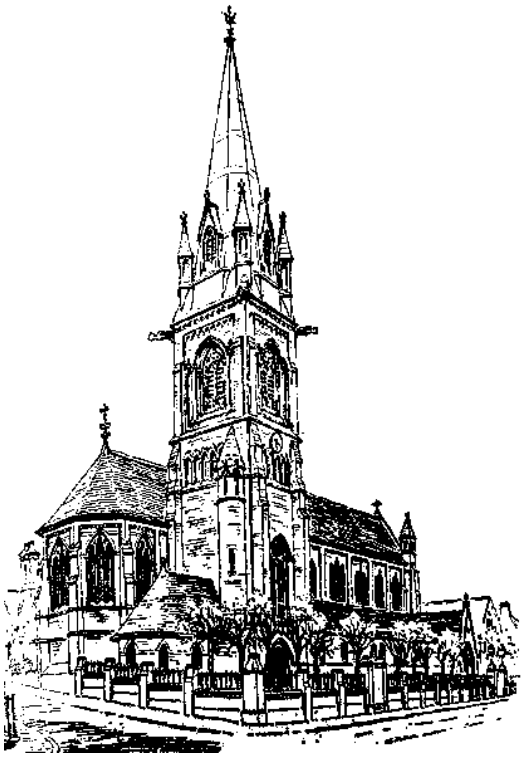


The Parish of
St John the Baptist
Leamington South

The Annual Report for the year ended 31 December 2025 together with Legal and Administrative information.

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Membership of the PCC

Members of the PCC are either ex-officio (Churchwardens, Lay Reader, and Deanery Synod Representatives) or they are elected at the Annual Parochial Church Meeting in accordance with the Church Representation Rules.

The 2025 composition of the PCC following was as follows:
Father Stephen Parker (Chair)
Mr Paul Hamilton (Treasurer/Vice Chair)
Mr Silas Taylor (Church Warden)
Mr Ben Kelsey (Church Warden)
Mr Thomas Raynor (Secretary)
Miss Claire Russell (Parish Safeguarding Officer, Electoral Roll Officer)
Father Daniel Vickerstaff (curate: co-opted)
Mr Mark Perkins
Ms Marianne Rohan
Mrs Kate Gardner (appointed May 2025)
Mr George Mutter (appointed May 2025)
Mr Terence Gardner (resigned May 2025)
Mr George Lawlor (resigned May 2025)

The Coventry Diocesan Board of Finance acted as Custodian Trustee for the inalienable property of the church.

Standing Committee

This is the only committee required by law. It members are made up of the Vicar, Churchwardens, Lay Reader, Secretary, and Treasurer. Its duty is to transact the business of the PCC between meetings, subject to any directions given by the Council. During 2025 the Standing Committee met in person six times and maintained regular communication online.

Child Protection and Safeguarding
Government legislation requires that all statutory and voluntary organisations working with children address the issues of Child Protection. The PCC regularly discusses Safeguarding and has adopted the Diocesan Safeguarding Policy.

With regard to the PCC's obligations to safeguard children and vulnerable adults, the members of the PCC confirm that they have complied with their duties under section 5 of the Safeguarding and Clergy Discipline Measure 2016.

Aims and Organisation:
The Parochial Church Council (PCC) of the Ecclesiastical Parish of St John the Baptist, South Leamington, has the responsibility of cooperating with the Vicar, the Reverend Stephen Parker, in promoting in the ecclesiastical parish, the whole mission of the Church, pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical. The primary object of the PCC is the promotion of the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to the doctrines and practices of the Church of England. The PCC (Powers) Measure 1956 states that the PCC 'is to cooperate with the minister in promoting in the parish the whole mission of the Church, pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical'.

The mission of the Church of St. John the Baptist is:

- To keep faith with those who built and beautified this church by the sensitive development of its facilities and to meet today's needs.
- To maintain the continuity of Anglo-Catholic worship in this holy place and make orthodox Anglicanism available to more people.
- To reach out with the Gospel to the people who live, shop and work in this parish.

Structure Management and Governance

St John the Baptist Church PCC is a body corporate established by the Church of England and operates under the Parochial Church Council (Powers) Measure 1956 and the Church Representation Rules. The PCC is a registered charity.

The PCC members are 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 method of appointment of PCC members is set out in the Church Representation Rules (2020). All eligible church members are encouraged to register on the Electoral Roll and stand for election to the PCC. The PCC operates one sub-committee - the Standing Committee.

Training has been provided for all PCC members on Safeguarding, and all PCC members must complete basic and foundation level online safeguarding courses provided by the Church of England.

Individual members receive external training as and when deemed appropriate by the PCC. Training may include basic health and safety, risk assessment and management, further safeguarding training, including safer recruitment and/or domestic abuse awareness.

The number of members on the Electoral Roll for the year ended 31 December 2025 was 67. Usual Sunday attendance averaged 75.

Public benefit

The PCC has had regard to the Charity Commission public benefit guidance and the rest of this report highlights how we are meeting our Public Benefit requirements.

Objectives and activities

The aim of St John's is to grow a family out of strangers by sharing the love of Jesus with the men, women and children of the parish that we serve.

The PCC's role is to cooperate with the Vicar in promoting in the ecclesiastical parish the whole mission of the Church, pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical.

The primary object of the PCC is the promotion of the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to the doctrines and practices of the Church of England.

Worship and prayer

St John's is keen to offer a range of services during the week and over the course of the year that our community finds both beneficial and spiritually fulfilling. The Sunday morning Mass, the Afternoon Service, and Evensong provide good quality liturgical experiences that offer authentic, spirit-filled encounters with the Divine.

The midweek celebration of Mass, offering of the holy rosary, and Bible study provide points of spiritual nourishment throughout the week.

As well as our regular services, we enable our community to celebrate and thank God at the milestones of the journey through life. Through baptism we thank God for the gift of life; in marriage, public vows are exchanged with God's blessing; through funeral services friends and family express their grief and give thanks for the life that is now complete in this world and commend the person into God's keeping.

A large proportion of the costs that our missional activities incur are funded through grants. The full breakdown of the costs of our programmes and activities are shown in the accounts.

As a church we rely hugely on the contribution of volunteers. We are grateful for all of these. They include people welcoming worshippers to each of the services; the choir; servers; readers of the lessons; people preparing prayers; the youth group leaders; children's work leaders; worship team members; those counting the collection; PCC members; the treasurer; the Church Wardens; the PCC Secretary; Safeguarding Officer; all those who lead missional outreach projects, and all those who help to clean and maintain St John's throughout the year.

Vicar's Report

I continued to give thanks to Almighty God for the blessings that He pours out on St John's: 2025 is no exception to this, following the trend of growth and progress in proclaiming the Good News of Jesus Christ to the parish of South Leamington Priors.

As ever, I am immensely grateful for the hard work, passion, commitment and diligence of the lay team that has tirelessly supported me in the work of the parish – thank you.

The life of the parish continues to flourish, with a noticeably deepening of faith demonstrated through more people seeking reconciliation through the Sacrament of Confession, and a greater variety of people attending mid-week masses.

The parish Food Kitchen and Brunch Club continue to be blessings both to the wider community that we are called to serve, and to those who volunteer at it: it gives a tangible means of living out our Christian faith. Numbers remain steady and have resulted in new attendance at the 4.30pm service.

Our ministry to the youth of the parish continues to be successful. Every time I fear that our older youth group will dwindle as a cohort age out, a fresh wave of new faces appears. The Walsingham Youth Pilgrimage this year was another joy and blessing to those involved. I am particularly grateful to the team that enables this to happen; taking two mini buses full of teenagers away for five days is no small feat!

Highlights from the year are:

- The Women's Courses run by Claire Russell
- A successful and wonderful week away with the youngest children to the Chellington Centre
- Taking two minibuses worth of teenagers to the Walsingham Youth Pilgrimage
- Record numbers at Christmas, and the wonderful Live Nativity event.
- The continued success of the Christmas Day meal.

May Jesus Christ be praised in His Church, now and forever!

Father Stephen Parker SSC

Secretary's Report

The Parochial Church Council (PCC) met in person on the following dates during 2025:

- 06 April 2025
- 15 June 2025
- 07 September 2025
- 23 November 2025

At each meeting the PCC received reports and discussed the standing items of safeguarding, health and safety, fabric matters, and financial reporting. Throughout 2025 the PCC continued to support and develop the mission and ministry of St John Baptist. Consideration of community engagement, missional activity, and support for parish groups continued to shape the agenda across the year.

Mr Thomas Raynor

Churchwardens Report

The mission of St. John the Baptist Church is to share the love of Jesus Christ with our community, to maintain the traditions of Anglo-Catholic worship, and to reach out in service and evangelism. As Churchwardens, we have sought to support this mission by ensuring that our church buildings and resources remain safe, functional, and welcoming spaces for worship, fellowship, and outreach.

The year 2025 marked the beginning of a new quinquennium. A quinquennial inspection was undertaken in April by the appointed inspecting architect, Mr Stephen Oliver. Mr Oliver congratulated the parish on the significant progress achieved during the previous quinquennium and emphasised the

importance of continuing a programme of regular maintenance. The inspection report, received in August, reflected this progress and did not identify any new major concerns beyond those already known.

Current Building Issues (Overview)
The report confirms that the principal challenges facing the church relate to ongoing fabric deterioration, particularly to masonry and damp-related issues. Areas requiring attention include external walls and turrets, the chimney to the Store, and high ground levels on the South side of the building, which are contributing to damp and dry rot. Internally, concerns include dry rot in the Vestry, deterioration to the Store floor and Boiler Room ceiling, and the need for cleaning and repointing following damp damage. Further investigations are required, including asbestos testing, and structural checks in two basement areas.

Church Repairs and Maintenance

- *Gutter Maintenance:* Lower-level gutters were inspected and cleared of debris, including the chancel roof area adjoining the tower. High-level gutters were inspected and cleaned by a specialist contractor in March.
- *Lighting:* Faulty light bulbs were replaced where required. Planning is underway for a full lighting replacement and rewire scheme, with grant funding currently being explored.
- *Electrical Safety:* The five-yearly Electrical Installation Condition Report was completed and identified no C1 or C2 (dangerous) items. While a number of C3 (improvement) recommendations were noted, the system was confirmed as safe for continued use.
- *Statutory and Routine Servicing:* The annual gas inspection, boiler service, fire extinguisher service, Portable Appliance

Testing, and clock service were all completed during the year.

Church Hall Repairs and Maintenance

- *Kitchen Refurbishment:* Further refurbishment works included redecoration, installation of remaining cupboards and kickboards, replacement of a faulty tap, and installation of a new washing machine.
- *Heating:* A faulty thermostatic mixing valve was replaced on a non-functioning radiator.
- *Lighting*: Faulty fluorescent tube lamps were replaced where possible, with a full upgrade to LED lighting planned.
- *Statutory and Routine Servicing:* The annual gas inspection, boiler service, fire extinguisher service, and Portable Appliance Testing, were all completed during the year.

Administrative Updates

- The church terrier and inventory are currently in the process of being renewed.
- The church logbook has been updated to reflect all works completed during 2025.

As we continue to serve, we remain committed to ensuring that the church is a beacon of faith and service in our parish. Our ongoing maintenance and improvements are not just about preserving a historic building but about making sure that it remains a place where all can come to know the love of Jesus Christ. We are grateful for the opportunity to support Fr. Stephen Parker and the wider parish community in this mission and look forward to another year of service and growth.

Mr Ben Kelsey and Mr Silas Taylor
Churchwardens

Safeguarding Report

As a church we believe that effective safeguarding of both children and adults is of paramount importance, and we strive to model best practice across our church policies and practices. Our safeguarding policy, code of conduct, safer working guidance, and expectations are made clear to all potential volunteers and details of those responsible for safeguarding are clearly displayed in both church and hall, as well as on the church website.

2025 has again been a busy year in terms of safer recruitment, training and day to day safeguarding of our activities for children, youth and vulnerable adults. Our youth programme continues to be well attended and we have again seen a pleasing number of new faces this year. As our order cohort move into Post-16 education and training, Risks around County lines, CSE and drug/alcohol misuse continue to be concerns, although this has been thankfully less prevalent than in recent years, and we are continuing to work with other agencies where these concerns become evident.

We have continued to co-ordinate with the Warwickshire multi-agency team, Safer Neighbourhood Team, and Diocesan Safeguarding Team to help support and safeguard all members of our Children's and Youth ministries, and those vulnerable adults we work with and have contact with. We continue to use the Diocesan *Parish Dashboards* online safeguarding portal to manage our safeguarding and recruitment of volunteers and we continue to work through Level 3 of the Dashboard as new areas come online and updates are made. In addition, we are using the new Safeguarding Hubs area of the Parish Dashboards platform and this is providing to be very helpful in streamlining the management of safer recruitment and activities.

Safer Recruitment & Disclosure and Barring Service Checks (DBS)
The Church of England Safer Recruitment Guidance is followed for all eligible roles. Over the course of this year, all necessary DBS checks, and safer recruitment of PCC, Warden's and eligible volunteers have been carried out. The biggest challenge in undertaking this process still continues to be sourcing written references, with named referees often needing chasing several times to produce references.

Safeguarding Training
All those currently volunteering with children's/youth have activities have completed at least Basic level training, as relevant to their role, and those responsible for leading groups and activities have completed at least Foundation level. Clergy, Readers and Safeguarding Officers are required to have completed the *Leadership* training, and all are fully up to date with this. In addition, clergy, readers, church wardens and other relevant roles are required to complete the Domestic Violence Awareness Training.

Logging & Reporting
In line with diocesan and church safeguarding policy, all safeguarding records and logs are securely stored and kept up-dated. Any reports/disclosures are logged and shared with the DSA (diocesan safeguarding advisor) in line with guidance.

Reportable Instances
There has been one instance reportable to the Charity Commission during the last 12 months, relating to the data leak at APCS – who dealt with DBS applications for the Diocese of Coventry prior to this event. One volunteer at St John's was affected by this leak. The Diocese has since moved to using Thirty-One: Eight as the DBS processing agency.

Claire Russell, Parish Safeguarding Officer

Electoral Roll Report

As of May 2026 the electoral roll stands at 67.

Miss C. Russell, Electoral Roll Officer

Deanery Synod Report

Deanery Synod Report Our representatives in the House of Clergy are Father Stephen Parker and Father Daniel Vickerstaff, our elected representatives in the House of Laity are Silas Taylor and Paul Hamilton. Marianne Rohan and Claire Russell (also Deanery Lay Chair) are also members of Deanery Synod by virtue of their election to Diocesan Synod. The synod met three times in 2025. Each time beginning with a simple act of worship followed by committee business and news from around the parishes.

Treasurer's Report

The general position
Income and expenditure, including grants, continue to enable, in addition to regular Sunday and weekday services, an increasing number of missional activities as other sections of this report show.

Parish Share
Our chief asset and resource is our Parish Priest. We contribute towards the cost of ministry via our parish share contribution. Due to cashflow issues our 2024 contribution of £6,000 was not paid until 7 April 2025. A further contribution of £6,000 for the 2025 year was paid on 17 December 2025, the remaining £500 from 2024 was not paid.

The PCC made an aspirational Parish Share offer for 2025 of £28,500 for the year to 31 December 2025. Having reviewed the PCC's finances, the members of the PCC decided to restrict the PCC's contribution to £6,000. The balance is not expected to be paid because rental income from the property bought by the School House Charity trustees has not reached the level anticipated due to breaks in tenancies and reletting delays caused by refurbishment works.

School House
The Vicar and Churchwardens as trustees of the School House Trust sold the property in 2024 and a new property for rent with one sitting tenant has been bought and a second unit will be let once repairs have been completed. The bulk of the rental income will be remitted to the PCC with a separate fund to be built up to cover any expenses in the future, for example, boiler maintenance and repairs. These arrangements have taken longer than anticipated and therefore the income remitted to the PCC has been limited.

Church Hall

The hall is in satisfactory condition. The roof is sound. Most of the hall's available time is taken up with missional and other church-supported activities and opportunities for rental income continue to be modest.

Planned giving

Giving through standing orders continue to support the church's work and the number of givers has increased. Open plate giving, which many treat as planned giving – and which we claim Gift Aid on - is also generous, especially given the demographics of the congregation: some still at school; few in full-time employment; a number who have chronic medical conditions; or are retired.

Fundraising

Lunchtime concerts, monthly coffee mornings and a Summer Fair are important sources of income. Our friends at the Queensway Court housing scheme raise substantial funds for the church at coffee mornings and a Christmas carol service. Our priests take services there regularly and collections are taken and the funds donated to the church. Residents attend our Sunday and mid-week Masses regularly. All these activities continue to have the benefit of bringing new people into the church's buildings and strengthening relationships between church members and the parish community.

Grants

Some successful grant applications to support our work with, for example, youth have relieved pressure on the general funds which were previously supporting this work, along with generous donations from individual congregation members, for example, by acting as godparents to the youth pilgrimage to Walsingham each year.

Substantial grants from a number of bodies has enabled us to commit to the rewiring and installation of a new lighting system in the church.

Investment policy
There are restricted funds invested by the Coventry Diocesan Board of Finance in CCLA shares. Grant funds that are not required immediately are deposited in our Savings Account which generates interest in the meantime.

Reserves policy
Our policy shall be to hold a reserve of £10,000 in the Current Account. This is equivalent to two months of unrestricted expenditure. At the year end, the unrestricted reserves were £9,700.

The position at the end of the year
As mentioned earlier, although our financial situation has improved on last year's, we shall not be confident in making increased Parish Share contributions until the School House charity's rental property is fully occupied.

Banking arrangements
Our online banking arrangements with Unity Trust Bank continue to work well.

Gift Aid
The Gift Aid and Gift Aid Small Donations Scheme continue to provide significant income to the church.

Independent examiner
PCC decided to use the Stewardship organisation's services again for the preparation of the 2025 accounts and examination.

Paul Hamilton, Treasurer

Responsibilities of trustees

Charity law requires the PCC to prepare financial statements for each accounting year which record the receipts and payments of the charity for the year.

The PCC is responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and enable us to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011.

We also have a responsibility to safeguard the assets of the charity and to take reasonable steps to prevent fraud or any other irregularities.

Approval

The report was approved by the PCC and signed on their behalf by:

stephen parker
stephen parker (May 21, 2026 10:26:35 GMT+1)

Rev Stephen Parker

May 21, 2026

Date

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT

TO THE TRUSTEES OF

PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH OF ST JOHN THE BAPTIST CHURCH LEAMINGTON PRIORS

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of St John the Baptist Church, South Leamington ('the charity') for the year ended 31 December 2025 on pages 20 to 25 following.

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

I report in respect of my examination of the charity's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 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 2011 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 accordance with section 130 of the 2011 Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with the accounting records.

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

J. Young
J. Young (May 21, 2026 10:56:47 GMT+1)

Jaimée Young
Stewardship
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Date: May 21, 2026

PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH OF ST JOHN THE BAPTIST CHURCH LEAMINGTON PRIORS

RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2025

	Notes	Unrestricted Funds: General Funds £	Unrestricted Funds: Designated Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2025 £	Total 2024 £
Income receipts						
Voluntary receipts	2(a)	34,420	-	32,179	66,599	101,058
Fundraising income	2(b)	3,604	-	-	3,604	2,692
Church activities	2(c)	5,757	-	1,042	6,799	4,925
Investment income	2(d)	2,797	-	-	2,797	6,262
Total receipts		46,578	-	33,221	79,799	114,936
Payments						
Church activities						
Parish share		12,000	-	-	12,000	-
Clergy and staffing costs	3(a)	347	-	-	347	2,044
Church running expenses	3(b)	39,394	-	18,584	57,978	48,288
Hall running costs	3(c)	7,957	-	-	7,957	7,144
		59,698	-	18,584	78,281	57,476
Fundraising expenses	4	467	-	-	467	396
Total payments		60,164	-	18,584	78,748	57,872
Net of receipts / (payments) before transfers		(13,587)	-	14,637	1,051	57,064
Transfers between funds	6	-	-	-	-	-
Net movement in funds		(13,587)	-	14,637	1,051	57,064
Cash funds as at last year end		23,286	-	44,243	67,529	10,465
Cash funds at this year end	A	9,699	-	58,881	68,580	67,530

The notes on pages 23-25 form part of these accounts.

PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH OF ST JOHN THE BAPTIST CHURCH LEAMINGTON PRIORS

STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2025

	Unrestricted Funds				
	General funds £	Designated funds £	Restricted funds £	Total 2025 £	Total 2024 £
A Cash funds					
Cash at bank with immediate access	9,699	-	5,876	15,576	25,915
Notice deposits	-	-	53,004	53,004	41,615
	9,699	-	58,881	68,580	67,530
B Other monetary assets					
Gift aid due to charity	1,544	-	-	1,544	1,295
	1,544	-	-	1,544	1,295
C Liabilities					
Falling due within one year					
Parish share	6,000	-	-	6,000	12,500
Fee for Independent Examination	1,260	-	-	1,260	1,080
	7,260	-	-	7,260	13,580

D Assets retained for charity's own use

Consecrated property, beneficed property and moveable church furnishings which require a special faculty for disposal are excluded from the above list of charity assets.

E Investment assets	Fund to which asset belongs	2025 value £	2024 value £
Investment Fund Shares Condor Trust	Endowment	9,146	9,527
		9,146	9,527

The accounts were approved by the trustees and signed on their behalf by:

stephen parker
stephen parker (May 21, 2026 10:26:35 GMT+1)

Rev Stephen Parker

Date: May 21, 2026

The notes on pages 23-25 form part of these accounts.

PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH OF ST JOHN THE BAPTIST CHURCH LEAMINGTON PRIORS

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2025

1 Accounting policies

The accounts have been prepared on a receipts and payments basis and comprise a statement that shows the charity's receipts and payments, a statement that summarises the charity's assets and liabilities and related notes. The accountancy profession have determined that only accounts prepared in accordance with applicable accounting standards present a 'true and fair' view and, as these receipts and payments accounts have not (and cannot) be prepared in accordance with accounting standards, these accounts do not present (and are not intended to present) a 'true and fair' view of the charity's financial activities and state of affairs.

General funds are unrestricted funds which are available for use at the discretion of the PCC in furtherance of the general objectives of the charity. Designated funds comprise unrestricted funds that have been set aside by the PCC for particular purposes. Restricted funds are donations which are to be used in accordance with specific restrictions imposed by donors; they include donations received from appeals for specific activities or projects.

		Unrestricted Funds				
		General funds	Designated funds	Restricted Funds	Total 2025	Total 2024
		£	£	£	£	£
2 a)	**Voluntary income**					
	Planned giving	16,034	-	2,500	18,534	13,772
	Collections at services	6,099	-	-	6,099	6,033
	Parish Giving Scheme	3,061	-	-	3,061	2,247
	Grants	-	-	29,679	29,679	50,626
	Grant from School House Trust	1,458	-	-	1,458	20,461
	Other donations	722	-	-	722	2,260
	Gift aid recovered (including through Parish Giving)	7,046	-	-	7,046	5,658
		34,420	-	32,179	66,599	101,058
b)	**Fundraising income**					
	Fundraising	3,604	-	-	3,604	2,692
		3,604	-	-	3,604	2,692
c)	**Church activities**					
	Fees for weddings and funerals	489	-	1,042	1,531	1,504
	Church Events	4,818	-	-	4,818	2,692
	Other	-	-	-	-	327
	Mission	450	-	-	450	401
		5,757	-	1,042	6,799	4,925
d)	**Investment income**					
	Lettings for community use of the Church Hall	1,440	-	-	1,440	1,135
	Interest from cash deposits	1,092	-	-	1,092	4,868
	Dividends from CBF investment funds	265	-	-	265	259
		2,797	-	-	2,797	6,262

PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH OF ST JOHN THE BAPTIST CHURCH LEAMINGTON PRIORS

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2025

		Unrestricted Funds				
		General funds	Designated funds	Restricted Funds	Total 2025	Total 2024
		£	£	£	£	£
3 a)	**Clergy and staffing costs**					
	Cost of payroll	-	-	-	-	1,452
	Clergy expenses	347	-	-	347	593
		347	-	-	347	2,044

Rev Stephen Parker (who is a clergy member of the PCC) receives a stipend from the Diocese; the cost of this stipend is not included in the above however it should be noted that some of the Parish share is used to help pay the stipends. Rev Stephen Parker was provided with accommodation (which is customary for clergy). Rev Stephen Parker incurred expenses whilst serving as clergy and these costs are disclosed in the above note.

b)	**Church running costs**					
	Maintenance of services	5,475	-	1,300	6,775	7,529
	Diocesan fees	-	-	1,004	1,004	1,128
	Children and youth ministry	1,142	-	10,828	11,970	9,589
	Events, outings and pilgrimages	5,839	-	-	5,839	3,277
	Maintenance of church fabric	6,875	-	1,883	8,757	3,734
	Quinquennial costs	3,300	-	-	3,300	-
	Maintenance of school house	-	-	3,569	3,569	2,272
	Insurance	6,430	-	-	6,430	6,365
	Governance	1,080	-	-	1,080	840
	Administration and support	1,864	-	-	1,864	1,707
	Church utilities	3,876	-	-	3,876	6,471
	Community support	-	-	-	-	2,241
	Missional activities	3,514	-	-	3,514	3,137
		39,394	-	18,584	57,978	48,288
c)	**Church hall running costs**					
	Routine hall expenditure (including insurance)	7,957	-	-	7,957	7,144
		7,957	-	-	7,957	7,144
4	**Fundraising expenses**					
	Miscellaneous fundraising expenses	467	-	-	467	396
		467	-	-	467	396

5 Transactions with related parties

Other than direct reimbursement of expenditure made on behalf of the church, no other amounts were paid or are payable to any PCC Member or to any person connected to them.

6 Movement on designated, restricted and endowment funds

	Opening balance £	Receipts £	Payments £	Transfers £	Closing balance £
General funds	23,286	46,578	(60,164)	-	9,699
Restricted funds					
Parish Nursing Grant	624	2,500	-	-	3,124
Music Donation 2023	2,565	-	(1,300)	-	1,265
Davies Family Gift	3,930	-	(257)	-	3,673
Lighting project	33,300	13,000	-	-	46,300
Garden project	2,650	-	(1,626)	-	1,024
Youth pilgrimage 2025	-	11,610	(10,828)	-	782
School House	-	3,569	(3,569)	-	-
St Agnes Fund	50	-	-	-	50
Youth work	-	1,500	-	-	1,500
Pantry	1,000	-	-	-	1,000
Diocesan Fees	124	1,042	(1,004)	-	162
	44,243	33,221	(18,584)	-	58,881
Total funds	67,529	79,799	(78,748)	-	68,580

Parish Nursing Grant is a grant specifically to support the work of the Parish Nurse.

Music Donation to support music in the church in consultation with the Vicar and Reader.

Davies Family Gift is a grant to cover fixtures and fittings of the church, in consultation with the family and the PCC.

The Lighting project relates to the installation of a new lighting system in the church building to begin in 2026.

The Garden project relates to the establishment of a garden with a footpath and disabled access at the front of the church. This project continues with more plants being bought and we are planning to purchase a shed for our Men in Sheds project.

Youth and children's pilgrimages 2025 - various grants and other funds raised to support the costs.

The School House grant was for the purpose of maintenance.

St Agnes Fund Established - donations from the congregation for uniforms for Brownies and Uniformed Organisations

Youth work relates to funds raised to support this ministry.

The Pantry relates to funds raised for the purpose of distributing surplus supermarket and other food donations at modest prices to those in need. This project has not yet started and we are seeking permission to use the funds to purchase other relevant equipment for it.

Diocesan Fees relates to monies transferred to the Diocese for wedding and funeral fees.