St Saviour's Church
Nottingham

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Annual Report 2025

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I. General Details

Charity Name	The Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish of Nottingham St Saviour.
Registered Charity Number	1205280
Address	St Saviour's Church, Arkwright Walk, Nottingham, NG2 2JU
Trustees/PCC	**Revd. Joanna Lees-Robinson** - *Chair & Associate Priest with Responsibility for Nottingham St Saviour* **Revd. John Lees-Robinson** - *Vice Chair & Assistant Curate* **Amanda Elahi** - *Church Warden & Treasurer* **David Roberts** - *Church Warden & Deanery Synod Rep* **Toby Browne** **Alwin Augustine** **Lois Dexter** **Beth Stubbs** **Olivia Pearson-Eve** **Sarah Roger-Lund**
Safeguarding	**Dave Roberts** - Parish Safeguarding Officer **Jonah Gorst** - Assistant Parish Safeguarding Officer

Governing Documents

The PCC of St Saviour's Church Nottingham is governed by two documents: the Parochial Church Councils (Powers) Measure 1956 and the Church Representation Rules. The former sets out the principal function of the PCC as: "promoting in the parish the whole mission of the Church" whilst the latter contains the method of appointment for PCC members.

Since the last APCM, the full PCC has met seven times. Given the breadth of its responsibilities and scale of ministry and reordering activities undertaken in 2025, a number of individuals have undertaken roles on behalf of the PCC. All these individuals have reported directly to the PCC, which holds overall responsibility, and this has been minuted in the relevant PCC meetings.

II. PCC Report

Opening Note on 2025

2025 has seen the continuation and acceleration of the revitalisation of St Saviour's Church which began in 2023. A number of new ministries, particularly amongst the emerging generations have begun and a number of reordering works to the church building have been completed. The church family itself has continued to grow. The electoral roll now stands at 63 having been 39 at the last APCM. In addition, over the course of 2025, average Sunday attendance has increased to approximately 65 adults and 30-40 under 16s each week.

Vision

Our Governing Documents outline that the primary objective of the PCC is to promote "in the parish the whole mission of the Church". Within the worshipping community of the church this is expressed as a vision to see:

God's Presence Changing Lives.

In addition, the PCC has specific responsibility for the maintenance and upkeep of the buildings under it's care, namely St Saviour's Church, St Saviour's Church Halls and St Saviour's Cottage.

Charitable Objectives and Activities

The PCC is committed:

"To advance the Christian faith for the benefit of the public, by serving and reaching for Christ in the community of the Meadows and wider city of Nottingham through the networks of people connected with members of the congregation by, in particular:

- Holding Services of Worship
- Provision of Sacred Space for Prayer
- Promoting Study of the Bible
- Missionary and Outreach Work”

Throughout 2025 weekly worship services have been held, and the ministries of the Church have expanded in order to build a Sanctuary of God’s Presence into which anyone can come and meet with God. As a church family we have three priorities which are to build:

1. A House of Devotion to Jesus
2. A Spiritual Home for Every Generation
3. A Bridge to the City.

The work of each of these areas is provided in the review below.

In order to facilitate this, it has been important that the fabric of St Saviour’s Church Building be maintained and key building works be undertaken to ensure the ongoing establishment of St Saviour’s as a house of prayer and worship. The associated buildings of the Parish Room and Church Halls have also required minor works to ensure their continued use as ministry buildings for our Emerging Generations ministries and St Saviour’s Staff team.

As detailed below, the PCC is deeply encouraged by all that God is doing in the worshipping life of St Saviour’s Church and is expectant for all that is ahead for us in 2026.

Review of 2025

House of Devotion

As we reflect on 2025 we are even more deeply committed to the calling we initially felt to open up a “well of worship” at St Saviour’s and build a House of Devotion into which anyone can come and meet with God. This work has been hugely blessed by Joe Sherwin joining the Staff Team in Sept 2025 as Worship Pastor. Joe has taken over leadership of the Worship Team and has served to strengthen the worshipping life of St Saviour’s across all ages. Joe has brought passion into ‘Worship for Everyone’ and worship in Kids Church and Family Drop-In has gone from strength to strength.

Our weekly rhythms of Sunday Gatherings have steadily grown with lives being impacted weekly through encounters with God’s word, his Spirit and his people. Our weekly rhythm of Worship & Wait has continued to foster a heartbeat of

Wholehearted Devotion to Jesus and provided a regular space for the church community to press into intercession. We have also been so encouraged by our extended nights of prayer and worship with St Wilfrid's.

As a church family, we began 2025 exploring the theme of 'digging wells of devotion' in our own lives in a series called 'Removing the Stones'. This series looked at the obstacles we can personally face which block us from experiencing more of God and then in our Lent series 'More than Enough' we experienced the power of Jesus and his ability to overcome every obstacle with his love. Over the late Spring we explored 'Forgiveness' and God's call upon us to 'Become Like Jesus'. Over summer we explored the work of Holy Spirit and how this 'Familiar Stranger' can become a 'Familiar Friend'. In the Autumn we renewed our vision to 'Build a Sanctuary' and launched our 'Sanctuary House' building project as a church family. We then journeyed together through 'Life Together', exploring what it means for us to truly become God's family inhabiting the Sanctuary, loving one another and being a true Jesus centred community to each other. We ended the year with some of our largest public services in our Advent season looking at 'Feasting on God.'

Home for Every Generation

2025 saw significant expansion in the area of Emerging Generations, overseen by Jonah as Emerging Generations Pastor alongside Rosie as Children's & Families Worker.. Sunday Kids Church has continued to provide a safe, nurturing and spirit-filled space for children to grow up in the presence of God and learn the way of Jesus. Family Drop-In has continued to be an important touch point with families from the local community and has increasingly become a worshipping community in its own right. Many of the parents from Family Drop-In engaged with Alpha over the course of 2025.

Having started the year with no youth regularly attending the church we ended 2025 having seen a regular weekly youth worshipping community start - which is attended by 25-30 youth every week. We also saw a Sundays Youth Church launched and in the Autumn we baptised our first youth. With no physical space available to us to host a Sunday Youth Church we have been incredibly blessed to have the opportunity to rent Trinity Church Nottingham's HOPE Bus, which is currently in-situ in St Saviour's car park.

We have been hugely blessed by the willingness and love shown by our church family to be part of the teams serving the emerging generations. This remains a priority for prayer as our needs in this area are only going to grow and this ministry continues to expand, maxing out the capacity of our current spaces.

Glebe Hall remains unfit for use as a kids space however, the team has continued to make Centenary Hall a good temporary space for Kids Church & Family Drop-In. The Parish Room has been used on Sundays as an 0-2's area. As the EmGen ministry grows in size and scope, we look forward to the development of the new Sanctuary House building which will provide us with the space needed to see many more children meet with God and grow up with Him and within a loving and supportive church family.

Our Life Together series in 2025 felt like an important moment of corporate ownership for us as a church family. Whilst we are blessed to be on a journey to build a new building, we carry a joint conviction that the building will only be a blessing to the community if a loving, Jesus centred community is inhabiting it. This shared sense of family has been particularly felt through 'Family Feasts' moments of celebration and eating together, Festival Services such as our Carols and Christingle Services, and through our Groups. We've been blessed to have Joe Forshaw take a lead on facilitating our Groups to grow and foster environments in Groups for members of St Saviour's to find deep-spirited friendship.

Further moments of growing as church family were felt at the TABLE Weekend @ Home and Wildfires Festival. Both of these occasions were deeply impactful for those of the church family who attended and we are grateful to have been able to share these moments together.

Bridge to the City

All the work being done inside the church building and family is only truly serving the city if the doors are open and pathways are available for anyone to come and join the family. The Bridge team which aims to help those not yet in church or on the edge of church engage with God and with others, has grown and has done incredible work over the course of this year.

Tom & Lib have done a great job pioneering a new student ministry over the course of 2025 which has seen a number of students engage in the life of St Saviour's whether on Sundays or through Groups.

In 2025 we had over 15 people attend and complete Alpha courses. This has been amazing to see and exciting that our evangelistic contribution as a church is still in its infancy. We are expectant for what God will do in this area in the years to come!

Relationships with the local schools have continued to grow. Rosie has run a lunchtime drama club in Greenfields which has been brilliant at building relationships with the kids and also the school staff team. Jonah has visited

Emmanuel school regularly, helping to run a youth Alpha earlier in the year. At Christmas 2025 we loved welcoming around 60 kids for a Christmas activity trail at St Saviour's.

Staff Team

In 2025 our staff team underwent a number of changes as second year interns reached the end of their internship, new interns joined the team and new staff positions were opened up. Both Elisha and Naomi left the staff team to take up new roles in ministry positions, at the Diocese and Holy Trinity Lenton Church respectively. Joe Sherwin joined the team as Worship Pastor - funded through the SMIBB Programme Board. Becky Nye also joined the team as a first year intern. Joe Forshaw, Hannah Browne and Kris Beall continued on the team as second year interns. Becca Tucker and Tom Pearson-Eve continued on into their final year of ordinand training. Chris Tucker, Jonah Gorst and Rosie Sherwin all continued their roles on staff.

III. Fabric Report

Buildings Overview and Quinquennial

The last Quinquennial inspection was completed in the summer of 2023. From this inspection a number of areas of work were recommended,

The Quinquennial Report 2023 recommendations were as follows:

1. *Check the upstands of the north and south aisle roof parapets.*
2. *Repair the above by fitting a new lead cover flashing, including removing and re-bedding copings and re-pointing.*
3. *Stone re-pointing and repairs - where identified*
4. *Internal decoration and plaster repairs*
5. *Clear pigeons from the belfry and re-mesh any holes.*

The recommended repair work to the roof and walls were completed in 2024, with further repairs to the roof leadwork scheduled for 2026. The exterior stone repointing is due to be addressed in the next few years subject to availability of funds, as recommended by the Quinquennial. Other areas of the Church building are structurally sound, although as noted above, works remain ongoing to ensure every aspect of the building is fit for purpose as a centre of prayer and worship.

Adjacent to the church building, and attached through a link block, are Glebe Hall, Centenary Hall and St Saviour's Cottage. A review by the diocesan surveyor in 2022 stated that the halls are in a generally poor state of repair and would require significant investment to be brought up to an appropriate standard for regular use.

This situation continues to the present. Some investment has been made into Centenary Hall to make it fit for the Emerging Generations ministry. The toilets have been renovated and electric heating has been installed. However, long term, these buildings are no longer fit for purpose. The Sanctuary House Project (see below) will address these issues through the creation of a building specifically designed to house Emerging Generations ministries. Providing both the space and atmosphere required for these vital ministries to flourish.

St Saviour's Cottage continues to require regular maintenance to remain fit for tenants to live in, although no substantial repairs have been required in 2025.

Faculties

This year has seen a number of renovation and maintenance projects happening throughout our church building, alongside the progress made behind the scenes with architects and consultants as we move to finalise designs and obtain the relevant permissions for the commencement of the construction of Sanctuary House.

No new faculties were created by St Saviour's in 2025, but the following works were carried out to completion, and the relevant faculties closed:

- *'Redevelopment of Internal Church Lighting'*

Through the provision of PCC funds, combined with successful grant funding totalling over £14k, St Saviour's was able to complete the works set out within this faculty in the Autumn of 2025. The previous truss stage lighting within the main Sanctuary was removed, and replaced with more discreet, energy efficient and flexible LED lighting within the apex of each internal church archway. This enables St Saviour's to tailor the lighting levels within the Sanctuary to the specific ministry needs of each service.

Further faculties have been opened in 2026 for the ongoing repairs to the Sanctuary roof leadwork (as stipulated in the 2023 quinquennial), as well as for the demolition of the auxiliary church halls to make way for the *Sanctuary House* construction. We look forward to updating the congregation on the progress of this throughout 2026, and at the APCM next year.

Other Building Works

Emergency repair works were carried out to re-affix a loose glass pane from the main West Window in the church Sanctuary, which was successful. Further consolidation

works to the stone frames of these windows are within the faculty permissions process, and planned for 2026.

St Saviour's has been able to carry out significant improvements to our electrical supplies to the site, including EICR testing of our circuitry within the main Sanctuary, Centenary Hall, and the Church Cottage. Further testing of our electrical supplies to the Parish Room and church halls are planned for 2026 to make St Saviour's more compliant.

We have installed a new washing machine in Centenary Hall!

2025 saw the arrival of the Hope Bus to St Saviour's. We have installed further internal lighting and heating, as the Youth continues to grow and meet there regularly throughout the year.

Church Terrier/Inventory

Our churchwarden, Dave Roberts, has reviewed the church terrier against the current contents of the church, including the condition of the stained glass windows in the main Sanctuary, and can confirm that there are no changes from the previous report in 2024.

IV. Safeguarding

Throughout 2025, safeguarding has been a standing agenda item for each PCC meeting. The PCC has complied with the duty under section 5 of the Safeguarding and clergy discipline measure 2016 (duty to have due regard to House of Bishops guidance on safeguarding children and vulnerable adults). Charles Dall'omo handed over his responsibilities as Parish Safeguarding Officer to Dave Roberts who also took on the responsibilities of DBS recruiter and verifier. Alongside Dave, Jonah Gorst has served as an Assistant Parish Safeguarding Officer with Responsibility for the Emerging Generations. The Safeguarding Core Team, which has included the church clergy, has met every other month. Throughout 2025 work has been undertaken - led by Dave Roberts, to bring St Saviour's into compliance with the National Safeguarding Standards of England.

In 2025 the safeguarding priorities of the PCC are ensuring that our safeguarding policy continues to be comprehensively implemented and all volunteers working with vulnerable individuals complete safeguarding training to the appropriate level. The PCC is also committed to working towards full compliance to the Church of England's National Safeguarding Standards by the end of 2026.

V. Financial Report

The PCC reports total receipts on unrestricted funds for 2025 totalled £87,356, including £73,729 received from planned giving and donations from church members, £6,676 recovered through Gift Aid, and £6,951 from other income-generating activities, including rental income from St Saviour's Cottage.

Total receipts on restricted funds for the same period totalled £157,534. This figure primarily comprises grants and donations amounting to £148,959, received from both the Diocese and the wider Church of England. Diocesan funding, including Strategic Development Fund (SDF), Minor Repairs and Improvements (MR&I), and Net Zero Quick Wins (NZQW) grants, supported staffing costs and the continued reordering of the main Sanctuary building. Funding from the Church of England's Strategic Mission and Ministry Investment Board (SMMIB)—formerly the Diocesan Investment Programme—contributed towards building project costs and staffing associated with the ongoing Sanctuary House project.

The remaining £8,575 of receipts to restricted funds in 2025 comprises congregational donations towards the Sanctuary House redevelopment project. This generous giving from our congregation sits separately to regular giving towards the ministries within St Saviour's (which has also grown YoY), and we are deeply grateful for the generosity and support of those who have felt called to financially sow into the missional growth of St Saviour's through the creation of a new physical, and spiritual home in the Meadows.

Financial giving at St Saviour's has risen YoY with respect to the number of givers and overall donations received. St Saviour's is in receipt of regular donations enabling the ministry of St Saviour's Church, as well as towards the restricted Sanctuary House fund redevelopment project.

Overall income for the year totalled £245,077, representing an increase compared to 2024.

Total resources expended during the year amounted to £227,541 (2024: £196,739). These costs were incurred in furtherance of St Saviours' missional objectives and growth, including the provision of worship, ministry, and community engagement. Expenditure included £66,741 on repairs, maintenance, and church fabric, £92,630 on staff costs and £16,192 on youth work. Furthermore, the PCC is pleased to report that it has met its full Parish Share obligations of £15,600. It is the hope and desire of the PCC to continue making these full Parish Share contributions, and increase them where possible.

The net movement in funds for the year resulted in a surplus of £16,845 (2024: £2,106). At the year end, total funds held were £54,143 (2024: £37,298), comprising £7,860 in unrestricted funds and £46,096 in restricted funds.

Charitable Donations

During 2025, the PCC voted in favour of donating 10% of our total ministry budgets to external charities, and 1% of our unrestricted giving income to the TABLE church network we are a part of. As of May 2026, £296 has been donated to the TABLE church network, and £2,301 split between external charities as follows:

International Giving 25% to *Open Doors,* 25% *International Justice Mission*
Local Giving 25% to *Safe Families* 25% to *Jericho Road*

St Saviour's church will continue to donate regularly to these charities, and our external giving will be reviewed by the PCC as part of their annual budgeting process in July.

Reserves Policy

The PCC's desired level of reserves remains equivalent to three months of operating costs. This reserve serves as a contingency in the event of a sudden reduction in income, helping to safeguard the ongoing operation of the church against unforeseen financial fluctuations.
The PCC recognises its responsibility to protect its valuable assets, particularly the fabric of the buildings, and to maintain sufficient reserves to meet unexpected costs.

At the close of 2025, unrestricted reserves stood at £7,860, which is below our target range. However, this reflects normal variations in our cash flow, and aligns with the PCC's strategic decision to maintain funding for essential activities while waiting for delayed income—namely an outstanding Gift Aid claim estimated at £10,000 to £12,000. The PCC anticipates a steady recovery in our unrestricted reserves. Based on current expenditure levels, the PCC believes a reserve level of £10,000–£15,000 remains appropriate; however, this will continue to be reviewed in light of updated operating costs and increased ministry activity during 2025.

VI. Thanksgiving

The PCC would like to thank first and foremost the Lord, for the generosity, favour and provision He has shown towards St Saviour's in the last 12 months. The

developments made could not have been achieved by mere human strength and we are deeply grateful for all He has done.

The PCC would also like to acknowledge and deeply thank those who have contributed and partnered with the PCC in order to make this season of the church's life as fruitful as it has been. In particular the PCC would like to thank the TABLE Family of Churches for their extraordinary generosity and continued encouragement and friendship. In addition the PCC would like to thank the Diocese of Southwell and Nottingham for their generosity of resource, time and expertise in navigating the particular complexities of this season. The PCC acknowledges the significance of these relationships and their Kingdom impact. We look forward to ongoing partnership with all the bodies named above.

Finally, the PCC would like to thank all those, both long standing and new, who have continued to dig the spiritual well of St Saviour's. The obedience and faith of this community is inspiring and the PCC counts it an honour to govern and steward the humble miracle God has placed in our hands.

St Saviours Parish Church Nottingham (Reg No 1205280)
Receipts & Payments Account for the year ended 31 December 2025

		Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	£ Total 2025	£ *Total 2024*
INCOME					
Charitable Activities	*Church Members*	73,729	8,575	82,304	*56,131*
	Gifts & Legacies	-	-	-	*2010*
	Gift Aid	6,676	-	6,676	*8,845*
Grants & Donations	*Grants*	-	148,959	148,959	*125,259*
Other Income	*Activities*	6,951	-	6,951	*6,600*
Investment Income	*Interest*			187	-
TOTAL INCOME		**87,356**	**157,534**	**245,077**	***198,845***
EXPENSES				**£**	
Repairs & Maintenance	*Church Reorder & Fabric*	20,695	46,046	66,741	*103,690*
	Light Heat & Water	10,987	-	10,987	*4,073*
	Insurance	4,824	-	4,824	*4,662*
Mission Donations	*Contributions*	84	-	84	*1,100*
Church Work & Services	*St Saviours*	11,290	-	11,290	*9,215*
	Youth Work	6,570	9,622	16,192	*2,368*
Admin & Office Costs	*General*	2,506	-	2,506	*5,703*
	Accounts	1,400	-	1,400	*880*
	Staff Costs	9,229	83,401	92,630	*47,628*
	Training & Events	1,521	-	1,521	*1,544*
	IT Costs	1,410	-	1,410	*876*
	Sundry Costs	2,356	-	2,356	-
Parish Share		15,600	-	15,600	*15,000*
TOTAL Expenditure		**88,472**	**139,069**	***227,541***	***196,739***
Prior Year Adjustment		691		691	-
TOTAL Income - Expenditure		**(1,807)**	**18,465**	**16,845**	***2,106***
Opening Reserves		**9,667**	***27,631***	***37,298***	*35,192*
Closing Reserves		**7,860**	**46,096**	**54,143**	***37,298***

St Saviours Parish Church Nottingham (Reg No 1205280)
Account Balances as at 31 December 2025

		Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	£ Total 2025	£ *Total 2024*
Assets					
Bank Accounts & Deposits					
Cash & Current Account	*St Saviours*	-	43,356	43,356	*26,698*
Reserve Account	*St Saviours*	8,047	2,740	10,787	*10,600*
Total Assets		**8,047**	**46,096**	**54,143**	***37,298***
Reserves					
Funds					
Restricted	*Salary Funding*	-	24,363	24,363	*5,301*
	Emerging Generations	-	12,708	12,708	*22,330*
	Sanctury House	-	9,025	9,025	-
		-	-	-	-
Unrestricted	*Other*	8,047	-	8,047	*9,667*
Total Reserves		**8,047**	**46,096**	**54,143**	***37,298***

Trustees Chairman

Treasurer

Date

St Saviours Parish Church Nottingham (Reg No 1205280)
for the year ended 31 December 2025

Report to the Trustees/Members

I report to the charity trustees on my examination for the year ended 31 December 2025 which are set out below

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ("the Act").

The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144 of the 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 applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission (under section 145(5)(b) of the 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 charity 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 trustees 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 material matters have come to my attention which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act or
- 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.



Independent Examiner
Date 24 March 2026

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