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Annual Report of the Parochial Church Council

for the year ending 31st December 2025

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Vicar's Report

2026 marks my fourth year as vicar and believe it or not my fifth annual report! I am writing this on Easter Sunday, following a busy and exciting Holy Week. Having come through the highs and lows of the Triduum from Maundy Thursday to our Easter Vigil services, we celebrated Easter Day at both churches with a good number of people new and old. A personal highlight for me was our first ever full immersion baptism at All Hallows, which after much arranging was a very moving part of our service. As I look back on the past four years here as Priest in Charge, and ahead to the future, I am grateful for the work of God in our parish.

After what has been a difficult period for everyone coming out of Covid and in developing our vision and direction for the future, I believe that exciting times are ahead and we are beginning to see what is in store. From the new members who are coming to church and our community activities, to our children's ministry and opportunities for making disciples - I am excited for all to come in 2026 and beyond. There have been more highlights in the past year than I can even remember, but we have consistently had high levels of engagement in our prayer, study and worship - from Advent and Lent courses at both churches, to a strong showing and welcome to the community over Christmas. Open Tuesdays at St Michael's and Kids Church at All Hallows' have also continued to grow and move forward, and I'm grateful to everyone who helps make these and all our other activities possible.

As we move forward, I would like to continue to share and expand on our vision for our parish and churches, which is:
'To share the good news of God's love and welcome for all, bringing living hope for Ordsall and West Retford. Focusing together on Welcome, Worship and Witness.'

At All Hallows, this looks like an increasing energy and focus on our worship, children's ministry and our life together of prayer and fellowship. At St. Michael's, we have also been focusing on the style and depth of our distinctive worship, making opportunities to pray together, and seeking to make new disciples and recruit more volunteers for the important work we do.

There can be a suspicion at the sort of language used in the planning of vision and strategy, but my hope is that the work of our leaders helps us

to stay as grounded and practical as possible. These things are not jargon or soulless programmes - they are the ways that we discern and share the work and ministry of Christ in our lives. Above all, we remain committed to what matters most: sharing the Good News of Jesus Christ with all we meet, and ensuring the long term stability and direction of our churches as we do so.

I would like to extend my thanks to all of our PCC members, volunteers and church members for your ongoing support for our churches. Without you our churches could not operate and the amazing ongoing work that happens each week is because of your dedication and sacrifice.

As we have celebrated the risen Christ this Easter, I continue to pray that God will open our eyes to his presence, in our lives and in the world.

Alleluia! He is risen!
He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

Rev'd Alex Shiells
Easter Day 2026

1 Statutory Reports

Electoral Roll Report

This year we had to revise the Electoral Roll. The formal notice of revision was published on 15th March, and it was revised between 29th March, then closed on the 5th April.

On Sunday 12th April the redacted Electoral Roll, was displayed for correction only. As of Sunday 26th April the Electoral Roll was 101.

Alison Thorpe Electoral Roll Officer

PCC Secretary's Report

Our Parochial Church Council (PCC) is made up of representatives from our two congregations. It is governed by the Parochial Church Council Powers Measure (1956). PCC members have a legal responsibility for our churches finances, their buildings, movable property, employees and safeguarding. PCC meetings are open to all. At the discretion of the Chair anyone may contribute (and is welcome to do so), though only members may vote.

The PCC members are responsible for making decisions on all matters of general concern and importance to the parish including on how the funds of the PCC are to be spent. The PCC has a Standing Committee and our Fabric and Finance Committees report back to the PCC regularly with minutes of their decisions. There have been six PCC meetings during the year alternating between St Michael's and All Hallows, and six Fabric and Finance Committee meetings, for each of our Churches. Don't forget that the minutes of the PCC meetings are on the on the 'A Church near You' pages, please note that all matters of a confidential nature will have been redacted from the minutes.

Safeguarding is on the PCC agenda for every meeting, and this is taken very seriously. We are indebted to Don Phillips for his extensive knowledge on this subject.

I would like to give my thanks to Revd. Alex and Nigel Bower for their support and also for their excellent chairing of the meetings throughout the year. We always welcome new members to the PCC and we hope that some of you will consider joining us. *Alison Thorpe PCC Secretary*

Safeguarding

As in previous years Safeguarding has been a standing item on the agenda of all meetings of the PCC.

In the summer of 2025 we, in common with other parishes were required to complete an INEQE Workforce Data Survey in relation to our volunteers. This Survey required us to collect and submit information some of which we had not hitherto held e.g. ethnicity and could only be ascertained with the agreement/help of each volunteer.

During the year work has also commenced on achieving the National Safeguarding: Our Parish (Five Standards) starting with Standard One 'Culture, Leadership and Capacity'. This work will be ongoing with completion of all Standards required in 2027.

As is the case every year our volunteers old and new have been undertaking Safeguarding training to ensure we are in compliance with the regulations. To assist us with this task and other workforce issues the Parish has been developing its use of the Safeguarding Hub, a computerised system onto which we enter all of our volunteers and

provides us with various information e.g. reminders which individuals need to update their training.

Finally, this will be my last Annual Report as I am stepping down from the role of Parish Safeguarding Officer so may I take this opportunity to thank everybody from both Churches for your, support which has been much appreciated. *Don Phillips*

Administrative Information

All Hallows Church is located at All Hallows Street, Ordsall, Retford DN22 7TU.

St Michael the Archangel Church is located at Rectory Road, Retford DN22 7AY.

The two churches form the Parish of Ordsall and Retford, St Michael, part of the Church of England Diocese of Southwell and Nottingham.

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The Parochial Church Council (PCC) is registered as a charity with the Charity Commissioners, number 1198455.

Structure, Governance and Management

The Priest in Charge is Rev'd Alex Shiells.

Rev'd Kate Bottley is an Associate Priest, from 17th December 2024.

Those with Permission to Officiate are:

Rev'd David Bean (Distinctive Deacon), Rev'd Nicola Carnall, Rev'd Simon Holdaway, Rev'd Tim Pownall-Jones.

Licensed Lay Minister: Mr Chris Carnall.

For the period 1st January 2025 until the date of approval of this report, the following people served as members of the PCC:

Parochial Church Council 2025 /2026	
Vicar:	Rev. Alex Shiells

Churchwardens:	Nigel Bower (re-elected April '25) Kenny Newstead (from April '25)	Barbara Burrows (until 5/1/25) Michael Storey (term ended April '25)
Deanery Synod Representatives:	1. Helen Richards (until March '25) 2. Vacant	3. John Pugh (from May '25)
Elected Members:		
Until 2028	Gill Glover Kerry Rawlings	Paul Hardman
Until 2027	Chris Porter Rachel Waby	Steve Thorpe
Until 2026	John Chambers (from 15/5/25) Tessa Rolph	Maxine Fisher
	Pam Phillips (until 6/4/25)	Martin Bloomfield (until 6/4/25)
	Chris Trend RIP (until 17/1/25)	Alison Thorpe (until 6/4/25)
	Janet Lewis (term ended 6/4/25)	Kane Marsh (term ended 6/4/25)
	Amanda Old (term ended 6/4/25)	Peter Thomas (term ended 6/4/25)
Co-opted Members:	Don Phillips	Michael Goffin (from 15/5/25)
Observer:	Rev Simon Holdaway	
PCC Officers and Representatives		
Chair:		*Rev'd Alex Shiells*
Lay Vice Chair:		*Nigel Bower*
PCC Secretary:		*Alison Thorpe*
Acting Treasurer:		*Tessa Rolph*
Planned Giving Secretary	All Hallows'	*Malcolm McDonald*
	St Michael's	*Martin Bloomfield*
Electoral Roll Officer:		*Alison Thorpe*
Safeguarding Officer:		*Don Phillips*
DBS Recruiter:		*Gill Glover*
Health & Safety Officer:	All Hallows'	*John Pashley*
	St Michael's	*Rachel Waby*
Property Manager:		*Rachel Waby*
Christian Aid:		*Pat Bloodworth, Joan Henderson, Paul & Sally Hardman*
Children's Society		*Sally Hardman*

Women's World Day of Prayer		*Margaret Akerman, Margaret Green*

FINANCE REPORT

Opening remarks -

As one legal Parish, each church supports the other financially. There has been a continuing improvement in the day-to-day finances of the Parish, in matching income with all the necessary expenditure. However, one or two large unexpected one-off expenses led to some decline in overall ongoing account balances available for general use.

Regular giving, with any associated Gift Aid, is the most significant part of the annual income of the Parish. Towards the end of 2025, the two churches were registered with the Parish Giving Scheme (PGS). Under the Scheme, regular givers can choose to be linked to an automatic increase in their annual giving, to reflect inflationary increases. This is in contrast to the current system, where givers are requested to review their giving every few years. Regular (and new) givers will be invited to transfer to the new Scheme during 2026, but will be able to choose to opt out of any automatic annual increase.

St Michael's had a large increase in its regular planned giving of over 12% in 2025, the bulk of which is Gift Aided by the givers and hence a very important source of income.

Additionally, St Michael's gratefully received a very generous anonymous donation during the year of £35,000 (including related Gift Aid) for the purposes of St Michael's church. This enabled various roof repairs to take place and also helped with the replacement of the carpet.

Legacies and lifetime donations such as these all help to enable plans for development of the longer term vision of reaching out to more people within the Parish. No donation is too small!

The Parish has again been fortunate to access various Grants to support upkeep of the buildings following the 5-yearly independent inspection of the two churches and halls. Grants for such work are obtained where at all possible. However the Listed Places of Worship scheme, whereby churches could reclaim VAT incurred on most church building work, has now ended.

Significant Grants have also been received from the Diocese in the area

of "Growing Disciples". These have been used for resources and to update to digitally enabled equipment which is more accessible for congregations.

Grants have also been received towards the upgrade to the churchyard path at All Hallows, once sufficient funding is in place to enable the work to be carried out.

The tenanted properties (held by the Diocese as Custodian Trustees) continue to provide a significant return as investment assets, although there was an unbudgeted repair cost needed at one property of over £5k. That property has also been reclassified from an Endowment to an Unrestricted asset, following detailed examination of the title deeds held by the Diocese.

The contract for the Children and Families Community Engagement Worker came to an end in mid 2025 and unfortunately it was not possible to obtain further funding to continue with the Toddler Group in Ordsall.

Church Summer and Christmas fairs at both St Michael's and Ordsall churches have been a valuable source of income during the year and are welcome community events. It is anticipated that there will be additional celebrations in 2027 with the significant anniversaries of the two churches.

The Parish Share was paid in full as a matter of PCC policy. The work of our vicar, Revd Alex, together with other assisting clergy and readers is always much appreciated by the congregation and community.

The two churches changed their insurance provider from Trinitas to Ecclesiastical as of 31 December 2025, following a review of cover provided and the annual cost.

Balances held in bank accounts and short-term deposits increased by £23.9k (36.9%). Part of the bank accounts also represents advance grant receipts which will be utilised in 2026, together with the value held in the new Improvements Fund resulting from the large donation received.

End of year assessment – the level of overall wealth increased by £83.1k (19.1%), with Fixed Assets increasing by £42.0k (11.4%). However if the large donation and other Restricted Funds are excluded, Net Current assets reduced in 2025 by £8.6k. This reduction continues to give some cause for concern, and requires constant review to ensure future solvency and opportunities for development.

Anyone wishing to discuss a change in their level of giving, a one-off gift

or the wording for a potential legacy can contact either myself as the Treasurer at Tessa.owr@gmail.com or the regular giving officer, Martin Bloomfield via hello@owrchurches.co.uk.

All Hallows Ordsall – Financial Review 2025

Planned Giving – Regular Gift Aided remained fairly consistent during the year; however the non-Gift Aided planned giving showed a fall of £690. With the addition of regular Gift Aid and GASDS claims, the 2025 totals of £28.6k were down on the previous year (£29.2k). It is hoped that the introduction of the Planned Giving Scheme, with opportunities for planned annual increases in individual giving, will be beneficial.

Casual giving & donations – Plate collections were down by £613 over the year. Casual donations, including online giving, were also less by around £230. However, there was a small increase in donations towards the Sunday and Wednesday tea, coffee and biscuits, totalling a valuable £1,239 for 2025.

All sundry cash donations are eligible for an additional 25% top up from HMRC through the Gift Aid Small Donations Scheme (GASDS)

Grants & legacies – Over £9.5k of Grants were received for specific projects, including £7k in Net Zero and Minor Repairs grants from the Diocese for work to the church heating and repairs to the roof. £1,199 has also been obtained in Grants for work to be carried out on improving parts of the churchyard path that are not public footpaths, once additional funding is available.

A further Grant of £1249 was received from the Diocese towards "Growing Disciples of Christ with Compassion, Confidence and Courage to flourish". This, with the previous grant received, has been used in 2025 for additional children's work and resources. In 2026, the purchase of equipment is planned which uses more up to date technology and widens accessibility to services. No legacies were received in 2025.

Fund raising & events – With the improved lighting and flooring in the Parish Hall, lettings have again increased by a further £1.4k. The Hall is available for both regular group use and weekend parties/wedding receptions. Particular thanks go to the Hall Manager who retired in 2025, after many years looking after the Hall and its users. Bookings are now managed through the Church Office.

The Summer and Christmas fairs resulted in an increased return of £1.9k. The Summer Fair was held on a beautiful summer's evening and returned

to the grounds of Ordsall House, by kind permission of its owners.

Income from Investments – The Church properties continue to be a valuable source of regular income and all rents totalling £23,840 (an increase of £900) were received on time. Bank interest increased due to a more efficient use of the savings account.

Total income for 2025 resulted in an overall decrease of £6.9k. However this is almost entirely reflected in a decrease of £6.7k in income received as Grants and Donations awarded for specific projects.

Charitable Giving – This was around £70 less than the previous year. Local charities continue to be supported, including donations in kind to Bassetlaw Food Bank. The Christmas Christingle service meant we were able to send money as usual to the Children's Society.

Ministry costs – The Parish Share was met in full as a policy of the PCC, an increase of £2.5K on 2024. This helps to ensure that the Diocese is able to pay our members of clergy, who are so essential to initiating and coordinating mission work throughout the Parish.

During the year, the Parish sadly lost Chris Trend, a Licensed Lay Minister at St Michael's Church. Some of the funeral costs were borne by the Parish.

Running costs - Insurance for both churches is paid from the Common fund, and there was a 2.5% increase on 2024, within expectations. Telephone and internet costs rose by £202 (20.1%), mainly due to the cost of routers and service provider charges. This cost is being monitored.

Utilities – Contracts were renegotiated during the year and, with additional work on thermostats, there was a welcome decrease in heating and electricity costs of £1,176.

Church maintenance – Routine maintenance on the church amounted to an increase of around £150. Additional work continues to be carried out with reference to the 5-yearly Quinquennial Review and its priorities. Grants are obtained where possible to assist such work.

Routine church property (cottages) insurance and maintenance reduced by just over £1000.

Parish hall - Electricity and insurance met budgeted targets, though the cost of heating saw an unexpected reduction in gas expenditure, reducing by around £1k (79.4%). The hall's business rates have now levelled out

from previous years, with a substantial discount received.

Overall Parish Hall expenditure has decreased by £1390 (15.7%) in 2025, after excluding the exceptional payment in 2024 for the Hall cleaner back pay. This is largely due to a reduction in any necessary repairs during 2025 and a renegotiation of utility contracts.

Operating Activity costs – These include the costs of the Community Worker who ran a successful weekly Toddler Group session in the Parish Hall until June 2025, mostly funded by a BCVS grant.

Major Repair Expenditure – The significant cost of £2,580 for heating thermostats in the church was funded by a Diocesan Net Zero grant. However other significant work (£5,580) was required once again on one of the Church investment properties, which could not be funded by a Grant.

Support costs – We continue to apply an annual salary increase for our employees, by reference to the Real Living Wage.

Management & Administration - These have seen an overall reduction in costs of £295.

There will probably be some additional costs in this area in the future regarding necessary accounting software and time for the maintenance and oversight of the churches' finances. This has been borne to date by volunteers but is becoming impractical with the increase in range and responsibilities.

Tangible and Investment Assets – A modest increase was applied to the year-end valuations of the Hall and cottages, representing fair asset values in line with similar properties. One of the properties has been reclassified from Endowment Funds to Unrestricted Funds, following a detailed examination of the title deeds for the property.

Shares held increased in market value by £4,183 (89.1%), and the tangible and investment assets increased overall by £42.0k (11.4%).

St Michael's – Financial Review 2025

Planned giving - increased by around £2K (10%), with Gift Aid & GASDS providing an additional £1,150 income. Additionally, a one-off Gift Aid amount of £7K was realised, in respect of an anonymous donation of £28K received during the year. This donation is to be used for the purposes of St Michael's church and was correspondingly designated as a new

Improvements Fund, implemented in March 2025.

Casual giving & donations - Plate collections more than doubled, reflecting the adopted practice of service offerings. Voluntary donations were received towards the cost of the ongoing boiler contract.

Grants & legacies – Two grants were received from Southwell in respect of Minor Repairs & Improvements (MR & I). These were to assist with the ongoing costs of repairs to the church roof and upgrading the church lighting. A legacy from the late Val Smith was used to support the eventual cost of replacing the church carpet.

Fund raising & events – Proceeds from the Michaelmas fayre increased by over £400 – an excellent effort by all who helped. Hall lettings were a little lower than the previous year, though refreshment donations remained on a level par.

Total income – increased by over £53K, though £35K of this reflects the one-off donation and subsequent gift aid recovery, with a further £8136 coming from the two grants.

Charitable giving - St Michael's support of RAKITOVO came to an end in 2025, as our sponsored girl entered adult life. Chosen charities continued to be supported from part of collections at baptism services.

Running costs - Insurance continues to be paid via the Common fund held by All Hallows Ordsall, and a total of £24,250 was contributed by St Michael's to finance this and other identified common expenditure, in particular the Parish Share. The copyright licence was renegotiated, resulting in a net saving of £286.

Utilities – Heating costs increased by around £700 (42%), though electricity costs ended £20 lower than the previous year.

Repairs & maintenance – The organ was not tuned in 2024, and this was finally carried out in October 2025. The alarm systems and fire extinguishers had their annual inspections. PAT testing will be completed in 2026.

Major repairs undertaken in 2025 included over £11k for the church roof and lighting, with a further £266 outlay for the purchase of bell muffles.

Donations towards replacing the church carpet were received in 2025 with a further anonymous donation of £5k in early 2026. The work, totalling £13,560, was completed and paid for in January 2026. It is hoped that

further donations will be received in 2026 towards the current shortfall of £3.5k but any final shortfall will be compensated by the Improvements Fund.

Account balances – It was decided to try and generate additional income from the large donation of £28k received in the year. In that regard, the amount, plus related Gift Aid, was deposited into the Instant Access account shared with Ordsall, generating £450 by way of bank interest.

All capitalised assets held (sound system) had been depreciated in full at the end of 2024.

Other funds – The Reserve fund benefited by £1800 in monthly transfers. These represent 10% of planned giving, and are designed to build up a war chest of around six months identified regular costs. There was no activity on the Development fund, and the Charity fund was not utilised during the year.

Restricted funds are to be used for specific purposes, and these are reported independently to ensure monetary integrity. To that end, the 2 MR & I grants received, together with the Carpet fund, will be fully utilised during 2026. The Growing Disciples fund will continue to support Alex's ministry, and the Improvements fund will also be put to good use by covering grant expenditure shortfalls, and other expenditure deemed appropriate for the improvement of both church and hall.

In conclusion –

The financial situation is improving as the individual Fabric and Finance committees oversee the general planning of any work needed or desired. Regular contracts are monitored and more cost alternatives are negotiated where possible.

It is hoped that the introduction of the Parish Giving Scheme will lead to a more consistent yearly increase in planned giving and encourage additional one-off donations. Regular Gift Aid and GASDS claims are submitted to HMRC to optimise the giving.

We are fortunate to have many dedicated volunteers who help not only with the daily life of the church but also with fund-raising and other activities which involve the wider community. New and/or younger members are now also in evidence, with their more up to date skills, experience and energy.

General Thanks

During 2025, Martin Bloomfield continued to offer invaluable support, which is very much appreciated. He has been particularly helpful again in collating the end of year accounts and in the continuing general support of the accounting software used.

Additional thanks are due to Revd Alex for his support, to Nigel Bower and Kenny Newstead, plus Michael Storey, churchwardens, for helping with the banking of monies and running of the finances, to Peter Thomas and Revd Alex for their success in finding and applying for applicable Grants, to Russell Bloodworth for his noble efforts in helping to sort out the TSB banking requirements and Malcolm McDonald for ensuring the Gift Aid records are kept up to date.

And lastly, but by no means least, to all those who support the churches' work both with their time and financially. *Tessa Rolph, Treasurer*

FABRIC REPORT

All Hallows: Being the newly elected Churchwarden since the March 2025 has been a learning experience and an interesting year. There has been a number of maintenance issues within the church, but with these mainly sorted we are on a better footing for a less maintenance free future.
Alex, Helen and myself have a meeting most Monday mornings at 9.30am, when we discuss up and coming church life for that week and plans for the next few weeks. The heating boilers in the Church had their annual services. There were operating problems with the boilers in the spring of 2025 causing the Church not being as warm as we would like, but these problems have all been sorted.
The church has had a full electrical inspection during summer 2025. Apart from some electrical scorching of one of the three fuse boxes and incoming mains cables the church electrics is in good condition and meets the Church's current electrical power requirement.
A mains isolate was fitted by EON, free of charge, between the incoming electrical mains and the fuse box at the back of the organ to enable the cables coming into the fuse box to be examined.
There is a requirement for additional electrical three pin sockets at the back of church, which is a project for the future. At the moment we are depending upon electrical extensions with multiple extension sockets.
The Diocese is requiring all church buildings to work towards Net Zero Carbon by 2030. To enable us to work towards this we received a grant from the Diocese to upgrade the heating control system, carry out

specialist lagging of pipework in the cellar and to extensively upgrade a number of the lights units in the church to LED lamps. One of the central aisle flood lights, that had not worked for a long period time has been replaced with an up to date LED lamp. This is proving to be quite bright, so in the future the brightness of the lamp will be reduced and the remaining five flood lights will be replaced. The light units in the lady chapel, vestry, Church office and the South porch have been replaced and upgraded to modern LED units. There should have been six up/down lighters installed in the bottom of the central aisle arches, but due to the discovered instability of the plaster on the walls we were only able to install four up/down lighters.

The roof metal work, lead flashing, gutters, downpipes and lightning conductors on All Hallows Church have had SelectaDNA applied and registered to deter theft. There is signage displayed around the Church.

We have a new PA system in the church and there are now two TV screens that are being used during most of the Sunday services. Portable electrical equipment throughout the Church, in March 2026, were PAT tested. When this was carried out additional protection was also built into the electrical system by installing an RCBO into each into the Church fuse boxes.

One of the Pinnacles on the top of the tower has been replaced. Thank you to Peter Thomas for co-ordinating this.

In December there was water seeping under a section of wall on the North side of the church where the Bevercote sculpture is. This was repaired and is being monitored to ensure there is not a future occurrence. At the beginning of December there was a roof water leak above the column on the South West side of the Church. This was repaired and while this was being repaired the roof was fully inspected and any damage tiles replaced, missing tiles fitted and damaged lead flashing joints sealed. The church gutters where also cleared out and during the cleaning of the gutters it was found that one of the downpipes was totally blocked. The downpipe was cleared and a plan is now being put in place to annually clear all gutters and downpipes.

There is stonework dust dropping from off the front of three horizontal narrow stones and one square stone above the South West window, near the font. This will be investigated further, but appears to be because of damp on the stonework causing the stone to crumble. This is something that will be required to be sorted over the coming year.

Thank you to everyone who has helped me through the past year.
Kenny Newstead

St Michael the Archangel

By far the most significant achievement this year has been the completion of our new church carpet project in January. Our thanks go out to all who made this project possible by either making a financial contribution or gave practical assistance during the week of fitting and indeed anyone who made all this possible.

We had work done on the drains and on the community hall gutters which has gone a long way in alleviating the issue of rainwater getting into the hall during heavy rain although there is still an issue in the back corner.

Thanks to a grant we have been able to upgrade the church and hall lighting to LED and also have extra floor lighting installed in three areas deemed possible trip hazards. New lighting was also upgraded on the ramp down to the hall. The church heating boiler thermostat has been increased to its maximum and the time the boiler comes on for services extended. Additional heating sources are being investigated.

After an attempted theft of lead from the entrance porch roof, the whole roof is now marked with smart water deterrent which allows the police to link thieves to specific crime scenes. A new hot water boiler has been purchased and fitted in the hall kitchen. Projects in the pipeline and imminent are the replacement of a new cistern in the hall toilet and also the replacement of taps in one of the wash basins.

It is with great thanks to everyone who gives their time and energy in any to make all these things happen. *Nigel Bower.*

DEANERY SYNOD

The deanery synod provides opportunity to gather, support each other and share ideas about sharing the good news and pray for those challenging things that are happening in the deanery.

- Communicating Eco Church tips & ideas for quick wins, safeguarding updates, and to share Diocesan, Deanery and Area Dean Updates. The Deanery, Diocesan and General Synods are part of the communication network.
- Anyone can attend the Deanery Synod meetings, just let the Deanery Administrator know of any visitors in advance please. The

Bassetlaw and Bawtry Deanery Synod met 3 times, March 12th, July 2nd and November 19th at St Anne's in Worksop. Thank you, St Anne's church, for hosting us each time.

- Parish Share: We are thankful for the continued support across the deanery for contributing to the Parish Share costs. In 2025 the deanery contributed £616,239, an increase of just over £29,000 on last year. THANK YOU!
- At the March Synod, Craig Hunt came to talk about Growing leaders and Enabling commitment. Julie Wragg of Christ Church in Worksop was elected Lay Chair.
- At the July Synod, Stephen Watson, Church Building Support Officer shared with us his role and discussed some funding streams that may be available to churches (Disability Grants, Boiler Hardship Replacement Grants and external funding). Dave Gough shared a piece about the Quiet Revival
- At the November Synod Katrina Proctor the Finance Director visited and thanked the Deanery for their generosity and giving all they have towards the parish share. She talked about the new posts funded by the National church to be Enablers in the parishes. Julie Wragg shared her review of the Diocesan Conference.

Clergy Chapter:

- Louise Bearder was licenced to Blyth, Ranskill and Scrooby on September 15th.
- Liz Mack was licensed to the Oswaldbeck Benefice on September 29th.
- Gareth Banton was licensed to St John's in Worksop on the 1 st December.
- Worksop Priory welcomed Robert Garnett as their curate in September.
- Sadly, Peter Stanley died suddenly in November; he is missed very much by the parishes of Shireoaks and Christ Church in Worksop. Peter was previously the Deanery Treasurer and was on the Diocesan Finance Committee. 'He was a man of faith and shared his faith with those he met'.

Vacancies:

- The churches of St Saviours Retford and All Saints Harworth continue in vacancy in 2025.
- Fr Nicholas Spicer resigned as the Priest in charge of St Paul's Manton in October.
- The Rivers Retford (part of Cluster 2), and Idle & Sands (part of Cluster 1) - these Benefices are still in vacancy and have been re-advertised in January of 2026.
- A huge thank you to the Churchwardens, PCCs and the wonderful Retired Clergy and PTOs who faithfully continue to serve the churches, congregations and parishes during the sometimes-long vacancies.

Our thanks go to: The Deanery Synod Members for all their time they give to serve and represent their Churches and Benefices. To the Deanery Standing Committee Members for their time and energy to help lead the Deanery. To the Lay Chair, Deanery Administrator for their work and the Area Dean who helps to hold everything together.

A reminder that 2026 is a new Deanery Synod Triennium and elections for Deanery Standing committee members will be held in July. Would you consider becoming a member? *John Pugh, with advice of Paula Carlin, Deanery Administrator*

2 Property belonging to the parish

Ordsall Parish Hall

We have built up a number of groups that hire the hall each week, during school term time and sometimes during the school holidays. We could do with some groups to hire the hall during the daytime on Mondays and the afternoons on Tuesdays and Fridays. We have been working on this and if anyone knows of groups that we can approach that may be looking for an hall to hire on a regular weekly basic we would be pleased to know. We do not take booking for the hall on a Sunday because the hall is reserved for Church use. The hall does not have many booking for one off events.

The heating boiler in the parish hall, that heats the large hall, had an annual service and no problems were found. The heating in the entrance and toilets is by two electric heaters and we are reviewing in the near future how these can be better operated to warm the entrance and toilets when it is cold outside. The roof metal work and lead flashing on the hall

have had Smartwater applied and registered to deter theft. There is signage displayed around the hall. Portable electrical equipment through out the parish hall, in March 2026, were PAT tested.
We have been in discussions with EON, the hall gas supplier, since September 2025 to install a smart meter. However, they have said that because we are a public building we need another air vent installed before they can fit a smart meter, but they do not have any details of the vent size, type, how far from the gas meter and how far up from the floor. We are continuing with the discussion and hope to come to some conclusion in the near future.
The gutters were cleared and a plan is now being put in place to annually clear all gutters and downpipes. There was a damp survey carried out on the hall in September 2025 and the report shows that there is substantial damp though out the building that will require to be addressed in the future. Discussions will be taking place in the next few months to determine how to proceed with tackling the damp as it will be an expensive exercise to address the problem.
Thank you to everyone who has helped me through the past year. *Kenny Newstead*

St Michael's Community Hall

There is very little to report from St Michael's hall apart from the usual Tuesday church meetings, a regular monthly meeting of Retford Civic Society who give a generous payment, and a monthly meeting of the metal detectorists. Occasional private bookings are restricted by limited parking availability. We are no further forward from last year. *Prue Lamb*

Cottages & 19 Grange Road

Glebe Cottage A rent increase was issued In October 2025 and implemented in November 2025, bringing the rent to £710 per month. No significant maintenance works have been undertaken, however as previously reported if the tenant moved out the property would require some updating.

Croft Cottage As above the rent was increased in November 2025 to £710 per month.

Grange Road This property has continued to require significant financial investment throughout 2025. Works carried out included major bathroom repairs, internal and external door fixes, and the installation of a new stair

carpet. Further work is already scheduled for 2026 to address a recurring damp issue in the living room. As it has also not been possible to obtain the usual annual rent increase for the property, the PCC has made the decision to sell the property, if possible, given the ongoing costs and limited financial return. The tenant has been served notice and is actively searching for alternative accommodation. Estate agents have been instructed to manage the sale, and solicitors have been appointed to act when required. *Rachel Waby*

Community Allotment

A year of comings and goings in terms of plot holders. Several took on plots with great enthusiasm which soon waned or their circumstances changed and they were unable to keep on top of their plot. We have several plot holders however who keep up regular maintenance. At the year end there are 13 plots let and one vacant. An interesting series of 3 aerial photographs was given to us by Mr Fisher, a long standing plot holder, of the allotment area in different years. *Peter Thomas*

3 Church activities throughout the year

All Hallow's Children's Ministry 25/26

This year, it feels like we have been able to establish a yearly cycle of regular activities aimed at children and their families. We are very grateful for everyone who has volunteered throughout the year at any children's events from ensuring people feel welcomed with drinks and biscuits to leading activities and clearing up, especially when glitter has been involved!

Alex has continued to do termly visits to Ordsall Primary School delivering assemblies. We have also tried to ensure that children's events are advertised through the school and have seen new families join us because of this. We would love to expand our schools' ministry and we continue to pray about the best way to do this and further strengthen this relationship.

Kids' Church has happened monthly, seeing new families joining and returning.

Our one off annual events have continued to see great success. Despite clashing with the very popular Rugby Club fireworks, our Spooky Spectacular saw over 90 children attending with their adults and great engagement in all the activities especially the prayer tree and secret message treasure hunt. For the first time, we ran a Kids' Church Pancake Party which proved very popular and brought a mixture of new and familiar families. We tried a booking system for this event which was helpful for planning and something we'll definitely use again in the future. Our Easter Kids' Church on Good Friday and All Age worship Easter service were very well attended. We welcomed 24 children and their families on Good Friday and 12 families on Sunday all of whom have previously been to events before and we saw great community and engagement.

In July, Becki completed the year long Youth, Children and Families Ministry Course with the diocese and since September, All Hallow's were invited to take part in the Inspire course. So far Becki and Alex have taken part in 2 out of the 3 weekend sessions allowing us to reflect on successes, spend time chatting about and sharing ideas with others and planning children's ministry into the future. *Becki Porter*

HEALTH AND SAFETY

All Hallows' It pleasing to report that there have been no major accidents to report this year. However, we should not become complacent so please take care not only in church but also in the churchyard and church hall. Please remember that not only are we responsible for our own safety but we are also responsible for other people's safety. All of our statutory checks were updated in the health and safety files this year. Big thank you to Helen for all the help this year and also a big thank you to Peter for his help checking the grave stones in the church yard. *John Pashley*

St Michael's The principal health and safety concern within the church building has been the presence of trip hazards resulting from raised and uneven flooring surfaces. Remedial action has been undertaken, including the installation of new carpeting, which has significantly mitigated a number of these hazards. Furthermore, enhanced lighting has been introduced in areas where floor levels vary, improving visibility and helping to clearly identify potential risks.

No major accidents or reportable incidents have been recorded in the accident book. While trips and falls have been noted, the control measures recently implemented are expected to substantially reduce the likelihood of recurrence and improve overall safety within the premises. *Rachel Waby*

Bell Ringing

There is still a shortage of Ringers across Retford. We have a small core group that ring for services at St Michaels and All Hallows for Sunday morning services as required, though there are occasions when we are unable to ring on Sunday mornings due to holidays or illness. Our thanks go to these ringers as without their continued willingness to be flexible, we would be unable to ring for as many services as we do.

We practice every Monday from 7.00 pm till 8.30pm, excluding public holidays, so anyone who is interested is welcome to come and give it a try. We have a good number of novice ringers, though we appear to have lost a few since my last report. We now hold our practice nights at St Michaels on the first Monday of each month and St Swithin's on the third Monday, all other practice nights are at All Hallows, this gives our learners experience on different bells, as well as keeping all the bells in Retford active.

During the year there has been one full peal and 4 quarter peals rung at All Hallows and 2 quarter peals at St Michaels. We held our Christmas social evening for the ringers in the All Hallows the church hall, which was a great success, so we are already planning a repeat in the coming year. *Paul Richards – All Hallows Tower Captain*

Ordsall Churchyard Group

This is the first year since there has been a group that we have been able to tackle the whole of the top part of the churchyard. This is down to having recruited more volunteers from the community who have heard about our activity and have come to join. This has stretched our equipment resources which are mostly, at least the mowers, all 'hand me downs'. Fortunately we have had a generous donation from Mike Introna from his County Councillor budget which has enabled us to order a new small mower and protective safety equipment. The display of wild flowers,

snowdrops, daffodils and bluebells makes the churchyard most attractive at this time. Public comments about the appearance of the churchyard have been very positive. *Peter Thomas*

Open Church

All Hallows' "Places of Welcome" continues to welcome everyone in the community who would like a free cup of coffee etc and biscuit on a Wednesday morning in All Hallows church from 10 – 12am. (This also follows on from the Holy Communions held at 9.30am on the first and third Wednesdays.) It is a lovely opportunity to meet new people, especially if you are new to the area. We regularly welcome between 18 and 30 people, who have formed new friendships over the years and found much to talk about and chew over! There is also an opportunity mid-morning to share information about events happening in the church and locally. Dogs (on leads) are very welcome too. *Tessa Rolph*

St Michael's
We have had a busy year!
We have welcomed 1,174 people through the door, of whom most have had more than one cup of tea or coffee, 431 have had soup and a roll, our coat rail has provided for individuals, Ukrainian refugees, and an offenders' rehabilitation centre. We have been able to 'signpost' enquirers to support agencies, we have had an art demonstration, heard about our local Rotary group's visit to a project in Africa. We have welcomed a bell-ringing group, a church youth group and visitors looking for church history as well as many just dropping in for company and a chat. We have learned a lot about asylum seekers and coping with non-English speakers too!
The afternoon 'craft session' has 6 regular crafters and others who stay to support them, make tea and generally put them off by chatting! More are joining in with a communal poppy knitting effort in good time for Remembrance-Tide.
We have been grateful this year for the gift of bread rolls each week from the Vintage Bakery in Bridgegate, fresh and delicious.
But our main thanks go to our brilliant volunteers, without whom we just could not provide a place of welcome and hospitality to all who need and value its presence. *Janet Lewis*

Craft Circle

Craft Circle has continued to meet over this past year, initially at the Rectory and latterly in Ordsall Parish Hall. Over time the group has grown

and it continues to provide a warm, friendly and supportive atmosphere for church and community members alike. Each week we have between 6 and 9 in attendance, and having moved the group to the Parish Hall, we have plenty of space to grow. Those in attendance take part in a variety of crafts, including card making, knitting, crochet and more. Refreshments are also served and cakes and biscuits are often brought!
The group meets in Ordsall Parish Hall between 1.30 and 3pm every Wednesday. All are welcome to come along, whether to craft, chat, or both! If you would like any further information, please let me know and I will be happy to help introduce you to the group. *Alex Shiells*

Merry Ladies

The Merry Ladies continue to meet every Wednesday at 10am at The Glass Lounge (formally The Glass House). Our numbers vary between 6 & 12 and because of the Lounges generous loyalty scheme we occasionally have a free coffee. We extend a warm welcome to any lady who wishes to come along and have an hour's company and a natter. Merriment, though not obligatory is favoured and much appreciated. *Pat Bloodworth*

After Sunday Service refreshments

We have continued to serve refreshments after the service every Sunday throughout the year. We have a small but dedicated team of volunteers who usually take a turn in pairs on the rota about once a month. The team would welcome any additional helpers even if it was an occasional Sunday to support us. I continue to organise the rota, please contact me if you would like to join us. The generous donations offered for refreshments fund the purchasing of kitchen supplies. We have expanded the products we offer to meet the needs of various dietary requirements.

The refreshments after the Sunday service are appreciated by many. It is a time that gives people the chance to talk to others, meet up with friends and make any new people very welcome. *Amanda Old*

The Benefice of Ordsall & Retford Saint Michaels

Financial Statements

For the year ending

31 December 2025

Charity No. 1198455

The Benefice of Ordsall & Retford Saint Michaels

Financial Statements for the year ended 31 December 2025

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S.O.F.A (Statement of Financial Activites)		Unrestricted Funds	Designated Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	2025	2024
Incoming Resources from Donors	2.1	65,833.39	-	35,300.00	-	**101,133.39**	62,179.78
Voluntary Incoming Resources	2.2	2,716.27	6.00	24,686.62	-	**27,408.89**	21,154.64
Income from Operating Activities	2.3	26,530.13	-	-	-	**26,530.13**	26,516.06
Income from Investments	2.4	24,063.32	885.12	-	-	**24,948.44**	23,389.60
Other Incoming Resources	2.5	217.95	493.00	-	-	**710.95**	715.35
TOTAL INCOMING RESOURCES		119,361.06	1,384.12	59,986.62	-	**180,731.80**	133,955.43
Charitable Giving	3.1	812.15	-	-	-	**812.15**	1,054.69
Directly Related Activities	3.2	107,370.23	9,388.66	14,056.52	-	**130,815.41**	133,838.95
Management and Administration	3.3	3,985.17	-	-	-	**3,985.17**	4,703.49
Cost of Generating Funds	3.4	2,713.49	-	1,916.19	-	**4,629.68**	5,517.30
TOTAL RESOURCES EXPENDED		114,881.04	9,388.66	15,972.71	-	**140,242.41**	145,114.43
Net (outgoing) / incoming resources		4,480.02	(8,004.54)	44,013.91	-	**40,489.39**	(11,159.00)
Gains & Losses on investments		577.00	-	-	42,033.67	**42,610.67**	25,781.60
Transfers between funds		82,123.99	10,100.41	125.60	(92,350.00)	**-**	-
Net movement in funds		87,181.01	2,095.87	44,139.51	(50,316.33)	**83,100.06**	14,622.60
Total funds brought forward		38,109.83	21,135.84	3,908.49	371,192.15	**434,346.31**	419,723.71
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD		**125,290.84**	**23,231.71**	**48,048.00**	**320,875.82**	**517,446.37**	**434,346.31**

BALANCE SHEET		Unrestricted Funds	Designated Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	2025	2024
Fixed Assets							
Tangible Assets	4.1	-	-	-	61,000.00	**61,000.00**	55,900.00
Investment Assets	4.2	92,350.00	-	-	258,875.82	**351,225.82**	314,292.15
		92,350.00	-	-	319,875.82	**412,225.82**	370,192.15
Current Assets							
Short Term Deposits	5.2	24,310.77	18,858.27	32,496.74	1,000.00	**76,665.78**	1,003.35
Bank Accounts and Cash	5.3	5,348.89	4,373.44	15,476.26	-	**25,198.59**	62,739.86
Debtors	6.1	3,281.18	-	75.00	-	**3,356.18**	3,331.15
		32,940.84	23,231.71	48,048.00	1,000.00	**105,220.55**	67,074.36
Current Liabilities							
Creditors	6.2	-	-	-	-	**-**	2,920.20
Net current assets		32,940.84	23,231.71	48,048.00	1,000.00	**105,220.55**	64,154.16
Total Assets less Current Liabilities		**125,290.84**	**23,231.71**	**48,048.00**	**320,875.82**	**517,446.37**	**434,346.31**
BREAKDOWN OF FUNDS	9.0						
Unrestricted		125,290.84	-	-	-	**125,290.84**	38,109.83
Designated		-	23,231.71	-	-	**23,231.71**	21,135.84
Restricted		-	-	48,048.00	-	**48,048.00**	3,908.49
Endowment		-	-	-	320,875.82	**320,875.82**	371,192.15
TOTAL FUNDS		**125,290.84**	**23,231.71**	**48,048.00**	**320,875.82**	**517,446.37**	**434,346.31**

Accounts approved by the Parochial Church Council on 8th April 2026

and signed on behalf of the members by Alison J. Thorpe.

Tessa J Ralph

The Benefice of Ordsall and Retford Saint Michael - Financial accounts year ending 31st December 2025

Notes to Accounts

		Unrestricted Funds	Designated Funds	Restricted Funds	2025	2024
2.1	**Incoming Resources from Donors**					
	Planned Giving - Gift Aid	35,832.00	-	-	**35,832.00**	33,601.00
	Planned Giving - non GA	3,209.00	-	-	**3,209.00**	4,006.00
	Envelopes - Gift Aid	3,562.00	-	-	**3,562.00**	3,467.00
	Envelopes - non GA	734.00	-	-	**734.00**	1,095.00
N01	Gift Aid recovered	9,907.56	-	7,300.00	**17,207.56**	9,284.16
	GASDS Top-ups	2,788.04	-	-	**2,788.04**	2,159.69
	Collections	6,074.64	-	-	**6,074.64**	4,896.16
	Baptisms	548.81	-	-	**548.81**	945.04
	Memorial services	216.29	-	-	**216.29**	247.32
	Church Box	177.50	-	-	**177.50**	141.52
	Donations - Gift Aid	929.00	-	28,000.00	**28,929.00**	606.00
	Donations - non GA	693.40	-	-	**693.40**	876.79
	Online giving	1,161.15	-	-	**1,161.15**	854.10
		65,833.39	**-**	**35,300.00**	**101,133.39**	**62,179.78**
2.2	**Voluntary Incoming Resources**					
N02	Grants	-	-	16,481.43	**16,481.43**	14,825.14
	VAT Recovered	-	-	1,550.30	**1,550.30**	452.12
	Legacies	-	-	1,955.88	**1,955.88**	-
	Messy Church receipts	-	-	-	**-**	29.00
	Refreshment donations	2,446.27	-	-	**2,446.27**	2,369.98
	Restricted donations	270.00	6.00	4,699.01	**4,975.01**	3,478.40
		2,716.27	**6.00**	**24,686.62**	**27,408.89**	**21,154.64**
2.3	**Income from Operating Activities**					
	Hall Lettings	10,831.27	-	-	**10,831.27**	9,468.00
N03	PCC fees retained	4,854.00	-	-	**4,854.00**	6,543.00
N03	Heating fees	1,300.00	-	-	**1,300.00**	2,082.00
N04	Fund Raising & Events	8,672.74	-	-	**8,672.74**	8,068.06
	Allotment rent	610.00	-	-	**610.00**	355.00
	Hall events	104.04	-	-	**104.04**	-
	Other operating activities	158.08	-	-	**158.08**	-
		26,530.13	**-**	**-**	**26,530.13**	**26,516.06**
2.4	**Income from Investments**					
	Interest	3.32	651.56	-	**654.88**	41.16
	Dividends	-	233.56	-	**233.56**	208.44
	Rent from Church use	220.00	-	-	**220.00**	200.00
	House rents	23,840.00	-	-	**23,840.00**	22,940.00
		24,063.32	**885.12**	**-**	**24,948.44**	**23,389.60**
2.5	**Other Incoming Resources**					
	Bell fund	-	493.00	-	**493.00**	400.00
	Ride & Stride receipts	112.50	-	-	**112.50**	110.00
	Christingle service	68.40	-	-	**68.40**	175.95
	Sundry income	37.05	-	-	**37.05**	29.40
		217.95	**493.00**	**-**	**710.95**	**715.35**
Total Incoming Resources		**119,361.06**	**1,384.12**	**59,986.62**	**180,731.80**	**133,955.43**

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		Unrestricted Funds	Designated Funds	Restricted Funds	2025	2024
3.1	**Charitable Giving**					
	Secular Charities	530.37	-	-	**530.37**	85.00
	Baptism donations	83.38	-	-	**83.38**	65.65
	Poppy Appeal	25.00	-	-	**25.00**	86.20
	Rakitovo	105.00	-	-	**105.00**	280.00
	Childrens Society	68.40	-	-	**68.40**	175.95
	Bassetlaw Food Bank	-	-	-	**-**	361.89
		812.15	**-**	**-**	**812.15**	**1,054.69**
3.2	**Directly Related Activities** (*sub-total*)	107,370.23	9,388.66	14,056.52	**130,815.41**	133,838.95
3.21	**Ministry Costs**					
N05	Parish Share	65,088.00	-	-	**65,088.00**	62,592.00
	Clergy expenses	108.88	-	-	**108.88**	152.75
	Assistant ministers	50.00	-	-	**50.00**	-
	Ministry travel	633.87	-	-	**633.87**	-
	Other ministry costs	697.00	-	-	**697.00**	-
		66,577.75	**-**	**-**	**66,577.75**	**62,744.75**
3.22	**Running Costs**					
N06	Insurance	5,833.42	-	-	**5,833.42**	5,687.88
	Heating	4,953.18	-	-	**4,953.18**	5,642.74
	Electricity	1,778.47	-	-	**1,778.47**	1,576.98
	Cleaning materials	55.43	-	-	**55.43**	-
	Sanitary / First aid supplies	-	-	-	**-**	44.60
	Water & Sewerage	308.23	-	-	**308.23**	179.17
	Telephones / internet	1,315.31	-	-	**1,315.31**	1,214.01
		14,244.04	**-**	**-**	**14,244.04**	**14,345.38**
3.23	**Church Maintenance**					
	Minor repairs	85.00	49.91	-	**134.91**	217.79
	Equipment payments	214.99	-	-	**214.99**	226.41
	PAT testing	-	-	-	**-**	60.00
	Organ maintenance	130.00	204.00	-	**334.00**	-
	Security alarm payments	2,484.83	-	-	**2,484.83**	2,954.40
	Photocopier finance & maintenance	2,257.60	-	-	**2,257.60**	2,147.60
	Fire extinguishers	146.40	-	-	**146.40**	219.00
	Boiler maintenance	2,264.00	-	-	**2,264.00**	2,351.50
	House payments	-	1,025.48	-	**1,025.48**	1,771.20
	House insurance	-	779.73	-	**779.73**	1,122.31
	Churchyard maintenance	-	950.72	-	**950.72**	672.70
	Depreciation - Multimedia	-	-	-	**-**	402.33
	Depreciation - Church equipment	-	-	-	**-**	2,406.37
	Other routine maintenance	216.00	-	-	**216.00**	180.19
		7,798.82	**3,009.84**	**-**	**10,808.66**	**14,731.80**
3.24	**Upkeep of Services**					
	Altar Requisites	851.95	-	-	**851.95**	959.94
	Copyright Licence	342.26	-	-	**342.26**	624.09
	Flowers	42.63	-	-	**42.63**	-
	Other upkeep of services	-	-	-	**-**	86.65
		1,236.84	**-**	**-**	**1,236.84**	**1,670.68**

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		Unrestricted Funds	Designated Funds	Restricted Funds	2025	2024
3.25	**Church Hall Costs**					
N06	Hall Insurance	1,003.32	-	-	**1,003.32**	978.24
	Hall Heating	323.44	-	-	**323.44**	262.09
	Hall Electricity	1,148.57	-	-	**1,148.57**	1,897.64
	Hall Water	542.65	-	-	**542.65**	462.11
	Hall repairs / maintenance	460.54	-	-	**460.54**	1,215.71
	Hall Cleaner	3,683.65	-	-	**3,683.65**	3,913.05
	Alcohol licence	180.00	-	-	**180.00**	180.00
	Business rates	144.81	-	-	**144.81**	2.77
	Hall cleaning materials	121.53	-	-	**121.53**	-
	Hall extinguishers	37.80	-	-	**37.80**	-
	Hall cleaner back pay	-	-	-	**-**	2,235.00
	Other church hall payments	322.53	-	-	**322.53**	384.08
		7,968.84	**-**	**-**	**7,968.84**	**11,530.69**
3.26	**Operating Activities**					
	Training costs	194.00	-	-	**194.00**	265.16
	Outreach costs	-	-	-	**-**	171.00
N07	Community worker	1,332.00	-	-	**1,332.00**	3,640.00
	Childrens ministry	4.95	-	-	**4.95**	651.24
	Toddler Group equipment	-	-	-	**-**	500.00
		1,530.95	**-**	**-**	**1,530.95**	**5,227.40**
3.27	**Major Repair Expenditure**					
N08	Other major repairs	432.00	6,378.82	14,056.52	**20,867.34**	15,416.91
		432.00	**6,378.82**	**14,056.52**	**20,867.34**	**15,416.91**
3.28	**Support Costs**					
	Parish Administrator	6,289.92	-	-	**6,289.92**	6,815.83
	Church Cleaner	1,291.07	-	-	**1,291.07**	1,355.51
		7,580.99	**-**	**-**	**7,580.99**	**8,171.34**
3.3	**Management and Administration**					
	Auditor fees	1,005.00	-	-	**1,005.00**	1,080.00
	Investment costs & letting fees	2,145.60	-	-	**2,145.60**	2,163.55
	SumUp fees	21.49	-	-	**21.49**	11.48
	Website costs	-	-	-	**-**	158.25
	Subscriptions paid	130.00	-	-	**130.00**	70.00
	Computer costs	45.75	-	-	**45.75**	315.37
	Printing	47.47	-	-	**47.47**	21.11
	Photocopying	237.48	-	-	**237.48**	189.16
	Stationery	163.12	-	-	**163.12**	-
	Publicity	-	-	-	**-**	242.42
	Travel expenses	-	-	-	**-**	409.36
	DBS checks	126.66	-	-	**126.66**	42.79
	Sundry expenditure	62.60	-	-	**62.60**	-
		3,985.17	**-**	**-**	**3,985.17**	**4,703.49**

Notes to Accounts

		Unrestricted Funds	Designated Funds	Restricted Funds	2025	2024
3.4	**Cost of Generating Funds**					
	Costs incurred per Grants	-	-	-	-	7.95
N09	Fund raising costs	2,537.50	-	-	**2,537.50**	2,682.86
	Catering supplies	236.95	-	-	**236.95**	-
	Development Fund	-	-	-	-	1,500.00
	Growing Disciples payments	(60.96)	-	1,916.19	**1,855.23**	1,326.49
		2,713.49	**-**	**1,916.19**	**4,629.68**	**5,517.30**
Total Resources Expended		**114,881.04**	**9,388.66**	**15,972.71**	**140,242.41**	**145,114.43**

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		Unrestricted Funds	Designated Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	2025	2024
4.1	**Tangible Assets**						
	All Hallows Church Ordsall	-	-	-	61,000.00	**61,000.00**	55,900.00
		-	-	-	61,000.00	**61,000.00**	55,900.00
4.2	**Investment Assets**						
N10	All Hallows Church Ordsall	92,350.00	-	-	258,875.82	**351,225.82**	314,292.15
		92,350.00	-	-	258,875.82	**351,225.82**	314,292.15
5.2	**Short Term Deposits**						
	All Hallows Church Ordsall	9,036.90	11,179.34	-	1,000.00	**21,216.24**	1,003.35
	St Michael's Church Retford	15,273.87	7,678.93	32,496.74	-	**55,449.54**	-
		24,310.77	18,858.27	32,496.74	1,000.00	**76,665.78**	1,003.35
5.3	**Bank Accounts and Cash**						
	All Hallows Church Ordsall	4,243.30	-	7,718.89	-	**11,962.19**	37,597.06
	St Michael's Church Retford	1,105.59	4,373.44	7,757.37	-	**13,236.40**	25,142.80
		5,348.89	4,373.44	15,476.26	-	**25,198.59**	62,739.86
6.1	**Sundry Debtors**						
N11	All Hallows Church Ordsall	1,624.73	-	-	-	**1,624.73**	2,068.82
N11	St Michael's Church Retford	1,656.45	-	75.00	-	**1,731.45**	1,262.33
		3,281.18	-	75.00	-	**3,356.18**	3,331.15
6.2	**Sundry Creditors**						
	All Hallows Church Ordsall	-	-	-	-	-	2,920.20
		-	-	-	-	-	2,920.20
7.0	**Analysis of Net Assets**						
	Tangible Fixed Assets	-	-	-	61,000.00	**61,000.00**	55,900.00
	Investment Fixed Assets	92,350.00	-	-	258,875.82	**351,225.82**	314,292.15
	Current Assets	32,940.84	23,231.71	48,048.00	1,000.00	**105,220.55**	67,074.36
	Current Liabilities	-	-	-	-	-	(2,920.20)
		125,290.84	**23,231.71**	**48,048.00**	**320,875.82**	**517,446.37**	**434,346.31**

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	Unrestricted Funds	Designated Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Market value as at 31st Dec 2025	Market value as at 31st Dec 2024
8.1 Capital Investments						
All Hallows Ordsall...						
Lloyds Bank						
708 @ 99.26p	-	-	-	700.78	**700.78**	388.27
Severn Trent						
69 @ 2806.00p	-	-	-	1,936.14	**1,936.14**	1,731.21
Banco Santander						
701 @ 890.00p	-	-	-	6,238.90	**6,238.90**	2,572.67
	-	-	-	**8,875.82**	**8,875.82**	4,692.15

The above market valuation is based on the mid-range price quoted on 31st December 2025

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9.0 Fund Movements	Opening Balance	Total Income	Total Expenditure	Total Adjustments	Closing Balance
Unrestricted					
All Hallows Church Ordsall	23,320.43	83,939.60	(108,881.69)	108,876.59	**107,254.93**
St Michael's Church Retford	14,789.40	35,421.46	(5,999.35)	(26,175.60)	**18,035.91**
	38,109.83	**119,361.06**	**(114,881.04)**	**82,700.99**	**125,290.84**
Designated					
All Hallows Church Ordsall	10,818.92	928.35	(8,868.34)	8,300.41	**11,179.34**
St Michael's Church Retford	10,316.92	455.77	(520.32)	1,800.00	**12,052.37**
	21,135.84	**1,384.12**	**(9,388.66)**	**10,100.41**	**23,231.71**
Restricted					
All Hallows Church Ordsall	2,609.68	9,544.44	(4,435.23)	-	**7,718.89**
St Michael's Church Retford	1,298.81	50,442.18	(11,537.48)	125.60	**40,329.11**
	3,908.49	**59,986.62**	**(15,972.71)**	**125.60**	**48,048.00**
Endowment					
All Hallows Church Ordsall	371,192.15	-	-	(50,316.33)	**320,875.82**
	371,192.15	**-**	**-**	**(50,316.33)**	**320,875.82**
Total Funds	**434,346.31**	**180,731.80**	**(140,242.41)**	**42,610.67**	**517,446.37**

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		All Hallows Church Ordsall	St Michael's Church Retford	TOTAL
N01	**Gift Aid recovered -** *(Designated)*			
	Anonymous donation for St Michaels improvements	-	7,000.00	7,000.00
	Carpet donations	-	300.00	300.00
		-	7,300.00	**7,300.00**
N02	**Grants -**			
	SDBF MR&I grant	2,862.22	-	2,862.22
	SDBF Net Zero Grant - heating/lighting/glass	4,234.21	-	4,234.21
	Growing Disciples	1,249.00	-	1,249.00
	MR & I Grant	-	4,086.00	4,086.00
	MR & I Grant	-	4,050.00	4,050.00
		8,345.43	8,136.00	**16,481.43**
N03	**PCC Fees -**			
	Gross receipts			11,773.00
	Diocese payments			(3,645.00)
	Minister payments			(1,054.00)
	Verger fees			(700.00)
	Organist fees			(100.00)
	Bell ringers			(120.00)
				6,154.00
	Fees retained			**(4,854.00)**
	Heating contribution			**(1,300.00)**
				Nil
N04	**Fund raising & events -** *(see N09)*			
	Pancakes & Beetle Drive 4/3/25	105.80	-	105.80
	Quizzes	428.00	-	428.00
	Summer fayre	936.70	-	936.70
	Christmas fayre	942.92	-	942.92
	Live & Local	4,821.20	-	4,821.20
	Rags Bin	59.64	-	59.64
	Autumn Fayre	-	1,285.57	1,285.57
	Ink recycling	-	92.91	92.91
		7,294.26	1,378.48	**8,672.74**
N05	**Parish Share -** Diocese requested target paid in full			65,088.00
N06	**Insurance -**			
	Church buildings	2,719.90	2,274.48	4,994.38
	Church halls	1,003.32	839.04	1,842.36
		3,723.22	3,113.52	**6,836.74**
N07	**Community worker -**			
	5 months salary was paid from General funds	**1,332.00**		
	previous emplyment had been grant funded by BCVS			

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		All Hallows Church Ordsall	St Michael's Church Retford	TOTAL
N08	**Major repairs -**			
	19 Grange Road	5,580.00	-	5,580.00
	Bell tower	532.41	-	532.41
	Heating thermostat	2,580.00	-	2,580.00
	Electrical inspection	432.00	-	432.00
	Carpet replacement	-	300.00	300.00
	Roof repairs	-	8,218.84	8,218.84
	Lighting	-	2,957.68	2,957.68
	Bell ropes	-	266.41	266.41
		9,124.41	11,742.93	**20,867.34**
N09	**Fund raising costs -** *(see N04)*			
	Pancake party	71.53	-	71.53
	Quiz	80.00	-	80.00
	Live & Local	2,363.51	-	2,363.51
	Autumn Fayre	-	22.46	22.46
		2,515.04	22.46	**2,537.50**

N10 **19 Grange Road -**

The property value for 19 Grange Road has been transferred from Endowment to Unrestricted Funds at 31 December 2025, following a recent detailed examination of the title deeds for the property held by the Diocesan Board of Finance as Custodian Trustees. These provided information that funds realised on any potential sale of the property would be available for unrestricted use.

N11	**Sundry Debtors -**			
	HMRC - Q4 gift aid	1,177.00	-	1,177.00
	HMRC - Q4 GASDS	305.23	-	305.23
	Parish Giving Scheme pending	142.50	-	142.50
	HMRC - Q4 Gift Aid pending	-	1,348.75	1,348.75
	HMRC - Q4 GASDS pending	-	382.70	382.70
		1,624.73	1,731.45	**3,356.18**

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I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the charity for the year ended 31 December 2025 which are set out on pages 1 to 11.

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Independent examiner's statement

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