TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT

Financial Review

Total income for unrestricted funds was £25,915, of which £11,775 was from unrestricted voluntary income.

Unrestricted voluntary income fell compared with 2024. Donations made up £7,692 of the total with the remainder being made up of £2,344 Gift Aid.
Hire income was £13,182 compared with £24,935 in the previous year.

£31,929 was spent from unrestricted funds to provide a Christian Ministry from Holy Cross. Church utility costs increased slightly to £2,304 (2,229 in 2024). Church Centre utility costs decreased by 27% to £3,962, due to better tariffs and energy management.

There was also restricted expenditure of £2,919 which is detailed in the Financial Statements.
The net result for the year was a decrease in total funds of £8,895. The total fund balances at the year end stood at £86,263 (unrestricted: £26,502 designated £203 and restricted £59,558)

Aims and purposes in Interregnum

Holy Cross' Parochial Church Council (PCC) has the responsibility to promote the ecclesiastical parish, the whole mission of the Church, pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical. The PCC is also responsible for the maintenance of the Church Centre.

Objectives and Activities.

The PCC have considered the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit and in particular the supplementary guidance in 'The Advancement of Religion for the Public Benefit' and have regard to it in their administration of the Parish. In particular, we try to enable ordinary people to live out their faith as part of our parish community through:

providing resources and facilities for public worship, pastoral care, and spiritual, moral and intellectual development, both for its members and for anyone who wishes to benefit from what the Church offers.

promoting Christian values, and service by members of the Church in the Parish to its community, to the benefit of individuals and society as a whole.

Achievements and Performance

Mission Statement

Holy Cross Church: A cornerstone in the community, seeking to faithfully love and serve God and our neighbours both near and far.

The PCC has temporarily suspended Transforming Church Goals whilst awaiting a new incumbent, however still aiming to maintain and develop an enriching children's and youth ministry; and making the most of occasional offices and seasonal services.

Church Attendance and Electoral Roll

On 31st December 2025 there were 20 members on the Church Electoral Roll, 9 of whom were not resident within the parish.

The average attendance at Sunday Eucharist services during October 2025 was 13, of which an average of 13 received communion.

Review of the year

The PCC met 4 times during the year, two of which included the Area Dean. There were no Standing Committee meetings in 2025. However, the standing committee still communicated and made any necessary decisions in a timely manner.

Pastoral care has been maintained as much as possible during the Interregnum led by Reader Val King.
The main items of business included managing the church, the roof is an ongoing issue to be resolved with the involvement of the Diocesan Surveyor. We continue to support the congregation and community.

Fundraising events:

Due to the interregnum all usual fundraising events were put on hold during 2025.
The PCC is extremely grateful to those who have continued to serve our Parish, especially in a time of interregnum.

Optional Information

Risk Assessment

The PCC is aware of its responsibilities with regard to risk management and has carried out an assessment of risks it might be exposed to and that all necessary steps have been taken to minimize the effects of all such risks as may exist.

The PCC has a Health and Safety Policy which is reviewed on a regular basis.

There is a Protection Policy in place in respect of children and vulnerable adults.

Future Plans

The PCC will continue to carry out policies and initiatives to achieve the aims of our Mission Statement with these priorities; -

- Making the most of occasional offices and seasonal services
- Creating a spiritually enriching children's and youth ministry
- Communication in all its forms to create a visible and accessible church.

However, the PCC acknowledges that many of these are strained due to Interregnum.

Necessary repairs to the fabric of the building will continue to be carried out.

An Art Exhibition was held from Westhill Endowment which provided an opportunity to link with groups through education and creative and spiritual reflection.

Creating a Transforming Church Action Plan (TCAP) with support from the Diocesan Parish Mission Support Team. This has been paused due to the Interregnum and emerging Oversight area with Immanual and Christchurch.

Working towards a Silver Award from A Rocha through the development of Holy Cross as an Eco Church. All electrical lighting in the Centre has been upgraded to led which has already proved to be more efficient and economic. Fairtrade coffee always used and recycled toilet paper and copier paper is used. Compost in outside area is used to fertilize shrubbery and flower patches.

Structure, Governance and Management

The Parochial Church Council (assisted by the Area Dean and Arch Deacon) is a corporate body established by the Church of England. The PCC operates under the Parochial Church Powers Measure.

The method of appointment of PCC members is set out in the Church Representation Rules.

All church attendees are encouraged to register on the Electoral Roll and stand for election to the PCC.

The PCC members are responsible for making decisions on all matters of general concern and importance to the parish including how the funds of the PCC are to be spent.

The Standing Committee is the only committee required by church law and has the power to transact the business of the PCC between meetings, subject to ratification by the PCC. Its members are, Dave Edwards, Helen Edwards, Valerie King and Stephanie Spencer. It is considered that all those whose involvement in the life of our church includes management responsibilities are deemed to be Fit and Proper Persons under the terms of the Finance Act 2010.

Administrative Information

The Parish of Holy Cross, Billesley Common is situated in the Kings Norton, Moseley and Shirley Deanery. It is part of the Diocese of Birmingham within the Church of England. The correspondence address is Beauchamp Road, Billesley, Birmingham. B13 0NS.

The Parochial Church Council is a body corporate (PCC Powers Measure 1956, Church Representation Rules 2011) and is a charity with the Charity Commission. Charity No. 1205618 from 7th November 2023.

PCC members who have at any time from 1st January 2025 until the date this report was approved are:
Ex Officio Members:

Incumbent:	
Reader:	Valerie King
Churchwardens:	Helen Edwards
	David Edwards

Elected Members:

- Sue Richards
- Lesley Brown
- Elaine Wilson
- Malcolm Wilson
- Dawn Butterfield

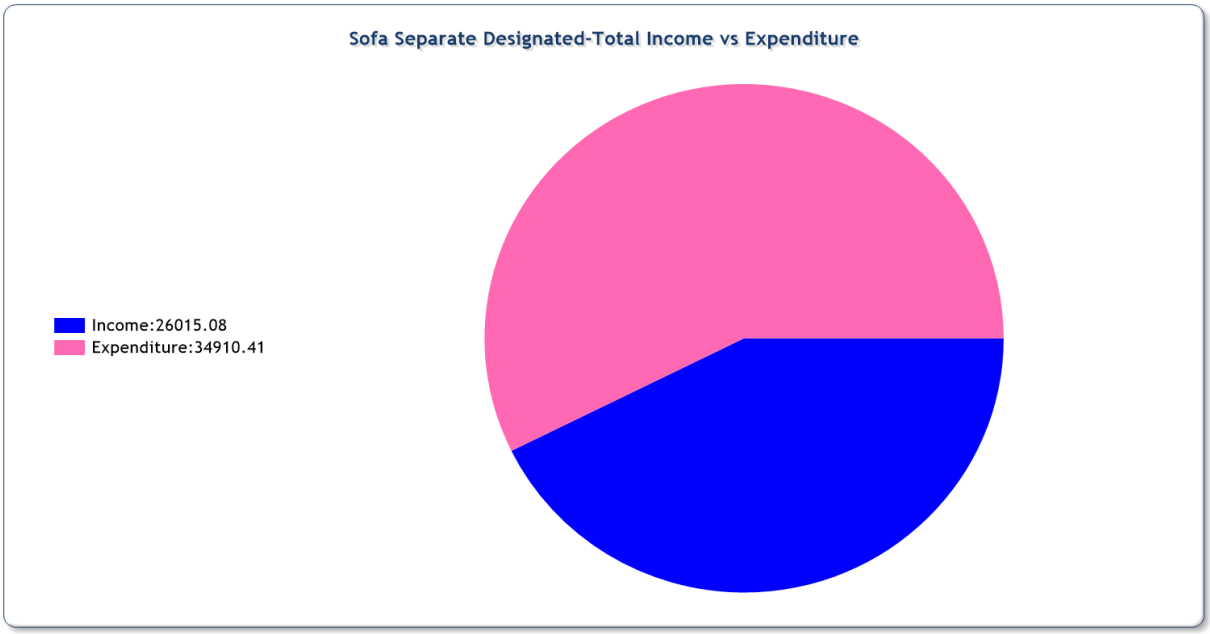
It is considered that all PCC members and any others who could be understood as 'managers' in the activities and affairs of the church as defined in Schedule 6 of the Finance Act 2010, have completed declarations confirming that they are 'fit and proper' persons under the terms of the Finance Act 2010'.

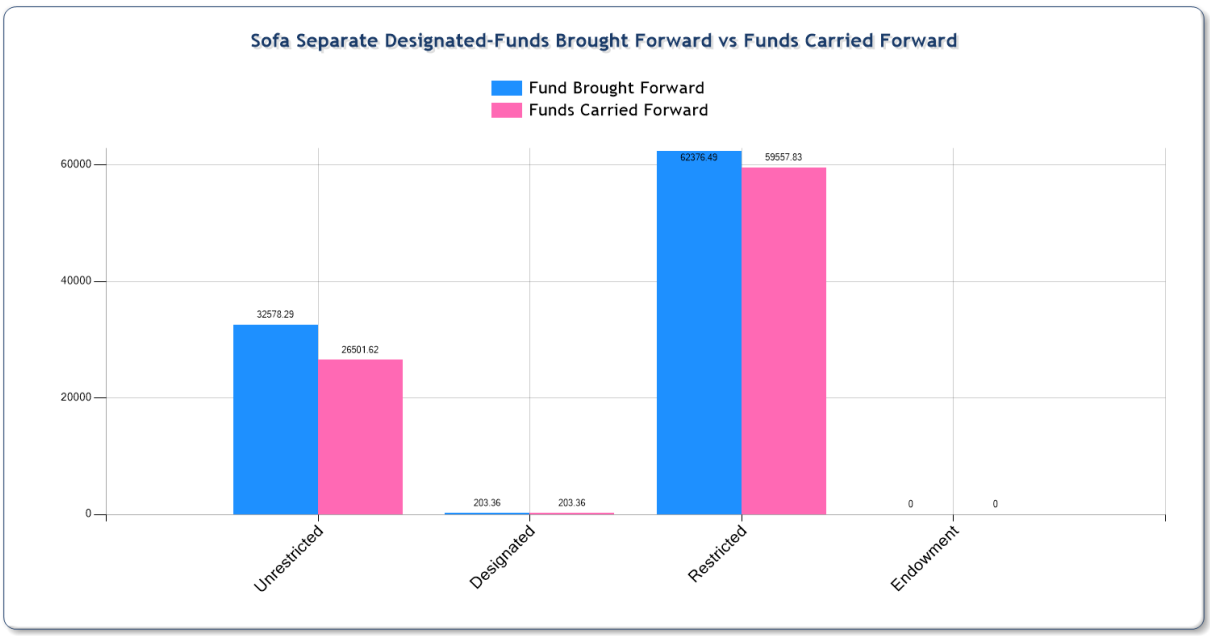
All members elected for the first time and any others who have been re-elected to the P.C.C. after an absence of time are supplied with copies of the minutes of the P.C.C meetings and are given a copy of the last Annual Report and Accounts, and are invited to meet with the PCC, the Churchwardens and the Incumbent in order that they may be thoroughly briefed on the present situation of the Parish.

Inservice training is available for all members of the P.C.C as appropriate.

Receipts & Payments by Report Group
For the period from 01 January 2025 to 31 December 2025

		General funds	Restricted funds	Total funds	Last Year
Receipts					
Voluntary income	Planned Giving	5,712.06	-	5,712.06	7,950.74
	Collections At Services	1,738.31	-	1,738.31	1,405.15
	Donations & Appeals	1,980.00	-	1,980.00	1,912.18
	Gift Aid	2,344.89	-	2,344.89	2,250.07
	Legacies	-	-	-	7,803.39
SubTotal Voluntary income		**11,775.26**	**-**	**11,775.26**	**21,321.53**
Activities for generating funds	Events Fundraising	-	-	-	447.50
	Regular Fundraising	-	-	-	174.36
SubTotal Activities for generating funds		**-**	**-**	**-**	**621.86**
Church activities	Parochial Fees	938.00	-	938.00	879.00
	Centre Hire	13,181.83	100.00	13,281.83	25,012.46
	Other Income	19.99	-	19.99	0.99
SubTotal Church activities		**14,139.82**	**100.00**	**14,239.82**	**25,892.45**
Total Receipts		**25,915.08**	**100.00**	**26,015.08**	**47,835.84**
Payments					
Church activities	Common Fund	3,400.00	-	3,400.00	18,681.00
	Charitable Giving	59.78	-	59.78	110.21
	Ministry Expenses & Costs	103.98	-	103.98	-
	Vicarage Costs	-	-	-	536.86
	Mission & Outreach Work	-	1,166.35	1,166.35	1,162.95
	Church Service Costs	453.60	200	653.60	1,658.26
	Church Maintenance	3,415.24	1,552.31	4,967.55	362.00
	Centre - Cleaning & Hygiene	1,203.86	-	1,203.86	2,094.92
	Church Insurance	1,666.37	-	1,666.37	1,626.78
	Church Safety & Security	327.60	-	327.60	124.68
	Church Utilities	2,303.65	-	2,303.65	2,228.92
	Centre – Staffing	8,775.79	-	8,775.79	10,478.99
	Centre - Office & Admin Costs	1,293.02	-	1,293.02	1,630.12
	Centre – Maintenance	1,128.99	-	1,128.99	13,080.15
	Centre - Insurance	1,666.29	-	1,666.29	1,626.80
	Centre - Safety & Security	1,188.72	-	1,188.72	5,846.32
	Centre - Utilities	3,961.51	-	3,961.51	5,439.02
	Churchyard Upkeep	243.92	-	243.92	151.99
	Professional Fees	100.00	-	100.00	100.00
	Other Expenditure	637.09	-	637.09	293.65
SubTotal Church activities		**31,929.41**	**2,918.66**	**34,848.07**	**67,233.62**
Costs of generating funds	Giving Costs	62.34	-	62.34	57.54
	Events Fundraising Costs	-	-	-	318.20
SubTotal Costs of generating funds		**62.34**	**-**	**62.34**	**375.74**
Total Payments		**31,991.75**	**2,918.66**	**34,910.41**	**67,609.36**
EXCESS OF RECEIPTS OVER PAYMENTS		-6,076.67	-2,818.66	-8,895.33	-19,773.52





Statement of Assets and Liabilities (by code)

Class and nominal code	General	Designated	Restricted	Endowment	Total	Last year
Current Asset - Cash At Bank And In Hand						
1500: Current Account	26,501.62	203.36	58,966.48	-	85,671.46	94,723.36
Total	**26,501.62**	**203.36**	**58,966.48**	**-**	**85,671.46**	**94,723.36**
Liability - Agency Accounts						
6699: Agency collections	-	-	(591.35)	-	(591.35)	(434.78)
Total	**-**	**-**	**(591.35)**	**-**	**(591.35)**	**(434.78)**
Net total assets	**26,501.62**	**203.36**	**59,557.83**	**-**	**86,262.81**	**95,158.14**

Represented by							
General (Unrestricted)		26,501.62	-	-	-	26,501.62	32,578.29
Designated - Diocese Decorating Fund		-	203.36	-	-	203.36	203.36
Restricted - Crafts Club		-	-	2,497.38	-	2,497.38	2,497.38
Restricted - Help		-	-	1,501.02	-	1,501.02	1,501.02
Restricted - Inunity		-	-	21.00	-	21.00	21.00
Restricted - Job Club		-	-	1,316.00	-	1,316.00	1,316.00
Restricted - Lord Mayor		-	-	754.17	-	754.17	754.17
Restricted - M&M		-	-	19,134.99	-	19,134.99	20,887.30
Restricted - Mind & Music		-	-	582.02	-	582.02	1,748.37
Restricted - POW		-	-	3,889.41	-	3,889.41	3,889.41
Restricted - PSA		-	-	23,097.25	-	23,097.25	23,097.25
Restricted - Roof Fund		-	-	911.22	-	911.22	911.22
Restricted - Seeding		-	-	4,680.00	-	4,680.00	4,580.00
Restricted - Those in Need		-	-	1,173.37	-	1,173.37	1,173.37
	Total	**26,501.62**	**203.36**	**59,557.83**	**-**	**86,262.81**	**95,158.14**

Notes to the Accounts

Agencies

Any third-party funds received by the PCC during the year have been excluded from the accounts and put through agency collections. The following balances were held in those agency collections at year end:

	Total
Sequestration Account	545
	545

Agency collections during year on behalf of external causes

Any third-party funds received by the PCC during the year end have been excluded from the accounts and put through agency collections. The PCC runs several events through the year to raise money for external causes. The following amounts were collected during the year for these charities:

	Total
Children's society	115
	115

Fund Movements

Unrestricted fund movements

Holy Cross
Fund movement summary
Selected period: 01 January 2025 to 31 December 2025

Fund	Fund balances brought forward	Incoming Resources	Outgoing Resources	Transfers	Fund balances Carried forward
Unrestricted					
General - General fund	32,578.29	25,915.08	31,991.75	-	26,501.62
Sub-totals	**32,578.29**	**25,915.08**	**31,991.75**	**-**	**26,501.62**
Designated					
Diocese Decorating Fund - Diocese Decorating Fund	203.36	-	-	-	203.36
Sub-totals	**203.36**	**-**	**-**	**-**	**203.36**

Restricted fund movements

Restricted					
Crafts Club - Running Of Weekly Club	2,497.38	-	-	-	2,497.38
Help - Helping Billesley	1,501.02	-	-	-	1,501.02
Inunity - Inunity	21.00	-	-	-	21.00
Job Club - Employment Guidance & Support	1,316.00	-	-	-	1,316.00
Lord Mayor - Community Trip	754.17	-	-	-	754.17
M&M - Mission & Ministry	20,887.30	-	1,752.31	-	19,134.99
Mind & Music - Music Dementia Group	1,748.37	-	1,166.35	-	582.02
POW - Place Of Welcome	3,889.41	-	-	-	3,889.41
PSA - Phelps Social Activities	23,097.25	-	-	-	23,097.25
Roof Fund - Roof Fund	911.22	-	-	-	911.22
Seeding - Pre-School	4,580.00	100.00	-	-	4,680.00
Those in Need - Those In Need	1,173.37	-	-	-	1,173.37
Sub-totals	**62,376.49**	**100.00**	**2,918.66**	**-**	**59,557.83**
Totals	**95,158.14**	**26,015.08**	**34,910.41**	**-**	**86,262.81**