Charity registration number 1206664

THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH OF ST PETERS HILLFIELDS COVENTRY
ANNUAL REPORT AND UNAUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2025

THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH OF ST PETERS HILLFIELDS COVENTRY

LEGAL AND ADMNISTRATIVE INFORMATION

Trustees	Rev M Spina Rev P J Atkinson PhD B Critchley J McCoach J Dash D M Senior Dr E O Chukwuma-Nwuba J C Clark J W Bourne T Fakeye F Kratt K Brazier *(appointed 11/05/2025)*
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Charity number	1206664
Independent examiner	Erdingsworth Business & Tax Advisors Ltd Unit 3 Cuckoo Wharf 427 Lichfield Road Birmingham B6 7SS

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INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT
TO THE TRUSTEES OF THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH OF ST PETERS HILLFIELDS COVENTRY

I report to the trustees on my examination of the financial statements of The Parochial Church Council Of The Ecclesiastical Parish Of St Peters Hillfields Coventry (the Charity) for the year ended 31 December 2025.

Responsibilities and basis of report
As the trustees of the charity, you are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 and for ensuring that the financial statements give a true and fair view.

Having satisfied myself that the financial statements of the Charity are not required to be audited under Part 16 of the act 2011 Act and are eligible for independent examination, I report in respect of my examination of the Charity's financial statements conducted under section 145 of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act). In conducting 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
Since the Charity's gross income exceeded £35,000 your examiner must be a member of a body listed in section 145 of the 2011 Act. I confirm that I am qualified to undertake the examination because I am a member of the Association of Accounting Technicians (AAT), which is one of the listed bodies.

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no 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 respect of the Charity as required by the Charities Act 2011
2. the financial statements do not accord with these records; or
3. the financial statements do not comply with the accounting requirements of the Charities Act 2011 of the Act other than any requirement that the accounts give a true and fair view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination; or
4. the financial statements have not been prepared in accordance with the methods and principles of the Statement of Recommended Practice for accounting and reporting by charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Ireland (FRS 102).

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



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Dated: 3rd May 2026

THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH OF ST PETERS HILLFIELDS COVENTRY

TRUSTEES REPORT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st DECEMBER 2025

The trustees present their annual report and financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 December 2025. The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out in note 1 to the accounts and comply with the charity's trust deed, the Charities Act 2011, and the Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2015).

The board of trustees are satisfied with the performance of the charity during the year and the position on 31 December 2025 and consider that the charity is in a strong position to continue its activities during the coming year, and the charity's assets are adequate to fulfil its obligations.

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Structure, governance, and management

a. Constitution

St Peter's Hillfields is the Church of England parish church of Hillfields, Coventry, West Midlands in the Diocese of Coventry. Our governing document is The Parochial Church Councils (Powers) Measure 1956 as amended and the Church Representation Rules (contained in Schedule 3 to the Synodical Government Measure 1969 as amended). This measure came into effect on 02/01/1957.

b. Recruitment and appointment of trustees

St Peter's Hillfields St Peter's Hillfields PCC members form the trustee board of the charity. According to the C of E PCC Representation Rules noted above, these trustees will therefore necessarily include the incumbent parish priest and any other priest assigned as curate or associate minister plus any licensed minister and two churchwardens elected at Annual Parish Church Meeting. The number of remaining trustees is volunteers, elected by the APCM, all of which would be expected to share a similar passion for following the Lord Jesus Christ who came to save us all, with a heart biassed towards the poor (i.e. the ones that this charity seeks to help).

There are no constitutional provisions for electing any other persons or bodies.

c. Organisational structure and decision-making policies

The Parochial Church Council Of The Ecclesiastical Parish Of St Peters Hillfields Coventry is an unincorporated charity, registered with the Charity Commission in England and Wales and governed by the Board of Trustees and the main aim is the advancement of the Christian faith in accordance with the doctrines set out in the underwritten fourth schedule and the worship of God in the said county and elsewhere and by any means whatsoever including (but not by way of limitation) the preaching and proclamation of the Christian Gospel and the teaching of Christian doctrine and principles and the pastoral care of the Christian people and the printing and the distribution of the Bible and Christian literature including video and audio recordings or CDs and by any other media, which or may become available.

Pay and Remuneration of Key Management Personnel
The trustees consider that the board of trustees and the senior management team (SMT) comprise the key management personnel of the charity. The charity's senior management team are all paid in accordance with a published scale of grades used in the voluntary sector. Any increases to these published grades are approved by the trustee board. The chief executive's salary is reviewed and approved by the trustee board separately but in line with the policy set out above.

Key risks and Uncertainties
The trustees having had consideration to and mindful of the risk factors for the charity identify the following:

A Securing funding remains a serious challenge to maintain but to expand our service. We understand that the next few years are critical for us in terms of our sustainability and our long-term survival, the Trustees are taking this risk very seriously and are responding accordingly

B. The funding climate is not getting any easier, nor do we expect it to improve any time soon - coupled with this demand for our service is increasing meaning that we risk being unable to continue meeting our clients' needs and experience reputational risk as a result.

C. In order that we can continue to deliver it is essential that we maintain our volunteer base. We, along with other Local Citizens Advice, are finding it harder to attract suitable volunteers.

Factors that are likely to affect the financial performance or position in 2025 and further years:

- Volatile and uncertain economic conditions, particularly towards the end of the year resulting from the pandemic and national lockdowns.

- A possible increased competition in an ever-changing voluntary sector marketplace - we know that the voluntary sector is becoming a much more competitive sector, particularly as funding becomes ever harder to access, as a result we are seeing organisations diversifying their service offer and moving further towards our 'core market.'

- The political environment remains uncertain, the impact of key national developments is still very much an 'unknown quantity' but has the potential to impact on our position.

Objects

The charity's purposes, as set out in the objects contained in the Parochial Church Council (powers) measure (1956) as amended and church representation rules (contained in schedule 3 to the synodical government measure 1969 as amended), are to promote the advancement of the Christian faith in accordance with the doctrines set out in the underwritten fourth schedule and the worship of God in the said county and elsewhere and by any means whatsoever including (but not by way of limitation) the preaching and proclamation of the Christian Gospel and the teaching of Christian doctrine and principles and the pastoral care of the Christian people and the printing and the distribution of the Bible and Christian literature including video and audio recordings or CDs and by any other media, which or may become available.

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TRUSTEES REPORT (INCLUDING DIRECTORS' REPORT)
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2025

Our main objectives for the year Promoting in the Ecclesiastical Parish of St Peter's Hillfields, Coventry, the whole mission of the Church.

St Peter's Hillfields works to promote the whole mission of Church in the context of the above Parish through both Word (preaching, worship, teaching, etc) and Action for the Our main objectives for the year Promoting in the Ecclesiastical Parish of St Peter's Hillfields, Coventry, the whole mission of the Church and Action for the primary benefit of the people of Hillfields and the Coventry refugee and asylum seeker community to whom we offer help and support without making any distinction. These activities include:

1. Advancement of the Christian Faith
2. Measures to relieve poverty (free lunch one day per week) including the distribution of food parcels
3. Warm space in the foyer café area
4. A weekly youth hub for secondary school pupils at risk of youth violence and knife crime
5. Free English classes for adult refugees and asylum seekers three days per week
6. Free activities for children and families during school holidays and half terms
7. Supplementary education for children of school age provided by Into University in a dedicated area in the building facilitated by the Charity
8. Facilitating space for Coventry Embrace to provide help to vulnerable women
9. Community welfare groups
10. Art and sewing classes and other recreational activities, intended for the purpose of building community cohesion for local residents and refugee communities.

HOW OUR ACTIVITIES DELIVER PUBLIC BENEFIT

The Trustees have taken due regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on what constitutes public benefit. Please refer to the Register of Charities which describes the different ways that the Charity brings benefits to the people of Hillfields and beyond.

ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE

The charity has seen continued growth during 2025 as more people are coming to the church and getting involved. We have consistently provided weekly in person services to encourage and equip people in the Christian faith. We have celebrated the Christian religious festivals with services and teaching about them. We have also provided baby dedications and baptism. We have united with other churches in our area to support each other and bring cohesion with other Christian communities.

-Delivering English lessons ('ESOL') to 125+ refugees three mornings per week.

-Providing social interaction groups for refugees, asylum seekers, and the homeless two days a week. Activities include: a games group with table tennis, pool, and chess; a sewing and knitting class; an art class. All resources are provided free of charge.

-Providing free activities for children and families every school holiday and half term, which always include a free cooked meal for all participants.

-Providing a warm space over winter months with hot drinks and snacks available.

-Facilitating supplementary education delivered by a third-party charity (Into University) for school-age children to boost their aspirations of entering higher education.

-Facilitating multinational Christian worship alongside our local community members in a way that makes for social cohesion.

St Peter's Hillfields began growing from a small congregation of around 30 from 2021 onwards but the numbers of people now benefitting from the Charity registered in January 2024 have grown exponentially up to around 300+ per week (including children, youth, refugees, asylum seekers, and homeless), going far beyond any objectives that we may have set at the outset. Income has also grown from £59k in 2021 to £281k in 2024.

St Peter's Hillfields has been successful in attracting grants from a range of grant-making bodies including Coventry City Council, which acknowledges the difference that St Peter's is making in Hillfields, especially during school holidays and with refugees and asylum seekers.

Contribution of Volunteers and Paid Staff

The Charity benefits from 50-60 volunteers who help amongst other things with cooking and serving meals, hot drinks and facilitating indoor and outdoor events for youth, children, and families (including in public spaces), leading social groups, working alongside our paid employees.

TRUSTEES REPORT (INCLUDING DIRECTORS' REPORT)
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2025

FINANCIAL REVIEW

The availability of funding in the charity sector remains difficult in a period of austerity. The charity is focused on providing added value to its funders from a base of sound monetary management and ensuring that our services remain relevant to the strategic objectives of stakeholders at local and national level.

The charity is working hard to deliver a cost-effective service that genuinely meets the needs of our clients. It remains a challenging prospect to meet the increasing demand with significantly reduced funding resources.

In the reporting period, the charity had a total income of £281,699 (2024: £316,750) and expenditure of £274,494 (2024: £350,359). At the year end the charity's total funds stand at £87,929 (2024: £80,778).

Principal Funding Sources

The total income for the year of £281,699 represents a net decrease of £35,051 compared to 2024.

We are especially grateful to the members of the public who have generously donated money to our service over the year.

Investment Policy

As required in its Memorandum, paragraph 4.17, in furtherance of its objects, and for no other purposes, the charity has the power to invest or deposit funds in any lawful manner (but to invest only after obtaining professional advice and having regard to the suitability of investments and the need for diversification).

Reserves Policy

The Parochial Church Council Of The Ecclesiastical Parish Of St Peters Hillfields Coventry is required to ensure that free monies are available in each fiscal year to meet any foreseeable contingency. The trustees consider that it would be prudent to set aside an amount equivalent to 3-6 months' operating expenditure. The value of this will be calculated using an average of 3-6 months running costs based on the current annual budget. This is reviewed on a quarterly basis.

Going Concern

After making further appropriate enquiries, the Trustees have a reasonable expectation that the company has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the near future. For this reason, they continue to adopt the going concern basis in preparing the financial statements.

FUTURE PLANS

Developing a sustainable service that meets the needs of our clients remains a priority of the trustee board for 2026. The charity will build on the work completed in the previous fiscal year to develop diversified funding streams to increase our sustainability and enable us to build a diverse service that is responsive to client needs.

The charity will continue to work to ensure that it delivers a cost-effective service, meaning that we are not only offering value for money to our existing funders but that we have a viable offer, whilst never compromising on the high-quality service that our clients expect and deserve.

During the year 2026 we will improve our internal monitoring mechanisms ensuring that we have a clear understanding of each element of the service, the benefits of that are many - we can ensure that we are achieving as much as we can possibly achieve and delivering an excellent service to our clients and our funders, and we can also understand our business offer and can market our service accordingly.

The annual report was approved by the trustees of the charity on 3rd May 2026 and signed on its behalf by

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Rev M Spina

Chair of Trustees

THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH OF ST PETERS HILLFIELDS COVENTRY

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES INCLUDING INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2025

	Notes	Unrestricted funds 2025 £	Restricted funds 2025 £	Total 2025 £	Unrestricted funds 2024 £	Restricted funds 2024 £	Total 2024 £
Income from							
Income from charitable activities	**3**	92,475	189,225	281,699	112,280	204,470	316,750
Total Income		92,475	189,225	281,699	112,280	204,470	316,750
Expenditure on:							
Charitable activites	**4**	90,413	184,081	274,494	131,303	219,056	350,359
Net income for the year/ Net movement in funds		2,062	5,143	7,205	(19,023)	(14,586)	(33,609)
Gains and losses on investments							
-realised							
-unrealised		(54)	-	(54)	25	-	25
Fund balances at 1 January 2024		28,439	52,339	80,778	47,437	66,925	114,362
Fund balances at 31 December 2025		30,446	57,482	87,929	28,439	52,339	80,778

The statement of financial activities includes all gains and losses recognised in the year.

All income and expenditure derive from continuing activities.

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BALANCE SHEET
AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2025

	Notes	2025 £	2025 £	2024 £	2024 £
Fixed assets					
Investment assets	**5**		1,082		1,136
Current assets					
Debtors	**6**	39,656		35,283	
Cash at bank and in hand		56,917		51,156	
		96,573		86,439	
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	**7**	9,726		6,797	
Net current assets			86,847		79,642
Total assets less current liabilities			87,929		80,778
Income funds					
Restricted funds		57,483		52,339	
Unrestricted funds					
General unrestricted funds		30,446		28,439	
			87,929		80,778
			87,929		80,778

The company is and unincorporated charity and is not subject to the Companies Act 2006. These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Charities Act 2011 and the statement of Recommended practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with FRS 102 for the year ended 31 December 2025.

The trustees acknowledge their responsibilities for complying with the requirements of the Act 2011 with respect to accounting records and the preparation of financial statements.

The trustees have determined that the charity is not required to have its financial statements audited for the year ended 31 December 2025.

The financial statements were approved by the trustees on 3rd May 2026

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Rev Matthew Spina
Chair of Trustees

THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH OF ST PETERS HILLFIELDS COVENTRY

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2025

1 Accounting Policies

Charity Information

The Parochial Church Council Of The Ecclesiastical Parish Of St Peters Hillfields Coventry is a Charity registered in England and Wales. The registered office is St Peters Church, Charles Street, Coventry, CV1 5NP.

1.1 Accounting convention

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Charities Act 2011and the statement of Recommended practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with FRS 102 for the year ended 31 December 2025.

1.2 Going concern

At the time of approving the financial statements, the trustees have a reasonable expectation that the charity has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the near future. Thus, the trustees continue to adopt the going concern basis of accounting in preparing the financial statements.

1.3 Charitable funds

Unrestricted funds are available for use at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of their charitable objectives.

1.4 Income

Income is recognised when the Charity is legally entitled to it after any performance conditions have been met, the amounts can be measured reliably, and it is probable that income will be received.

Cash donations are recognised on receipt. Other donations are recognised once the Charity has been notified of the donation unless performance conditions require deferral of the amount. Income tax recoverable in relation to donations received under Gift Aid or deeds of covenant is recognised at the time of donation.

Legacies are recognised on receipt or otherwise if the Charity has been notified of an impending distribution, the amount is known, and receipt is expected. If the amount is not known, the legacy is treated as a contingent asset.

1 Accounting Policies (continued)

1.5 Expenditure

Expenditure is recognised once there is a legal or constructive obligation to transfer economic benefit to a third party, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefits will be required in settlement, and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably.

Expenditure is classified by activity. The costs of each activity are made up of the total of direct costs and shared costs, including support costs involved in undertaking each activity. Direct costs attributable to a single activity are allocated directly to that activity. Shared costs which contribute to more than one activity and support costs which are not attributable to a single activity are apportioned between those activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources. Central staff costs are allocated based on time spent, and depreciation charges are allocated on the portion of the assets use.

1.6 Investments

Investments are valued at Market value.

1.7 Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents include cash in hand, deposits held with banks, other short-term liquid investments with original maturities of three months or less, and bank overdrafts. Bank overdrafts are shown within borrowings in current liabilities.

1.8 Trade creditors

Trade creditors are obligations to pay for goods or services that have been acquired in the ordinary course of operation from suppliers. Amounts payable are classified as current liabilities if payment is due within one year or less. If not, they are presented as non-current liabilities.

Trade creditors are recognised initially at transaction price and subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method.

1.9 Employee benefits

The cost of any unused holiday entitlement is recognised in the period in which the employees' services are received.

Termination benefits are recognised immediately as an expense when the Charity is demonstrably committed to terminate the employment of any employee or to provide termination benefits.

1.10 Retirement benefits

Payments to defined contribution retirement benefit schemes are charged as an expense as they fall due.

2 Critical accounting estimates and judgements

In the application of the Charity's accounting policies, the trustees are required to make judgments, estimates and assumptions about the carrying amount of assets and liabilities that are not readily apparent from other sources. The estimates and associated assumptions are based on historical experience and other factors that are relevant. Actual results may differ from these estimates.

The estimates and underlying assumptions are reviewed on an ongoing basis. Revisions to accounting estimates are recognised in the period in which the estimate is revised where the revision affects only that, or in the period of the revision and future periods where the revision affects both current and future periods.

3 Donations and legacies

	Unrestricted funds 2025 £	Unrestricted funds 2024 £
General	92,475	112,280
Leagacies receivable	-	-
	92,475	112,280

Donations and gifts		**(Continued)**
General	92,475	112,280
	92,475	112,280

	Restricted 2025 £	Restricted 2024 £
Projects	189,225	204,470
Analysis by fund		
Unrestricted funds	92,475	112,280
Restricted funds	189,225	204,470
	281,699	316,750

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2025

4 Charitable activities

		Total		Total
	2025	**2025**	**2024**	**2024**
	£	**£**	**£**	**£**
Staff costs	161,399	161,399	168,447	168,447
Depreciation and impairment	54	54	25	25
Office premises and other costs	112,141	112,141	181,107	181,107
Governance costs	900	900	780	780
	274,494	274,494	350,359	350,359
Analysis by fund				
Unrestricted funds	90,413	90,413	131,303	131,303
Restricted funds	184,081	184,081	219,056	219,056
	274,494	274,494	350,359	350,359

5 Fixed Asset Investments

Quoted Investments

	£	£
Market Value 1 January 2024	1,136	1,111
Additions	-	-
Net Gains/(losses) on revaluation	(54)	25
Market Value 31 December 2025	1,082	1,136

6 Debtors

	2025	2024
	£	£
Trade Debtors	2,789	1,931
Prepaid Expenses	2,205	5,500
Other Debtors inc. Gife Claimable	34,662	27,852
	39,656	35,283

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2025

7 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2025	2024
	£	£
Trade Creditors	3,861	447
PAYE/NI	2,565	2,616
Pensions payable	779	1,004
Accruals and deffered income	2,521	2,730
	9,726	6,797

8 Employees

The average monthly number of employees during the year was 5 (2024: 5)

Employment costs

	2025	2024
	£	£
Wages and salaries	161,399	168,447
	161,399	168,447

The average headcount expressed as full-time equivalents was 5 (2024: 5).

There were no employees whose annual remuneration was more than £60,000.

9 Trustees
The below trustees received remuneration from the Charity during the year:
J Clark- £9,632
J Bourne- £8,302

9 Related party transactions
Lorna Spina employed as community engagement worker £19,340 (2024: £19,340). There were trustee donations of £9,204.50 (2024: £9,204.50)

10 Independent examination
The remuneration paid to the independent examiner was £900 (2024: £780).