an encounter with Jesus Christ; a growth in people enabled to become part of worshipping communities at Christ Church; and for individuals and the church to respond to God by sharing his love in the local community and beyond.

Objectives and activities

The PCC has had regard to the Charity Commission's public benefit guidance in considering how to fulfil the church's aims.

The PCC's main objective continues to be to enable all people to grow and live in faith as part of our parish community through:

- Worship and prayer, and growth in understanding the faith and trusting in God the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, as individuals and as a loving community.
- Provision of pastoral care and occasional offices for people living in the parish.
- Missionary and outreach work.

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

Achievements and performance

Revd Amy Hole continued to serve as Vicar of the Parish following her induction on 10 September 2024. She underwent major surgery on 3 June for a significant health issue, returning to ministry in mid-August, and is very grateful for the prayers and support she received from others, and to all the people who provided cover and ensured the ministry and mission of the church was largely unaffected throughout her recovery.

The worshipping life of the church has been joyful and meaningful. Towards the start of the year, we focused on discipleship as we considered what it means to be Lights for Christ (receiving, walking in, and reflecting Christ's light), and the Diocesan Lights for Christ enabler Revd Christine Moorey led two workshops for us on establishing a Rule for Life. In the middle of the year we followed the lectionary, which this year focussed on Luke's gospel. Towards the end of the year, we had a sermon series focused on Love, as we sought to draw back to the basics of what it means to be a Christian (God's love for us; Care for God's creation; Love the Lord your God; Love one another; Love your neighbour; Love your enemy; and Christ the King).

We continued to include a This Time Tomorrow/Sofa Talk slot in Morning Worship and Café Church services every month, to encourage us to focus on our walk with Christ in our day to day lives and work, and to get to know others better.

Many in the church, including the children, have played a full part in leading worship and preaching within the church, in leading intercessions and doing Bible readings, and contributing to the smooth running of the tech, and our worship is the richer for it. Richard Patterson has continued to lead a dedicated worship band, including Andy Laurie, who has been contributing his skills on the drums following Beajong's return to Nepal. We're grateful to Leo Hobden for helping on the tech and audio visual aspects.

Our monthly team-led Café Church services adopted for most of the year a series based on the 'I am' sayings of Jesus, which was very successful. The older children continued to play their part in planning and leading.

The church continued to livestream worship each Sunday morning, other than when Café Church is running, allowing people who are unable to attend or who have missed some of the service to catch up. A small number regularly tune into the live stream each week rather than attending church in person.

The @7 congregation continued to meet on Sunday evenings with more relaxed worship, video talks using various online resources, discussion together and prayer. Numbers attending range roughly from 6 to 15.

We were delighted to welcome a variety of new worshippers to our services during the year, but were sad to lose some beloved friends.

Following her operation, Amy reduced the frequency of Martha's Prayers to once a month, but is hoping to build this back up in 2026. She continued to run a small monthly service in Cambridge Court.

A particular joy of the year has been the many ways in which our corporate life of prayer has blossomed. We have continued to hold Morning Prayer in church on Monday mornings. Simon Bell initiated a short time praying for peace in the world following each Sunday morning service. Carl Thompson started a prayer breakfast once a month before the Sunday morning service. And, following a series of summer prayer walks in conjunction with others in the North Attercliffe Mission Area, we started monthly prayer walking for our parish.

Following the PCC's discussions of the Mission Action Plan, and the sense that God was calling us to grow in discipleship and evangelism in particular, we ran a Start enquirers course, and a Lent Bible Study course.

As well as our regular services, we enable our community to celebrate and thank God at the milestones of their journeys through life. In the year we celebrated six baptisms and two thanksgivings, and Amy conducted four funerals, some in church and some in local crematoriums.

Use of the building has continued to develop under the stewardship of the Centre Manager, Cynthia Sutherland, to whom we are very grateful for all the work she puts into ensuring things run smoothly. The church building is much in demand for bookings, and it is very encouraging to see it open and in use by the local community as well as for church activities virtually every day. We aim to set hire fees at a rate that ensures affordability, while covering increasing energy costs. These are reviewed annually.

Our Centenary Project Worker Laura Passo continued her hugely valued ministry, and her warmth and approachability are greatly valued by all those with whom she comes into contact with. Sunday Club, Toddlers, X-Kids, Messy Church, and the Holiday clubs continued to grow and flourish. Laura continued her commitment to Anns Grove School, who once again used the church for their Christmas performances. We enjoyed taking a few young people on the diocesan Breathe Deep day, and the HOPE weekend, which involved worship, social action, and fun. The Women's Coffee and Craft morning continued. We were delighted to be joined again by a medical student on placement from Sheffield University. Carl Thompson and Richard Patterson continued to run the youth group Xtreme for older children.

We had a regular programme of monthly social events which are well attended by people from the local community, and occasional special events such as Bonfire Night, the Summer fun day, the Seaside trip, the Christmas fair, VE day, and a Macmillan coffee morning. We included opportunities for relationship building within the church family through a Harvest Supper, and a trip to Castleton in December. It is a privilege and a blessing to be a focus for building community and relationships within our area, and an important element of God's mission.

Martha's Kitchen continues to be a valued focus of community, as does the monthly Dementia Café.

Joanne McCarthy continued to serve as administrator one day a week, as well as working as Centre Manager for St Leonards and as administrative support to the area deans. She has continued to take responsibility for invoicing groups for the use of the buildings and organising safeguarding training and DBS checks, alongside continuing the work of the Uni-recycle project with Louise Betteridge, and continued to run the Dementia Café.

In 2025 it was announced that Revd Jess Munday would be joining us as Assistant Curate. She was ordained in July at Sheffield Cathedral, and after a period of maternity leave will be starting her ministry in April 2026.

The Electoral Roll has been renewed, there are now 50 on the Church Electoral Roll, 20 of whom are resident within the parish, 30 out of the parish.

Pastoral care
Amy has been privileged to meet individuals for pastoral care throughout the year, including visiting church members in hospital and various parishioners at home.

Mission and evangelism
Please see details of giving to third party charities and organizations below under 'Missionary and Charitable Giving'.

Uni-Recycle (Uniform recycling project). Another six sales were held in 2025. We have now helped over 100 families in need since the project began. This is however, only the ones who have made themselves known to us, as many more have attended the sales. We now have collection bins in 9 of our local schools all of which support us with our sales. We often have social workers and teachers contact us for help, along with other charities such as young carers and shelter. Tesco have continued to be generous and enabled us to put on smaller pop-up sales. We have also moved some of our stock into a charity shop now far way so we can reach more families. We have our own website, where people can submit a referral form to us, and a dedicated phone line. We have now become a registered CIC Community Interest Company (not for profit) so we have our own bank account. We continue to fund raise and apply for grant pots.

Dementia Café: The café remains as a free café for anyone suffering with Dementia or is affected by it. We continue to encourage families of people living with dementia to join us as a way of feeling supported and understood. We now have regular visits from the local care home, Valley Care Home plus a regular bunch of people. We have also seen a few new faces, so the plan is it increase the café to 2 sessions per month in the New Year. We try to put on themed sessions wherever possible using the grant pot of money we were given. Another £400 was sent to us from People Keeping Well last year. We put on music & craft sessions last year and the farm animals paid us a few visits. We also collaborated with other Dementia groups in December, and we put on a large Carol concert in the main church, which benefitted lots of people within our community

Women's Coffee and Craft Morning has continued throughout the year, however numbers attending have continued to be lower than previous years. The craft element didn't suit most of the people attending, so crafts have been done only at certain times of year, for example at Easter the group make cards, and at Christmas they make simple tree decorations. The wreath making continues to be popular and attracts people who don't attend the group during the year – this may become a stand-alone event and be advertised more widely to the church and community. The group as it is does seem to have run its course. Please pray for wisdom in deciding how this group should look and run moving forward.

Youth and Children's Work

- **Toddler Group** is still very popular and sees new starters coming weekly. We have 50+ children plus their carers on average coming along each week. The number of children and adults that engage with the Bible story time has increased after a drop last year, with several parents commenting that their children look forward to this time, and that they talk about it at home afterwards, as well as with other family members. The accompanying craft is popular as well, with children and parents joining in that didn't listen to the story, and they ask what the Bible link/story is while they are doing it. We looked at A-Z stories of the Bible, as well as covering the Easter and Christmas story. We also ran a one-off toddler Easter fun day, which was well attended and appreciated that something was put on over the school holidays. The feedback that the volunteers get at toddler group is extremely positive, saying how well the group is run, how welcoming the church and volunteers are as well as the other parents/carers, and how much they appreciate the hard work and effort that is put into running the group. Even though there are a big number of people attending the group, parents/carers note that there is a calm and happy atmosphere. A huge thank you to all of the volunteers that make this group possible, however due to the high number of people attending the group, we are really in need of extra helpers, particularly at clearing up time.

- **Sunday Club** continues to have 2 groups running – 1 for primary aged children, the other for secondary aged children, with the creche available in the church for 0–5-year-olds. This year in the primary aged group we have looked at the fruit of the spirit, harvesting gratitude, the Lord's Prayer, as well as the Easter and Christmas stories. The children continue to grow in confidence, both in themselves and in their faith. The older children show such kindness and patience with the younger children, and their relationships with each other are fantastic. The children continue to share their knowledge and experiences with each other, and we have some really good and in-depth conversations about various topics during the group. The children and young people are very keen to be involved in the life of the church; they continue to lead prayers during intercessions for some services. Some of them are on the rota for Bible readings, we have a young person on the tech team, and there is also a group that help to plan and lead café church services. Please do hold the children and young people in your prayers, for their faith journeys and for their dedication and willingness to serve God

- **X-Kids** on Tuesdays after school numbers have remained steady, as well as the majority of children attending the group on a regular basis. The group are also developing friendships and relationships, especially across the different age ranges and with those who attend different primary schools. We have a range of needs across the group, and at times it can be challenging to manage all of them. We now have 4 leaders each week, which has been an answer to prayer – huge thank you to all of the volunteers for their time, patience and hard work. We continue to explore the Christian faith and what it is to be a Christian; this year the group took part in various social action projects, including decorating and hiding rocks around Heeley, litter picking, and organising and running a bake sale raising £125 for Sheffield Children's Hospital. The children loved doing these activities, and it was great for them to give something back to the community. We still have a number of families who also attend Messy Church and the social events regularly.

- **Messy Church** continues as a monthly group, and although attendance each month can vary, it is well attended by families. There are a core group who attend every month, with other families coming less regularly. We continue to see a mixture of families from Sunday services, X-kids, toddler group and family socials. The children engage really well with all aspects of the Messy church service, especially the interactive story telling; engagement from the adults has improved, with some now joining in with the worship, and they also enjoy seeing their children act out stories. We have been blessed to still have a local cooking group join us each month; they prepare, cook and serve the 2-course meal for all of the families. Feedback from them and the families has been so positive, and it is wonderful to work collaboratively with them.

- **Holiday Clubs –** we run 3 holiday clubs throughout the year; Good Friday, Summer (3 days) and Light party (Halloween alternative). These were all quite well attended, and the children engaged really well during all of them. Our theme for the summer club this year looked at God being strong and mighty, and being able to do anything. We linked this to 3 different Bible stories that all featured animals, and the BBQ event held at the end of the 3 days was very popular, with 57 adults and children attending. We continue to see a mixture of children who come to Sunday club, X-kids, Messy church and community events attending the holiday clubs, with a high number attending all 3 throughout the year. Anns Grove school continue to advertise them to their families as well.

- **Xtreme** - This year the number of young people attending has remained consistent, with some new youth have also joined the group, and with the majority of the group non-Christian. Behaviour and attitude from the young people has greatly improved - leaders continue to run the group in a relaxed way, with the youth being able to influence the activities available, and with leaders then bringing everyone together for a whole group activity/game during the session. The young people have good relationships with each other, and it is great to see friendships maintained and new ones developed with those from different secondary schools. In June 3 of the young people from Xtreme took part in the HOPE weekend for the 2nd time, 1 of whom is non-Christian; they all really enjoyed this experience, and are keen to do it again next year. Plans are in place to take the Xtreme youth group to Edale for a weekend in February next year, after a few years hiatus of this event. Huge thanks are needed for the dedication of the leadership team who work selflessly each week to serve the youth we have – please lift them in your prayers.

Families' Programme
We held 12 different community social events monthly throughout the year, and these continue to be well attended, with cross over from families known to the church through attendance at groups, as well as a number of adults and families from the local community. Highlights were the summer coach trip where we took 83 people from across the various groups and activities run at church to Bridlington for the day, and the Summer fun day, which sees people from the local community and beyond enjoying our church building and all of the activities we have on offer that day. The bonfire night was more popular than previous years, possibly due to it being included in an online article in the Sheffield Star. Safety is a concern when numbers are this high, so planning of this event for 2026 needs to be done well in advance, and with a bigger team of volunteers.

Centenary Project Worker
Laura has now been in this role since March 2023. The Centenary Project (CP) team are very supportive and meet once a month for network meetings where they have training and share ideas – some of the CP workers have led training sessions, sharing their expertise in different areas which has been very encouraging, and they also have external people coming in to deliver relevant training. Workers regularly pray for one another, and Laura also has a mentor who she meets with once a month for support and prayer. The CP also organise and run one-off events for children and young people throughout the year. These are great opportunities for children and young people from different churches to come together as one larger group. The Breathe Deep, HOPE weekend and Wild Away Day were attended by a group of young people from our church; they thoroughly enjoyed themselves during these events and are looking forward to taking part in them again next year, with the youth planning to lead a workshop at Breathe Deep in 2026. We have also been attending the Sheffield Hub events, which run 6 times a year. Although attendance by our young people has varied at these, feedback from them about these events has been positive. One of our young people is actively part of the Young Leader's Community and helped to lead a workshop at the Diocesan Development Day, as well as sharing his testimony at one of the Sheffield Hub events. He is also part of the Catalyst team, which is a group of young people that help to plan and shape the Sheffield Hub events.

Laura wishes to thank everybody that has been part of the children, youth and families work in numerous ways, whether that is physically being at a group or event, praying for her and the children and families, contributing to crafts and resources, helping to plan and prepare - the church and children's team has been so supportive and she is extremely grateful. Volunteers at groups and events continues to be difficult to sustain, so specific prayer for this would be appreciated. Please do continue to pray for all of the children, youth and families work that goes on at this church, and for the workers and volunteers involved in it.

Ecumenical relationships

Christ Church, Heeley is part of the North Attercliffe Mission Area in the Attercliffe Deanery with St. John's Park, Manor, Attercliffe and Darnall, and St Leonard's.

We contribute food donations to St Paul's Community Pantry, which operates from St Paul's Norton Lees. We continue to enjoy a good relationship with the Church of the Nazarene, including singing carols with them at Heeley Green Co-Op before Christmas. Revds Rob and Bev Fitzjohn were inducted there on 4 October 2025.

Amy continues to meet with her fellow clergy in the Mission Area to discuss how the churches can work more closely together and to support one another in ministry and mission. She led a Preaching Workshop for the Attercliffe Deanery in November 2025, and was asked to take on the role of Area Dean from January 2026.

Christ Church hosted other worshipping communities in the building during 2025. In particular, the Himalayan Nepali community, which worships on Saturdays. The Ethiopian Orthodox Church moved on from Heeley and were replaced by the Eritrean Orthodox Church, which worships first thing on Sunday mornings. Powerhouse Holy Ghost International Ministries and the Zimbabwean Revival church worshipped in the building on Sunday afternoons. We had a giving Sunday for the Maranatha Apostolic Global Fellowship in Kampala, Uganda.

Financial Review

<u>General fund Headlines</u>

- Common Fund of £32,500 was paid in 2025.
- The upturn in giving noted in 2024 was continued through 2025 with increases in both giving to the church and to the Centenary Project

<u>General fund income</u>
Planned giving rose from £34,317 to £35,642.

Tax reclaimed from HMRC totalled £5,836, this was made up of money claimed by the church for donations given from April 2024 to March 2025, and gift aid from the Parish Giving Scheme.

The other major source of income in 2024 has been from the hiring out of the church and the halls. The number of bookings by various groups has increased and £13,726 has been raised from hiring the church premises. An increase of around £800 on the 2024 figure. A huge thank-you is due to Cynthia as Centre Manager for securing the increase in bookings.

Following a significant increase in the gas contract a review of the prices charged for use of the church and halls was undertaken, and revised charges were implemented from January 2024, these were not amended during 2025.

General fund expenditure

As usual the biggest regular expense was the Common Fund to which we paid a total of £32,500.

The other major expenses are the gas and electricity costs. Having negotiated standstill contracts with energy suppliers during 2024 these have run with little difficulty during 2025. The only challenge being the companies' reluctance to charge VAT at 5% instead of the commercial rate of 20%. Both gas and electricity contracts are up for renewal again in September 2026. Other services such as broadband also saw significant increases in contract costs however a renegotiation with Virgin Media has brought a significant reduction.

The income into the General fund during the year was £68,524 whilst expenditure was £68,319 meaning that the church made a surplus of £205. The PCC transferred the following to other funds:

- £2,500 towards building maintenance (see below)
- £2,069 mission support for the Centenary Project Worker relating to 2024
- £2,140 mission support for the Centenary Project Worker relating to 2025
- £3,185 relating to 2024 student placement income towards the Centenary Project Worker fund
- £350 to the hardship fund

The balance of the general fund as at the year-end was £13,151.

Restricted fund expenditure

Another significant area of expenditure this year was on salaries as we now contribute to salary costs for two staff members. During 2025 the various grants funding our CPW salary costs have come to an end. However due to the diocese's success in the Triennium funding bids a decision was made to use some of the money to support CP workers' salary costs for some churches. Heeley was granted approximately £7,900 over the year as a contribution to costs. This along with success in securing a grant of £10,000 from the Church Burgesses and one-off donations from member of the church totalling £14,000 means that the funding for the project is secure in 2026 and 2027.

Re-ordering, Refurbishment, Ongoing Maintenance

With the ongoing high level of use there have been numerous small repair jobs that have had to be carried out over the course of the year. In addition, the foyer area of the church was repainted along with the bookcase and the doors to the church.

The other significant maintenance issue has been the ongoing deterioration of the tower arch. As reported last year we are still no nearer being able to find a solution to the problem. The only suggestion of a cause is that the hopper is not large enough to cope with the volume of water that now drains off the tower roof. The cost of a new hopper whilst cheap becomes much more expensive when the costs of hiring and erecting scaffolding is added in, still with no guarantee of success. Another concern noted are the water marks running down the tower wall internally. After checking the tower we have been unable to find any place where water may have entered the building. Looking at how the marks disappear part way down the wall, we are now considering the cause as internal being condensation.

We are now into our fifth year of contract with Zirkon to tackle the Japanese Knotweed. The work does appear to be successful with the amount of knotweed appearing diminishing significantly. Very little was seen in the churchyard this year suggesting that we may be successful in fully eradicating it by the time the contract finishes. During 2025 we also engaged Adam Wilkinson from St Leonards to do some work in the churchyard to try and keep the grass under control. We are looking for a longer term solution for 2026.

The PCC determined from 2022 to try and set aside £2,500 each year towards maintenance from general funds, which it has done again this year. However, during 2025 significantly more was spent on maintenance and the Maintenance account was depleted significantly.

Missionary and charitable giving

The church has continued its support of the St Paul's Pantry by forwarding all the food donated at Heeley to the Pantry. The PCC tithed the planned giving for 2025 and as per policy split the proceeds between Open Doors and the Centenary Project Worker fund.

The PCC reaffirmed its commitment the work of the Archer Project through Harvest giving and through the Christingle service, the Children's Society.

Reserves Policy

It is the policy of Heeley Parish Church to keep a minimum of two months' running costs (£8,800) in the general fund to cover unforeseen emergencies.

General fund cash reserves at the year end, before taking into account debtors or creditors, were £13,151. £3,961 debtors were due to the general funds, and £5,614 payable from the general fund at the year end.

A further £8,679 was held in designated funds, set aside by the PCC.

Future Plans

- We hope to see our children's and families work continue to grow led by the Centenary Project Worker, with more people involved in this ministry as volunteers, and more people becoming worshipping disciples as a result of this work.
- We hope to continue to see growth in numbers attending regular worship and new people becoming involved in the life of the church including serving in various ways.
- We hope to enable more people to engage with discipleship including in Bible Study.
- We are looking forward to welcoming Jess Munday as Assistant Curate in April 2026.
- We are taking back the control and management of the Heeley Institute from Heeley Development Trust, to whom it has been rented on a long peppercorn lease, in August 2026. We are looking forward to the opportunities for mission and ministry this will offer, including setting up a Breakfast Club for Ann's Grove School.

Volunteers

We would like to thank all volunteers who work so hard to make our church the lively, welcoming and loving community it is. Large numbers of volunteers are vital to the life of the church but are too numerous to mention here. Many volunteers fulfil multiple roles.

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 parish is known as the 'Parish of Heeley with Arbourthorne and Norfolk Park'. The parish was registered with the Charity Commission on 5 November 2021, charity number 1196414, with the legal name "The Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish of Christ Church Heeley with Arbourthorne and Norfolk Park".

The method of appointment of PCC members is set out in the Church Representation Rules. At Christ Church, Heeley the membership of the PCC consists of the incumbent (The Vicar), Churchwardens, 2 Deanery Synod Representatives, 9 members elected by those members of the congregation who are on the electoral roll of the church, and up to two co-opted members. 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 is 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 PCC full Committee met 6 times during the year.

Safeguarding

"The care and protection of children, young people, and vulnerable adults involved in church activities is the responsibility of the whole church. Everyone who participates in the life of the church has a role to play in promoting a safer church for all." Note 1

The Parish Safeguarding Officer is Mr Stephen Adams. So far as the PCC is aware, it has complied with the duty to have "due regard" to the House of Bishops' guidance in relation to safeguarding.

Note 1: extract from promoting a Safer Church, House of Bishops policy statement.

The Parochial Church Council declare that they have approved the annual report on 22 March 2026.

Signed on behalf of the PCC by:



Rev Amy Hole
PCC Chair

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of The Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish of Christ Church Heeley with Arbourthorne and Norfolk Park ("the Charity")

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

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the PCC members of the Charity you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the Act').

I have assisted the trustees in the revision of bookkeeping records (including fund allocations) to ensure that the statutory accounts can be prepared accurately. The charity trustees remain responsible for making such judgments and decisions that are needed in relation to the presentation and disclosure of information in the financial statements. During my work I have been mindful of the guidance given by CC32 in relation to day to day administration of the charity, in assisting in preparing the accounts, and the provisions of the Revised Ethical Standard 2016 issued by the Financial Reporting Council (FRC).

I report in respect of my examination of the Charity'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 Charity as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records.

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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Sarah Lightfoot, FCA, DChA 23 March 2026

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Receipts and payments
For the year ended 31 December 2025

	General funds £	Designated funds £	Restricted funds £	Endowment funds £	2025 Total £	2024 Total £
Receipts from:						
Voluntary Giving						
Planned giving	35,642	-	14,662	-	50,304	34,317
Collections at services	715	-	803	-	1,518	491
Other giving	191	-	1,752	-	1,943	689
Gift aid recovered	5,836	-	23	-	5,859	5,571
Grants - Centenery Project worker	-	-	17,795	-	17,795	21,000
Grants - other	1,170	-	1,570	-	2,740	5,800
Fundraising activities	1,793	-	1,301	-	3,094	2,265
Church activities						
Martha's Kitchen	-	-	1,872	-	1,872	1,786
Toddler group	-	4,333	-	-	4,333	-
Rent from Hall	13,726	-	-	-	13,726	12,962
Funerals and weddings	1,579	-	289	-	1,868	675
Other income						
Utilities and insurance contributions	2,400	-	-	-	2,400	3,690
Other misc income	5,473	-	1,710	-	7,183	10,773
Investment income	-	-	-	98	98	95
Total receipts	**68,525**	**4,333**	**41,777**	**98**	**114,733**	100,114
Payments from:						
Church activities						
Mission giving and donations	4,209	-	1,473	-	5,682	1,020
Common fund	32,500	-	-	-	32,500	30,000
Clergy and staff expenses	2,385	-	-	-	2,385	2,332
Salaries, wages and honoraria	250	-	27,354	-	27,604	24,252
Funeral and wedding costs	-	-	-	-	-	-
Mission and evangelism costs						
Martha's Kitchen costs	-	-	1,521	-	1,521	1,014
Toddler group costs	-	3,457	-	-	3,457	-
Unirecycle costs	-	-	-	-	-	6,147
Other mission and evangelism costs	62	-	4,612	-	4,674	3,666
Church running expenses						
Upkeep of services	1,858	-	-	-	1,858	2,805
Building maintenance costs	4,587	6,567	-	-	11,154	10,223
Building utilities	11,227	-	-	-	11,227	9,982
Insurance	3,689	-	-	-	3,689	3,580
Church hall and graveyard costs	-	768	-	-	768	569
Accountancy and Independent examination fees	834	-	-	-	834	720
Other running expenses	2,175	-	-	-	2,175	2,218
Costs of generating funds	448	-	-	-	448	-
Transfer out to St Leonard's Community Church re Student place	4,095	-	-	-	4,095	-
	68,319	**10,792**	**34,960**	**-**	**114,071**	98,528
Net receipts/(payments)	206	(6,459)	6,817	98	662	1,586
Transfers	(10,244)	2,500	7,744	-	-	-
Net movement in funds	(10,038)	(3,959)	14,561	98	662	1,586
Total cash funds brought forward	23,189	12,638	36,712	388	72,927	71,341
Total cash funds carried forward	**13,151**	**8,679**	**51,273**	**486**	**73,589**	72,927

The Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish of Christ Church Heeley with Arbourthorne and Norfolk Park
Statement of Assets and Liabilities
As at 31 December 2025

	Notes	General funds £	Designated funds £	Restricted funds £	Endowment funds £	Total 2025 £	Total 2024 £
Cash funds							
Bank current accounts		13,151	8,679	51,273	-	73,103	72,539
CCLA account		-	-	-	486	486	388
Total cash funds		**13,151**	**8,679**	**51,273**	**486**	**73,589**	72,927
Investment and property assets							
CCLA investment fund - income shares	**4**	-	-	-	2,775	2,775	2,890
Heeley Institute - included at insurance value		567,976	-	-	-	567,976	466,749
St Leonard's Church - included at insurance value		3,330,000	-	-	-	3,330,000	2,960,000
Total investment and property assets		3,897,976	-	-	2,775	3,900,751	3,429,639

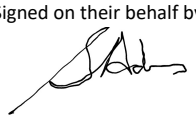
St Leonard's Church is a converted pub that is licenced to carry out religious activities, rather than being consecrated property, therefore it is appropriate to recognise ownership and valuation.

Assets retained for church use
The PCC own a variety of furniture and equipment for use in church activities. No valuation is put on these items.

Debtors						
Gift aid recoverable	2,764	-	92	-	2,856	2,511
Grants - Centenery Project worker	-	-	1,983	-	1,983	-
Utilities and insurance contributions	1,197	-	-	-	1,197	-
Total debtors	3,961	-	2,075	-	6,036	2,511
Liabilities						
Building utilities	-	-	-	-	-	1,241
Salaries, wages and honoraria	4,780	-	7,101	-	11,881	6,669
Accountancy and Independent examination fees	834	-	-	-	834	834
Mission giving and donations	-	-	-	-	-	2,069
Total liabilities	**5,614**	**-**	**7,101**	**-**	**12,715**	10,813

Approved by the PCC on 22 March 2026.

Signed on their behalf by:





Stephen Adams
PCC Lay-Chair

Revd Amy Hole
PCC Chair

1 Accounting policies

Basis of preparation

The account are prepared in line with the Charity Commission guidance on "Receipts and payments" accounts and the Church Accounting Regulation 2016.

Receipts & payments account

Receipts and payments accounts are statements that summarise the movement of cash into and out of the organisation during the financial year. In this context "cash" includes cash equivalents, for example, bank accounts where cash can be readily withdrawn to pay for debts as they become due.

Funds

General funds are donations and other income receivable or generated for the objects of the organisation without further specified purpose.

Designated funds are set aside at the discretion of the PCC.

Restricted funds are to be used for specific purposes as laid down by the donor.

Endowment funds arise from specific gifts left to the church and are held as investments. The investment income generated from these investments can be used towards the same purposes that the investments are held for.

2 Designated funds

	Cash funds brought forward £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers £	Cash funds carried forward £
Toddler group	-	4,333	(3,457)	-	876
Maintenance fund	12,638	-	(7,335)	2,500	7,803
	12,638	**4,333**	**(10,792)**	**2,500**	**8,679**

Toddler group

The toddler group operates as part of the activities of the church so the finances have been included in the church accounts, from 1 January 2025. £1,729 of the income total is the opening funds balance at this date.

Maintenance fund

Monies set aside to fund maintenance work. This fund also received insurance claims made, and associated repair costs.

The PCC have determined to try and set aside at least a further £2,500 towards maintenance from general funds annually from 2022 onwards.

3 Restricted funds

	Cash funds brought forward £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers £	Cash funds carried forward £
Centenary project worker	32,662	36,564	(30,595)	8,434	47,065
Fees	573	289	-	-	862
JAM	374	-	-	-	374
Martha's Kitchen	565	2,122	(1,521)	(900)	266
Free meals	315	-	-	-	315
Collections on behalf of others	499	1,232	(1,473)	(40)	218
Unirecycle	1,179	-	-	-	1,179
Sheffield Town Trust art project	100	-	-	(100)	-
Creche refurbishment	19	-	-	-	19
Dementia Grant	426	400	(281)	-	545
Hardship Fund	-	-	-	350	350
Other grants	-	1,170	(1,090)	-	80
	36,712	**41,777**	**(34,960)**	**7,744**	**51,273**

Centenary project worker
Grants and donations raised for the salary contribution and expenses of a children and families worker, as part of the Centenary project worker scheme run by the Diocese of Sheffield.
£4,209 was transferred from general funds in relation to 2024 and 2025 mission support.
£3,185 was transferred from general funds in relation to Student placement income.

This year the Diocese have contributed towards this by reducing the amount requested for the salary contirubtion - these accounts have shown the contribution within gross income and the full salary costs within expenditure.

Fees
Wedding and funeral fees received and due to be paid to others.
JAM
Monies given for the use of the Tuesday children's groups.
Martha's Kitchen
Monies given towards the community café. £900 was contributed to the Centenary Project worker.
Free meals
Monies given toward free meals to be provided to children over Christmas 2020. The funder has agreed an extension until all monies have been spent.
Collections on behalf of others
Monies raised to be passed on to other organisations.
Unirecycle
Unirecycle is the Uniform Recycle project, recycling school uniform. This now exists as a separate organisation - the balance is due to be paid across to them.
Sheffield Town Trust art project
An Art project that took place during 2023.The balance has been transferred to the Centenary project worker.
Creche refurbishment
Monies given to refurbish the creche.
Dementia Grant
Monies given towards work with the Dementia café.
Hardship Fund
Set up to support those in need.
Other grants
Grants towards VE day, the fund day and the fireworks events, funded by SCC Local Area Committee grants.

4 Endowment funds

	Cash funds brought forward £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers £	Cash funds carried forward £
Churchyard, wall and tower	388	98	-	-	486
	388	**98**	**-**	**-**	**486**

Churchyard, wall and tower
This endowment fund is held as CCLA income shares and a CCLA bank account to receive the dividends towards the upkeep of the churchyard, wall and tower. The investment valuation at the year end was £2,775.

5 Related party transactions
PCC members and their close relatives donated £25,285 (2024: £23,636) in addition to any amounts given within the collection, during the year.

PCC members received no remuneration for their role as trustees during the year. Clergy and staff expenses primarily comprise costs to allow the clergy and staff to fulfil their roles, for example telephone recharges and mileage contributions, as well as vicarage water costs. £2,048 costs were incurred in the yearby the vicar and L Passo (2024: £811).

L Passo, a PCC member, is employed by the Diocese to be the Centenary Project Worker. The cost in the year was £27,354 (2024: £19,394).

J McCarthy, a PCC member, was employed by St Leonard's church as a joint administrator - the cost incurred by Christ Church Heeley in the year were £000 (2024: £4,258).

C Sutherland, a PCC member, was paid £250 honorarium as centre manager. She waived the right to a further £350 and asked that this be set aside in a hardship fund.

Two PCC members are also directors of Uni-recycle CIC, which was set up during the year to operate the Uniform recycling scheme independently from the church. The church held funds on behalf of this organisation at the year end.

The Wilkinson Memorial Fund of Heeley Parish Church (registered charity 231125)
This is an incumbent and churchwardens trust for the relief of poverty. This is a connected charity, but the finances are not included within the PCC accounts because it is a separate registered charity. The following PCC members are also trustees of this charity:
Rev A Hole
S Adams
S Bell

In relation to St Paul & St Leonard's the following PCC members were also trustees of the other organisations involved during the year:
St Paul & St Leonard's Church (registered charity 1145963) S Adams
S Law
There were no transactions during the year. The charity is dormant and needs to be closed with the Charity Commission.

St Leonard's Community Church (registered charity 1195960) S Adams
Rev A Hole
The church building (331 Arbourthorne Road) is being leased to the community church for their use as a worship and community centre, for a peppercorn rent.

There is a shared admin worker, with costs being split between the 2 churches - costs are to be shared.

These connections exist so that the activities within the extended parish can be managed.