CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From 1st January 2025 To 31st December 2025

Charity name: The Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish of St Columba and the Northern Saints, Corby

Charity registration number: 1208921

Objectives and Activities

	SORP reference	
Summary of the purposes of the charity as set out in its governing document	Para 1.17	The Parochial Church Council (PCC) of St Columba and the Northern Saints, Corby, has the responsibility of working with the incumbent, the Reverend Ian Pullinger, 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 Columba and the Northern Saints and its church hall.
Summary of the main activities in relation to those purposes for the public benefit, in particular, the activities, projects or services identified in the accounts.	Para 1.17 and 1.19	The PCC is committed to enabling as many people as possible to become Christians and be part of our parish community. The PCC maintains an overview of our worship and activities throughout the parish.
Statement confirming whether the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit	Para 1.18	When planning our activities for the year, we have taken note of the Commission's guidance on public benefit and, in particular, the supplementary guidance on charities for the advancement of religion. Specifically, we enable people to grow in and live out their faith as part of our community through: • Worship, education, and prayer; learning to develop their knowledge and experience of Jesus. • Provision of pastoral care for people living in the parish and those members of the community who live outside the parish • Reaching out with the gospel of

		Jesus Christ, with words and action, throughout our parish. To enable this work to happen it is vital that we maintain the fabric of the Church of St Columba and the Northern Saints and its church hall.

Additional information (optional)
You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

	SORP reference	
Policy on grant making	Para 1.38	St Columba's policy is to further its mission and social objectives by donating approximately 10% of stewardship income to other charities. These charities include the Church Mission Society and charities to help the homeless.
Policy on social investment including program related investment	Para 1.38	
Contribution made by volunteers	Para 1.38	Many members of the congregation volunteer their time and skills in a myriad different ways, without which St Columba's would not function as well as it does.
Other		

Achievements and Performance

	SORP reference	
Summary of the main achievements of the charity, identifying the difference the charity's work has made to the circumstances of its beneficiaries and any wider benefits to society as a whole.	Para 1.20	During 2025 we have rejoiced in welcoming several new people to church. As of December 2025, there were a total of 103 members on the electoral roll. About half live outside the parish. Good safeguarding is of vital importance at St Columba's as we ensure that our church community is a safe place for all and especially for children and vulnerable adults. Our Parish Safeguarding Officer (Susan Fleming) ensures that everyone does safeguarding training to the level applicable to their role. All safeguarding concerns have been dealt with according to our Safe Church Policy Statement. DBS (Disclosure and Barring Service) checks and safeguarding training are renewed

		every three years for those who work with children and vulnerable adults in church. The PCC has complied with their duty to have due regard to the Bishop's guidance in relation to safeguarding. In 2025, we read 3 banns and conducted 9 funerals, some at the crematorium and some in the church. Parishioners are kept informed of services and activities through a weekly email. The email includes a link to the live stream of the Sunday morning church service. All St Columba's services are open to all who wish to attend. There is a service every Sunday morning. Once a month, usually on the first Sunday of the month, the morning service is a service for all ages, designed to involve children and encourage their attendance. On the other Sundays, children go out to the hall to Sunday School. There is a regular prayer meeting every Sunday evening and, once a month, a Sunday evening service. St Columba's held several Christmas services, including one featuring choirs from local schools. The Christingle service, held in the afternoon of Christmas Eve, was by far the busiest service of the year, as many people joined with us celebrating the birth of Christ. Bible study courses are held periodically on Wednesdays. St Columba's holds a Bible study group for teenagers during the week. During the school summer holidays, St Columba's held a week-long summer club for children. This involved fun activities based around Bible stories, and was open both to current attendees and those we hope may attend in the future. Some members of the congregation are physically unable to attend church, but can view the live stream of the Sunday morning church service from their home. This live stream can also be viewed by anyone simply by accessing the church website.

		Every month there is a Ladies' Afternoon Tea open to all Ladies and, once a year, Gentlemen too. St Columba's Events Group organized several social events open to everyone. This included an International Food Fair, which showcased the culinary talents of St Columba's ethnically diverse congregation. We were pleased to host Hope Church's Christmas lunch in St Columba's church hall. The PCC furthers and promotes the mission of St Columba's by Outside Giving, which means donating to other charities. In 2025 this included religious charities, such as the Church Mission Society, and secular charities to help the homeless and struggling young families. During 2025, St Columba's became a joint benefice with St Leonard's, Rockingham. During 2025, St Columba's decreased its carbon footprint by changing energy supplier. St Columba's electricity is now from renewable sources. St Columba's gas is now offset by the supplier by measures such as planting trees. There has been no major maintenance work on either the church or the church hall during 2025. Loft insulation was installed in the church with the assistance of a grant. Routine maintenance has taken place as required. We have been planning and preparing for a building project to create a disabled toilet and servery in the narthex. The latest quinquennial report was in 2022 and it commended the care we are giving our buildings. It did recommend some minor work. Most of this has been done and the rest will continue to be done in due course.

Additional information (optional)
You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Achievements against objectives set	Para 1.41	

Performance of fundraising activities against objectives set	Para 1.41	
Investment performance against objectives	Para 1.41	
Other		

Financial Review

Review of the charity's financial position at the end of the period	Para 1.21	The Statement of Financial Activities and Balance Sheet show that the total income for the year for is £121,841 with a total expenditure of £99,680. The General fund (reserves) has increased from £14,473 to £19,774. Designated funds have increased from £7,190 to £24,051, mainly due to an increase in the Building Fund ready for the planned building project to create a disabled toilet and servery in the narthex. The level of reserves was sufficient but not excessive throughout the year.
Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held	Para 1.22	The PCC wishes to hold reserves that would cover approximately two months of general running costs, offset any risk of reduced hall lettings, and also build towards meeting expected outgoings that occur infrequently, for example the insurance premium that occurs annually.
Amount of reserves held	Para 1.22	£19,774
Reasons for holding zero reserves	Para 1.22	Not applicable
Details of fund materially in deficit	Para 1.24	None
Explanation of any uncertainties about the charity continuing as a going concern	Para 1.23	None

Additional information (optional)
You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

The charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising)	Para 1.47	The PCC's main income is the offerings of church members. Many give by direct debit through the Parish Giving Scheme. Some give directly into the church bank account. Others give through an envelope scheme, via a card machine or using cash. The PCC has a useful second income from hiring out the church hall to various secular organisations including St Johns Ambulance, dance classes and exercise classes. From time to time, appeals are made to the congregation for funds for specific purposes.
Investment policy and objectives including any	Para 1.46	

social investment policy adopted		
A description of the principal risks facing the charity	Para 1.46	Cost of living pressures may reduce the ability of congregation members to provide funds. The high average age of congregation members may lead to a decline in congregation numbers in the foreseeable future.
Other		

Structure, Governance and Management

Description of charity's trusts:		
Type of governing document (trust deed, royal charter)	Para 1.25	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)
How is the charity constituted? (e.g unincorporated association, CIO)	Para 1.25	The PCC is a corporate body established by the Church of England.
Trustee selection methods including details of any constitutional provisions e.g. election to post or name of any person or body entitled to appoint one or more trustees	Para 1.25	The method of appointment of PCC members is set out in the Church Representation Rules. All church attendees are encouraged, if eligible, to register on the Electoral Roll and to stand for election to the PCC. Members of the PCC are either ex officio, co-opted or elected by the Annual Parish Meetings in accordance with the Church Representation Rules.

Additional information (optional)
You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees	Para 1.51	St Columba's Safeguarding Officer ensures all new and existing trustees complete all required checks and training.
The charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works	Para 1.51	The ecclesiastical parish is situated in Corby, Northamptonshire and is in the Corby Deanery and Oakham Archdeaconry of the Diocese of Peterborough within the Church of England.
Relationship with any related parties	Para 1.51	
Other		

Reference and Administrative details

Charity name	The Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish of St Columba and the Northern Saints, Corby
Other name the charity uses	
Registered charity number	1208921
Charity's principal address	157 Studfall Avenue, Corby, Northamptonshire, NN17 1LG

Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

	Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year	Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)
1	Revd Ian Pullinger	Incumbent		Ex Officio
2	Janet Taylor	Church Warden		Annual Meeting of Parishioners
3	John Lynch	Church Warden		Annual Meeting of Parishioners
4	David Bavin	Diocesan Synod		Annual Parochial Church Meeting
5	William Taylor	Deanery Synod		Annual Parochial Church Meeting
6	Steve Scholes	Deanery Synod	Till 4th February	Annual Parochial Church Meeting
7	Riaan Niemandt	Deanery Synod	16th March till year end	Annual Parochial Church Meeting
8	Susan Fleming	Safeguarding Officer		Annual Parochial Church Meeting
9	Justin Dyche	Secretary, Treasurer		Annual Parochial Church Meeting
10	Sue Scholes			Annual Parochial Church Meeting
11	Elaine Bavin			Annual Parochial Church Meeting
12	Sheila Pender			Annual Parochial Church Meeting
13	James Ireland			Annual Parochial Church Meeting
14	Colin Fleming			Annual Parochial Church Meeting
15	Patience Tafuma			Annual Parochial Church Meeting
16	Michelle Doran			Annual Parochial Church Meeting
17	Linda Coleman			Annual Parochial Church Meeting
18	Margaret Smith			Annual Parochial Church Meeting
19	Rosemary Hughes			Annual Parochial Church Meeting
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Corporate trustees – names of the directors at the date the report was approved

Director name		
None		

Name of trustees holding title to property belonging to the charity

Trustee name	Dates acted if not for whole year	
None		

Funds held as custodian trustees on behalf of others

Description of the assets held in this capacity	None
Name and objects of the charity on whose behalf the assets are held and how this falls within the custodian charity's objects	
Details of arrangements for safe custody and segregation of such assets from the charity's own assets	

Additional information (optional)

Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

Type of adviser	Name	Address
Independent Examiner	Mr Peter Anderson	13 Spinney Avenue, Countesthorpe, Leicester LE8 5RJ

Name of chief executive or names of senior staff members (Optional information)

Exemptions from disclosure

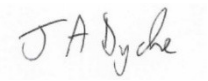
Reason for non-disclosure of key personnel details

Other optional information

Declarations

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)		
Full name(s)	Justin Andrew Dyche	
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	Treasurer	
Date	2nd September 2026	

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Charity Name	No (if any)
St Columba and the Northern Saints, Corby	1208921

Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period from	Period start date 1/1/2025	To	Period end date 12/31/2025

Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
A1 Receipts					
Incoming resources from donors	76,000 ##	3,395	-	79,395	72,278
Other voluntary incoming resources	11,005	14,140	-	25,145	10,903
Activities in furtherance of the councils objects	1,007	-	-	1,007	2,052
Income from investments	468	-	-	468	437
Other incoming resources	15,502	322	-	15,824	19,899
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
***Sub total**(Gross income for AR)*	103,982	17,857	-	121,839	105,569
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	103,982	17,857	-	121,839	105,569
A3 Payments					
Parish Share	70,170	-	-	70,170	70,153
Cleaner's wages	6,474	-	-	6,474	6,096
Outside Giving	6,402	821	-	7,223	8,000
Church Utilities	4,291	-	-	4,291	5,171
Church Repairs and Maintenance	2,817	-	-	2,817	2,673
Church Insurance	1,844	-	-	1,844	1,806
Payments related to other activities	5,601	45	-	5,646	9,412
Management and administration	526	688	-	1,214	8,332
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	98,125	1,554	-	99,679	111,643
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	
	-	-	-	-	
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	98,125	1,554	-	99,679	111,643
Net of receipts/(payments)	5,857	16,303	-	22,160	- 6,074
A5 Transfers between funds		-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	14,473	7,191	-	21,664	27,738
Cash funds this year end	20,330	23,494	-	43,824	21,664

Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B1 Cash funds	Current account	7,126		-
	Deposit account	13,204	23,494	-
		-	-	-
	Total cash funds	20,330	23,494	-
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	OK	OK	OK

	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-

	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B3 Investment assets			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-

	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-

	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
B5 Liabilities			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	

Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees	Signature	Print Name	Date of approval

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Independent examiner's report on the accounts

Section A Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees	THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH OF SAINT COLUMBA AND THE NORTHERN SAINTS, CORBY IN THE DIOCESE OF PETERBOROUGH		
On accounts for the year ended	31/12/2025	**Charity no (if any)**	1208921
Set out on pages			

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31/12/2025.

Responsibilities and basis of report

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

I report in respect of my examination of the Trust'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(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent examiner's statement

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

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; or
- the accounts did not accord with the accounting records; or
- the accounts did not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 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.

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.

Signed:	P Anderson	**Date:**	22/03/2026
Name:	Peter Anderson		
Relevant professional qualification(s) or body (if any):			
Address:	13 Spinney Avenue, Countesthorpe, Leicester LE8 5RJ		