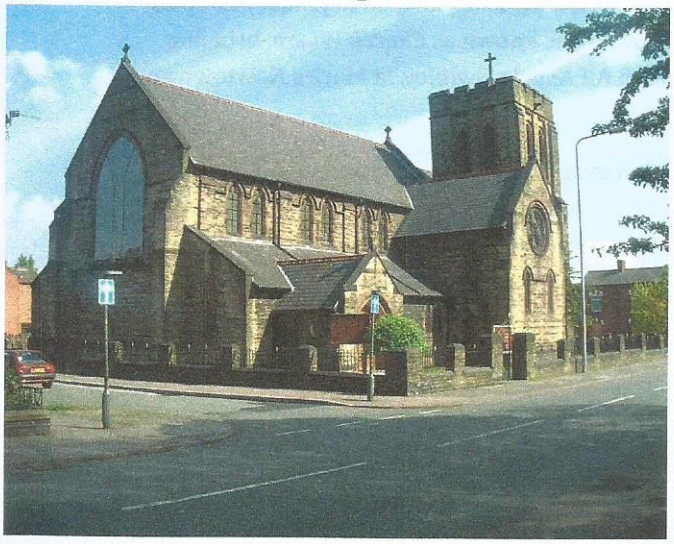


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WIGAN TOWN CENTRE PARISH

ANNUAL REPORT 2025

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

Objectives and Activities

SUMMARY OF PURPOSE

The Parochial Church Council (PCC) of Wigan Town Centre is a charity registered with the Charity Commission by statutory instrument. It has the responsibility of cooperating with the Team Rector of Wigan to promote in the ecclesiastical parish the whole mission of the church, missional, pastoral, social and ecumenical. It is also responsible for the maintenance of the churches of All Saint's Wigan, St Michael & All Angel's Swinley, St Mark's Newtown and St George's Wigan as well as the Bluecoat, St Michael's Institute and St Michael and All Angel's Parish Hall.

The general functions of the PCC are stated within Section 2 of the Parochial Church Councils (Powers) Measure 1956. The PCC will ensure that the Ecclesiastical Parish of Wigan Town Centre is governed in accordance with the following governing documents: the *Church Wigan CRR Scheme 2019*, the current *Church Representation Rules* and the *Parochial Church Councils (Powers) Measure 1956.*

MAIN ACTIVITIES

The Parish of Wigan Town Centre is relatively new, one of seven new parishes formed in January 2020 as part of the establishment of the new ecclesiastical Benefice of Wigan, known as *Church Wigan*, bringing together the former parishes of All Saint's Wigan, St Michael & All Angel's Swinley, St Mark's Newtown and St George's Wigan.

The PCC works in close partnership with the Joint Council that oversees the benefice as a whole. It shares the vision of Church Wigan is to see our congregations refreshed and many new worshipping communities planted. Its prayer and work is to see 'Through Jesus transformed people, transformed places.'

Thus the parish aims and objectives are to:

- Refresh our existing congregations so that they may grow as disciples in love for each other and for the surrounding community;
- Grow new worshipping communities serving the neighbourhoods, networks and communities that exist in the parish;
- Serve our local schools and community partners;
- Embody the vision of Liverpool Diocese in all we do: 'We are praying for a bigger church making a bigger difference, more people knowing Jesus and more justice in the world' and reflect the values of Fit for Mission.

The PCC will ensure Wigan Town Centre is a safe, welcoming and inclusive environment that is open to all and which enables all to thrive and flourish in the love of God.

MEMBERS' STATEMENT

When planning our objectives for the year, the Joint Council gave consideration to the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit.

ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE

Achievements and Performance

A YEAR OF PROGRESS

We welcomed Rev David Cosslett – Assistant Curate – to the team this year. He was ordained as a permanent Deacon. He is a Self-Supporting Minister. He works alongside Rev Roland Harvey (Hub Leader), Rev Canon Sam Nicholson (Assistant Hub Leader) and Rev John Keeley (Assistant Curate) in ministering to and supporting the Hub.

This team also supports and ministers to, the Central Hub and much time and prayer has been given to how our two Hubs can work more closely together. This work continues.

The Hub Leadership Team (HLT) comprises members of both Hubs and its work has centres on bringing the various worshipping communities and mission groups closer together as well as helping the Hubs to grow in faith, in numbers, in community.

The Town Centre Hub still continued with its main agreed objectives, namely: growing parish relationships, leadership and mission in the community and schools; maintaining the position on finances; and completing the buildings review. Progress continued with the growth objectives, which has made 2025 a productive year.

Progress has also been seen in our engagement with local schools. A schools Ministry Team has been established, again across the two Hubs, and through this team we have been able to build on our relationships with schools both in Town Centre Hub and Central Hub. We have already seen a sharing of good practice as well as practical ways for our Worshipping communities to welcome schools within our buildings.

One observation from the above is the vital role our laity play in our mission. Within each worshipping community there is a dedicated group of people working tirelessly to support mission and ministry both within their worshipping community and across the Hub. This cannot be stated enough as with them, our Hub could not function.

Contactless giving was installed in all churches which has seen giving increase, particularly at weddings, baptisms and funerals, further supporting the financial health of the Hub.

The PCC spent some time considering how best to communicate, including with each other, the Joint Council and the wider parish, as well as looking at refreshing websites and use of social media.

Safeguarding remained an important priority for the Hub. Fortunately, there were very few safeguarding issues, but those that occurred were dealt with and resolved promptly. The PCC welcomed and engaged with all safeguarding training and maintain it as a standing item on the agenda.

ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE

LOOKING TO THE FUTURE: BUILDING NEEDS

Plans continue for the reordering work for All Saints. It is hoped that work will start in the Spring of 2026. There is excitement as to what the next year holds for the congregation as it opens its doors and invites the community in to experience and use its new facilities.

2025 also saw a reordering of the kitchen facility in St Mark's, creating a new food preparation area. This has proved a huge benefit to the Hub Café as it serves the community of New Town

MISSION PLANNING.

In 2026 the Hubs are being asked to formulate Mission Plans. In preparation for this Town Centre Hub along with Central Hub spent time together. In 2025 members of the churches of the Hubs met together to discern a vision for their future ministry. It was a celebration of so much good that was happening in our Hubs in terms of mission and ministry.

Six areas were identified: Discipleship, Small Group ministry, Schools ministry, Baptism Ministry and Community Outreach. Added to these was Worship.

The Hub Leadership Team will take the findings of the Vision Days and propose a Mission Plan to present to the PCCs in 2026.

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Financial Review

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

For the fifth year in a row, 2025 has seen an increase in the overall funds of the parish. On the SOFA, it can be clearly seen that both our receipts and payments are both higher compared to 2024. However, as our income is under £250,000, we can produce receipts and payments accounts instead of prepayment and accruals accounts as we did last year. This means only transactions within the accounting year are included in the accounts and no provision is made for payments made or income received after the year end, but which relate to the current year. This makes it slightly more difficult to compare this year's figures with last years as last year included those provisions.

I will highlight the reasons for the biggest changes in income between 2025 and 2024. Giving (codes 0101 to 0210) is down by approximately £1500 this year compared to last year which is disappointing. However, PGS has increased slightly. St Marks has lost some of its 9.15am service parishioners who gave by gift aid envelopes (code 0110). Donations (codes 0320 to 0450) are harder to compare. Last year ad-hoc donations (code 0415) St Michaels received a £10,000 donation from Wigan Lourdes Association and this year the figures in the restricted column are donations for St Marks new kitchen. Tax recovered on gift aid (code 0601) has reduced this year as no debtor has been made for income due to be received from gift aid. GASDS tax relief (code 0610) has increased as St Michaels did two years claims this year. Finally, interest has reduced from last year (codes 1020 & 1025). No provision has been made for December interest and interest rates have reduced during the year.

We have seen an increase again this year in parishioners joining the Parish Giving Scheme (PGS). This is really encouraging and is something we will continue to promote within our churches. This is because the PGS has shown itself to be the most cost effective and safest method to give to our respective church communities. While the PGS ensures that gifts are allocated to the correct funds, it also reduces the time burden from those who must open giving envelopes, count and record the contents and then get money to the bank. Similarly, PGS also reduces the workload of our church Gift Aid Secretaries by reducing the number of records they need to maintain, while also increasing the frequency of Gift Aid reclaim pay outs.

There are some significant differences to explain on expenditure this year. Cost of fundraising events has reduced (code 1730) as not as many events held this year and this is reflected in income code 0901. Donations have been made to secular charities this year by St Michaels as part of their mission giving (code 1870). Deanery share has decreased as expected, as Parish payments are being made direct to WDT and have been deducted from the amount paid to the Diocese. This is reflected in code 2070 administration support. This figure is higher than last year as payments only started in May 2024. At this point I would like to say we are still the only Parish of the seven in Wigan who have paid their Parish Share in full. My thanks go to all our parishioners who continue to give generously to make this possible. Clergy costs to the Joint Council for housing (code 2125) reduced from April 2025. Church maintenance costs increased this year (code 2330). All Saints got a new boiler and door, and the remainder of the work at St Mark's, funded by the minor repairs and improvements grant, was completed. There is no expenditure in code 2335 church equipment as this is depreciation on the fixed assets which is not required for receipts and payments

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accounts. There is a large increase on code 2361 governance costs because this code includes legal fees. All Saints decided to contest the validity of a parishioner's will as he said he was leaving his substantial estate to the church and they believed it was fraudulently changed by a distant relative. A parishioner from All Saints agree to pay the initial legal fees and see how it progressed but this donation has been received in the 2026 accounts. Unfortunately, there wasn't enough proof to take it any further. Church electric and gas (codes 2401 & 2410) have reduced significantly this year. No provision has been made for the December bills, but this doesn't account for the total reduction seen. There have been a lot of major repairs this year in all our churches. Code 2701 includes St Michaels church roof repairs, repairs to lightening protection system and a surge protector installation. Code 2710 includes St Marks new kitchen and All Saints architect fees for the reorder. Code 2801 is for St Michaels Hall roof repairs and 2820 is for an emergency lighting upgrade for St Michaels Hall.

FIXED ASSETS

Tangible Assets shown on the Statement of Assets and Liabilities are St Marks Boys Brigade equipment with a value of £2390, St Mark's office equipment and electricals with a value of £26180 and St Michael's church hall with a value of £237,601.

RESERVES

The PCC's aim is to retain within its unrestricted funds, as freely available reserves, a sum at least equivalent to four months of the year's annual expenditure.

At the end of the year free reserves in unrestricted funds comprised shares and CBF investments for All Saints of £2,397 and combined church reserves across multiple bank accounts with balances carried forward of £458,271. These sums do not include fixed assets of £263,781 (St Michael's church hall £237,601 and St Mark's office equipment and electricals £26,180) which are not freely available. Free reserves were therefore significantly above the minimum aim (c£80,000). The PCC will continue to review the appropriate level of funds held as unrestricted reserves.

RISK

An annual budget is prepared to help the PCC identify areas of significant risk. During each financial year the PCC also receives and can examine bimonthly financial reports showing actual against budget comparison reports.

Investments and reserves are only held in low-risk Church of England, Central Board of Finance funds. Bank accounts are maintained at those amounts required for operational purposes only. All assets are insured, with insurance levels periodically reviewed in conjunction with the insurance provider's team. The PCC has agreed internal controls for the handling of cash and cheques, both as receipts and as payments.

Finally, I would like to thank Bill and Jean as assistant treasurers for their help and support over the year and anyone else who has contributed towards the management of our Parish finances including gift aid secretaries, money counters and money bankers.

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Statement of Financial Activities

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total funds	Prior year total funds
Receipts				
Donations and legacies	191,500	11,975	203,475	202,665
Income from charitable activities	6,931	2,017	8,948	9,286
Other trading activities	22,400	-	22,400	20,807
Investments	7,188	1,038	8,227	9,731
Total income	**228,020**	**15,030**	**243,050**	**242,490**
Payments				
Raising funds	2,584	75	2,659	4,824
Expenditure on charitable activities	211,966	25,881	237,847	230,262
Total expenditure	**214,550**	**25,956**	**240,506**	**235,086**
Net income / (expenditure) resources before transfer	**13,470**	**(10,926)**	**2,544**	**7,404**
Transfers				
Gross transfers between funds - in	39,867	1,088	40,954	13,217
Gross transfers between funds - out	(40,954)	-	(40,954)	(13,217)
Other recognised gains / losses				
Gains/losses on investment assets	(100)	(279)	(379)	212
Net movement in funds	**12,283**	**(10,118)**	**2,165**	**7,616**
Reconciliation of funds				
Total funds brought forward	**712,166**	**121,897**	**834,063**	**826,447**
Total funds carried forward	**724,449**	**111,779**	**836,228**	**834,063**

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Fund movement summary

Fund	Fund balances brought forward	Incoming Resources	Outgoing Resources	Transfers	Gains and Losses	Fund balances Carried forward
ASWAbbott - All Saints: Abbott Trust-For Children Of The Parish	10,132	-	-	-	-	10,132
ASWAltarFrnt - All Saints: Crawford Chapel Altar Frontal	292	-	-	-	-	292
ASWBluecoat - All Saints: Bluecoat Furniture	115	-	-	-	-	115
ASWFlwr - All Saints: Flower Fund	1,144	-	-	-	-	1,144
ASWGen - All Saints: General	-	64,481	64,020	(360)	(100)	-
ASWMission - All Saints: Mission Plans	113,811	17,668	7,071	-	-	124,408
ASWOrgan - All Saints: Organ Fund-Major Repairs	1,230	-	-	-	-	1,230
ASWProsWhite - All Saints: Prosser White Trust-Church Music	744	-	170	-	-	574
ASWStStitch - All Saints: Saintly Stitchers-Church Fabric	1,496	-	-	-	-	1,496
ASWTown Relief - All Saints: Town Relief-Asylum Seekers	740	-	-	-	-	740
ASWVestments - All Saints: Clergy Vestments	127	-	-	-	-	127
GEWGen - St George: General	5,189	333	-	-	-	5,522
MASEducate - St Michael And All Angels: Education Fund-Children's Work	11,463	-	-	-	-	11,463
MASFlwr - St Michael & All Angels: Flower Fund	692	530	147	-	-	1,075
MASFxAsset - St Michael And All Angels: Fixed Assets	237,601	-	-	-	-	237,601
MASGen - St Michael & All Angels: General	217,409	79,505	61,455	(20,924)	-	214,534
MASKitchen - St Michael And All Angels: Hall Kitchen Fund	5,844	-	-	-	-	5,844
MASLunch - St Michael And All Angels: Lunch Club	3,980	-	-	-	-	3,980
MASProsWhite - St Michael And All Angels: Prosser White-Church Music	1,511	-	664	-	-	847
MASRoof - St Michael And All Angels: Roof Fund	38,795	-	9,056	-	-	29,739
MASSocial - St Michael And All Angels: Social Committee	121	-	121	-	-	-
MKNBereavement - St Mark N: Bereavement Fund	1,186	-	-	-	-	1,186
MKNBldPurps - St Mark N: Building Purposes	399	33	-	-	(37)	395

MKNBoysBrigade - St Mark N: Boys' Brigade	695	2,017	2,426	-	-	286
MKNFxAsset - St Mark N: Fixed Assets	28,570	-	-	-	-	28,570
MKNGen - St Mark N: General	122,091	68,034	42,016	(19,669)	-	128,439
MKNHolWelfare - St Mark N: Holiday Welfare Fund	478	-	-	-	-	478
MKNKitchen - St Mark N Kitchen	2,961	9,445	13,494	1,088	-	-
MKNMission - St Mark N: Mission Fund	17,519	656	-	-	(242)	17,933
MKNYthDev - St Mark N: Youth Development	7,725	350	-	-	-	8,075
TCGeneral - Wigan Town Centre: General	-	-	39,867	39,867	-	-
Totals	**834,063**	**243,050**	**240,506**	**-**	**(379)**	**836,228**

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Statement of Assets and Liabilities (by code)

Class and nominal code	General	Designated	Restricted	Total	Last year
Fixed Asset					
6422a: Boys' Brigade Equipment (St Mark N)	-	-	2,390	2,390	2,390
6422b: Office Equipment & Electricals (St Mark N)	-	26,180	-	26,180	26,180
6433: Church Hall (St Michael & All Angels)	-	237,601	-	237,601	237,601
6441: Shares & CBF investments (All Saints W) 1429S	-	2,397	-	2,397	2,497
6442: Shares & CBF investments (St Mark N) 1418S	-	-	892	892	929
6462: Shares & CBF investments (St Mark N) 1045S	-	-	5,816	5,816	6,058
Total	-	266,178	9,098	275,276	275,655
Current Asset					
6501: Bank current account (All Saints Wigan)	-	6,032	(1,617)	4,416	4,799
6502: Bank current account (St Mark Newtown)	-	31,817	(2,135)	29,682	22,647
6503: Bank current account (St Michael & All Angels)	-	15,416	(11,145)	4,271	5,251
6505: Bank current account (Town Centre parish)	-	5,277	4,061	9,338	18,636
6506: Lloyds current account (Town Centre PCC)	-	51,224	(1,303)	49,921	54,266
6512: Bank deposit account (St Mark Newtown)	-	(408)	408	-	-
6513: Bank High Interest account (St Michael & All Angels)	-	215,562	57,833	273,395	270,174
6524: CCLA (CBF) Deposit account (St George Wigan)	-	7,691	-	7,691	7,358
6531: Bank current account 2 (All Saints Wigan)	-	110,229	30,867	141,096	130,246
6533: Bank Current Account 2 HSBC (St Michael & All Angels)	-	-	-	-	121
6552: Bank current account (St Mark Newtown) Boys Brigade	-	-	286	286	695
6581a: CCLA (CBF) deposit account (All Saints Wigan) 1620D	-	188	-	188	188
6581b: CCLA (CBF) deposit account (All Saints Wigan) 1847D	-	5,032	-	5,032	4,814
6581c: CCLA (CBF) deposit account (All Saints Wigan) 1011D	-	8,037	-	8,037	7,622
6582a: CCLA (CBF) Deposit account (St Mark Newtown) 1040D	-	-	11,267	11,267	10,779
6582b: CCLA (CBF) Deposit account (St Mark Newtown) 1656D	-	-	159	159	152
6582c: CCLA (CBF) Deposit account (St Mark Newtown) 1523D	-	2,174	-	2,174	2,080
6582d: CCLA (CBF) Deposit account (St Mark Newtown) 1051D	-	-	8,075	8,075	7,725
6583: CCLA (CBF) deposit account (St Michael and All Angels) 1747D	-	-	5,814	5,814	5,814
Z05: Accounts Receivable	-	-	-	-	11,062
Total	-	458,271	102,570	560,841	564,429
Liability					
6699: Agency collections	-	-	(111)	(111)	(851)
Z04: Accounts Payable	-	-	-	-	6,872
Total	-	-	(111)	(111)	6,021
Net total assets	-	724,449	111,779	836,228	834,063

Represented by					
Designated - ASWMission	-	110,508	-	110,508	101,912
Designated - GEWGen	-	5,522	-	5,522	5,189
Designated - MASFxAsset	-	237,601	-	237,601	237,601
Designated - MASGen	-	214,534	-	214,534	217,409
Designated - MASSocial	-	-	-	-	121
Designated - MKNBereavement	-	1,186	-	1,186	1,186
Designated - MKNFxAsset	-	26,180	-	26,180	26,180
Designated - MKNGen	-	128,439	-	128,439	122,091
Designated - MKNHolWelfare	-	478	-	478	478
Restricted - ASWAbbott	-	-	10,132	10,132	10,132
Restricted - ASWAltarFrnt	-	-	292	292	292
Restricted - ASWBluecoat	-	-	115	115	115
Restricted - ASWFlwr	-	-	1,144	1,144	1,144
Restricted - ASWMission	-	-	13,899	13,899	11,899
Restricted - ASWOrgan	-	-	1,230	1,230	1,230
Restricted - ASWProsWhite	-	-	574	574	744
Restricted - ASWStStitch	-	-	1,496	1,496	1,496
Restricted - ASWTown Relief	-	-	740	740	740
Restricted - ASWVestments	-	-	127	127	127
Restricted - MASEducate	-	-	11,463	11,463	11,463
Restricted - MASFlwr	-	-	1,075	1,075	692
Restricted - MASKitchen	-	-	5,844	5,844	5,844
Restricted - MASLunch	-	-	3,980	3,980	3,980
Restricted - MASProsWhite	-	-	847	847	1,511
Restricted - MASRoof	-	-	29,739	29,739	38,795
Restricted - MKNBldPurps	-	-	395	395	399
Restricted - MKNBoysBrigade	-	-	286	286	695
Restricted - MKNFxAsset	-	-	2,390	2,390	2,390
Restricted - MKNKitchen	-	-	-	-	2,961
Restricted - MKNMission	-	-	17,933	17,933	17,519
Restricted - MKNYthDev	-	-	8,075	8,075	7,725
Total	-	724,449	111,779	836,228	834,063

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Analysis of Income and Expenditure

	General	Designated	Restricted	This year	Last year
Receipts					
Donations and legacies					
0101 - Gift Aid - Parish Giving Scheme	-	50,874	300	51,174	50,471
0102 - Gift Aid - Bank (Standing Order)	-	14,831	-	14,831	15,199
0110 - Gift Aid - Envelopes	-	10,702	-	10,702	12,592
0201 - Other planned giving - Parish Giving Scheme	-	7,645	-	7,645	7,728
0202 - Other planned giving - Bank (Standing Order)	-	2,599	-	2,599	2,212
0210 - Other planned giving - Envelopes	-	4,728	-	4,728	4,964
0301 - Loose plate collections (GASDS eligible)	-	30,981	-	30,981	30,462
0305 - Loose plate collections (not GASDS eligible)	-	2,083	-	2,083	3,560
0320 - One-off Gift Aid donations (declaration on envelope)	-	1,240	-	1,240	1,042
0405 - Ad-hoc donations: non Gift Aid (GASDS eligible)	-	1,582	290	1,872	1,940
0410 - Giving through church boxes	-	261	-	261	223
0415 - Ad-hoc donations: non Gift Aid (not GASDS eligible)	-	5,186	1,000	6,186	16,232
0420 - One-off Gift Aid donations	-	8,986	5,000	13,986	9,085
0450 - Special or specific appeals etc	-	2,276	2,060	4,336	2,641
0601 - Tax recoverable on Gift Aid	-	12,116	1,325	13,441	18,400
0610 - GASDS Tax relief	-	7,649	-	7,649	2,853
0701 - Legacies	-	15,320	-	15,320	5,500
0801 - Recurring grants	-	281	-	281	750
08A1 - Non-recurring one-off grants	-	4,425	2,000	6,425	7,098
0901 - Fundraising (general)	-	7,737	-	7,737	9,714
Donations and legacies Totals	**-**	**191,500**	**11,975**	**203,475**	**202,665**
Income from charitable activities					
1101 - Parish fee for wedding or funeral	-	6,352	-	6,352	6,458
1280 - Church event income	-	579	-	579	1,215
1290 - Branch organisations - receipts	-	-	2,017	2,017	1,613
Income from charitable activities Totals	**-**	**6,931**	**2,017**	**8,948**	**9,286**
Other trading activities					
0910 - Fundraising (Attic, Car Boot, Table top, Rummage sales etc)	-	-	-	-	450
1240 - Church/Hall lettings - fund raising	-	11,684	-	11,684	9,558
1270 - Other funds generated	-	10,716	-	10,716	10,799
Other trading activities Totals	**-**	**22,400**	**-**	**22,400**	**20,807**
Investments					
1020 - Bank and building society interest	-	5,861	-	5,861	7,121
1025 - CBF Deposit account interest	-	1,327	1,038	2,366	2,610
Investments Totals	**-**	**7,188**	**1,038**	**8,227**	**9,731**
Receipts Grand totals	**-**	**228,020**	**15,030**	**243,050**	**242,490**

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Payments

Raising funds					
1720 - Costs of giving envelopes and stewardship campaigns	-	273	75	348	300
1730 - Costs of fundraising events	-	2,311	-	2,311	4,524
Raising funds Totals	**-**	**2,584**	**75**	**2,659**	**4,824**
Expenditure on charitable activities					
1830 - Giving - relief and development agencies	-	310	-	310	360
1850 - Home mission	-	1,284	-	1,284	1,655
1870 - Secular charities	-	1,676	-	1,676	-
1910 - Deanery Share	-	93,629	-	93,629	108,194
2010 - Salary of organist/musicians	-	3,456	-	3,456	3,456
2050 - Salary of parish/deanery administrators	-	4,080	-	4,080	4,080
2055 - PAYE, NI & Pension - Parish Admin & Support staff	-	1,413	-	1,413	1,884
2070 - Administration Support	-	18,798	-	18,798	12,400
2101 - Clergy working expenses	-	714	-	714	2,433
2125 - Clergy costs (Joint Council)	-	4,674	-	4,674	5,628
2180 - Reader expenses and subscriptions	-	100	-	100	50
2201 - Parish mission and evangelism costs	-	155	-	155	-
2210 - Alpha course costs etc.	-	783	-	783	-
2220 - Sunday School & Junior Church costs	-	106	-	106	20
2301 - Insurance premiums (church building)	-	13,941	-	13,941	13,152
2310 - Telephone (church building/parish office)	-	1,287	-	1,287	1,169
2320 - Organ / piano tuning and maintenance	-	1,790	-	1,790	1,775
2330 - Church building maintenance (routine)	-	9,733	191	9,924	8,121
2331 - Cleaning materials & equipment (church building)	-	1,158	-	1,158	1,172
2335 - Church equipment	-	-	-	-	4,682
2340 - Upkeep of services	-	2,603	147	2,750	2,079
2345 - Church consumable items	-	360	-	360	-
2360 - Administration costs for parish	-	2,027	834	2,860	3,214
2361 - Governance costs & examination/audit fee	-	5,351	-	5,351	47
2362 - Banking charges	-	628	-	628	255
2363 - Software licenses & subscriptions	-	180	-	180	-
2401 - Church building - electric	-	4,222	-	4,222	7,388
2410 - Church building - gas	-	11,412	-	11,412	20,697
2420 - Church building - water	-	1,349	-	1,349	1,265

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2515 - Other Funds Expenses	-	3,531	-	3,531	3,711
2530 - Hall/Other building - electricity	-	2,875	-	2,875	1,992
2540 - Hall/Other building - gas	-	3,068	-	3,068	3,794
2550 - Hall/Other building - insurance premiums	-	454	-	454	428
2560 - Hall/Other building - maintenance (routine)	-	988	-	988	397
2580 - Hall/Other building - water rates	-	836	-	836	1,107
2585 - Hall/Other building - consumables	-	8	-	8	8
2590 - Hall/Other building - cleaning costs	-	1,590	-	1,590	1,514
2599 - Branch Organisation - payments	-	-	2,426	2,426	1,594
2701 - Church building major repairs - structure	-	2,396	7,754	10,151	2,635
2710 - Church building major repairs - installation	-	7,071	13,228	20,299	5,924
2801 - Hall/Other building major repairs - structure	-	-	1,302	1,302	1,980
2820 - Hall/Other building major repairs - installation	-	1,930	-	1,930	-
Expenditure on charitable activities Totals	**-**	**211,966**	**25,881**	**237,847**	**230,262**
Payments Grand totals	**-**	**214,550**	**25,956**	**240,506**	**235,086**

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Plans for the Future

The PCC shares the vision and mission of Church Wigan of working with Jesus to see transformed people and transformed places within the Parish of Wigan Town Centre. It understands its role of nurturing a culture in the parish which is hopeful, safe and centred on the kingdom of God,[1] and which actively encourages a focus on refreshing existing members and worshipping communities and growing fresh new ones.

[1] This is the term used by Jesus Christ to describe God's activity in the world which produces goodness and love, justice for the oppressed and marginalised, and peace and hope for all.

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Structure, Governance and Management

GOVERNING DOCUMENTS

- Church Wigan Church Representation Rules Scheme 2019
- Church Representation Rules (which are part of the Synodical Government Measure 1969)
- PCCs (Powers) Measure 1959

APPOINTMENT AND ELECTION OF MEMBERS

The PCC is a corporate body established by the Church of England. It operates according to the measures above and is a charity currently registered with the Charity Commission.

PCC members are appointed in accordance with the Church Representation Rules and are elected at the Annual Parochial Church Meeting. All those who attend are encouraged to register on the Electoral Roll and stand for election to the PCC. Individual members of the PCC receive external training as and when deemed appropriate by the PCC, including mandatory safeguarding training.

Members defined by the governing documents are:

- Team Rector, Benefice of Wigan
- The Team Vicars licensed as Hub Leader or Associate Hub Leader of the parish
- All Team Vicars licensed to the Benefice of Wigan
- Two Churchwardens elected each year by the Annual Meeting of Parishioners (sometimes referred to as the Vestry Meeting)
- Twelve Members directly elected at the Annual Parochial Church Meeting serving three year terms
- Five Deanery Synod representatives who hold an ex-officio position on the PCC

QUORUM

Quorum is one third of members. For decision making there must be a lay majority in attendance.

STANDING COMMITTEE

Day to Day management of the church is exercised by the Standing Committee, the only committee required by law. It has the power to transact PCC business between PCC meetings and considers strategic issues which may affect the parish.

Members of the Standing Committee are appointed each year by the PCC immediately following the Annual Parish Meeting and must have a lay majority for decision making. In 2025 it comprised: Rev Roland Harvey, Michael Marsh, James Hunter, Wendy Kay and Neil Meadow.

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LIST OF PCC MEMBERS

NAME	OFFICE	TERM OF OFFICE
Rev Roland Harvey	Team Vicar, PCC Chair (Hub Leader)	Ex-officio
Rev Canon Sam Nicholson	Team Vicar (Assistant Hub Leader)	Ex-officio
Rev Stan Higginson	Team Vicar	Ex-officio
Rev David Cosslett	Assistant Curate	Ex-officio
Rev John Keeley	Assistant Curate	Ex-officio
Neil Meadow	Churchwarden	2025-2026
Karl Greenall	Deanery Synod Rep	2023-2026
Ruth Laemmel	Deanery Synod Rep	2023-2026
Jim Nicholson	Deanery Synod Rep	2023-2026
Martin O'Kane	Deanery Synod Rep	2023-2026
Elaine Smith	Deanery Synod Rep, Safeguarding Officer	2023-2026
Tim Smith	Deanery Synod Rep	2023-2026
James Hunter	Elected member; Secretary	2025-2028
Wendy Kay	Elected member, Treasurer	2024-2027
Michael Marsh	Elected member, Vice-Chair	2025-2028
Ruth Clough	Elected member	2024-2027
Richard Edwards	Elected member	2023-2026
Mark Fairhurst	Elected member	2024-2027
John Gostelow	Elected member	2024-2027
Dorothy Harrison	Elected Member	2025-2028
Sandra Kassama	Elected member	2024-2027
Peter Layland	Elected member	2025-2028
Andrew Edgar	Elected member	2023-2026
David Sixsmith	Elected member	2025-2028
Rev Canon Neil Cook	Team Rector	Ex-officio
Rev Catherine Cosslett	Team Vicar	Ex-officio
Rev Clive Doran	Interim Team Vicar	Ex-officio
Rev Dot Gosling	Team Vicar	Ex-officio
Rev Steve Beck	Team Vicar	Ex-officio
Rev Sue Fulford	Team Vicar	Ex-officio
Rev Stan Higginson	Team Vicar	Ex-officio
Rev Fran Humphreys	Team Vicar	Ex-officio
Rev Sandra Jones	Team Vicar	Ex-officio

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REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

Charity Name | **The Parochial Church Council of Wigan Town Centre** (Charity Number 1204271)

Principal address | **Church Wigan Office, Wigan Investment Centre, Waterside Drive, Wigan, WN3 5BA**

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER

Jeffrey Hacking FCCA, 97 Ribchester Road, Clayton-le-Dale, Blackburn, BB1 9HT

INDEPENDENT EXAMINERS REPORT

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the Parochial Church Council (PCC) of WIGAN TOWN CENTRE

on the accounts for the year ended 31st December 2025, as set out on pages 9 to 18 of your Annual Report.

Respective responsibilities of Trustees and Examiner

The PCC are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. They consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 (the Charities Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the Charities Act,
- to follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission (under section 145(5)(b) of the Charities Act), and
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent examiner's statement

My examination was carried out in accordance with general Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the PCC and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from the PCC concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair' view and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

Independent examiner's statement

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

1) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in, any material respect, the requirements:
   - to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act;
   - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the Charities Act have not been met; or
2) to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Signed: J Hacking Date: 18 JUNE 2026

IE's Name: JEFFREY HACKING

address: 97 RIBCHESTER ROAD, BLACKBURN, BB1 9HT

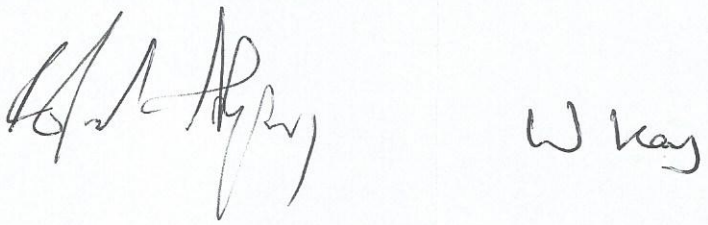
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DECLARATIONS

The members declare that they have approved the Annual Report above.

Signed on behalf of the members of the PCC by:

SIGNATURE



Full Name	Rev Roland Harvey	Wendy Kay
Position	Team Vicar	Treasurer
Date	8th Sept. 2024	8th September 2024