2025 Report and Accounts for the Parochial Church Council of St Mary's, Riccall.

Aims and purposes

St. Mary's Parochial Church Council (PCC) has the responsibility of cooperating with the incumbent, the Reverend Nick Garside, in promoting in the ecclesiastical parish, the whole mission of the Church, pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical. The PCC is also specifically responsible for the maintenance of the Church of St Mary, Riccall.

Objectives and Activities

The PCC is committed to enabling as many people as possible to worship at our church and to become part of our parish community at St. Mary's. The PCC maintains an overview of worship throughout the parish and makes suggestions on how our services can involve the many groups that live within our parish. Our services and worship put faith into practice through prayer and scripture, music and sacrament.
In particular, we try to enable ordinary people to live out their faith as part of our parish community through:

- Worship and prayer; learning about the Gospel; and developing their knowledge and trust in Jesus.
- Provision of pastoral care for people living in the parish.
- Missionary and outreach work.

To facilitate this work, it is important that we maintain the fabric of the Church of St. Mary.

Achievements and Performance

General

Rev Nick Garside is the Vicar of a combination of six parishes and so has limited time to spend at St Mary's. His efforts are over and above the line of duty and he must be thanked for all the time he is able to spend with us. We are blessed to have a LLM, Mrs Joan Foster, who also acts as Churchwarden and her efforts are also admirable. Our other Churchwarden is Mr James Webster who is in full time employment and so is less able to be engaged.

Worship and Prayer

The PCC is keen to offer a range of services during the week and over the course of the year that our community find both beneficial and spiritually fulfilling. We had, during 2025, a service each of the four normal Sunday mornings and a Messy Church once a month on Sunday afternoon run by Mr and Mrs Webster. When there is a fifth Sunday in the month we worship together with our two neighbouring parishes in rotation.

Once a month there is a weekday Quiet Reflection Service and, in another week, a BCP Communion Srvice.

In addition to these fully service like activities Mrs Webster, our Authorised Children's and Family Volunteer, runs a weekly Toddler Club and a monthly Youth Group which are intended as an introduction to the faith of the Church and in providing social and advisory support to its participants.

Deanery Synod

Two members of the PCC sit on the deanery synod. This provides the PCC with an important link between the parish and the wider structures of the church. Discussions were held last year about making Churchyards more eco-friendly which will be extremely useful to us as the Riccall Village Council has informed us that they can no longer afford to cut the grass in our large graveyard.

The Church Building

The building is also the meeting place of a twice monthly Knitting Group, a Local History Society and hosts occasional concerts by village choirs.

St May's is a twelfth century foundation with substantial remains of that time, there is later thirteenth and fourteenth century work and there was a sympathetic renewal in the nineteenth century. It is Grade 1 listed and so all work needs to be done carefully. We have, over the last two years, been in discussion with the Church Commissioners who have now replaced our chancel roof with new slates and are about to renew the chancel floor which has deteriorated substantially. This will lead to substantial costs which we hope will be covered by the Fabric Fund.

We have also appointed a clockmaker to carry out an annual service. We are advised that the clock needs a full overhaul but have delayed this until next year at the earliest. When the clock is working fully we need to turn our attention to the bells. The nave roof is also beginning to show signs of age and will need attention at some point.

Pastoral Care

Some members of our parish are unable to attend church due to sickness or age. Reverend Nick Garside has visited all church members who have requested it, to celebrate communion with them either at their homes or in hospital.

Mission and Evangelism

The small but growing congregation at St Mary's has little opportunity for Mission and Evangelism but maintains an open door to individuals and cooperates with village activities.

Ecumenical Relationships

With the closing of our local Methodist Chapel we no longer have any chance of formal associations with other Christian denominations in the village. However we do have informal contacts and the vicar is in contact with their ministers and cooperates with them.

Volunteers

We would like to thank all the volunteers who work so hard to make our church the happy and out looking community it is.

Financial Review

Treasurers Report 2025

The General Fund
Firstly let me thank all those who have contributed to the smooth running of the accounts. Particularly to Joan who sorted me out frequently over technical matters, to Margaret who makes those wonderful cards, in fact to everybody who used the system I had provided to ensure that I knew exactly how the income was to be allocated in the accounts.
It has been an average year, the only remaining problem is that I have not yet been able to claim Gift Aid of about £2500 but that will soon be sorted and will mean that the real position is a gain of about £1000 rather than the stated loss of £1500.
Looking at some detail the first thing to mention is the free will offering. Thanks to everybody for your standing orders and general giving. They nearly total the Free Will Offering of £11000 which we make to the diocese, in fact when the Gift Aid arrives it will just exceed that figure and we will be making a substantial contribution to the stipend paid to our vicar.
Perhaps now is the moment to ask each of you to consider how long it is since you decided how much to give. Inflation means that we will have to increase this giving at some point in the future – perhaps we could ask you to consider the increase you have received in your income and whether you could increase your giving to the church a little. If you decided the amount in 2020 £10 then is now, in effect, buying £8 goods, from 2010 the amount is £6 and from 2000 £4.50. Perhaps now is the time to contact your bank and ask them to increase your giving a little – don't worry about silly numbers, £10 increased to £10.30 covers inflation and does not worry the computer which does the sums.
This means that all the other income covers the church costs: Insurance, Ministry, Organist, Utilities and all the other bits and pieces. The major sources of this income are Donations at additional services, fees for funerals etc, collections at youth events and fundraising. Pat organises fund raising events during the year which makes a substantial difference to whether we gain or lose on the year, please support her – they do make a difference.
Finally can I thank you all for largely ignoring the money, the work of the church is to minister to the congregation and provide a service to the needs of the community. The money is the oil which allows us to continue this valuable service.

The Fabric Fund

This has grown during the year because of welcome standing orders, a generous donation and the BBC fair. However it will soon be massively depleted as we have to pay the Church Commissioners for the work on the chancel roof which has been totally reslated and the work on the chancel floor which means that the vicar is no longer in fear of falling into a pit behind the altar. Details are not yet available but most, if not all, the current fund will be spent by the next APCM and we must start again to raise money to preserve this building for posterity.

Dave Rogerson (Treasurer)

Reserves policy

The PCC would like to adopt a policy for its General Fund of a reserve totalling £10,000 available at the start of each year. This is not at present possible but we hope to work towards it over the next few years. When the Gift Aid has been claimed we will be at about £4000 and there should be a further small increase next year.

The Fabric Fund is entirely Restricted and so Reserves do not apply.

Structure, governance and management

The Parochial Church Council is a corporate body established by the Church of England. The PCC operates under the Parochial Church Council Powers Measure.

The method of appointment of PCC members is set out in the Church Representation Rules. At St. Mary's the membership of the PCC consists of the incumbent (our vicar), churchwardens, and members elected by those members of the congregation who are on

the electoral roll of the church. All those who join the congregation 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 deciding on how the funds of the PCC are to be spent.

The full PCC met six times during the year with an average level of attendance of 80%.

Administrative information

St. Mary's Church is situated in Church Street, Riccall, York. It is part of the Diocese of York within the Church of England. The correspondence address is The Cottage, 44 Main Street, Riccall, York, YO19 6QA. The PCC is a body corporate (PCC Powers Measure 1956, Church Representation Rules 2011) and a charity currently excepted from registration with the Charity Commission.

PCC members who have served at any time from 1st January 2024 until the date this report was approved are:

Incumbent:	Rev Nick Garside	Chairman
Wardens	Mrs Joan Foster	LLM and Deanery Synod
	Mr James Webster	
Elected members		
	Mrs Anne Saunders	Deanery Synod and Sunday Rotas
	Mrs Pat Lindsay	
	Mrs Pauline Kirk	
	Mrs Sarah Rogerson	PCC Secretary

The appointed Treasurer is Mr David Rogerson and he attends most meetings as an advisor. Financial matters should be referred to him at 37 The Hollows, Riccall, YO19 6NZ or dvdrgrsn@aol.com.

Approved by the PCC on 7/7/26 and signed on their behalf by the Reverend Nick Garside (PCC Chair)

St Mary's, Riccall Annual Accounts 2025

General Fund	£		£
Cash Collections	1028.01	Freewill to Diocese	11000.00
Giving in Church and to Bank	5061.00	Insurance	3512.94
Charities Aid Foundation	4320.00	Water	384.80
Sum Up	638.53	Electric	595.86
Donations	2348.66	Fuel	1228.50
Funeral Fees	5346.00	Fire Precautions	152.84
Wedding Fees	1001.00	Electronics	499.86
Tots and Teds	203.85	Copyright	725.06
Flowers	237.94	Vicars Expenses	596.45
Knit and Natter	90.00	Organist	1553.00
Boxes in Budgeons and Pickled	225.60	Vergers	588.00
Cards and Poems	102.27	Clergy	287.50
Pancake Party	16.25	Gravedigger	50.00
Rents	140.00	Children's Work	798.25
Gift Aid	365.10	Roof Alarm	212.21
M&G Interest	125.28	Auditor	100.00
Miscellaneous	499.59	Hedge Trimming	220.00
		Clock (Annual Service)	192.00
		Miscellaneous	544.11
Diocese Fees	2210.00	Diocese Fees	2158.00
Charity Through	2107.49	Charity Through	2107.49
Loss	1492.30	Owed to Diocese	52.00
	27558.87		27558.87

Represented by
Barclays General Account

01/01/2025	Income	Expenditure	Change	31/12/2025
3147.13	26570.57	28062.87	-1492.30	1654.83

There are also
CCLA General Account

01/01/2025	Interest	31/12/2025
108.69	4.92	113.61

M&G Investment

01/01/2025	Gain/Loss	31/12/2025
2641.84	364.08	3005.92

Fabric Fund	£		£
Standing Orders	284.00	Architect	59.26
Donation	1000.00	Clock (Long term)	258.00
BBC Fair	618.34	BBC Fair Expenses	42.31
		Gain	1542.77
	1902.34		1902.34

Represented by
Barclays Fabric Fund

01/01/2025	Income	Expenditure	Change	31/12/2025
10834.76	1902.34	359.57	1542.77	12377.53

and there is also

CCLA Fabric Fund

01/01/2025	Interest	31/12/2025
36.06	1.63	37.69

Riccall Parochial Church Council
Independent Examiners Report to the Members of the Council

I report to the members on my examination of the accounts of Riccall PCC for the year ended 31 December 2025

Respective responsibilities of the PCC and the Independent Examiner
As members of the PCC you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of Charity Act 2011 ("the Act")

I report in respect of my examination of the PCC's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145 (5b) of the Act.

Independent examiner's report

I have completed my examination. I can confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the PCC as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records

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 in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

B Hopper

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Dated: 11th March 2026