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Annual Report Booklet for the year 2025

In preparation for the Annual Meeting on

10TH May 2026

Charity Name/ Number	THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH OF ST LUKE'S AND ST PAUL'S, LEEK 1209010
Bank	*The National Westminster Bank,* *Derby Street, Leek*
St Luke's Church **Fountain Street, Leek, ST13 6JS**	**St Paul's Church** **Novi Lane, Leek, ST13 6NR**

Positions of responsibility held within the church community during 2025

Vicar	Jan-March: In Vacancy March- ongoing: Revd Mike Fitzsimmons
Church Wardens	St Luke's: Mrs Rachel Billington St Paul's: Mrs Kay Pickford
Deputy Wardens	Mrs Alison Carp Mr Andrew Carp Mrs Valerie Harrison Mrs Jane Watson
PCC Chair	Mr Jerry Watson
PCC Secretary	Mr Ian Bowdry
Treasurer	Mr Kevin Waters
Church Accountant	Mrs Christine Vaughan
Independent Auditor for accounts	Mr John Alexander
Church Safeguarding Officer	Mrs Alexandra Waters

General PCC Members	Retire 2026: Mrs. Mandy Stanley Mr. Andrew Wood Retire 2027: Mr. Ian Bowdry Mr. Andrew Carp Mr. Kevin Waters Mrs. Carolyn Wood Retire 2028: Mrs Alison Carp Mr. Christopher Goodwin Mr Jerry Watson
Deanery Synod Representatives: Retiring in 2026	Mrs Rachel Billington Mrs Felicity Oates

Statistics for 2025

Statistical information	**2025**	**2024**	**2023**	**2022**	**2021**
Number of Baptisms	3	2	3	0	0
Number of Marriages	2	2	2	3	3
Number of Marriage Blessings	0	0		0	0
Number of Funerals	39	39	35	39	44
Christmas Worshippers	265	288	208	207	57*
Easter Day Worshippers	70	73	75	58	58
Average Sunday Attendance					
Adults	69	67	55	55	65
Young People	7	14	10	10	11
Worshipping Community					
Adults	83	87	87	*	*
Young People	22	21	21	*	*
Electoral Roll	62	62	67	119	120
At Latest Revision					

* These numbers were affected by covid restrictions and are either unknown or reduced from normal.

Reports from across the church:

Vicar's Report: Rev Mike Fitzsimmons

At the beginning of 2025, the parish was still in vacancy, with the team doing an amazing job of not only keeping things going but of seeing life and witnessing God doing new things in the churches.

I arrived as Vicar in March and an immense amount of work went into preparing for the licensing on Shrove Tuesday. It was such a joyful occasion and St Luke's and St Paul's (and St Matthew's as well) gave a fantastic welcome to everyone who joined in that day – thank you to everyone involved!

I have spent time getting to know the two parishes, three churches and four congregations as well as the distinct communities across these areas of Leek and Meerbrook. (My time is divided between the two parishes 25% Meerbrook and 75% St Luke's and St Paul's.)

After working with the existing service pattern and considering options, St Paul's graciously agreed to change their Sunday service from 10am to 9.30am which then enabled me to be with each of the congregations twice a month.

These are churches with amazing strengths and blessings: each church and congregation as part of the one church community. It has been my privilege to learn about this community and learn with you and gain a flavour of who we are and what we're ready to do next.

There has been positive working together with Meerbrook (joint services that have worked well, including the last Sunday in June, followed by a picnic by Tittesworth Reservoir) and we have shared Alexandra Waters' expertise when she led joint Safeguarding Training for members of both PCCs.

I have been delighted to see other areas of collaboration: with Beresford School, where I have contributed to RE and developing spirituality through leading Godly Play sessions for all ages of children. And this year our churches led on Club Day worship in the Market Place.

During the year we have responded to the needs of people using St Luke's porch as a place to sleep. Church members have responded with love and support to the needs of those sleeping rough and our relationships with them have led to greater insight into the needs and lack of statutory support for them, and our attending to the spiritual needs and hunger among them. This has also motivated our support for the setting up of the Grace Centre at Trinity Church, which I hope will be an ongoing involvement.

And I have been excited to see the Eco-Church team develop and drive the agenda of encouraging us to do what we can to be good stewards of our small part of God's creation.

This has also been a year for me of living in the patterns of the parishes, the ebbs and flows of life in these churches and the demands of the role.

Thank you to the great teams of people who give so much time, energy, skill and creativity into enabling the life of the churches. In particular our amazing Church Wardens, Kay and Rachel, our brilliant Parish Administrator, Felicity; to all those who are involved in making services happen (in roles that are visible and less visible); to those involved in work with children and young people (especially Jane for leading the Sunday team and Seedlings on Thursdays); for

those who are part of our community work: Uniform Bank, Community Meals, and St Paul's Lunch Club, which are so valuable to those who benefit from them. And everyone who offers their gifts as part of our shared life together as the people of God.

I am looking forward to seeing how our vision of Loving God, Loving our Neighbours and Loving Ourselves develops and guides our life together in fellowship with the Holy Spirit in 2026 and beyond.

Mike

Secretary Report: Mr Ian Bowdry

During 2025 the church council has met six times, with an average attendance of 95% of the members. The membership started at 10 and ended with 13. Note there are no current vacancies

The items dealt with are detailed below.

Community support was again carried out by supplying food in the holidays for needy families, including a BBQ in August. Also, Christmas presents were bought for children in need at Beresford School & East Street School.

The Common Fund (parish share) arrears were paid off.

Safeguarding control is now being handled by a computer programme, with output reports showing green, amber & red (dashboard). Initial Training was given to all PCC members

The Financial and Safeguarding Policies were revised, Environmental Policy amended and issued and Health & Safety Policy revised and issued. We registered for Eco church and carried out a survey. The initial results showed we did not achieve an award. An eco group was formed to progress this. An eco slot was held in a joint service and eco stalls were provided. The carbon footprint at both buildings were calculated and submitted.

At St Luke's money has been spent on the roof, steps and railing. A Quinquennial Inspection was carried out, with the report awaited. CCTV quote has been accepted.

At St Paul's an Electrical condition check was carried out.

A building committee has been set up.

New energy contracts were obtained to keep costs at the same level as 2024.

Work on the vicarage was completed before Rev Mike moved in.

The baptism policy was revised.

Before each meeting, Rev Mike provides a written update of his work since the last meeting.

The expanded Leek Area Benefice was accepted by the Church Commissioners and the Area Team Council was expanded with one lay member per parish and the three clergy.

The minutes of each church council meeting are posted on the notice board in each church.

Warden's report: Mrs Rachel Billington and Mrs Kay Pickford

2025 has been a year of transition for us as we prepared for Rev Mike to join us. The work on the Vicarage was completed to a fantastic standard, the hedges cut and the garden tidied, so we could welcome him and Lucy the dog.

There was a huge amount of logistics to deal with in organising the licensing - Felicity came into her own as an admin superstar, as we worked with the Diocese, the Bishop's office, the Archdeacon, the Rural Dean and all the other dignitaries and guests. Our schools worked on an art project to welcome Mike, do you remember the portraits that adorned the church centre at St Lukes? Some more flattering than others! The service was planned for March 4th, Shrove Tuesday. Obviously we fed everyone, and worked out where everyone was going to sit and who was going to speak when and how to serve communion to all those who wanted it. The whole event was so joyful and authentic, with a palpable sense of God's presence filling the worship and fellowship. So many people participated to make it a wonderful evening - serving, leading worship, welcoming, organising. How fantastic to be part of such a warm and generous family, and what a great way to introduce ourselves to Mike.

That was the start of our journey together, as through the rest of the year we started to get to know each other and how we're going to get stuck into what the Lord has planned for us. One of the first tasks was addressing the puzzle of the rota and how to make it work - an ongoing challenge!

After our summer joint services, the autumn came around so quickly and led us to Harvest with Lindsay Stockton of the Foodbank, and the joy of the Andrew & Alison Carp's wedding vow renewal in October, and the introduction of our Eco Team in November. Before we knew it, Christmas was with us and we were excited to welcome almost record numbers of worshippers over the Christmas period.

One of the things we've had to grapple with over the year was the presence of our porch people - how to provide shelter and safety for rough sleepers as part of our commitment to loving our neighbours, whilst at the same time protecting the interests of all those who use the buildings. We continue to learn how best to manage this, but it's clear that the love that we've shown has had a positive impact on the people we've met, and we should be encouraged by that.

We said goodbye to our friend Kath Fernyhough at the end of the year. We've welcomed families for baptism and celebrated weddings with others, as is the privilege of the Church of England. We've welcomed new people to our church family this year, which is aways encouraging.

We want to pay tribute to all those who have worked so hard this year to support the various ministries of the church, in so many different ways. We're a family of volunteers and it's a privilege to be part of it. Kay and I so grateful for all your support and encouragement.

2025 may have been a year of transition, but one thing we have seen - God is faithful and never changes! Here's to more new adventures to come.

Treasurer's Report Mr. Kevin Waters

2025 was financially a 'steady as you go year' with a few important moments:

- Around £25k had to be spent at St Luke's resolving leaks in the roof near the tower and making the main outside steps safe. This was funded by a previous legacy and by clearing out the building fund (which had been built up for such purposes).
- Common Fund (previously known as Parish Share) is what we pay to the Diocese as our contribution to the Church of England. This is used for all the central services, clergy training etc and most significantly, current Vicar wages. Our Parish, like most, was unable to pay all of our through the covid years (given our income from hall hire and casual giving entirely stopped for a number of months). In 2022, Rev Matt negotiated a three-year repayment plan which if met would also see an element of the debt being written off by the Diocese. This has in effect meant that for the past 3 year we have paid about a third extra Parish share. The end of 2025 marked the moment we successfully completed this repayment plan, with all remaining debt written off. Assuming income remains broadly stable, this will give us a little headroom and the ability to accommodate rises in wages and other costs.
- We have also been able to move to pay the Common Fund as it becomes due each month, which is of great help to the Diocese, as many Parishes have a more erratic payment approach which makes their financial planning difficult.
- We received a legacy of £72k from Hazel Henshaw. This is a real blessing which places the Parish in a more stable financial position that we have been for a number of years. The PCC are pray fully considering what can be done with this money to honour the gift and further our work.

Whilst my name is on the top, the day-to-day management of income and payment continues to be undertaken by a paid book-keeper. My special thanks also to the Wardens and Church Administrator have worked hard to streamline processes to make the required tasks manageable. Particular thanks to Felicity who found a way to overcome the problems created by the closure of our Bank branch during the year.

A final comment on giving. During my time as Treasurer, I have been consistently humbled by the manner in which financial needs are met, especially for the seasonal appeals, such as community meals and Christmas gifts. Planned giving (mainly by monthly standing order) allows us to plan the work we can do and is also usual giving with can get the Government to add 25% to via gift aid. We are however dependant on a surprisingly small number of monthly givers for much of our income – we are so blessed that they make giving a part of their personal monthly money planning through all seasons. This small number does however mean a few people leaving the area or becoming unable to continue their giving would have a significant change on our financial position. We have been blessed to welcome a number of new members to our congregation over the past couple of years; if you feel able to become one of our regular givers, please come and have a chat.

Safeguarding report: Mrs. Alexandra Waters

During this year we have reviewed and refreshed our safeguarding policies to ensure we are in line with the national church is best practise, last having a policy which we are able to implement. Considerable work has been done with other people who use the church buildings to ensure that they also have the necessary safeguarding procedures in place.

Face to face training was provided to a dozen people to refresh their knowledge practice with others completing the training online. Training will continue in 2026.

Rev Mike has also introduced us to a system used in a many other churches which streamlines the reporting and monitoring of safeguarding procedures, and provides guidance on areas where additional work may be required.

No significant safeguarding issues arose during the year, but some lesser matters were appropriately raised and dealt with in line with our policy.

Keeping our church as safe place, especially for those who may be more vulnerable is a matter for all of us. My thanks especially to all those who were required to update their DBS this year. I enjoyed sight of all of your passport photos!

Fabric Reports:

St Luke's Fabric report: Mrs Rachel Billington

Major items have included the following -

We've had some quite extensive work done on the roof at St Lukes this year, principally to repair the coping stones and flashing on the gable roofs at both sides of the building, and the guttering to the north side of the building. This should prevent water ingress making the interior damage in the upper room and staircase area any worse, and will allow us to explore how to repair that damage in the future.

Repairs have been carried out on the handrails, steps and entrance way to ensure they are safe, although this work will need to be reviewed.

In October we had a quinquennial inspection. The report has not been received yet, but no significant issues were raised on the day.

In November Storm Claudia hit and the church roof sustained some damage due to falling masonry from the tower. An insurance claim is ongoing.

We are fortunate to have some real expertise and enthusiasm in the congregation when it comes to buildings, which has led to the formation of a new building committee to drive forward projects big and small in our properties. More of that to come!

St Paul's Fabric Report: Mrs Kay Pickford

Buildings, love them or hate them, they are important to us. They need to be respected, kept in good order, clean and safe for both regular and occasional users. They are a vital source of our income from the wide variety of hirers and they are also our spiritual home and places to invite people to and where we experience life from births, baptisms, weddings or funerals. Most of all it's where we meet to worship and praise God and to God we give the best.

St Paul's building reflects the style of its age which frustratingly causes problems. However, I am pleased to report that during 2025 there were no major dramas apart from a crack in one wall which gave a couple of sleepless nights until the wonderful Stuart Lyall put our minds at rest as to what was happening. Thank you Stuart for your expertise. Any other issues that arose were dealt with as soon as practical and hopefully caused the least amount of disruption to the many groups who use the building each week.

All portable electrical appliances are "PAT" tested and fire extinguishers regularly maintained.

August sees the hall in annual lockdown for at least a week as the floor undergoes its makeover.

St Paul's is regularly monitored to ensure it is maintained to the best possible standards. Thanks go the plumbers, electricians, gardeners and handymen who help to achieve this.

Gratitude also goes to Luchia Cottom our cleaner who does a wonderful job each week to a consistent high standard – thank you Luchia.

You can never rest on your laurels with buildings and St Paul's needs improving in many areas not least insulation and better heating for the hall. However, for its age and condition St Paul's is doing ok.

Electoral Roll: Mrs Felicity Oates

2025 has been the first year since 2023 where we did not need to do a full revision for the roll. This has allowed us to look closely at those on the electoral roll and how that matched up to the worshipping community stats. Where people have been eligible for membership but were not on the roll we have offered this opportunity so that at the time of going to print the roll will be closing for the APCM with 62 members.

Giving Committee: Mrs. Kay Pickford

The Giving Committee of St Luke's and St Paul's has four members, Rev Barry Wilson, Treasurer Kevin Waters, Val Harrison and Kay Pickford.

Each year as a church we give away 10% of all tithes and offerings which can only be done thanks to you. The committee's ethos is to support lesser-known charities whilst trying to deliver as much impact as possible. Your suggestions of charities to support is always welcome.

The committee have recently meet to discuss which charities are to benefit from your generous giving during 2025. Once the committee come to an agreement approval of the PCC will then be sought before any monies are distributed.

Thank you to you all for your generosity.

Deanery Synod: Mrs. Felicity Oates

The Deanery Synod met 3 times in 2025. These were all good opportunities to meet others from around our Deanery. This year we became one of only a handful of deaneries within Lichfield to boast a full staffing of clergy. Rachel and I enjoyed visiting Biddulph and Endon churches and speaking to the hosts about church life. It was a great opportunity to remember we are part of something bigger than ourselves and share helpful tips for navigating running a church in this area. The speakers this year were all very interesting and we always came away with helpful contact details for different departments within the diocesan staff.
At this APCM the 3 available positions for Deanery Synod will all be up for re-election. If you are considering this role, I highly encourage you to step forward. While not being too onerous a time commitment, it is a wonderful opportunity to see the wider church in action and be inspired.

Youth and Children's work: Mrs. Jane Watson

The groups at St Luke's continued to meet during the 11.15 service throughout the year with middle and high school ages upstairs, preschool and first school downstairs. There are up to 7 in the upstairs group and at the beginning of the year there were often only 1 or 2 downstairs. Towards the end of the year this group grew and there are now more children attending regularly including more pre school aged children which is lovely but also presents a problem as we still

only have limited numbers of leaders. In fact, the number of people leading children's work has gone down this year. There have also been fewer all age services so those of us who lead children's groups have had to plan run more sessions. Putting the rota together can be a challenge! Highlights this year have been the upstairs group, formally called 'Big Fish' renaming themselves 'Mice'. This stands for 'My Important Christian Experience' but the name Mice came before the acronym! If you'd like to know why ask one of the group!

At the beginning of 2025 I asked the group what they would like to do in their sessions and one of the things (apart from playing Empire) was to interview/question/ grill some people from the congregation. They started with Barry Wilson and we learnt about his favourite cereal, dog breed and his journey to becoming a vicar as well as his thoughts on some theological questions. Later in the year Mike bravely came upstairs for similar questions. The group ask very thoughtful questions and are always willing to discuss their ideas about faith. Some of the group helped out with our Good Friday crafts session and also came along to the summer holiday club as Young Leaders. It's great to see them voluntarily getting involved with church activities.

Seedlings Report: Mrs. Jane Watson

Seedlings has had another busy but fun year. As usual there have been families who left due to starting work or nursery and new families have joined us. The group still love playing with play dough (which we try to keep to a minimum as we don't like having to scrape it off the carpet), singing Sleepy bunnies and Jumping for God. We have a mixture of Mums, Nans, minders and a few Dads. Many of them say that they appreciate the friendly atmosphere and opportunity to socialise as being at home with young children can be very lonely. A big thank you to Debbie and Libby for all their help putting out and tidying away toys. Debbie also tirelessly puts together crafts for when we don't have the play dough out plus Anne D and Ruth Q for wonderful service making tea, coffee and Seedlings toast which is always appreciated by children and adults.

The sad news this year is that our bouncy castle has died but it had a long and fun life!

Private Prayer – Mrs Kay Pickford

St Paul's has continued to offer a time of quite prayer each Thursday between 6.00 p.m.- 7.00 p.m. with a small group of 3-4 people regularly attending.

There is no set formula to the time, the hour is flexible, come and go as you wish, it really is your time to connect with God in the best way that suits you. You can sit in quiet prayer, if you want to share fellowship and then pray together or if you want to light a candle for someone, the choice is yours.

God is always ready to meet us where we are in life and share with us.

Community Meals: Mrs Rachel Billington

The nine members of the community meals team have delivered approx 945 meals this year over 12 sessions, all thanks to the generosity of our congregations who have so generously supported this outreach for families who might otherwise struggle over the school holidays. We've also been able to feed rough sleepers and others who are not able to cook for themselves, which has been really rewarding. The summer BBQ was a great success, with many people coming and stopping to enjoy fun and fellowship.

Massive thanks go to all who have been involved - the feedback tells us that what we are offering is very much appreciated

Uniform Bank: Mrs. Cate Hall

Uniform bank continues to serve the community every Thursday. The number of families visiting has increased again this year which is a real blessing to all involved. The money raised is still sent to Masoyi for which they are very grateful.

A big thank you to the merry band of volunteers that help out. If anyone would like more details or would be interested in joining us, please speak to me

Lunch Club: Mrs. Noreen Childs and Mrs. Pat Lockett

We have managed throughout the year to keep our numbers pretty much to capacity and with only one or two changes in membership.

During the year we have had donations to our funds from one or two local organisations and charities which have allowed us to take our members out for lunch during the school holidays when school meals aren't available.

At Easter we enjoyed lunch at The Priory followed by Chocolate bingo, the chocolate having been donated by Morrisons and The Co-op, plus Easter eggs donated by a private sponsor. There were many Easter bonnets and the winner was chosen by a member of the Priory staff.

In May we held VE day celebrations and were entertained by members of |Leek Theatre Group who sang a selection of appropriate war-time songs.

In August we had lunch at Daisy Haye cafe where we said 'goodbye' to our long time bus driver from MVCT, Keith Hambleton. It has been difficult finding a replacement but we now have one regular driver with an occasional back up.

Before we returned in September we heard from Dorothy Bloor - our longest serving volunteer- to say she had decided to retire also. She had been a part of the Lunch Club for many years and is very much missed.

At our school Christmas lunch we were entertained by children from Beresford First school who told the Christmas story and sang carols. Our Christmas dinner was booked at The Priory and although we were shocked and saddened by the death of Barry Birch, the family were determined to carry on. We had a lovely meal followed by entertainment by Barry's son, Mark.

The name St Paul's Lunch Club has been added to the air ambulance- a donation privately arranged by one of our lovely members, Thank You!

Also our thanks go to MVCT for keeping us mobile during a time of dwindling numbers for volunteer drivers.

Mothers' Union Report – Mrs Kay Pickford

The Mothers' Union theme for the 2025–2027 triennium is "Join Us, Join In!". This theme focuses on fostering growth, inclusivity, and strengthening community engagement with a core message that the organization is "stronger together".

Leek Team Mothers' Union have continued to meet each month at St Luke's with meetings usually on the third Tuesday between 7.30 p.m. – 9.00 p.m.

We try to have a varied programme but because of the popularity of some events these have become regular favourites. In particular lunch at The Blue Mugge and a visit to Meerbrook Flower Festival. Food and chat are always welcome events.

Our annual fundraising event for 2025 was quiz held at St Luke's and our thanks go to all who supported us. The money we raise over the year is sent to Mothers' Union Head Office to help continue the work of Mothers' Union with our group specifically requesting that the funds we have raised are used for Away From It All (AFIA) which is a Mothers' Union holiday scheme, and gives the opportunity of a break to families who may be experiencing stress or difficulties in their family life.

I am pleased to report that during 2025 we have new members who are wishing to be enrolled which is encouraging as numbers in most groups are declining.

We have also been committed to pray for one another and to show our love and care in a broken world.

My personal thanks go to each person who make up our group, your friendship, love, laughter and prayers make the group a very special bunch. You are all such a blessing.

If you like a cuppa and are looking for friendship come along and see what we are doing.

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

For the year ended 31st December 2025

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For the year ended 31st December 2025

St Luke's Church Fountain Street Leek Staffordshire	&	St Paul's Church Novi Lane Leek Staffordshire

Clergy & Treasurers in Office

St Luke's and St Paul's Church
Team Vicar: Rev Mike Fitzsimmons
Treasurer: Mr K A Waters

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STATEMENT OF MEMBERS RESPONSIBILITIES

Law applicable to charities in England and Wales requires the members to prepare financial statements for each financial year that give a true and fair view of the Parochial Church Council's financial activities during the year and of its financial position at the end of the year. In preparing financial statements giving a true and fair view, the members should follow best practice and:

a) select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;

b) make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;

c) state whether applicable Accounting Standards and Statements of Recommended Practice have been followed, subject to any departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements; and

d) prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to assume that the charity will continue in business.

The members are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity, and which enable them to both ascertain the financial position of the charity and ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011 and the SORP 2015. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

For the year ended 31st December 2025

	Note	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds	Total 2025	Total 2024
		£	£	£	£	£
INCOMING RESOURCES						
Incoming resources from generated funds						
- Voluntary income	2(a)	132,442	-	-	132,442	56,429
- Activities for generating funds	2(b)	-	-	-	-	-
- Investment income	2(c)	-	2,689	-	2,689	2,626
Incoming resources from church activities	2(d)	27,474	7,158	-	34,632	33,377
Other incoming resources	2(e)	-	-	-	-	-
TOTAL INCOMING RESOURCES		159,916	9,847	-	169,763	92,431
RESOURCES EXPENDED						
Cost of generating funds						
- Fundraising trading costs	3(a)	-	-	-	-	-
Church Activities						
- Missionary and charitable giving	3(b)	3,604	-	-	3,604	10,853
- Ministry costs	3(c)	103,779	-	-	103,779	73,116
Governance costs	3(d)	2,154	-	-	2,154	2,075
TOTAL RESOURCES EXPENDED		109,536	-	-	109,536	86,044
NET INCOMING/(OUTGOING) RESOURCES BEFORE TRANSFERS		50,380	9,847	-	60,227	6,387
GROSS TRANSFERS BETWEEN FUNDS		6,736	(6,736)	-	-	-
NET INCOMING/(OUTGOING) RESOURCES BEFORE OTHER RECOGNISED GAINS/(LOSSES)		57,117	3,110	-	60,227	6,387
OTHER RECOGNISED GAINS/(LOSSES)						
Gains/(Losses) on investment assets						
- On disposal		-	-	-	-	-
- On revaluation		-	-	-	-	-
NET MOVEMENT IN FUNDS		57,117	3,110	-	60,227	6,387
BALANCES B/F AT 1ST JANUARY		55,830	12,881	-	68,711	76,159
BALANCES C/F AT 31ST DECEMBER		112,947	15,991	-	128,938	82,546

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BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31ST DECEMBER 2025

	Note	Total 2025	Total 2024
		£	£
FIXED ASSETS			
Tangible Fixed Assets	4	433	-
Investment Assets		-	-
		433	-
CURRENT ASSETS			
Stock		-	-
Income Tax Recoverable		-	-
Prepayments and Accrued Income		-	-
Other Debtors		2,811	2,993
Cash at Bank and On Deposit		128,314	86,429
		131,125	89,422
LIABILITIES: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR	6	2,619	20,711
NET CURRENT ASSETS		128,506	68,711
NET ASSETS		128,938	68,711
FUNDS	7		
Unrestricted DCC Funds		112,947	55,830
Restricted Funds		15,991	12,881
Endowment Funds	8	-	-
		128,938	68,711

Signed on behalf of ST LUKE'S & ST PAUL'S PCC

Chairman: Mr J Watson (Vice)

Warden: Mrs R Billington

Warden: Mrs K Pickford

Kay Pickford

Date: 5/8/2026

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

For the year ended 31st December 2025

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Church Accounting Regulations 2006 together with applicable accounting standards and the Charities SORP.

The financial statements have been prepared under the historic cost convention except for the valuation of investment assets, which are shown at market value.

Funds

General funds represent the funds of the PCC that are not subject to any regulations regarding their use and are available for application on the general purposes of the PCC. Funds designated for a particular purpose by the PCC are also unrestricted.

The accounts include all transactions, assets and liabilities for which the PCC is responsible in law. They do not include the accounts of church groups that owe their main affiliation to another body nor those that are informal gatherings of Church members.

Incoming Resources

Voluntary income and capital sources

Collections are recognised when received by or on behalf of the PCC.

Planned giving receivable under covenant is recognised only when received.

Income tax recoverable on covenants or gift aid donations is recognised when the income is recognised.

Grants and legacies to the PCC are accounted for as soon as the PCC is notified of its legal entitlement and the amount due.

Funds raised by the fete, garden party and similar events are accounted for gross.

Sales of books and magazines from the church bookstall are accounted for gross.

Other ordinary income

Rental income from the letting of church premises is recognised when the rental is due.

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

Income from investments

Dividends and interest are accounted for when receivable. Tax recoverable on such income is recognised in the same accounting year.

Resources Used

Grants

Grants and donations are accounted for when paid over, or when awarded, if that award creates a binding obligation on the PCC.

Activities directly relating to the work of the Church

The diocesan quota or parish share is accounted for when payable. Although the unpaid quota is not a legal liability, the Diocese has agreed a dispensation with conditions and so the parish share owed has been included in the accounts.

Gains and losses on investments (unrealised)

Realised gains or losses are recognised when investments are sold. Unrealised gains or losses are accounted for on the revaluation of investments at 31st December.

Fixed Assets

Consecrated land and buildings and moveable church furnishings

Consecrated and beneficed property is excluded from the accounts by S.10(2)(a) of the Charities Act 2014.

No value is placed on moveable church furnishings held by the churchwardens on special trust for the PCC and which require a faculty for disposal since the PCC considers this to be inalienable property. All expenditure incurred during the year on consecrated or benefice buildings and moveable church furnishings, whether maintenance or improvement, is written off as expenditure in the Statement of Financial Activities and separately disclosed.

Land

Land is valued at its historic cost and is not depreciated on the basis that it has an infinite useful economic life.

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

Freehold Properties

All properties are shown at their open market value as at 31st December. No depreciation is charged on any of these properties.

No depreciation is charged on investment properties in accordance with the generally accepted practice set out in SSAP19. In the opinion of the members of the PCC to depreciate investment properties would not give a true and fair view as the assets are held for the investment potential and therefore need to reflect current values.

It is the PCC policy to maintain in a state of sound repair and therefore it is considered that the lives of the properties are so long and their residual values so high that the annual depreciation charge and accumulated depreciation is not material. Accordingly, and as set out in FRS15, no depreciation is provided on other properties used for church activities.

Fixed Assets

Other fixtures, fitting and office equipment

Equipment used within the church premises is depreciated on a straight line basis over 10 years. Individual items of equipment with a purchase price of £1,500 or less are written off when the asset is acquired.

Computer equipment is written off over 3 years.

Investments

Investments are valued at market value at 31st December.

Current Assets

Amounts owing to the PCC at 31st December in respect of fees, rents or other income are shown as debtors less provision for amounts that may prove uncollectable.

Short-term deposits include cash held on deposit either with the CBF Church of England Funds or at the bank.

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2. INCOMING RESOURCES	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds	Total 2025	Total 2024
	£	£	£	£	£
2(a). Voluntary Income					
Planned giving					
- Gift aid and covenants	32,639	-	-	32,639	33,254
- Income tax recoverable	14,559	-	-	14,559	7,613
- Other planned giving	9,320	-	-	9,320	11,907
Collection (open plate)	3,051	-	-	3,051	3,655
Sundry Donations	-	-	-	-	-
Grants	300	-	-	300	-
Donations & Appeals	-	-	-	-	-
Legacies	72,573	-	-	72,573	-
	132,442	-	-	132,442	56,429
2(b). Activities for generating funds					
Fund raising events	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
2(c). Investment Income					
Dividends and interest	-	2,689	-	2,689	2,626
Rent	-	-	-	-	-
	-	2,689	-	2,689	2,626
Magazine (Spark)	-	-	-	-	-
Fees	4,974	-	-	4,974	4,899
Church Centre/Hall Income	22,500	-	-	22,500	23,556
Miscellaneous Income	-	7,158	-	7,158	4,922
	27,474	7,158	-	34,632	33,377
2(e). Other incoming resources					
Insurance proceeds	-	-	-	-	-
TOTAL INCOMING RESOURCES	159,916	9,847	-	169,763	92,431

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3. RESOURCES EXPENDED	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Endowment funds £	Total 2025 £	Total 2024 £
3(a). Fundraising trading costs					
Fundraising activities	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
3(b). Missionary and Charitable giving					
Church Overseas					
- Missionary Societies	-	-	-	-	2,157
- Relief & Development agencies	-	-	-	-	-
Home Missions/Church	3,604	-	-	3,604	4,886
Societies	-	-	-	-	3,810
Secular Charities	-	-		-	-
Education & Schools					
	3,604	-	-	3,604	10,853
3(c). Ministry Costs					
Parish Share	33,287	-	-	33,287	31,332
Clergy Expenses	-	-	-	-	-
Vicarage	-	-	-	-	-
Other Clergy costs	1,989	-	-	1,989	-
Church – running expenses	27,634	-	-	27,634	23,476
Church – maintenance costs	4,496	-	-	4,496	5,408
Major repairs	23,849	-	-	23,849	-
Upkeep of Services	-	-	-	-	-
Magazine – Spark	-	-	-	-	-
Church Centre/Hall costs	-	-	-	-	-
Upkeep of churchyard	-	-	-	-	-
Organists, vergers, honoraria	-	-	-	-	-
Subscriptions	-	-	-	-	-
PCC property upkeep costs	-	-	-	-	-
Equipment renewals	-	-	-	-	-
Bank charges	2	-	-	2	1
Administration	1,984	-	-	1,984	3,519
Staff costs	10,150	-	-	10,150	9,116
Gifts & Presentations	-	-	-	-	-
Office Supplies	151	-	-	151	208
Education & Training	-	-	-	-	-
Miscellaneous	21	-	-	21	-
Depreciation of church assets	216	-	-	216	56
	103,779	-	-	103,779	73,116
3(d). Governance costs					
Accountancy, audit and independent examination	1,585	-	-	1,585	1,521
Legal and professional costs	569	-	-	569	554
	2,154	-	-	2,154	2,075
TOTAL RESOURCES EXPENDED	109,536	-	-	109,536	86,044

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4. FIXED ASSETS FOR USE BY PCC

4(a). Tangible Fixed Assets

	Freehold Land & Buildings £	Church Investment Property Buildings £	Equipment Fixtures & Fittings £	Total £
COST				
Cost brought forward	-	-	3,986	3,986
Revaluations	-	-	649	649
	-	-	4,635	4,635
DEPRECIATION				
Depreciation b/f	-	-	3,986	3,986
Depreciation	-	-	216	216
	-	-	4,203	4,203
NET BOOK VALUE				
As at 31st December 2024	-	-	-	-
As at 31st December 2025	-	-	433	433

4(b). Investments

	2025 £	2024 £
TOTAL INVESTMENTS	-	-

4(c). Gains/(Losses) on Investments

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Endowment funds £	Total 2025 £	Total 2024 £
Realised gains(losses)	-	-	-	-	-
Revaluation surpluses	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-

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	2025	2024
	£	£
5. CURRENT ASSETS		
Stock	-	-
Income Tax Recoverable	-	-
Prepayments & Accrued Income	-	-
Other Debtors	2,811	2,993
Cash at bank and On Deposit	128,314	86,429
	131,125	89,422

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6. LIABILITIES: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	2025	2024
	£	£
Accruals and deferred income	-	-
Creditors for goods and services	2,619	20,711
	2,619	20,711

7. ANALYSIS OF NET ASSETS BY FUND

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds	Total 2025	Total 2024
	£	£	£	£	£
Fixed Assets	-	-	-	-	-
Current Assets	128,506	15,991	-	144,497	89,423
Current Liabilities	2,619	-	-	2,619	(20,712)
	131,125	15,991	-	147,116	68,711

8. ENDOWMENT FUND

	2025	2024
	£	£
Balances at 1st January	-	-
Revaluation Surplus	-	-
	-	-

Represented by:

Freehold Property		
	-	-
	-	-
	-	-
	-	-
	-	-
Assistant Curates house Fund	-	-
	-	-

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FINANCIAL STATEMENTS YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2025

WARDEN & RECTOR'S STATEMENT

The financial statements on pages 1 to 13 for the year ended 31st December 2025 have been prepared on our behalf as a summary of the accounts for each individual District in the Parish.

Mrs Rachel Billington: ..... Warden

Mrs Kay Pickford: ..... Warden

Mr J Watson ..... Vice Chair

Date: 5/8/2026

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT

I report on the financial statements of St Luke's & St Paul's Parochial Church Council which are set out on pages 1 to 13.

Respective responsibilities

The church is responsible for the preparation of the financial statements, and considers that the audit requirement of Section 145(1) of the Charities Act 2014 (the Act) does not apply. It is my responsibility to state, on the basis of procedures specified in the General Directions given by the Charity Commissions under Section 145(5) of the Act, whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of Independent Examiner's report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions of the Charity Commissioners. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the church and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the financial statements and seeking explanations concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently I do not express an audit opinion on the view given by the financial statements.

Independent Examiner's statement

In connection with my examination of the church funds, nothing came to my attention which gave me cause to believe otherwise than that the financial statements accord with the accounting records of the church, and that those records satisfied the requirements of the Act. I am not aware of any matter to which attention should be drawn in order to enable proper understanding of the financial statements to be reached.

Signed by the Independent Examiner: ..... J Alexander

John Alexander ACMA CGMA