Introduction

Reference and Administration

The full name of the church is St. James' Parish Church, Higher Broughton, Salford, Lancashire which is in the deanery of Salford within the Manchester Diocese. St. James is also a member of the Broughton Team Ministry which is a team of two independent parishes. The church is located on Great Cheetham Street East near the junction with Leicester Road. The correspondence address is:

St. James Rectory,
396, Great Cheetham Street East,
Higher Broughton,
Salford,
M7 4UH.

The ministry team during the year has consisted of:--

Team Priest-in-charge	Rev. Christine Threlfall
Reader Emeritus	Mr. F.S. Jones
Reader	Mr. Derek Urhoghide +

The names of those people who have served on the Parochial Church Council during the year are:-

Warden	Mr. S.N. Wood
Lay-vice Chair	Mr. S.N. Wood *
Secretary	Mr. S. Horrocks
Treasurer	Mr. S.N. Wood
	Miss C. Hughes *
	Mr. S. Horrocks
	Mr. D. Jackson – deputy church warden
	Ms. C. Muir (+ provisional)
	Ms. Anne-Marie Smith – Safeguarding Officer – co-opted
	Mr. J.R.H. Byron – co-opted

* Team Council Representatives
\+ Deanery Synod Representatives

Electoral Roll Officer	Mr.. S.N. Wood
Health and Safety Officer	Mr. D. Threlfall
Gift Aid Secretary	Mr. S.N. Wood

The Standing Committee of the P.C.C. consists of:

The Chairman;
The Church Wardens;
The Secretary;
The Treasurer.

Independent examiner Ms. L.A. Durrington
Church bankers The Co-operative Bank

Structure, governance and management

The Parochial Church Council is a corporate body established by the Church of England. The P.C.C. operates under the Parochial Church Council Powers Measure. The P.C.C. is a registered charity in its own right.

Membership of the P.C.C. is open to anyone who has been on the electoral roll of the parish for six months or more prior to the A.P.C.M. or who is eighteen at the time of the A.P.C.M..

During the year the P.C.C. met only twice in full session. There have been several P.C.C. meetings which have used electronic communication methods to reach a decision on some matter which had a degree of urgency about it. These meetings have discussed many, wide-ranging issues connected with the parish. Among these have been:

- The reports which make up the Annual Report presented at the A.P.C.M.;
- Financing the future of St. James';
- The shifts and changes of the rules produced by Covid 19 Pandemic;
- Development of social outreach activities such as the lunch club and food pantry;
- The development of work with children and young people;
- The improving situation with regard volunteers for things such as sidespeople;
- Undertaking of only the most critical building work due to preparation of an ongoing plan for the future repair and refurbishment of the building;
- all the routine matters which a P.C.C. must deal with throughout the year just to 'keep the place running'.
- People going forward for ALM training

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Objectives and activities

Our principal aim during 2019 was to develop the three themes of increased giving, growing our congregation and serving our community which are incorporated within the aims of a P.C.C. which are "to cooperate with the minister in promoting in the parish the whole mission of the Church, pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical." (P.C.C. Powers Measure, 1956)

In order to promote these aims the parish already offers:

Growing our Congregation:

Bishop's training course for youth leaders;
ALM training;
Certificate in children's ministry;;
Lent courses;
Confirmation course;
Access to foundation for ministry course.
Improving electronic service assistance;

Serving our Community:

Collaborative projects with Community Groups including lunch clubs operating three days per week.
A Christmas Day meal for those who would otherwise have been on their own.
The supply of food parcels on a Social Services request basis;
A food pantry using items obtained from the FareShare group and other much appreciated donors such as Tesco, K.F.C., ASDA, several local churches plus several private donors. The total figures connected with the pickups alone are staggering – there have been 1095 pickups leading to a collected food total of 40482Kg of food. This gives a meals equivalent of 96942 and a CO^2 saving of 110889Kg. Truly amazing!

It is also a hope that in the future we shall be able to offer:

boys club/activities for those between 5 and 11
something appealing and sustainable for older teenagers
additional support to those in need in the local community

Achievements and performance

In addition to those things mentioned above we also offer a wide range of services and times for worship which we try to maintain on a monthly rota:

First Sunday	11.00a.m.	C.W. Holy Communion
	6.30p.m.	Compline
Second Sunday	11.00a.m.	C.W. Morning Prayer (with Baptism)
	6.30p.m.	Compline
Third Sunday	11.00a.m.	C.W. Holy Communion
	6.30p.m.	Compline

Fourth Sunday	11.00a.m.	C.W. Morning Prayer/All Age Worship
	6.30p.m.	Compline
Fifth Sunday	11.00a.m.	C.W. Morning Prayer
	6.30p.m.	Compline

In addition there are special services held within the Team on other days – such as Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, etc..

It should also be mentioned that on the First Sunday of Advent we hold a Service of Commemoration for the Departed to which we personally invite all those who have been bereaved in the recent past alongside a general invitation to everybody who wishes to attend. This service was always well attended and much appreciated by those involved.

There is a regular, ongoing charity collection which is the Children's Society.

At the end of 2024 there were sixteen people on the electoral roll. During a recent month the average attendance at church per Sunday was 20 of whom 2 were classified as children or young people under the age of sixteen.

Treasurer's Report, 2025

"But this I say: He who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and he who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully"

2 Corinthians 9:6

First the good news that we, as a parish, are still solvent and we have managed to pay our parish share in full – again! £8724.00 this year and £9338.00 in 2026. As at 31.12.25 we did not owe anybody any money.

This year I have continued to use the online accounting system which is invaluable in keeping track of all the various funding streams – of which there were fifteen during 2025! Its companion system which keeps track of weekly donations from the offertory plate, envelope scheme and SumUp machine also make life a considerably easier when it comes to Gift Aid and GASDS(Gift Aid Small DonationS) claims.

Sad to say that whilst the activities within the building – Lunch Club and Food Pantry as well as worship – have continued throughout the year the building itself has received little care and attention beyond what had to be done. The new heating system which finally 'gave up' in 2022 is now almost complete and the gas powered part is working satisfactorily with only air source heat pump to be finally 'sorted out' in 2026.

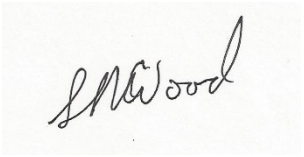
The work of the lunch club/food pantry/warm space continues as before – if anything somewhat busier. The fact that this function continues is entirely down to the work of a hard pressed, small group of volunteers. The financial basis for this work comes from grants and much appreciated private donations of both cash and kind from other local churches and private individuals.

We have continued to maintain a good 'track record' when it comes to spending grants responsibly on the purposes for which they were given which is one of the things which larger grant awarders look for in a project. We will also have little difficulty in proving social need for our building and the work which goes on inside it. Having this evidence of proper use was, in part, a contributory factor in getting the grant for the heating and

continuing grants for the lunch club. It will, hopefully, be a factor in obtaining a grant for the much needed work on the roof

As always we are reliant upon the giving of our congregation and others for our day to day operation. Here I would like to ask all donors to consider the fact that inflation applies to church invoices as well as personal ones and would, therefore, ask that donations reflect the increases which this brings to the church – many of our donors have not increased the amounts they so generously give for several years which means that the 'real term' value of their donations is, unfortunately, declining. What £5.00 bought in 2010 would now cost very nearly £9.00! The Old Testament view of giving is that a strict ten percent or tithe of one's income should be given to the church by all who attend or support it but the guideline for tithing and offering today is vastly different though aptly explained by Paul who says "Whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows generously will also reap generously. Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver." (2 Corinthians 9:6-7)

However, despite the elements of gloom which are inevitably found within the annual finance report it should be remembered that we are still open and serving our community despite the rigours and restrictions imposed upon us by the world around.



Stuart Wood – Treasurer

Independent Examiner's Report

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Laura Noden (Mrs) (BA Hons)

Return of Parish Finance

January To December 2025

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03 Collections at services	477	-
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06 Gift Aid recovered	1,429	-
07 Legacies received (capital value)	-	-
08 Grants (include recurring and one-off)	-	11,119
TOTAL Voluntary income	**20,449**	**17,399**
Activities for generating funds		
09 Gross income from fundraising activities	-	-
Income from investments		
10 Dividends, interest, income from property etc	-	-
Church activities		
11 Statutory fees retained by the PCC (weddings, funerals etc)	-	-
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Other incoming resources		
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TOTAL INCOMING RESOURCES (from Financial Statements)		
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C **TOTAL**	**45,068**	
Planned givers and legacies		
14 Number of regular givers	9	
16 Number of new legacies received	0	

RESOURCES EXPENDED	UNRESTRICTED (nearest £)	RESTRICTED (nearest £)
Costs of generating income		
17 Fund-raising activities (costs and payments)	-	497
Church activities		
18 Mission giving and donations	-	-
19 Diocesan parish share contribution	8,724	-
20 Salaries, wages and honoraria	-	-
21 Clergy and staff expenses	2,107	-
Church expenses		
22 Church expenses: Mission and evangelism costs	-	-
23 Church running expenses	8,446	85
24 Church utility bills	4,063	3,264
25 Costs of trading	1,747	10,221
Major capital expenditure		
27 Major repairs to the church building	4,808	2,924
28 Major repairs to the church hall or other PCC property, including redecoration	-	4,016
29 New building work to the church, church hall, clergy housing or any other PCC property	-	-
SUB-TOTAL for Church activities & expenses	**29,895**	**21,007**
99 Other outgoing resources / payments	-	-
TOTAL RESOURCES EXPENDED (from Financial Statements)		
D **Unrestricted**	**29,895**	
E **Restricted**	**21,007**	
F **TOTAL**	**50,901**	
Cash and investment balances		
31 Cash and deposit balance as at 31st December	1,802	3,985
32 Investments as at 31st December	-	-

Account basis: On which basis are your accounts prepared? (indicate ONE)

30 RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS [ ] ACCRUALS [Y]

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Date **24 Feb 2026**
Name **Stuart Wood**
Position **Treasurer**
Contact (Phone or E-mail) **snwood@hotmail.co.uk**

Looking back across 2025, were there any exceptional circumstances that may have led to unusual figures? *Please provide details in the box.*

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St. James' Church, Higher Broughton, Salford

Balance Sheet (Summary)

		As at 31/12/2025	As at 31/12/2024
Fixed assets			
		0.00	**0.00**
Current assets			
Cash At Bank And In Hand		£5,845.17	£11,678.13
		£5,845.17	**£11,678.13**
Liabilities			
Creditors: Amounts Falling Due In One Year		£58.00	£58.00
		£58.00	**£58.00**
Net current assets less current liabilities		**£5,787.17**	**£11,620.13**
Total assets less current liabilities		**£5,787.17**	**£11,620.13**
Liabilities			
		0.00	**0.00**
Total net assets less liabilities		**£5,787.17**	**£11,620.13**
Represented by			
Unrestricted			
	Unrestricted - General Funds	£1,717.86	£3,492.12
Designated			
	Designated - Building	£84.00	£892.05
	Designated - Cost Of Living Grant	0.00	£23.66
Restricted			
	Restricted - Booth Charities	£1,179.87	£725.55
	Restricted - Church Heating	£8.47	£8.47
	Restricted - Clergy Expenses	£576.67	£576.67
	Restricted - Community Fund	0.00	£16.50
	Restricted - CVS Grant	£19.94	£4,912.58
	Restricted - CVS Over 65's	0.00	£480.88
	Restricted - Food Pantry	£696.85	(£258.56)
	Restricted - Manchester Diocesan Charge	0.00	£750.21
	Restricted - Onward Housing	£1,503.51	0.00
Fund Totals		**£5,787.17**	**£11,620.13**

Statement of Accounts for
Broughton Team Council, 2025

		2025	2025	2025 Total
Receipts:				
All expenses	St. Clements	£ 2,106.64		
	St. James	£ 2,106.64	£ 4,213.28	
Other receipts	Worker grant	£ -		
	Sequestration	£ -		
	Others	£ 40.39	£ 40.39	**£ 4,253.67**
Payments:				
Clergy expenses	Incumbents	£ -		
	Housing	£ 3,600.67		
	Assistant staff	£ -	£ -	
Printing expenses		£ -	£ -	
Other Expenses	Reimbursements	£ -		
	Sequestration	£ -		
	Others		£ 24.92	**£ 3,625.59**
Trading' balance for the year				£ 628.03
Brought forward				£ 321.05
Unpresented cheques				£ -
Cash in hand				£ -
Year end balance in bank				£ 949.08
				£ -
Claims yet to be made				£ -
OVERALL BALANCE				**£ 949.08**

SAFE CHURCH POLICY. 2025

The Team is fully committed to the Safe Church Policy, and follows the Diocesan-approved Policy Statement detailed below.

As a church community, we are committed to:
The care, nurture of and respectful pastoral ministry with all children and adults

The safeguarding and protection of all children and adults

The establishment of safe, caring communities which provide a loving environment, where there is a culture of 'Informed vigilance' regarding the dangers of abuse, which:

For children and young people
values them for who they are, and nurtures their positive development

enables them to participate fully and contribute to their church community

protects them from actual or potential harm

For adults who may be vulnerable, including those suffering domestic abuse
ensures that all people feel welcomed, respected and safe from abuse

encourages those who may be vulnerable

- to lead as independent a life as possible,
- to choose how to lead their life, and
- to be active contributors to the church community

protects those who may be vulnerable from actual or potential harm

For all people
enables and encourages concerns to be raised and responded to openly and consistently

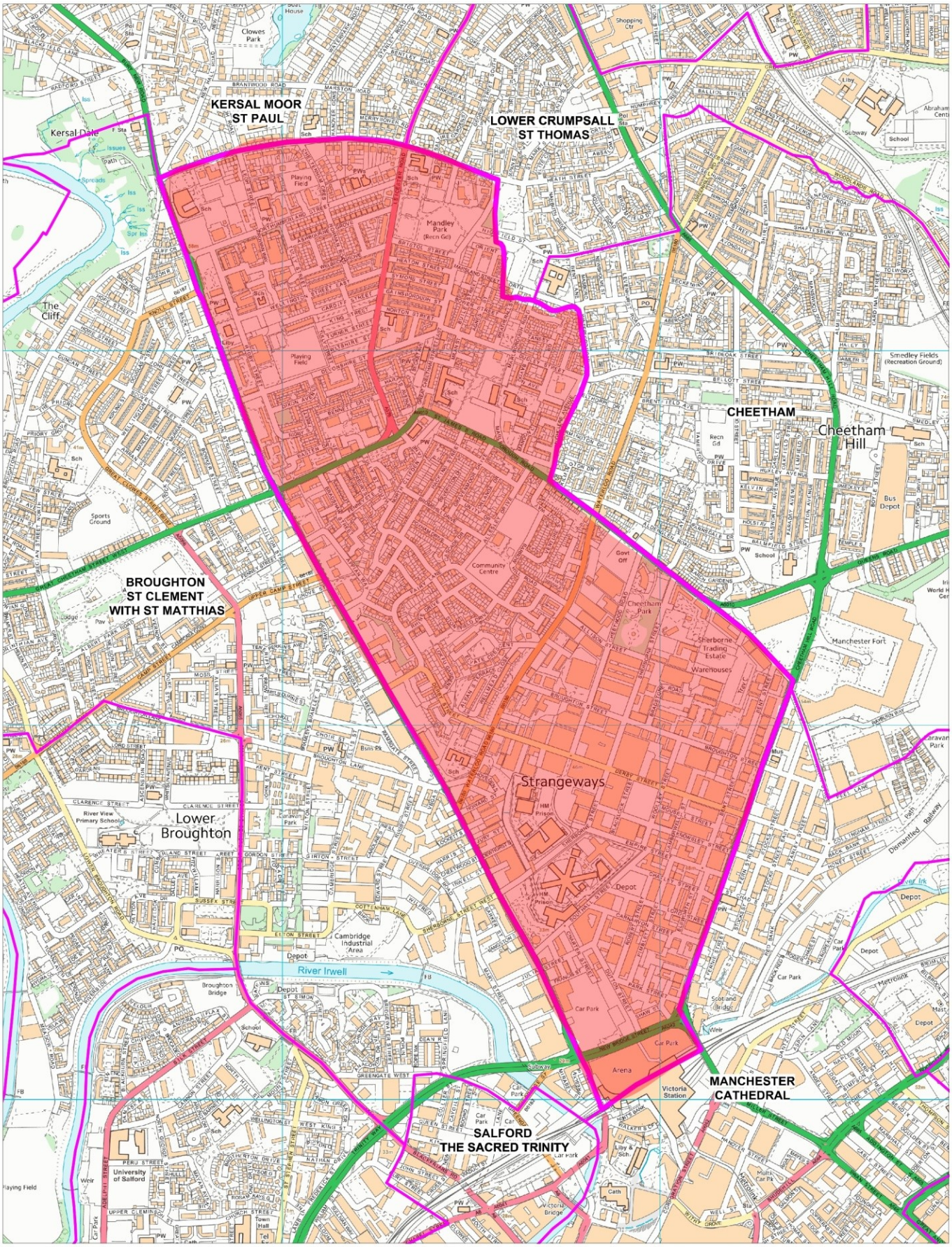
offers support and care for those suffering, or who have suffered, from any form of abuse

promotes respect, and the value of each person as a child of God.

We are therefore committed to best practice according to the national policies and guidelines of the Church of England, in the protection of children and vulnerable people; in the recruitment, training and supervision of all who exercise a pastoral ministry; and in responding to any allegations or complaints. This policy is reviewed each year by the Parochial Church Council and re-affirmed at the Annual Meeting.

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